

# The Nature of Work

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## [Quote from Don](#)

You're absolutely right that it's unreasonable to expect warm feelings of pleasure all the time.

One of the subtleties here is involved in Epicurus saying that "I call you to continuous pleasure....."

I would say two aspects of that are:

(1) Pleasure of some kind or the other is always available while we are living, so in that sense it is continuous.

(2) We've discussed before the difficult issue of experiencing more than one thing at once. I think that ultimately yes we can segment out our feelings and feel pleasure at one thing and pain at another thing at the same time, but it's still true that the pain and pleasure can't coexist in exactly the same place/time. We can walk and chew gum at the same time so there are going to be a mixture of experiences at any one time, even though at the same time we consider pain and pleasure to be mutually incompatible.

That last point may need further discussion in this context but I think it is correct.