

Epicurean versus deceptive (“modern”) Stoic decision making

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the issue that ended up being the topic of our podcast Episode 241

I'm not even close to 241 yet, but continue to catch up 😊

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I think the terms "pleasure" and "pain" are in fact properly used both to refer to "categories of experiences" as well as "particular experiences," and we have to be clear which perspective we mean when we discuss them.

I'm not sure what it is you're saying 😊

The category of pleasures is filled with these fundamental experiences: Joy, relief, et cetera. The fundamental experiences (joy, relief, ...) inside that category each are a pleasure. To have one of these experiences is pleasurable.

Is it correct to state that the ambiguity arises (mostly) because I tend to imprecisely refer to the category of pleasures by the singular? Is that an adequate way to rephrase the objection you're raising? 🤔

I feel like with inanimate objects I would be less tempted to slip up regarding that singular/plural imprecision; for example: The category of trees contains apple, pine, et cetera. A pine is a tree.

It would not occur to me for me to say "The category of tree contains", and if someone were to say that to me it would strike me as odd.