

Pleasure, Desire and Limits

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I can't get rid yet of a nagging concern that evaluating desire on its own separate from pleasure is going to lead to problems of its own,

Um, Epicurus did the same thing in distinguishing desire and pleasure. So ... Just throwin' that out there.

Pleasure is, by definition, good.

Desires can be natural, unnatural, necessary, unnecessary, or empty. Desires are NOT all good by any means.

They're of course connected. We have desires for pleasures. But pleasure is separate from desire.

Eating is pleasurable. However, the desire *to eat* can come in many permutations, some necessary, some unnecessary, even though eating is natural:

- I want to eat because I'm actually hungry.
- I want to eat because I'm worried.
- I have the munchies. I'm bored.
- I want to eat because my friend is eating and I don't want them to eat alone even though I ate recently.
- I want to eat popcorn because that's what I do at the movie theater even though I'm not hungry.
- I want to eat at this one specific restaurant in Chicago but I can't travel there now. (Now, this one could turn into a pleasant memory!)