

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

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## [Quote from Todd](#)

I started wading through that thread, but so much of it is just arguments about words. It seems like we all agree on the basic concepts.

There are 2 relevant concepts:

- Pleasure (aka The Good, The End, Telos)
- goods

I have not seen anyone arguing that there is overlap between those 2 categories - that pleasure is also a type of good. Is that correct?

Some people (including Epicurus) want to say there is also a highest good among the goods. There is disagreement about whether that is legitimate, and also whether that is useful.

There are some other meanings often attached to good that I don't think are of the same level of importance to this discussion.

Does that seem like an accurate summation of where we stand?

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If we can get general agreement on the above, or at least for whatever lonely subset does agree, I would then suggest the following 2 items for further agreement/disagreement:

1. goods (as referenced above) are things that produce pleasure. That is our definition of a good in this context.
2. We agree to stop referring to pleasure as a good. The Good, if you really must. Never a good. Please?