

Pain or Pleasure

Posted by doesitmatter - 18 Oct 2015 22:32

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Re: Pain or Pleasure

Posted by Gettingcloser - 19 Oct 2015 01:28

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We cannot avoid pain in life, life is full of pain, for example not looking on inappropriate things is painful, but it is such an enjoyable sweet pain,

Vs The pain of giving in to lust is feelings of emptiness, worthlessness, it's pain without any meaning

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Re: Pain or Pleasure

Posted by Gettingcloser - 19 Oct 2015 01:34

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Oh I see you are new here welcome to the club,

It's a good enjoyable place here, people are always ready to help you here

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Re: Pain or Pleasure

Posted by Ezra - 19 Oct 2015 11:14

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Posted by cordnoy - 19 Oct 2015 12:35

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I will not even get into the answer regardin' addiction. The answer simply is: we see the pleasure in front of us and it is much more enjoyable.

(Ask a smoker; ask an overweight person; ask anyone on this planet)

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