

NPR Fresh Air: Dr. Anna Lembke on pleasure, pain, and addiction

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Obviously I didn't say it very well because I thought I was trying exactly what you said 😊

Absolutely pleasure is pleasure and pain is pain and the two are entirely separate - that is explicit in PD3.

Why I think we are both talking about is walking and chewing gum at the same time -. We can experience more than one thing at once, with one hand feeling pleasure and the other feeling pain (though there are probably better examples).

I think that Epicurus has explicitly ruled out a single sensation being both pleasure and pain at the same time, which is why the conclusion I think you and I both agree on focuses on the total experiences of the person, not a single sensation.