

On "Desires" And Their Relationship To Pleasure

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I think I agree ☐☐

I'm trying to wrap my brain around your last statement:

Quote

It's not the desire itself that's a pleasure or pain, it's your *reactions* to it and to the consequences of it.

I definitely agree that desires are neither good nor bad, but I'm trying to decide if that means that I don't think they're pleasurable or painful.

We have a desire, what you're calling an impulse. What comprises a desire/impulse? It has to be a cognitive event or an act of reason. Right? We have to think about the desire. But we have a reaction to that rational act, a pre-rational reaction that is pleasurable or painful through our canonical faculty of the pathē/feelings. So, if I read you correctly: the thought or desire itself - the cognitive rational impulse brought into being by our material brain's function - cannot itself be a pleasure. But that impulse provokes a reaction in our reflexive pre-rational faculty.

So then...Is there such a thing as "a pleasure" or is it always "an experience of pleasure" or "a pleasant experience." Same for pain. Does pain exist as an entity or can it only be a painful experience. Pain cannot exist outside of experience. Or can it. Is pain a thing? Is pleasure a thing? It can these two only be experienced?

I have a feeling that I'm meeting you by the rabbit hole in left field 😊