

# **Epicurean Attitudes Toward Emotion**

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So a desire is probably never "vain" or "empty" in itself (i.e., there is no idealist classification of desires, even something like "fame," that is ALWAYS empty in itself, but if we want to generalize, which we have to in order to actually live our lives, we look at the context and circumstances and past experience and make our best estimate, using reason, of what is likely to occur if we choose to pursue a particular desire at a particular time in place. Would that be a reasonable way of expressing the point?