

On "Happiness" As An Abstraction / "Pleasure" As a Feeling

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I *personally* understand the specifics, but I understand that it is necessary to differentiate for someone who might get confused by using both happiness and pleasure as the goal. When getting down to very specific details.

In the end it's always best to say pleasure. I agree.

One thing I will say is that the word "happiness" has a certain impact just in causal conversation, not necessarily splitting hairs in an analytical type discussion like we are having. I'm using it in a very casual sense. You all (I'm certain) understood what I meant.

Like if I were to have a conversation with someone about what they want in life... "happiness" is very likely is going to be a word that is used in their response. Now that of course that opens the door into "how do we get there (to happiness)? And in that conversation we discuss how *pleasure* is the how you become happy.

But the average person usually isn't going to outright say in conversation (unless they are a closet hedonist) that they desire *pleasure*, they will more likely say they desire "happiness"... ultimately we all know they mean pleasure and pleasurable living, but the replacement word is "happiness."