

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

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I've also been trying to avoid The Good, etc. because I don't think that is even an Epicurean concept.

The concept predates Epicurus, but he was more than willing to weigh in on the controversy/argument by using that specific term, *ταγαθον* "the good." It seems to me that Epicurus acknowledged the debate and felt he could swoop in with the only solution that made any sense. I believe that he believed there was indeed ONE thing to which all else points and it IS pleasure. (Epicurus drops the mic, walks off stage.)

I think you have to establish pleasure as "the good" before you start to use it as your criteria. Otherwise, it's just an assertion. By establishing pleasure as that to which all else points, you've set an end point - a goal - on which one should stay focused.