



LiveVegan (Response by Tim P.)

Jude, it's not relevant to you and your actions what other animals may do. Yes, some animals viciously kill others. Some animals peacefully chew grass all day without hunting prey. Some animals, including primates, violently kill the offspring of their newly "conquered" and raped mates. But that has nothing to do with what's morally right for you and me.

Similarly, some humans do terrible things to each other, such as burning people alive in crematoria or starving refugee populations. We have wars on the macro level and murders and rapes on the individual level. What are you to say and think about those?

I think the answer is clear. We need to unequivocally advocate for human rights and animal rights. We need to, at the absolute bare minimum, not engage in the exploitation of human animals or the exploitation of nonhuman animals. Regarding humans, reject slavery and rape and murder and discrimination in your own life—respect and uphold human rights. Regarding other animals, be vegan—respect and uphold animal rights.

As you can imagine, many more people engage in the exploitation of nonhuman animals than they do in human rape or murder. That's why being vegan is one of the most profound steps we can take toward nonviolence and justice—because it's the most common violence and injustice.

And we also have many opportunities to educate others about speciesism, racism, sexism, heterosexism, classism, and other forms of discrimination. I encourage everyone to learn about these issues and become advocates for justice, including the abolition of animal exploitation.

So, what are you to say and think about what some animals do to each other? "All animals have the right not to be used, we humans have the moral and material capacity to not use animals, so I am vegan, and I advocate for abolition."

To learn more about animal rights, I recommend this slideshow, "Theory of Animal Rights":
<http://www.abolitionistapproach.com/media/slides/theory1.html>

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