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QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

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1. The first function of the "transcendental method" is listed as being the normative function, and given are the four "transcendental precepts": (1) be attentive, (2) be intelligent, (3) be reasonable, (4) be responsible.

Now, if "reasonable" means a critical rationality, then the judgment that this implies seems to cloud the distinction between rationality and responsibility. Both rationality and responsibility would seem to imply the taking of a personal stand towards that which the intellect has grasped. What is the difference between critical rationality and responsibility?