

# Should we Feel Pity for someone Dying Young? 'The Human Predicament' by David Benatar

Post by "Cassius" of November 4, 2023 at 6:08 AM

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Would it be right to say that a person who lives for five years can have the same amount of pleasure in their life as someone who lives for eighty years?

I would say that we can't be sure of that (I wouldn't argue that a shorter life necessarily means less pain) but I would definitely argue that this observation **\*\*could\*\*** be true, depending on the circumstances of the person. It's easy to think of people who live long lives with a negative attitude who seem (at least to us) to be suffering the whole way through. In contrast it's also easy to think of people who "die young" but seem to have had a positive upbeat and happy attitude during most of that shorter life. I'd definitely choose the shorter happier life over the longer miserable life.

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I can't wait to read your reply! I've read a lot of your posts and I always learn something new. 😊

A good reminder that Don has been "slacking off" and still owes us his commentary on this one! 😊 😊