

Chapter 1 : Reason Without Freedom: The Problem of Epistemic Normativity by David Owens

Reason Without Freedom has 2 ratings and 0 reviews. We call beliefs reasonable or unreasonable, justified or unjustified. What does this imply about belief.

Criticize the government and especially, its dictator or leader, and death may follow. All this is abstract--simple words. Yet such abstractions are ultimately personal. Sudan, slightly more than a quarter the size of the United States see map and statistics for Sudan and world map , is a case in point. Witness what happened to Acol Bak, a member of the Dinka tribe who lived in the southern village of Panlang. Arabs attacked her village, killing her father, and though her mother escaped, they seized her and her brother. Carrying on their heads the goods stolen by their captors, without food and only able to drink from filthy ponds along the way, they were forced to walk north for three days to the village of Goos. Their captors then separated her and her brother and sold them separately to different Arabs--yes, sold them, as people were sold in the sixteenth century slave trade She would never see her brother again. Her Arab master had a wife and daughter who forced her to work from morning to evening: If I said I was tired, I was beaten by all of them. Her accommodations were simple--outside and without bedding. Though she was only eight years old her Arab master had her circumcised, in accord with Muslim tradition, and with no anesthetic. But unlike so many slaves, Acol was in luck. A foreign Christian group, who secretly entered the Sudan for this purpose, bought Acol with other slaves and set them free. Although this policy of buying the freedom of slaves is controversial and may encourage more slavery, she did not care. She could return to her village where her mother was waiting. Not all these poor people forced into slavery were children. Soldiers raped one forty-year-old woman, Akec Kwol, and took her north to a slave market, where they sold her like an animal. Her slave owner also tried to circumcise her, but she resisted and got herself slashed with a knife and scarred. Had she not submitted finally, she later explained, "They would have killed me. Because I was a slave, they had the right to do whatever they wanted to me. She testified before Congress regarding her escape from slavery: We were at home relaxing, in the evening, when men on horses with machine guns stormed through, shooting everyone. I saw friends fall dead in front of me. While my husband carried out our little daughter Eva, I ran with the few possessions I could grab. All around us, we saw children being shot in the stomach, in the leg, between the eyes. Against the dark sky, we saw flames from the houses the soldiers had set on fire. The cries of the people forced inside filled our ears as they burned to death. Our people were being turned to ash. Buying and selling slaves in the Sudan is, ironically, a free market. There is no monopoly or government control over prices, which vary according to supply. This is about equal to the cost of pruning shears at my local hardware store. How can such slavery exist in this age of the internet, and space exploration? It is part of a civil war between the Arab Islamic North, ruled by a fundamentalist Muslim dictator, and a majority black South. This war began in when Lt. Some 5 percent of the population, mostly southern Blacks, is Christian. The rest of the six million living in the South are animist who attribute conscious life to nature and natural objects. The South had a protected and special constitutional status under the democratic government, but with its overthrow and especially with the effort of the new regime to impose Muslim law throughout the country, the South revolted and a bloody civil war resulted. To defeat the South and motivate its Arab tribal militia to fight, the North made slaves part of their compensation, along with whatever they could loot, and gave Arab soldiers carte blanc to commit rape. Of course, old people did not fit into this scheme, since they are good neither as slaves nor for rape, so they were beaten up, if not killed. Young men, however, were usually marched off to slavery, unless for some reason they were unworthy of this: According to the Muslim faith, all non-Muslim southerners, whether man or woman, old or young, are infidels. They have no rights, even to life. They may be killed as a matter of course, enslaved, raped, and all deprived of their possessions. In this civil war, bombing from the air killed many of those who lived in heavily populated areas of the South; even schools were bombed and children killed. Hospitals did not escape. Bombers often attacked other medical facilities as well, sometimes with cluster bombs. But because they live under a fundamentalist Muslim regime, even northern Sudanese far from the civil war enjoy few human rights. For example, the government harasses and monitors

women for correct dress, forbidding even slacks. Women who dare to defy the law risk arrest, conviction by an Islamic court of immoral dressing, and flogging, as recently happened to nine women students. Women also cannot hold any public office that would give them authority over Muslim men, nor can they marry a non-Muslim. Both men and women have no freedom of speech or religion--all must accept the Muslim faith. Also, police can arrest any commoner and imprison them for up to six months without trial. And while detained suspects can expect as a matter of course that officials will torture them. To further this religious rule, the government appoints only Muslims to the judiciary. Worst of all, a Muslim dare not convert to another religion, for the punishment for doing so is death. In addition to 20, to 40, people enslaved, the Sudanese population includes nearly 4,, displaced from their homes and villages--the largest number for any country. Many more Sudanese simply gave up on the country. By the beginning of , , had fled, escaping the fate of some 1,, to 2,,, who died from the war, famine, or disease, or were murdered in cold blood by Muslim forces or rebels. What about a country at peace like Saudi Arabia see map and statistics , and world map? Would not life be better for you than in Sudan? It is, in that there is no war, rebellion, or famine killing hundreds of thousands of people. But as in Sudan, Saudis still suffer one kind of repression or another. There is no freedom of speech in Saudi Arabia. Police may arrest Saudis for the most minor criticism of the monarchy that rules the country, the Saudi King or any royal personage, or the Muslim religion. People live in fear of saying or doing something innocent that would land them in prison, get them tortured, and have them flogged. Through no fault of their own, the authorities might even cut off their head. Even trying to be honest can be dangerous. One poor fellow, Abdul-Karim al-Naqshabandi, apparently refused to help his employer by giving false testimony. In retaliation, his well-connected employer had him framed and arrested for a crime he did not commit. To get a confession the police tied him up like an animal, and beat and tortured him. He finally signed a confession to end the misery and get someone outside to hear his case. Even then, the police allowed no one to visit him in prison. And although he could present considerable evidence proving his innocence and provide the names of defense witnesses, the court would not give him the right to defend himself. He was sentenced to death and executed in . There are no elections, no legislature, and no political parties. Its precepts are law. What this means for the average Saudi is that they had better be Muslim and of a particular type, called Sunni minority Shiite Muslims are always at risk of arrest and detention , and they must obey religious law. They dare not change their Muslim religion or, by law, the courts can have them executed. They must keep their mouth shut about any questions they may have about the Muslim religion or the monarchy. Simply for their "extremist ideas" and to make them repent, the police arrested them in September . Security forces worked them over year after year, until a court tried them in June of , virtually five years later. But life is easier for Muslim man. This near totalitarian, religious rule especially enslaves women, roughly half the population. This has created a harsh and rigid apartheid system against women. In public, they must wear an abaya, a garment that fully covers their body and can be of any color, as long as it is black. They must also cover their head and face, on which the religious police keep a close watch. The unfortunate case of Nieves, a Filipino maid, provides one example of how these religious police work. By chance, a male friend of the couple also joined the celebration. Then, happening by and spying on the group, the religious police arrested Nieves on suspicion of being there to meet the male. A clear immoral act. While under arrest she denied this, but since she could not read Arabic, authorities tricked her into signing a confession she thought was a release order. This gave the court enough excuse to convict her of an offense against public morals and to sentence her to sixty lashes and twenty-five days in prison. Then there was the Filipino Donato Lama. The police arrested her in for possibly committing the unpardonable crime of preaching Christianity. In a revealing letter about her later beating and confession, she wrote, "I was at my most vulnerable state when the police again pressured me to admit or else I would continue receiving the beating. If not, you may as well die here. Women cannot travel abroad or even on public transportation without the permission of a male relative. The government forbids them to drive a car, or even walk outside by themselves.

Chapter 2 : LIFE WITHOUT FREEDOM

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Hamilton and published by Liberty Fund. Nock was an exquisite essayist, individualist, and libertarian, whose book *Our Enemy, the State* is just what one needs to change from a youthful enthusiast of freedom to a mature advocate of the free society. Like the discipline of the army, again, any such enlargement, good or bad, depraves this education into a mere routine of mechanical assent. Men are aware of the need of this moral experience as a condition of growth, and they are aware, too, that anything tending to ease it off from them, even for their own good, is to be profoundly distrusted. The practical reason for freedom, then, is that freedom seems to be the only condition under which any kind of substantial moral fibre can be developed. Making Us Better Across the political spectrum, social engineers think they need to deprive us of freedom in order to make us moral or in some way better. So they use the law to keep us from discriminating, gambling, eating allegedly fattening foods, taking drugs, smoking in restaurants, abstaining from helping others, leaving our seat belts unbuckled, you name it. Nock saw through this long ago: Freedom, for example, as they keep insisting, undoubtedly means freedom to drink oneself to death. The anarchist presses the point invariably overlooked, that freedom to do the one without correlative freedom to do the other is impossible; and that just here comes in the moral education which legalism and authoritarianism, with their denial of freedom, can never furnish. Of course, some people will choose badly. Great part of that order which reigns among mankind is not the effect of government. It has its origin in the principles of society and the natural constitution of man. It existed prior to government, and would exist if the formality of government was abolished. The mutual dependence and reciprocal interest which man has upon man, and all the parts of civilised community upon each other, create that great chain of connection which holds it together. The landholder, the farmer, the manufacturer, the merchant, the tradesman, and every occupation, prospers by the aid which each receives from the other, and from the whole. Common interest regulates their concerns, and forms their law; and the laws which common usage ordains, have a greater influence than the laws of government. In fine, society performs for itself almost everything which is ascribed to government. Sheldon Richman is editor of *The Freeman*, where this article originally appeared. Sheldon Richman is executive editor of *The Libertarian Institute* and chairman of the board of trustees of the Center for a Stateless Society.

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Know ye not Who would be free themselves must strike the blow? Lord Byron , *The Giaour* , line Inner freedom demands the rejection of any imposition that injures our dignity. Brian Morris, Quotes we cherish. Quotations from Fausto Cercignani, , p. Brian Morris, Simply Transcribed. Quotations from Fausto Cercignani,, p. I call that mind free, which sets no bounds to its love, which is not imprisoned in itself or in a sect, which recognises in all human beings the image of God and the rights of his children, which delights in virtue and sympathizes with suffering wherever they are seen, which conquers pride, anger, and sloth, and offers itself up a willing victim to the cause of mankind. William Ellery Channing , *Spiritual Freedom* Controversy may rage as long as it adheres to the presuppositions that define the consensus of elites, and it should furthermore be encouraged within these bounds, thus helping to establish these doctrines as the very condition of thinkable thought while reinforcing the belief that freedom reigns. Noam Chomsky , *Necessary Illusions* The smart way to keep people passive and obedient is to strictly limit the spectrum of acceptable opinion, but allow very lively debate within that spectrumâ€”even encourage the more critical and dissident views. Noam Chomsky , *The Common Good* Fatherland without freedom and merit is a large word with little meaning. But what is Freedom? Rightly understood, A universal license to be good. Hartley Coleridge , *Liberty* Excepting those who see only a boisterous celebration, this macabre work [El entierro de la sardina] makes people uncomfortable. Malraux comments that the figures are not men and women in fancy dress, they are butterflies hatched for one brief moment from a larvel world, the revelation of freedom. You might think ironsmiths, bricklayers, stable hands, knife grinders, peasants, chambermaids, and others with little to lose would protest the heavy hand of El Deseado. Spaniards trapped at birth at the bottom of the heap were fiercely conservative. As Klingender explains, the more these people suffered, "the more fanatical did they become in their loyalty to Church and crown, which they associated with their memories of a better life in the past. Connell, Francisco Goya p. He is the freeman whom the truth makes free, And all are slaves besides. William Cowper , *The Task* , Book V, line D[edit] I think that the sweetest freedom for a man on earth consists in being able to live, if he likes, without having the need to work. You can only be free if I am free. Clarence Darrow Address to the court in *People v. Lloyd* While there is a soul in prison, I am not free. Debs , *Federal Court statement* For so long as but a hundred of us remain alive, we will in no way yield ourselves to the dominion of the English. For it is not for glory, nor riches, nor honour that we fight, but for Freedom, which no good man lays down but with his life. From the *Declaration of Arbroath* , *The Times Book of Quotations* Once a man has tasted freedom he will never be content to be a slave. They want rain without thunder and lightning. They want the ocean without the awful roar of its many waters. Albert Einstein , "Moral Decay" ; later published in *Out of My Later Years* Everything that is really great and inspiring is created by the individual who can labor in freedom. When technique enters into the realm of social life, it collides ceaselessly with the human being to the degree that the combination of man and technique is unavoidable, and that technical action necessarily results in a determined result. Technique requires predictability and, no less, exactness of prediction. It is necessary, then, that technique prevail over the human being. For technique, this is a matter of life or death. Technique must reduce man to a technical animal, the king of the slaves of technique. Human caprice crumbles before this necessity; there can be no human autonomy in the face of technical autonomy. The individual must be fashioned by techniques, either negatively by the techniques of understanding man or positively by the adaptation of man to the technical framework , in order to wipe out the blots his personal determination introduces into the perfect design of the organization. Jacques Ellul , *The Technological Society* , p. Jacques Ellul , *The Betrayal by Technology* The only difference as compared with the old, outspoken slavery is this, that the worker of today seems to be free because he is not sold once for all, but piecemeal by the day, the week, the year, and because no one owner sells him to another, but he is forced to sell himself in this way instead, being the slave of no particular person, but of the whole property-holding

class. Friedrich Engels , The Condition of the Working Class in England Freedom does not consist in any dreamt-of independence from natural laws , but in the knowledge of these laws , and in the possibility this gives of systematically making them work towards definite ends. F[edit] The Age of Empty Freedom It has this great advantage over the Age of Science, that it knows all things without having learned anything; and can pass judgment upon whatever comes before it at once and without hesitation,â€”without needing any preliminary evidence: The society that puts freedom before equality will end up with a great measure of both. He will ask rather "What can I and my compatriots do through government" to help us discharge our individual responsibilities, to achieve our several goals and purposes, and above all, to protect our freedom? And he will accompany this question with another: How can we keep the government we create from becoming a Frankenstein that will destroy the very freedom we establish it to protect? Freedom is a rare and delicate plant. Our minds tell us, and history confirms, that the great threat to freedom is the concentration of power. Government is necessary to preserve our freedom, it is an instrument through which we can exercise our freedom; yet by concentrating power in political hands, it is also a threat to freedom. Even though the men who wield this power initially be of good will and even though they be not corrupted by the power they exercise, the power will both attract and form men of a different stamp. Milton Friedman , Capitalism and Freedom , Introduction Political freedom means the absence of coercion of a man by his fellow men. The fundamental threat to freedom is power to coerce, be it in the hands of a monarch, a dictator, an oligarchy, or a momentary majority. The preservation of freedom requires the elimination of such concentration of power to the fullest possible extent and the dispersal and distribution of whatever power cannot be eliminated â€” a system of checks and balances. Milton Friedman , Capitalism and Freedom , Ch. None are more hopelessly enslaved than those who falsely believe they are free. Johann Wolfgang von Goethe , Bk. Die Wahlverwandschaften, Hamburger Ausgabe, Bd. To evolve we must be free, and we cannot have freedom if we are not rebels, because no tyrant whatsoever has respected passive people. Friedrich Hayek , Economic Freedom and Representative Government A society that does not recognise that each individual has values of his own which he is entitled to follow can have no respect for the dignity of the individual and cannot really know freedom. Friedrich Hayek , as quoted in The Market: Friedrich Hayek , The Constitution of Liberty The case for individual freedom rests chiefly on the recognition of the inevitable and universal ignorance of all of us concerning a great many of the factors on which the achievement of our ends and welfare depend. Friedrich Hayek , The Constitution of Liberty , p. Or you can have freedom. Heinlein , Time Enough for Love The opposite of freedom is not determinism, but hardness of heart. Freedom presupposes openness of heart, of mind, of eye and ear. Those in whom viciousness becomes second-nature, those in whom brutality is linked with haughtiness, forfeit their ability and therefore their right to receive that gift. Hardening of the heart is the suspension of freedom. The desire for freedom is an attribute of a "have" type of self. Eric Hoffer , Working and Thinking on the Waterfront: June May , Journal entry 28 March Freedom gives us a chance to realize our human and individual uniqueness. June May , Journal entry 28 March Those who lack the capacity to achieve much in an atmosphere of freedom will clamor for power. Freedom cannot be bestowed â€” it must be achieved. Elbert Hubbard , in his essay on Booker T. Washington in Little Journeys For , p. Roosevelt later used this line on the occasion of the 74th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation: I[edit] The most effective way of gaining our freedom is not through violence. Cited in The British Empire, ed. Oxford University Press , , P. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. Jesus of Nazareth as quoted in John 8: Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

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We call beliefs reasonable or unreasonable, justified or unjustified. What does this imply about belief? Does this imply that we are responsible for our beliefs and that we should be blamed for our unreasonable convictions?

Very roughly, our capacities of sense experience and concept formation cooperate so that we can form empirical judgments. Kant certainly wants to delimit the bounds of reason, but this is not the same as arguing that it has no role in our knowledge. Three points are crucial: Unfortunately, he barely develops this thought, and the issue has attracted surprisingly little attention in the literature. We form judgments about the world around us all the time, without a second thought. Kant devotes great philosophical efforts to show that all these judgments rely on categories, such as cause and effect, that must order our sensory impressions. However, unless we are fundamentally confused about something, all our beliefs meet these conditions. Corresponding to the fundamental priority that he ascribes to judgment, Kant begins with the observation that only once there is judgment can there be error: For example, there is no error involved in the impressions of a dream, however confused or fantastical they may be. But if someone were to get confused about her dreamed experience, and suppose that it had really happened, then she would be making a judgment—and a false one too. As Kant puts it in the Prolegomena: To see what Kant means, consider a simple example. Suppose that our dreamer believes she has won a lottery, but then starts to examine this belief. To decide its truth, she must ask how far it connects up with her other judgments, and those of other people. Otherwise, she would contradict a fundamental law of possible experience, that it be capable of being unified. As Kant summarizes his position: Since reason is an important source of the unifying structure of experience, it proves essential as an arbiter of empirical truth. Why are we sure that the sun does not orbit the earth, despite all appearances? The problem is how to justify these concepts and principles. This problem is acute because Kant also argues that they often lead us into error and contradiction. Apart from ideas about objects that lie beyond sensory experience, such as God or the soul, we also form transcendental ideas about entities that are meant to form the ultimate basis of everything that exists, such as the universe as a whole: As just indicated, we rely on a basic version of this principle when we judge that some impressions are illusions or dreams. It should also be clear that, however coherent our experiences might be, they are bound to be finite in extent. That is, we could never experience enough to justify this apparently cosmological claim that every object and event conforms to causal laws—let alone that these laws will continue to hold in the future. Constitutive principles thereby have a strong objective standing—the paradigm case being the categories of the understanding. Regulative principles, by contrast, govern our theoretical activities but offer no constitutive guarantees about the objects under investigation. As Kant puts it, activities must have goals if they are not to degenerate into merely random groping cf. Science aims to discover the greatest possible completeness and systematicity cf. As indicated, this unity must be a priori since it cannot be given through any set of experiences. Nor can we know in advance how far science will succeed, or that nature is wholly law-like. Our judgment that the earth orbits the sun and not vice versa provides a simple illustration. The opposite claim seems more compelling to common sense, and consistency in observations is generally sufficient to confirm everyday knowledge. But scientific knowledge aspires to law-like completeness. For Kant, more important is how reason unifies these observations through laws of gravity, momentum and so forth. On reason and science, see Neiman These sections have always been regarded as among the most convincing parts of the first Critique. In the hands of theologians and metaphysicians, reason has claimed knowledge that it cannot have, leading to empty battles that invite outright skepticism. At the beginning of the Doctrine of Method the last, least-read part of the first Critique Kant alludes to the biblical story of Babel. Thus Kant often alludes to Hobbes, on whose theory order is only possible if an unaccountable sovereign overawes all the members of society. Knowledge of the world as a whole, or of entities that transcend this world the immortal soul or God is not humanly possible: In the final section of the Critique, Kant argues that knowledge is not the only or even the primary end of reason: Ypi and Ferrarin We have seen his answer to the first question: I can know this world as revealed through the senses, but I cannot know the total sum of all that exists, nor a world beyond this one a supersensible world.

Kant does not answer the second question until the Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals, four years later. Arguably, he sees no need to answer the question in this form, since he is confident that people have long known what their duties consist in. We certainly fall into error if we think reason can know a world beyond the senses. For finite beings, reason is not transparently or infallibly given to consciousness as some rationalist philosophers seemed to think, just as it cannot deliver transcendent truths. As the next section discusses, this means that Kant views reason as essentially self-reflexive. What, then, is the relation of metaphysics—or philosophical reasoning more generally—to those areas of human enquiry that do seem to generate certainty geometry and mathematics and the expansion of knowledge science in general? Kant had long insisted that mathematics could provide no model for philosophizing. But metaphysics cannot follow its course. This sort of procedure is not available to philosophers, who have no right to assume any a priori intuitions or axioms about metaphysical entities. But if mathematics does not provide a model for a genuinely scientific metaphysics, the relation between metaphysics and the empirical sciences is also unpromising. In the first place, Kant has argued that experience cannot reveal metaphysical entities. We could never know, for instance, that we are free: Second, experience cannot generate the sort of necessity Kant associates with metaphysical conclusions. This is a long-standing bone of contention between Humean and Kantian accounts of knowledge—for instance, as regards causation. See the entry on Kant and Hume on causality. That is, our investigation of the world, no matter how systematic or scientific, only reveals contingent facts: To hold that scientific laws have the quality of necessity—so that they really are laws, and not mere generalizations or rules of thumb—is a metaphysical rather than an empirical claim. Neither point, however, deters Kant from using the imagery of science and experiment to describe his own philosophical endeavors. Such metaphors are especially prominent in the Preface to the second edition of the Critique, where he writes: Reason, in order to be taught by nature, must approach nature with its principles in one hand, according to which the agreement among appearances can count as laws, and, in the other hand, the experiment thought out in accord with these principles—in order to be instructed by nature not like a pupil, who has recited to him whatever the teacher wants to say, but like an appointed judge who compels witnesses to answer the questions he puts to them. It actively proposes principled accounts of the phenomenon it investigates—that is, law-like hypotheses. Then it devises experiments to confirm or disprove these. As a characterization of philosophical reasoning, this prompts Kant to optimism, but it may puzzle his readers. One application of this idea is found in the Transcendental Dialectic of the first Critique, where Kant insists that there are only three transcendental ideas—the thinking subject, the world as a whole, and a being of all beings—so that it is possible to catalogue exhaustively the illusions to which reason is subject. But there is also much room for puzzlement. Kant is suggesting that reason conduct an experiment upon itself—an idea that comes close to paradox. His Copernican hypothesis Bxvi f is that experience is relative to the standpoint and capacities of the observer. Only on this basis, Kant contends, can we find an explanation for the a priori structure of that experience for example, its temporality or causal connectedness. However, this still leaves awkward questions about philosophical knowledge, and reasoning more generally. When reason decides to act as judge and jury in its own case, how can we expect the results to stand up to scrutiny? We cannot, therefore, dogmatically assert the authority of this capacity: This point is especially compelling given how fallible reason has proven in metaphysics: This is then the central task of critique cf. Kant now claims to have discovered the supreme principle of practical reason, which he calls the Categorical Imperative. More precisely, this principle is an imperative for finite beings like us, who have needs and inclinations and are not perfectly rational. Notoriously, Kant offers several different formulations of this principle, the first of which runs as follows: Kant holds this principle to be implicit in common human reason: The Categorical Imperative is not the only principle of practical reason that Kant endorses. Imperatives of skill and prudence rely on the principle: Following Hume, many philosophers hold that practical reasoning is essentially instrumental. They therefore see all practical demands as ultimately hypothetical, that is, conditional upon our having particular ends or inclinations cf. Kant, however, sees the principle of hypothetical imperatives as subordinate to the Categorical Imperative cf. Reason can also be the source of unconditional demands, that is, demands that do not presuppose any particular ends or inclinations. On the one hand, freedom implies that practical reason can be

pure non-instrumental, unconditional, and hence that we are subject to the demands of the Categorical Imperative. On the other, our subjection to morality implies that we must be free. If I am free to step back from all inclinations, those inclinations do not provide a compelling reason to act in any particular way. In the recent literature there is some consensus that Kant failed to recognize the complexity and difficulty of moral reasoning. But judging what the Categorical Imperative requires only poses serious difficulties if Kant has adequately justified it. In particular, his equation of mere law-likeness with principles that all can follow may seem much too quick. To illustrate, take two of the six candidates he discusses in the second Critique 5: One possibility would be a policy of following my inclinations wherever they might lead. Kant identifies this view with Epicurus. This is a policy of sorts, and indeed one that a free agent could adopt. In doing so, it abandons law-likeness and intersubjective validity. Apart from the fact that my inclinations will surely change and clash, it is not a policy that everyone can follow: More abstractly, such a policy gives weight to the particular conditions of one particular agent.

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It is a commonplace that we do not decide what to think. One might add: we would not want to. When things are going right, belief (in that philosopher's sense of thinking so) is just responsiveness to "how things are. So when things are going right, it is the way things are that.

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