

Latest Thoughts On Natural and Necessary Classification of Desires - Adding A FAQ entry

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[Quote from Kalosyni](#)

- natural and necessary - desire for something for survival, for health of the body, for happiness of the soul
- natural yet unnecessary - desire for something which is difficult to get or causes much more pain
- unnatural and unnecessary - desire for something which is an "empty" concept which has no limit, and does not contribute to a happy life - such as power, great wealth, or immortality.

I'm just re-reading over this list and each definition, and realizing that things like cream-puffs and rootbeer floats would fall into the first category if they are easy to get, but they would fall into the second category if they were unavailable for you to make/purchase. (And if rootbeer made you breakout in hives it would also fall into the second category).

So then in essence this list has slightly different definitions than what has been said in other places on the forum, and it is also different from what is in Austin's book "Living for Pleasure"...



Thoughts?