

Illustrating Epicurean Ethics

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For example: if a person said: "Oh how I wish I could go on a flight on Blue Origin, but it costs \$1.25 million per passenger so I can't afford to do it." So then one would then reason about how this desire is not necessary for a happy life AND then replace that desire with something easier to get. Or another (more down to earth) example: if someone has very limited finances, but says "Oh it would be so nice to go to drive to a resort town on the ocean, but hotels are so expensive these days and I need to be careful about not spending away my limited savings." -- and then sees that the basic "deeper" human desire is for exploration (or for learning, experiencing, novelty, or relaxation) then finding something else such as exploring things and going to museums in one's own city, or finding a nice park with a river or lake.



Seems to dovetail nicely with:

Ask this question of every desire: what will happen to me if the object of desire is achieved, and what if not?