

Progymnasma 11: A Preservation of False Truths

*** (Please watch this video before reading, if you truly wish to understand the motivation behind this article) *** - <https://youtu.be/zlhSQ5z4V4?si=yNvloHWeHcr6xq-J>

In this argument, I would like to keep my stance that Katz conclusions apply equally to animal welfare. The ethics of expediency which made a mass genocide execution possible by the Nazis are exactly the supposed “ethics” that people in the world today use to justify slaughterhouse killings and mistreatments of living animals capable of having emotions. By making it seem like meat is a necessity to survive and like the slaughter of animals is simply a part of the food cycle, humans preserve their notions of “false truths” or more plainly, delusions, to erase the guilt of such sufferings from their minds.

However, being raised by a family of vegans and being a vegan myself, I can atone for the fact that it is not only possible to survive without animal products, it is also possible to gain muscle, fat and become lean on a vegan diet. A Soylent website blog shows that, “in America alone, the number of vegans in 2019 reached over 9.7 million.” On top of that, as the YouTube video mentioned, some of the slaughterhouses try to make unfit animals into edible pieces of meat and this risks a huge amount of health diseases.

Further, the concerns for such meat, that is derived in a brutal manner, being served to children in their schools might seem like an odd offence at the surface but on a deeper level, it reflects a key aspect of children’s emotional growth. They have no idea where the food they’re eating is coming from and if one had to show them such a video, it would be a bad and reckless decision. However, the point that I feel the video is trying to put across is that schools/parents shouldn’t be ashamed or shouldn’t be hiding the source and the process behind their children’s nutrition and if they are, then there is a broader problem that needs to be addressed. They understand that slaughterhouses use a dehumanizing

approach to get them the food they require, and this process would be hurtful and deeply traumatizing for a child to witness.

Being at peace with such slaughters because of one's love for meat makes Katz conclusions quite apparent. As long as one is able to logistically make something feel right, have it done quickly and with a technical elegance (or in this case, hidden elegance, since most people don't even know how the food they consume is made), then they can justify the mass slaughters of millions of living, breathing organisms.

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