

Is Every Breach of Every Agreement "Unjust"?

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I actually do, for myself, classify most of those virtues first as innate sensations, which occur with pleasure to the point they aren't separate, but still have a distinct... "flavor"?

When I think of courage, for instance, it's primarily a nonverbal sensation in my chest. Yes, I can give story examples of courage, but how would I have come to assign a word to it to begin with and build a concept, if I did not start with this sensation of "feeling courageous", which I can recognize by empathy in actions of others?

I see these very fundamental biological sensations as the primary information, which do fuel more complex rational concepts but are mainly nonrational/experiential, and the degree to which they please us is what makes them virtues or not. And then the decision process for action, which is rational, is based on that hedonic calculus.

Organizing it this way is certainly my own philosophy, c/w personal experience-- and when I read Epicurus on it, I feel agreement with him. But it's possible his philosophy differs from my personal experience!