

PD10 - Interpretations of PD 10 Discussion

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"The goal of life is pleasure; one of the tools we use to get to that goal is practical wisdom using reason to make our choices and rejections."

I think that is exactly correct from our point of view.

Of course to really stick it to the Stoics et al. and cut off their retreat, it would be good to make clear that "reason" in that formulation does not mean some absolute standard, but in ethics (which is what we are talking about) the only considerations in the balance are pleasure and pain. Otherwise they will look to that "reason" word to inject all sorts of other considerations.