

Adding a Glossary to the FAQ

Post by “Cassius” of January 14, 2020 at 8:17 AM

Because we so frequently have misunderstandings due to basic Epicurean definitions of terms, such as "gods," "pleasure," and "knowledge." I am adding a subsection of the FAQ devoted to these words. We probably should also add "anticipations" as well. Are there other specific terms we should consider highlighting? <https://www.epicureanfriends.com/wcf/index.php?faq/#category-208>>
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Post by “Mike Anyayahan” of January 14, 2020 at 9:40 AM

What about happiness? Is there any need to make a distinction between it and pleasure?

Post by “Cassius” of January 14, 2020 at 9:44 AM

Yes excellent suggestion Mike.

That one is going to take more work. In the meantime I will point to [Elayne](#) 's article on this but coming up with a short summary would be desirable!

One thing that I think makes strong sense to include up front would be the issue of whether happiness is an abstraction vs pleasure being a feeling, or whether happiness is a particular type of pleasure (I do NOT think we can say that pleasure is a particular kind of happiness).

But I am not sure there is an authoritative text that distinguishes between the two (we can cite Diogenes of Oinoanda for the issue of "what is happiness? - life of pleasure...") but I think we need to be careful making claims on this without strong texts to point to.

Because in a glossary where we are defining happiness, the issue is not so much "the relationship between happiness and pleasure" as it is "What is happiness?"

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