

CHAPTER 1: THE NATURE OF ALTRUISM

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10. In his book devoted to sympathy, the philosopher Max Scheler writes: “Love is a movement, passing from a lower value to a higher one, in which the higher value of the object or person suddenly flashes upon us; whereas

hatred moves in the opposite direction.” Later on, Edith Stein would take up Scheler’s analyses and envision the question of empathy according to a purely phenomenological approach in the tradition of Husserl, of whom she was a close disciple. See Scheler, Max, *The Nature of Sympathy*, Transaction Publishers, 2008, p. 152, and Stein, Edith, *On the Problem of Empathy: The Collected Works of Edith Stein*, 3d rev. ed., ICS Publications, 1989. I am grateful to Michel Bitbol for drawing my attention to these two books.

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