

Letter to Menoikeus translation by Peter Saint-Andre

Post by “Don” of June 2, 2023 at 7:17 PM

[Quote from Cassius](#)

there is nothing bad in any pleasure or virtue in itself except the *unlimited* pursuit of that activity,

I don't know if I agree with your implying there is only one exception: "the *unlimited* pursuit of that activity"

And I really don't think I agree with with your addition of "or virtue" there. Can't articulate my objection right now, but it's there.

As for pursuit, I go back to the measure of natural justice being "to neither harm nor to be harmed." If something that gives you pleasure that you do harms others, it would be better not to pursue that desire. Your community will sanction you for that.

There's also the continuing push-pull of pleasure vs desire. All pleasure may be good in itself, but that's definitely not true at all for every desire for pleasures. I think we have to be very careful of whether we need to use "pleasure" or "desire" in these kinds of discussions.