

# Episode One Hundred Thirty Eight - Letter to Menoecus 5 - Pleasure Part One

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67. I do not think I could conceive of the good\*\* without the joys of taste, of sex, of hearing, and without the pleasing motions caused by the sight of bodies and forms.

οὐδὲ γὰρ ἔγωγε ἔχω τί νοήσω τἀγαθὸν\*\* ἀφαιρῶν μὲν τὰς διὰ χυλῶν ἡδονάς, ἀφαιρῶν δὲ τὰς δι' ἀφροδισίων, ἀφαιρῶν δὲ τὰς δι' ἀκροαμάτων, ἀφαιρῶν δὲ καὶ τὰς διὰ μορφῆς κατ' ὄψιν [those by way of shapes and along with vision] ἡδεΐας κινήσεις [pleasing motion].

- οὐδὲ γὰρ ἔγωγε ἔχω τί νοήσω [thinking/conceiving] τἀγαθὸν
- I do not believe I am about to be thinking/conceiving of the good
- ἀφαιρῶν μὲν τὰς διὰ χυλῶν ἡδονάς,
- to take away the pleasures of taste/flavor
- ἀφαιρῶν δὲ τὰς δι' ἀφροδισίων,
- and to take away those through sexual desire,
- ἀφαιρῶν δὲ τὰς δι' ἀκροαμάτων,
- to take away those through hearing (song and speech)
- ἀφαιρῶν δὲ καὶ τὰς διὰ μορφῆς κατ' ὄψιν [those by way of shapes and along with vision] ἡδεΐας κινήσεις [pleasing motion].

\*\*"the good" τἀγαθὸν This is the same word used in the Tetracharmakon as well as the same word used in other texts that talk about "The Good"