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Why do moral judgments hurt?

Sometimes when someone expresses a negative moral judgment of us it hurts

Why?

- Consider alternative: If we thought they were wrong and were confident in that judgment, it wouldn't hurt
  - We'd think they were a fool
    - We might be disappointed *in them* if we had some prior reason for expecting them to have better judgment, but we wouldn't be feeling pain ourselves
- Possibilities
  - Think maybe person has a point
    - So they have a point. Why does it hurt?
  - Not confident in general, not reality oriented
    - Care what people think/ secondhanded
  - Misunderstanding of morality - scarecrow
  - Misunderstanding of criticism - a truncheon
  - Not seeing a way to move forward and make progress, and so interpreting criticism as just maliciously attacking them for something that can't be avoided
    - Critics generally
  - Taking sides in disagreement against *ourselves* and with criticizer, rather than exploring issues and trying to find the truth