

Multiple Components Comprise the Epicurean Life

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But it is clear to me that the "trick" involves the allegation that it is necessary to slice and dice any subject up into components, which then implies that the various components must be ranked, which then leads inevitably to the conclusion that the "art of ranking" is more important than any instance of the thing you are examining. So once you admit the necessity to slice and dice (i.e. in this case that some pleasures are better than others) you inevitably have lost the argument that pleasure is the highest good.

But it's a word game where you predetermine the result according to your definitions!

The challenge for us is to be able to explain the issue - in terms even more clear than we need to bring to bear on the related issue of "formal logic" we discussed with Martin

The issues at state are very similar and many indeed by close to identical, and it has something to do with what happens when you forget the limitations that you originally knew existed when you started the word game in th first place.

(Which is why K., If you are reading this, one of the most enjoyable and satisfying stories of Lucian is "Hermotimus")