

# Altruism

... we ought to give money away,  
rather than spend it on clothes which  
we do not need to keep us warm.

To do so is not charitable,  
or generous. Nor is it the kind of act  
which philosophers and theologians  
have called "supererogatory" - an act  
which it would be good to do,  
but not wrong not to do.

On the contrary,  
we ought to give the money away,  
and it is wrong not to do so.

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**Famine, Affluence, and Morality**