

I have lived

I have lived with people that never had enough. To simply live, for them, was not sufficient. The concern was the concept of the quality of life. Anything that hindered or opposed efforts to improve the quality of life, or consumed some portion of desire to elevate and the perception of improved quality of life, as evil. They focused on the adverse aspects, conditions and possible outcomes, of actions and events, expecting the worst, but preparing for the better. For these people the evil in this world is greater in number than the good or happiness.

Many of these people resolved to, and attempted to, end their life rather than continue life's experiences. Some succeeded. I have not heard any reports from them about whether they are in better, or worst, conditions than when they were alive. Some failed to end their life. They chose a method and process with a probability of failure. They revealed they actually just wanted attention. These have taught me, by example, that good and bad are relative to the perceiver.

The lesson most pertinent, learned from these people and my experiences with them, is to avoid or beware of that which you perceive as bad or worst possible outcomes; plan for it and what you'll do should it appear, then enjoy anything that comes your way. Adaptability will be one's better option for comfort, and comfort is a surety of happiness.

So, which am I, an optimist or a pessimist? It is not a position one can clearly declare. One simply must be either whenever required.

All these experiences have inspired a rather simple poetic thought,

There are three basic types of Human beings:

- 1) Materialists,
- 2) Universal Pragmatists, and
- 3) A survivalist-who enjoys a tranquil life and confidence of dignity and safety.