

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

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Quote from Todd

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

Thanks.

So, here's my (current) thinking:

1. The Good/ The End/ Telos / Summum bonum for Epicureans is pleasure.
2. I think this is correct, i.e., makes the most coherent argument.
3. There are a limited number of candidates in answer to "What is The Good?" Other philosophies have different choices, but, to Epicureans, all other candidates are means to the end of pleasure.
4. Those are all in one category.
5. Pleasure is then the criteria (the yardstick, the canon) by which we determine if something is to be considered a good thing or a bad thing from a human perspective.
6. However, we use reason, with the criteria in 5, to determine what good things are conducive to living pleasurably.

Reserving the right to extend and revise my remarks 😊

Does this list move us closer together, [Todd](#) ?