

Perspectives On "Proving" That Pleasure is "The Good"

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Your current division concerns me in that "feeling" strikes me as a *faculty*, as a result of which I gather that it was included in the standard of truth along with the five senses and anticipations.

"The Good / End/ Telos" appears to me to designate a destination or a concept describing an overall assessment.

In the case of "goods" -those seem to me to be instrumentalities useful to attaining pleasure, such as friendship or virtue or hammers.

But as "faculty" akin to the five senses or anticipations, it seems to me that the feeling of pleasure (and likewise pain) is neither a destination or itself a simple instrumentality that we pick up and use as circumstances allow. It is a key component bestowed by nature that alone serves as the guide of life so long as we live. Now that may be not far from "goods" or "standard" as you are defining it, but it seems to me that it is so essential, while most everything else seems secondary in rank, that this function should not be left ambiguous.