

Why pursue unnecessary desires?

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Yes Don it's time to reinforce that and confirm that we count to three rather than four. I seem to remember Cicero questioning this in On Ends, and perhaps Aulus Gellius defends Epicurus, on the same point:

- 1 - Natural and Necessary
- 2 - Natural but not Necessary
- 3 - Necessary but not Natural ???????
- 4 - Neither Natural Nor Necessary

If you have Cicero's citation handy, that would be handy.

That's one reason I like natural, necessary, and empty.

Epicurus' categories are not a strict permutation of the words *un-natural* and *un/necessary*.