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As always I'm late, I wanted to give this subject a ful treatment and time has eclipsed me, but we never can capture time, which is the point of all this studying and practicing. My understanding of compassion: it belongs to all, but it is a struggle to equally distribute it to all equally so . for we will smash a fly without feel yet in the treatment of other animals we are more thoughtful . Can I equally feel for a serial killer the same way I would my zazen teacher ? No . Would I fight to save his of fe with the same passion and fury? No . theoretically I should , and on some higher plane I can strive to do do so, but its not how life works. But does he or she deserve to die torturously like the people he/she killed? That's the moral dilemmas, that compassion challenge us to put in the perspectives we strive for . I try to be compassionate to all, but I know I am always falling short of the mark do in some part the the human agency that, all people are not good recipients of compassion : For example : the person who view your compassion as a weakness and will try to take advantage of you, this is something you see in the prison setting all the time and the world in general . being guarded will tamper some of your compassion. We may release one mice that has invaded our house, but would we do the same for twenty or the fattest rat we ever seen? I believe compassion is not measured out or quantifiable, its distribution has to be compassionately released compassionately, and what is that? The circumstance and individuals / subjects relatively, will dictate to some degree how it will come and continue to come . We embody compassion when we don't seek or look for reward or stock interest in the compassion we show and give . that should be the first step at the impossible ,knowing I do what I do , for the recipient , and not my self or show , give the energy to the ether .The ant and fly has the right to live , will I die 4them