

# Episode Ninety-Three: Torquatus Leads Us Forward Into Conflict Over Epicurean Ethics

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Oops, forgot the last statement:

*"some pleasures are more pleasing (greater) than others."*

No. All things which bring pleasure are good, a priori (I think I'm using that right).

It's not a matter of being "more pleasing" or "greater."

The criteria is whether the thing that brings pleasureable feelings does so with a minimum of pain attached. If it does, weigh that in your consideration of the choice to pursue it.

Getting into greater or lesser pleasurable activities seems to me to be going down the kinetic/katastematic rabbit hole. I think those distinctions are simply a way to look at different pleasurable things and are not value judgements. Better/worse, greater/lesser seems to be trying to put value judgments on them. The pleasures of the profligate are not lesser, worse pleasures. They are simply not choice-worthy if one wants to lead a pleasure-filled life.

I'll leave Torquatus and his son for when we get to that section.