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There is good in bad. There is bad in good.

There is always good and bad.

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Everything is good and bad.

Wanting is bad.

Knowledge never exists if you want because you exert too much agency over ideas which ideally are ideas of the good, to quote Aristotle. That is, since ideals are external to us, we must live life as if they are. Ideas cannot be had, but life can be lived. Eventually, we get what we get. So, ideas are given not had. That is, ideas do exist. But how do we get them?

Wanting is good.

Getting what you get is ideal (even more ideal when not wanting) because that's when one is capable of knowing. That is, ideas are known when we get them – that's how we get them.

Wanting is good because you eventually get what you get and are capable of knowing what you get. A king that wants will get vanity and will know more about wanting and about what he got, vanity and money, than someone who doesn't want. Or, didn't get money.

You must contradict yourself to explore.

Contradictions have truth because people can live life getting truth from them.

If you live life and get an idea. You have some knowledge. However, since things are good and bad you must contradict yourself and your idea to understand why it's false and what false means and if false is actually right to see if your some knowledge is actually knowledge.

Your knowledge you get will seem to be true at its first arrival. It will be even truer if you explore why it is wrong or why wrong is right and why its first arrival was wrong. That is, what is the good from the bad?

So, we started with something bad. We then explained why it is bad, then explained what is good from the bad. Eventually, we end up with understanding a binary more and don't know which side is actually right.

Everything is good and bad.

But, just how deep do we have to explore?

Will we eventually say that the good in bad actually has bad? And, will the actually bad thing that comes from analyzing the actually bad of the good in bad actually end up being good? Doesn't saying everything is good and bad lead to results that are good and bad? Yes, that is

what I'm saying. Everything is good and bad and if you explore enough you will never find one to be more right than the other.

What about something that seems actually bad no matter what... like murder? Haven't we seen Squid Games... is the murder they do actually bad? Someone would've killed them and tortured them worse... So, is it good that they murdered? What about how they did it? Didn't they torture them worse than others would have at times? So, is it bad that they murdered? What about how they gave them a chance to win a lot of money and solve all their problems? So is it good that they murdered? What about how the majority of lottery winners end up homeless? So is it bad that they murdered? What about all the small businesses that lottery winner went to and gave their money to before they became homeless? So is it good that they murdered? Kids, I could go on. But just know this: everything is good and bad.

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I was in a hospital one time talking to a man crazed on knowledge – quite literally, he was in the hospital for being stressed out while looking at art pictures for days in a row.

Never once have I followed this quote from a poem I kinda remember from high school that went, "You should beat out of the page the words that come to life in your mind," so much so that I felt really stressed or on the verge of a heart attack.

This old man was an old art major who now teaches and is close to his retirement. He purposely makes himself crazy... and he purposely makes himself poor. Not that the latter is here nor there right now; however, he wants to suffer. He is not forced to suffer, it seems.

This old man wrote a thesis in college. A thesis is just a big paper you write and complete research for. Let me explain how big it is. If you were to hold it up to your chest while someone was shooting you, you would be safe. Thesis's are basically great as body armor. It is in effect body armor that doctors, who are forced to write thesis's, wear for their whole life. After all, this old man talked about his thesis he wrote as a young man to me many years after writing it.

His thesis was about the duality of man. In it he said: "Man is bad when he is good and good when he is bad."

Here's a story about the old man.

He and I were talking when a pretty lady got admitted to the hospital. He said, "How gross she must be." Just because she was pretty he assumed her inside personality was ugly. This to me is obviously a bad way to live life. However, what can be said about this bad that there must be good in it?

I'll tell ya what, he must love his wife all the more in his eyes. Since he doesn't care to interact with all women he will cherish the time when he does talk to one and that one will be his wife.

Is it true love that they have? Most likely not. However, it is important to understand that there is good in bad... however small.

So, why does the old man make himself poor? He could sell paintings, become an agent to his students, or get that poem he wants tattooed on his forehead published... However he does none of these things because he wants to suffer. In effect, he wants the good that comes from forced suffering. He wants good from bad.

MLK Jr. once said, "Unearned suffering is redemptive."

The old man wants the good out of the bad. But, why?

Well I'll say this much. The great body of works that consist of painting are usually not about being happy. However, the great body of works that consist of children's paintings are usually about being happy. In essence, he wants to know more about badness so he can become crazed on that knowledge to the point he finds a fact so deep and complex that only a handful of people understand it. What I'm saying is, he wants to get published in the art world not the children's art world.

What can be said of the good in bad when it comes to the bad of suffering and we are trying to find its good?

Basically the answer is that there are no ifs or buts about where we are right now when we are forced to suffer. We are present. Specifically, we are present for the right reasons. We exist and we must be.

If we wanted to suffer, there is the chance that we don't actually exist and that we must not actually must.

See what I'm saying?

If ya don't, then read my Mini Lecture, How to Read. In it it talks about the difference between existing passively and actively. It also talks about why wanting anything is a bad thing.

In a gist, the more active we are the less likely we are to be just because we must, which is a good thing that many people miss out on when they live actively.

I don't know much else.

There is good in bad and bad in good... always.

Live to live, but don't live for anything else.

If you're forced to live well then you are already on the path of living to live.

As I write this, I find myself wanting to suffer writing this while at the same time I am forced to suffer as I write this. I want to write a good essay but I am also forced to help explain what I talk about in class. Am I living to want or living to live?

I do not know enough about Yin and Yang outside its vague general saying, "There is good in bad. There is bad in good."

Wanting to suffer is a choice that people choose when they think truer knowledge is had if they were just to suffer. But, it is entirely different from being forced to suffer...

How can you blame someone for wanting true knowledge when the whole world says true knowledge is held by those who suffer? After all, all the great works of the western world are primarily about suffering... Even love stories like Romeo and Juliet have suffering in its endings. So those who want to get published get published if they write about suffering and what better way to do that then to actually live it. But should you be forced or want to suffer? Likewise, am I wanting to suffer or forced to suffer writing this? Do I want knowledge or am I forced to get knowledge? And, does this essay reveal any knowledge? Is its most important lesson, there is always good and bad, just a logical fact of binaries? There always is one of them no matter the situation... Well, I'm saying the knowledge that comes from this essay is that there is always good in bad and bad in good. So, there is always good and bad even when you analyze one situation...

Some people workout because they live to live life (health is a component of life after all) and are thus resultantly forced to suffer. However, many people work out because they want to suffer so as to get the profits out of suffering that come in many forms such as good looks, social enhancements, and the idea that work means nothing to them since they've moved big things on their path to success.

Wanting to suffer is for losers is what I'm basically saying.

BONUS BONUS POINTS: READ MINI-LESSON ON BECAUSE I COULD NOT STOP FOR DEATH AND ANSWER WHY IS IT IRONIC THAT I'M TALKING IN TERMS OF LOSERS? (because I shouldn't as it makes me think of death)

I think in life there are the answers but there are so many answers we will end up choosing answers that are not the answers. But I think this is one of the answers: never want a thing except to live for the sake of living.

Also important, I think being forced to suffer is a more honest way of living life. You get to know well because your identity is so tied to the right reason, living for life itself. Whereas with wanting to suffer your identity is tied to reasons that you choose. Of course we choose wrong when our goal is not to live but to have what we want, not what we get.

Did ya notice that in my workout example there was one lifestyle that chose to live for one reason and another that chose to live for many others?

Live life the way you are meant to given what is thrown your way (what you get) and life will naturally produce all the things that should come about.

Hear this: I once sat in my car on my way to my house where my laptop was and I thought, "Where is a way to write when I need one!" It was an honest thought – how was I to write in that moment? I was in effect forced to suffer since I could not write but wanted to. I got an A on that paper and received one-on-one remarks from my professor.

Unlike the crazy art major, this is very different from living life wanting to feel forced that I couldn't write.

Now, I'm going to contradict myself. Is it okay to want to workout? It is even when you workout (or, even, draw) for reasons of vanity if you are living life for the sake of what is given to you. We are natural creatures and have natural tendencies. I think that living to live life is a complex thing when analyzed complexly, but basic when analyzed basically. The complex thing is this: as long as we live what we get, we are living my philosophy. To workout (or draw) for reasons of wanting to impress people is itself a way of discovering how to live life just to live (vanity is after all a part of life). So, we should try everything and wanting can become a good thing because eventually we get what we get. There is, afterall, always good and bad; and good from bad.

I am, right now, writing because I want to feel forced while also writing because I am forced. I want to know more about knowledge but I'm also forced to give knowledge as a teacher.

So, what am I saying?

Knowledge, viewed complexly, is complex. Knowledge, viewed basically, is basic. We need both for knowledge to exist.

Lets review...

Everything is good and bad. And, life is living for life. Do not want. Be forced.

As long as we live getting what we get, we know knowledge and life. If we live to want then we only get answers and guesses as to what life is, but we eventually get what we get and finally know and live life. Life must be lived. Live to live. If living to live happens to involve wanting, ask yourself: would you have done it any different? If the answer is yes, then you were and are (most likely) living to want. If you live to live then you will never want and nothing will be chosen as different. It just so happens that if you are forced then you happen to live life more often than when you want.

Wait... what about when we are forced to want?

What about the crazy old art major?

Didn't we say he was wanting to feel suffering? Are we now saying that he is forced to want?

We sure are because life is complex. Wanting what you want out of life will eventually lead to being forced to live life. You will, in effect, tell us what wanting is and what the things you wanted through wanting are because those are the things you get when you get them.

He has knowledge because he is forced to want. We can know the world encourages suffering in famous works of art. We can also know more about vanity and wanting to be like other people through his experiences more than the person who lived life just to live and so happened to live without vanity.

He lived to live, at times, and happened to have vanity. That life is more valuable for analyzing what vanity means than the life that does not have vanity in it. What is important is this: Knowledge comes from living to live, however that happens. Also, knowledge comes from wanting since it will occasionally force a person to want.

So knowledge comes from living to live and from being forced.

When one is forced then one is a person who must because they must. Without any other way to influence how they get answers they stumble on the answers when they must and because they are. Without being forced, one gets to want and thus gets to choose. If we choose, then we will be like our ancestors before us and choose wrongly.

To know is to live.

But how are we living in order to know? You just are and must must. That is all. Those who have musted in their life are a better candidate for knowing what they must rather than the person who wanted what another person musted.

If you don't get what I'm saying, consider this...

Who goes to jail just so they can mimic the writing experience held within The Letter from Birmingham County Jail by MLK Jr.?

Which letter is more likely to have knowledge?

On the side of the person who goes to jail to feel forced to write, they only have some knowledge and may even have real knowledge, but they certainly do not have the best real knowledge. Good writing involves the proper past in order to create the possible present of writing well. By being forced to live one can retell it better than if they wanted to live. For the person forced, writing will be more natural. However, this person who wants to go to jail to write is living life to take from it unnaturally given things. Sure they may get things in wanting to go to jail to write, but they will never know what it is like to go to jail for natural reasons. Since we are natural things and knowledge comes from living naturally, what can truly be said when we live for wanting? The person will write and feel inspired and may even write about natural life but how do you know if the natural things they happened to write about would be better than what would've happened if jail was forced on them naturally?

However, MLK's letter would have the most knowledge because he was forced and he lived life to live life. He didn't (metaphorically) want anything in writing that letter. He merely lived given life. His knowledge is the exploration of life and its mysteries. What is a rebuttal but the full and honest consideration of another's vantage point when it seems they have none? What a mystery of life he seriously explored. It is an appraise worthy belief that not many have. The best part is, he was forced and lived such that he wrote about living. That is, after all, what great writers do. They make sure they write about what living is every time they write.

On a new note and onto my conclusion, Yin and Yang also tell us that there is bad in good not just good in the bad.

This essay has been primarily about explaining the good in bad and explaining the difference between wanting and being forced.

Be cautious of the essay.

If you're like you were before you read it and consider being forced to be a bad thing, then consider this... it gets even worse if you analyze yin and yang at a deeper level.

Whatever praise-worthy attention that comes your way from being forced is considered a good thing from a bad thing. The old art major, after all, gets praise from his students, faculty, and even his wife despite undergoing a "bad" thing, which is being forced (in your staunch eyes).

I know you have to take me at my word, but just about every major piece of literature and art has come from those forced to express themselves.

But is the praise truly good? That question is something we really haven't explained yet...

On a deeper yin and yang level, is there bad in the good that is in the bad?

Is Kanye West crazy today? He was forced to suffer (if forced still seems bad to you) then he got praise-worthy attention (good) then he got the bad from the good of the bad (bi-polar disorder)...

To feel good about yourself: think about if there is anything good or anything bad... you will find that there is only good and bad.