

# Confidence in Katastematic Pleasure

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## [Quote from Don](#)

As literal as possible:

ὁ τῆς φύσεως πλοῦτος "The wealth of nature..."

καὶ ὤριστα\* καὶ εὐπόριστός ἐστιν, "is the best and easily procured..."

ὁ δὲ τῶν κενῶν δοξῶν (kenōn doxōn "empty beliefs/principles/doctrines") εἰς ἄπειρον ἐκπίπτει. "But that of empty opinions runs onto infinity."

\*πλοῦτος ploutos. Ex., plutocracy. Wealth, riches.

\*\*ὤριστα is, according to LSJ, a contraction of ὁ ἄριστος (o aristos) from which we get aristocracy. So, it literally means "best, finest; best in its kind, and so in all sorts of relations, serving as Sup. of ἀγαθός (agathon "good"). I'm wondering if the "limited" translation is from the idea of oligos as in oligarchy as in rule by a few or limited number. If I've misunderstood ὤριστα I am more than open to correction!

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PS. There is ὀριστός from ὀρίζω (horizō, "separate, delimit") but ὤριστα with its sense connected to "the good" seems to me to make sense here.

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I would be curious to get @Nate 's take.

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I agree with this expression of KD15.