

FREEDOM: LIMITS ON

Because every human being is subjected to multiple social constraints, she is never fully free, hence totally responsible for what she does or fails to do.

In particular, any member of an organization, be it a firm or a club, a school
an army or a political party,
or a church, /is bound by the rules of the organization. Such rules restrict or even rule out certain freedoms. For example, the corporation man must be loyal to his firm, and the churchman cannot afford to think freely--in both cases under penalty of expulsion. Moreover membership in any such organization imposes a certain moral code or, at least, the apparent compliance with it. For example, the corporation executive may be unfaithful to his spouse but not in public, and the Catholic priest may not marry his common law wife. Worse, the faithful member of any such organization delegates his personal responsibility to his impersonal organization, claiming that whatever wrong he may have done, he did

it in the line of duty. In this way he becomes increasingly an amoral agent and, in this respect, he may as well be replaced by a robot.