

WE CAN CARE ABOUT MORAL PROBLEMS ONLY IF THEY ARE ON A SUITABLE SCALE

Moral problems, like clothes, must be neither too big nor too small: if too big we cannot cope with them and will tend to discard them; if too small they are easily confused with practical problems. To be able to cope with them they have to be of the right size. Now, the current moral problems of the world are far too big to be tackled by any individual: this is why most of us prefer not to think about them, *— because we feel impotent to handle them.* We must work towards the elimination of such big problems.

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