

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

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Having again consulted Merriam Webster, I think I view Epicurean "desire" as more closely akin to "concern" or "consideration" or even "interest" (noting that "concern" obviously has a negative connotation in most people's minds as a type of worry so it wouldn't be best for communication)

The difference to me is that a desire must necessarily be unmet. Once it's met, the desire goes away. But a consideration doesn't go away when it's met, it just isn't really at the forefront anymore. There are other considerations that are more important or interesting at the moment, due to being unmet.

Interest:

1.b. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/interest>

Quote

1a: a feeling that accompanies or causes special attention to something or someone :

[CONCERN](#)

b: something or someone that arouses such attention

Consideration:

2.a. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/consideration>

Quote

2a: a matter weighed or taken into account when formulating an opinion or plan