

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

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[Quote from Godfrey](#)

the author uses "affections" in place of "emotions"

Looks like the reason the author uses affections is because Aristotle uses our old friend pathē πάθη there. I double-checked both citations.

Pathē means "that which one experiences, that which happens to a person, that which *affects* a person." So it's not affection like "He has an affection for his dog" but affection instead of using feeling (something one feels) since it appears Aristotle is using it to refer to everything that can be contained under pleasure and/or pain. So Epicurus and Aristotle both use pathē to refer to the large categories of pleasure/pain.