

On "Desires" And Their Relationship To Pleasure

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Hmmm...

I don't think so. Let me talk through the headache scenario to see where I end up:

Headache - pain

Desire to remove that pain - pleasure in anticipating the removal; kinetic pleasure?

Desire to locate and take medication - same pleasure continues

Taking medication - kinetic pleasure similar to eating to alleviate hunger.

Removal of pain - stable pleasure

There is no neutral state according to Epicurus. We must be experiencing or feeling either pleasure or pain.