

From The "Golden Mean" to the "Summum Bonum" - Useful or Deceptive Frames of Reference?

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Sounds good, [Scott](#) . 😊

That being said, I literally woke up this morning with the following addendum to my "every human" points. One of the characteristics of the wise one is "However, in the end, not every bodily constitution nor every nationality will permit someone to become a sage." ([DL X.117](#)) Evidently, not every human being is constitutionally or in a situation that will give them the ability/opportunity to "become wise." So, *ideally*, every human should be encouraged and able to follow the path that Epicurus laid out since it's based on our nature. However, not everyone is going to be able to. I think that's a problem with the individual's constitution and not inherent in the Garden path itself. Okay, so that's my caveat/addendum to "there is one telos for everyone." There remains one telos for all humans, but not every human will be able or willing to see that or follow it to its end.