

# Guilty conscience in Epicurean justice.

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## [Quote from Godfrey](#)

The underlined part of this quote is, for me, the key point. Guilt is experienced as pain. In evaluating the pleasures v the pains in any particular activity, if there is the potential for feeling guilt we would need to include that in our analysis.

[VS71](#): Ask this question of every desire: what will happen to me if the object of desire is achieved, and what if not?

This is probably the best way to look at it. If I fulfill a desire to say become a murderer I may feel scared, isolated, or filled with regret but if I don't do those those things I simply have a minor pain of want which is easily dissolved.