

Thought experiment - A vacation without lasting memories

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Hmm... I'm still struggling with the hypothetical, even in light of your revision.

The ****big**** difference in taking a year vacation and not remembering and dying and having no memory is that we don't get to interact with the people that do remember after the we die. There's a finality to death that gets lost in the hypothetical. I think I can appreciate what you're trying to do.

To me, that finality has more to do with being content with the idea of dying right now. Have you treated people so you don't regret anything you've done? Have you lived your life as you wished? It's not a *YOLO* (You Only Live Once) or *FOMO* (Fear of Missing Out), and we can't - or *most likely* can't - quit our jobs and run off to live on the beach in Tahiti (or whatever scenario one prefers)... but thinking about dying right now certainly puts things in perspective: relationship, career choices, recreation, etc. Meditare mortem "Meditate on death."