

"Natural and Necessary" As A Sliding Scale

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The slavery example is good to shock people out of complacency and to illustrate that the way we think today is not necessarily the only way to think. We know from [PD10](#) that something one person thinks is monstrous is not bad in itself, but only in its effects, which may vary. But lest we get caught too far into an unproductive debate on slavery or any particular hot-button issue which polarizes people, the most productive path for us is to see that natural and necessary are not an absolute, and ask "how do we apply the natural and necessary desire" analysis to ourselves today?