

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

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I meant to conclude my last post with the following:

According to various ancient sources, Epicurus is recorded as having declared **both** [a] **ΗΔΟΝΗ** ("**pleasure**") **and also** [b] **ΦΡΟΝΗΣΙΣ** ("**prudence**") to be **both** [1] **ΜΕΓΙΣΤΟΝ ΑΓΑΘΟΝ** (the "**highest good**") **and also** [2] **ΑΡΧΗ** (the "**beginning**").

At this point, I think the various forms of **ΑΓΑΘΟΝ** are being used *casually*, whereas **ΤΑΓΑΘΟΝ** is being used *technically*, according to the verbiage employed by other Eudaimonic philosophers of the Hellenistic age.

Only **ΗΔΟΝΗ** ("**pleasure**") is ever positively identified as **ΤΑΓΑΘΟΝ** ("**The Good**", the **SVMMVM BONVM**).