

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

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Extending further on Don's sentence and adopting some Dewitticisms wording:

Quote

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.

More broadly, the yardstick of desirability is feeling, of which there are two (pleasure and pain) so just as "pleasure" is one way to look at the yardstick, so is "pain."

The point we are making is that it is important to realize that the yardstick is not the same as the thing being measured. The tool of precision is not the same as the stone of the wall.

When viewed as a tool of precision, it is shockingly insufficient, and in fact naive, to consider "absence of pain" to be a full description of the best way of life or an ultimate experience in life.

And that would explain why PD3 refers to absence of pain as "the limit of quantity of pleasure" rather than the ultimate good or anything suggesting a particular experience.

PD3, and that whole "absence of pain" discussion, is geared toward the type of discussion we are having now, it's not a suggestion to perfect new methods of anesthesia.