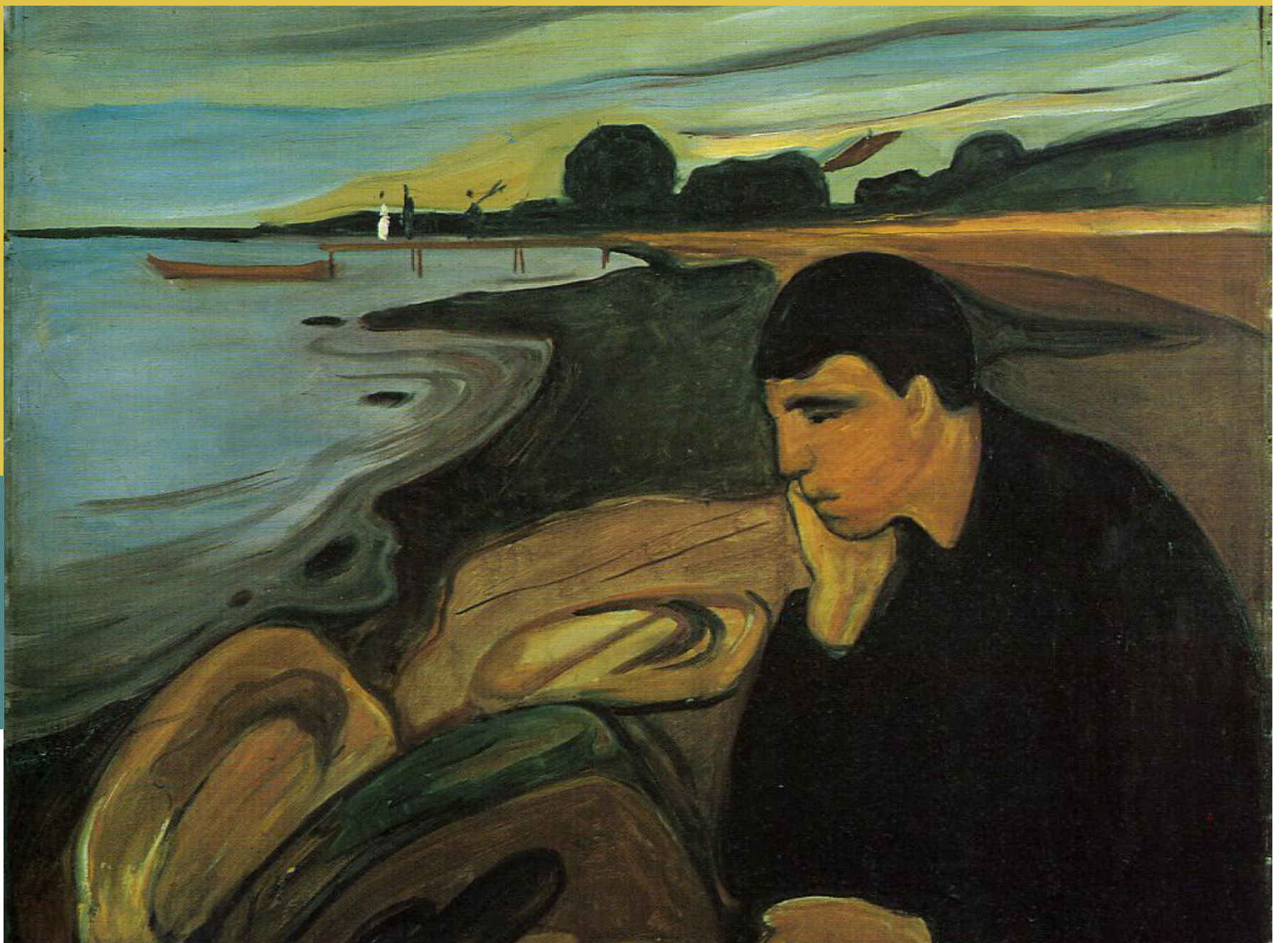


wishing some things were different

Jamie and Jordan fell in love in college years ago. For unrelated reasons, Jamie wishes he had attended a different school, which means he probably wouldn't have met Jordan. Does Jamie value Jordan less for having this wish?



Louis says that he loves his daughter, but wishes she never existed. If she never existed, he certainly couldn't love her. Does Louis love his daughter less for having this wish?

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Many people wish that at least some things about their lives were different. In cases in which the fulfillment of such wishes would undermine their loving of people or their valuing of things, is their actual loving and valuing diminished in some way? Are they, in virtue of these wishes, worse partners or parents, worse people, living worse lives? The answer to these questions, perhaps surprisingly, is no. As it turns out, such wishes may be important elements of a good life.

