

Filosoofiaolümpiaad

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Lõppvoorude teemad

1. Natural law is that indicated to men by nature [---] Human law must in every case be based on natural law. All over the earth the great principle of both is: Do not unto others what you would that they do not unto you. (Voltaire, „Treatise on Tolerance“)

2. For I conclude that the enemy is not lipstick, but guilt itself; that we deserve lipstick, if we want it, AND free speech; we deserve to be sexual AND serious—or whatever we please; we are entitled to wear cowboy boots to our own revolution. —Naomi Wolf

3. One of the chief sources of ill-will is envy; or rather, the latter is itself ill-will, kindled by the happiness, possessions, or advantages of others. [---]
In a certain sense the opposite of envy is the habit of gloating over the misfortunes of others. At any rate, while the former is human, the latter is diabolical. There is no sign more infallible of an entirely bad heart, and of profound moral worthlessness than open and candid enjoyment in seeing other people suffer. (Arthur Schopenhauer, "The Basis of Morality")

4. It is difficult to understand what could be meant by the objective character of an experience, apart from the particular point of view from which its subject apprehends it. After all, what would be left of what it was like to be a bat if one removed the viewpoint of the bat? But if experience does not have, in addition to its subjective character, an objective nature that can be apprehended from many different points of view, then how can it be supposed that a Martian investigating my brain might be observing physical processes which were my mental processes (as he might observe physical processes which were bolts of lightning), only from a different point of view? How, for that matter, could a human physiologist observe them from another point of view?

(Thomas Nagel, „What is it like to be a bat?“ 1974)