

Thought experiment - A vacation without lasting memories

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I’ve been muddling over this thought experiment since [Kalosyni](#) presented it. I think that the way it is presented – particularly the liberating vacation metaphor – cuts right to the bone in terms of how we make decisions today in the face of our impending (no matter our age or what we might expect) death and dissolution (including our memories). Maybe my age resonates with how I think about it. 🙄

[Don](#) ‘s dementia take is not so far off the mark I think, but I look at it the other way round from what I understood his perspective to be: suppose I were diagnosed with an early-stage but progressive dementia which is likely to be total at the end of a year (and I might not even recognize those friends, or what they are talking about).

I’m still “muddling” – especially since Kalosyni’s experiment is cast in Epicurean terms, rather than some radically presentist Cyrenaic frame. Let’s just say that, for me, it is seriously thought-provoking.

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And it reminds me of an old (1965 - 1968, when I was in high school 🙄) TV series called "Run for Your Life," starring Ben Gazzara. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Run_for_Your_Life_\(TV_series\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Run_for_Your_Life_(TV_series)).