

Pleasure vs pain - example and thoughts!

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Anyway my colleague is willing to do cocaine and will go through the come down afterwards because he argue's that the pleasure outweighs the pain. Of course at some point, he might become addicted to cocaine so the pain factor would kick in then. But he argues that he doesn't have an addictive personality type and only does cocaine on special occasions. It could be argued in this scenario that he is being Epicurean?! Thoughts!

Perhaps the special occasions are not feeling special enough for your colleague...and that he is already addicted to that one way of making things more special. Also, I would guess that there must be something missing for him and that is why he does it...and the thing which is missing (a basic human need) is the sense of friendship and enjoyment that comes from being with people whom he loves and who love him.

Another issue: there is most likely an inner sense of "dis-ease" because he cannot be entirely sure that he won't become addicted in the future (but I would say he is already addicted now).