Rachels characterizes psychological egoism as the view that “all men are selfish in everything that they do.” (*Morality Matters*, p. 29). One argument in favor of this claim is that because all actions produce a “sense of self-satisfaction” which is pleasurable, the point of the action is really selfish not altruistic. (*Morality Matters*, p. 30). Analyze Rachels’ response in the following passage:

If we have a positive attitude toward the attainment of some goal, then we may derive satisfaction from attaining that goal. But the object of our attitude is the attainment of that goal; and we must want to attain the goal before we can find any satisfaction in it. We do not, in other words, desire some sort of “pleasurable consciousness” and then try to figure out how to achieve it; rather, we desire all sorts of different things—money, a new fishing boat, to be a better chess-player, to get a promotion in our work, etc.—and because we desire these things, we derive pleasure from attaining them. And so, if someone desires the welfare and happiness of another person, he will derive satisfaction from that; but this does not mean that this satisfaction is the object of his desire, or that he is in any way selfish on account of it. (*Morality Matters*, p. 31)

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