

# Letter to Menoikeus translation by Peter Saint-Andre

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... Yes, but some pleasures are not choiceworthy.

I would say yes, but that is a subsidiary point, and should never be used to dilute the effect of the prior more fundamental statement that "no pleasure is a bad thing in itself." Just as Epicurus did, you start with the basic that no pleasure is bad in itself, and then state that sometimes some pleasures bring more pain than pleasure, and that \*for that reason alone\* some pleasures are not choiceworthy. You lead with the theorem and then give an application of it, but to me it's essential to hammer home the theorem since that is what everyone wants to fight about, and it chokes in the mouth of the Platonists and Stoics.

Let's make them choke again: "Choiceworthiness" means ONLY that it brings more pain than pleasure.

As usual I think we are in agreement 😊