

WHY and WHY and WHY

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- WHY do ants like moist oatmeal cookies rather than big hard rocks?
- If you are designing a robot, WHY does it make sense to design one that will recharge itself when its batteries are low? Or, if you ARE a robot who has inherited yourself, including an operating system that tells you to recharge yourself when your batteries are low, WHY does it make sense for you to “affirm” that original programming, in that sense, rather than to disable it and (for example) to rewire your programming to tell you to mow the lawn when your batteries are low?
- WHY do big hard rocks not care about ants or about anything else (as far as we can tell)?
- And WHAT do these things have to do with each other?

For more context and information, please refer to my recent messages on CHORA and PHILOS-L:

My message, ““The Bridge: A-QED””, on CHORA (June 27).

My message, “Darwin, Camus, and Hamlet went into a bar, AND . . .”, on CHORA (June 13).

My message, “Speaking of Hands, and Adaptations, and . . .”, on CHORA (June 28).

My message, ““Robot Revelations”: An Opportunity”, on PHILOS-L (June 22).

My message, “To Scientifically Informed Philosophers and Philosophically Minded Scientists”, on PHILOS-L (June 11).

Also, if you are interested in more detail and explanation, you can refer to other materials on my website, www.ObligationsOfReason.com . I'd suggest the following materials, all included on the "Additional Material From The Author" page of the site:

"On Morality: Key Considerations and a Bridge"

"What good am I?"

"On Morality"

"Regarding 'Directional Dynamics' and 'Normative Facts'"

"The Morality of Sustainability: A DIY Exploration"

"A Framework and Paradigm Of Morality"

Thank you for your consideration.

Be Well,

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