

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

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## [Quote from Cassius](#)

Excellent quote Godfrey! That is one we do not talk about much but looks very relevant.

## [Quote from reneliza](#)

Really just what I've been saying - that I have no conception of desire that is without any pain

And maybe that is exactly an artifact of the corruption of the modern monotheistic world and misrepresentaton of Epicurean philosophy - that you and a lot of people DONT have such a conception(?). And for that reason that may be why this point needs to be pounded home in modern Epicurean discussion.

Were you by chance raised Catholic? 😊

I can understand where [reneliza](#) (and [Joshua](#)) are coming from with the desire / pain paradigm. I think the perspective issue is an intriguing one: the urge to move toward pleasure vs the urge to move away from pain. They really are two sides of the same coin or mirror images or similar metaphors. The glass really is half full AND half empty at the same time.

I do want to dig into Aristotle and his emotion feeling classifications to get a handle on Greek thought at the time.