

## IDEAL OBSERVER = IMPARTIAL & SYMPATHETIC SPECTATOR

(c.f. Harraugi: 1977),

According to Adam Smith (17) and his followers, the moral point of view is that of an ideal observer: an impartial and sympathetic spectator. By definition, then, only a spectator can adopt a moral point of view: there would be no such thing as a moral agent. In other words, ~~only~~ morality would reside only in judges, never in agents. If this were so, judges would ~~have~~ not be justified in ~~praising~~ praising or blaming anyone for infringing any moral rules. This abstract consequence presupposes a Hobbesian psychology, according to which ~~every~~ <sup>all</sup> human beings are basically evil for being selfish and ruthless - unless ~~confronted with~~ ~~they~~ ~~are~~ confronted with particular situations in which they have no vested interests.

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