

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

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

Principal Doctrine 5:

"It is not possible to live joyously without also living wisely and beautifully and rightly, nor to live wisely and beautifully and rightly without living joyously; and whoever lacks this cannot live joyously."

My own thoughts...Everything is evaluated on a case-by-case situation. When "virtuous" actions become separate from the reasons for choosing those actions, then they are elevated to an abstraction which can later cause problems. Since there is no way to eliminate all the suffering in the world, then it is wise to choose a kind of equilibrium with regard to helping others who are asking for or needing some help, such as helping those in our immediate community or location with whom we cross paths. Yet in some situations there is nothing but our own feelings to attend to. We can only choose what seems best according to the results that we imagine will come out from our actions or non-actions.