

Review of: "Addiction as a Loss of Inner Freedom"

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I have never reviewed for Qeios before, so I do not know the outlet's mission.

In general, I find thought pieces to be interesting, but sometimes they make extreme statements which can hurt science. This paper is an example of an effort that is either hard to understand or sometimes makes extreme phrases/statements. Consider the following:

"Since an addict is in a constant illusion..." The word 'constant' is inaccurate and extreme. Not all addicts live in a constant illusion. It is also important to define the word 'illusion' precisely.

"He is a being endowed..." Why 'He'?

"Morality has an intrinsic character of acting out of duty that abstains from any experience." I did not understand this sentence and do not want to speculate.

"The beauty of a person's life, which includes his potential to be addicted, and at the same time his greatest burden, lies in a person's ability to think abstractly (non-instinctively), in addition to thinking."

What does this sentence mean?

The article leads the reader to believe addicts to be amoral and selfish. They likely are, but at a deeper level, they have mental health issues. That is, addiction is a mental disease. The writers need to acknowledge this and make sure they make propositions based on this lens.