

Epicurean versus deceptive (“modern”) Stoic decision making

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I just checked wikipedia and several dictionary sites which are similar:

Quote

Desires are states of mind that are expressed by terms like "[wanting](#)", "[wishing](#)", "longing" or "craving". A great variety of features is commonly associated with desires. They are seen as [propositional attitudes](#) towards conceivable [states of affairs](#). They aim to change the world by representing how the world should be, unlike [beliefs](#), which aim to represent how the world actually is. Desires are closely related to [agency](#): they [motivate](#) the agent to realize them. For this to be possible, a desire has to be combined with a belief about which action would realize it. Desires present their objects in a favorable light, as something that appears to be good.

I am out of time to continue but it seems to me that there is a wide variety of intensities that can be encompassed in the word, and probably that is something to focus on whether we have any agreement.

If desire is forced into the box of "passionate longing" then we have one issue. If "desire" is used as a stand-in for "anything I wish to do" then we have an entirely different set of results.