

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

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Within the context of Epicureanism, "goods" are instrumental to producing pleasure. Agreed. In other philosophies, the goods are ends in and out themselves. In Stoicism, virtue is "the highest good." That's what leads me to insisting that pleasure is not only "a good" but "the good" among "goods."

I'm trying to only work within the context of Epicureanism.

What I want for myself is just the concepts needed to understand Epicurean philosophy. I don't need the ability to engage with every error of the last 2500 years right now. Once I have a firm grasp of the truth, I feel like can handle the rest as-needed.

So, I would like to keep the concepts to a minimum, and the definitions simple. But I anticipate that will be a challenge, because people will want to retain the more general Greek meanings.

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