

We Need A Game Show With A Lightning Round Question: "Happiness or Pleasure? - Why?"

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[Quote from Don](#)

Looked at it this way, "happy" is a mushy, ill-defined word that can take on any number of meanings in context. It's like the English word "love"... "I love you" to "I love ice cream." At least Greek had different words for different forms of "love."

One thing that I think can get lost in this discussion is that the same is true of *eudaimonia* to the average Ancient Greek non-philosopher, the 'man on the street.' Philosophers have never had a particularly intuitive account of happiness.

I find Don's list of different ways of taking the question of 'Are you happy?' super helpful.