

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

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Though, I am not sure that this nuance was universally recognized, as Philodemus identifies "the good" as **ΤΩΝ ΑΓΑΘΩΝ** on one occasion, **ΤΟΝ ΧΡΗΣΤΟΝ** on one, and **ΤΑΓΑΘΟΝ** on another, so, even then, the technical usage seems irrelevant.

It's all good.

The difference between **ΤΩΝ ΑΓΑΘΩΝ** and **ΤΑΓΑΘΟΝ** is necessary if one is using **genitive vs accusative cases**. The article wouldn't end in a vowel in the **genitive case** so it couldn't be elided with the following vowel.

Could you share the context of **ΤΟΝ ΧΡΗΣΤΟΝ**? I'd be very curious. It really appears to be synonymous with **ΑΓΑΘΟΝ**

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ΤΟΝ ΧΡΗΣΤΟΝ is a reconstruction that comes from Usener 180 (transcribing Philodemus, Vol. Herc. 2, I.116): "**...of the difference relating to the good, for which reasons Epicurus proclaimed himself the supreme monarch, or at least considered himself residing principally with Athena, where they live [in envy?] of the philosophers.**"



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