

# Epicurean philosophy vs. Stoicism in public popularity

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I suspected my post would elicit some discussion. This is good! I don't have time this morning to respond to everything, but wanted to comment specifically to [Elayne](#)'s comment:

[Quote from Elayne](#)

[Don](#) that's not a qualifier-- it's just a description of what I like to do, not a restraint separate from my pleasure.

I think we're splitting hairs. Merriam-Webster's definition of qualifier is:

*a word (such as an adjective) or word group that limits or modifies the meaning of another word (such as a noun) or word group*

That's what your phrase is doing.

*I do exactly plan on doing as I please.*

What do you do?

That *which involves taking pleasure in the pleasure of others.*

I don't have any problem with that sentiment. In fact it's laudable, not that you should care what I think. But it definitely qualifies/describes what you please to do. You can't say "no qualifiers" and then add a statement defining what you please to do means to you.

PS: I should add that I realize that your qualifier/modifier is contextual. If someone is harming someone you care about (or you're being harmed yourself), you would have no qualms about NOT concerning yourself with the pleasure of the other, the attacker in this case. Nor would I.