

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

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## [Quote from Todd](#)

I think the idea of "the good" was probably a tool for manipulating people from the very beginning. Certainly it has been used that way in more recent history

I absolutely agree with that and I think it's very important. No doubt there is also a non manipulative reason to develop generic words for different uses, but we should not overlook this as a critical issue, and also see it as an explanation why the schools warred so vigorously in the ancient world. The willingness and even desire to blue these lines that many people have today strikes me as a major problem. Good God, people, no one expects you to be "right" all the time, but at least have the self respect to take the ideas seriously and see where the lead if you are not careful.