

The One Car Theory

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What if you only had one car? It would be issued to you by the government when you turned eighteen. Any automobile of your choice.

That car would be your only car and would have to last you for an entire lifetime. If it wore out, it could not be replaced. Once gone, you would be reduced to other methods of getting around, or borrowing rides from other people. One car and only one for your whole life.

Would you take care of your car or would you abuse it? Would you change the oil regularly, keep it clean, park it in a garage? Of course you would take the best care you possibly could of your vehicle. No going out to the drag races on Friday night. Only premium fuel for your motor. Tune ups, antifreeze, lubrications, maintenance, always you would choose nothing but the best for your car.

Would you let your car sit idly for a year? Never. Would you push it to the limits to find out how fast it could go, or take it over the roughest terrain that you could find? Absolutely not. If you were given only one car for a lifetime of use it is clear that you would never abuse it, you would always take the best care of it you possibly could. You would provide all the necessary maintenance and care your car needed and deserved. Right?

What if you only had one body?

