

THE ETHICS OF IMPERIALISM

does this for Egoistic reasons, the Egoism of the man always knowing that it will suffer more than it will gain from such a limitation. There is no intention to deny that Altruism will sometimes fight for liberty where the evil done to others by its absence is very clear; but even in such cases Altruism is very likely to want to accompany its gift of liberty with a complete equipment of leading strings. The point is, however, that Altruism is the only force which for "moral" reasons fights against liberty; while Egoism might be described as a force which applies to social ills no other cure.

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