

AD MORALS: BIOLOGICAL & PSYCHOLOGICAL ROOTS

SELFISHNESS & ALTRUISM

To survive, animals must be selfish; but to live in society they must be altruistic. "A society of unmitigated egoists would knock itself to pieces; a perfectly altruistic individual would soon starve. There is a conflict between contrary tendencies, each of which is necessary to existence, and there must be a set of rules to reconcile them" (Robinson 1962, p. 10 of the Penguin ed.).

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