

Is Self Preservation a Virtue?

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I would not say self preservation is superior at all. Pleasure is a term that includes life already-- a dead thing can't have pleasure. So to maximize pleasure already means to maximize pleasurable aliveness. Life without pleasure or hope of future pleasure has no good in it-- it can't stand alone as a valuable thing.

I think the thing that confuses people is that life can be present without pleasure -- separable-- but pleasure is literally a meaningless word without life-- inseparable. To try and separate things out by putting life first gets you into the weeds. If you put pleasure first, no more weeds.