


# **Social feelings/actions to not-friends(or strangers, animals) (Philantropy /compassion /sympathy / kindness / charity /)**

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Hi everyone.

Do you know how the Epicurean attitude is for a general Philantropy/compassion /sympathy or let's say "social feelings". 

I see them in the subjects: "justice" and "friendship" or "live honorable".

It seems to me that in "justice" it seems low, and the focus is more to be not disturbed by having done injustice to someone.

A minimum expression.

A maximum expression is in "friendship". But that regards only few people ( or is this a misunderstanding ? )


Is there a middle ground or is "justice" seen broader or include such attitudes like the Stoic justice ?

And many people have compassion towards animals.

In Stoic philosophy or buddhism the compassion aspect and philantropy/altruism seems to have a stronger focus (cosmopolis, oikeiosis, loving kindness wishing to everyone...)

and that such feelings contribute to the own happiness (a common argument that altruism is included in hedonism).

For example a donation to beggars or general charity.

But maybe there are good reasons to see this critical and limit kindness to everyone 

( cosmopolis/war, blind kindness, natural xenophobia, avoiding hostile people, turn the other cheek...)