

# Managing Expectations In The Study of Epicurus

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## [Quote from Cassius](#)

I think the place to start there would be Diogenes Laertius when he says "the feelings are two" and I think there is a reference in the letter to Herodotus where the same word is apparently used.

You know me, doesn't take much to get me to look something like that up 😊

[Πάθη δὲ λέγουσιν εἶναι δύο](#) "and they say the Πάθη are two."

Here's [the link to the Greek Word Study Tool for that word at the Perseus Digital Library](#). There's also [this from Wiktionary](#).

I find it interesting that "what happens" seems to be a common definition:

- (in neutral sense) what is done or what happens to a person
- (in negative sense) suffering, misfortune

I did find [this page on Google Books that discusses pathe](#) and includes a snippet about Epicurus and the Stoics.

This is definitely one of those instances that the connotations of the word don't necessarily map well - one-to-one - with English.