

Imagery On The Interplay Between "Pursue Pleasure" and 'Avoid Pain"

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"Hedonic calculus" does seem to be essentially an outdated, Benthamite Utilitarianism term, originally associated with literally counting up the dolors and hedons... which is in reality impossible, from my perspective. There is no absolute quantification of pleasure points or pain values. Choice and rejection is an art, not a science.

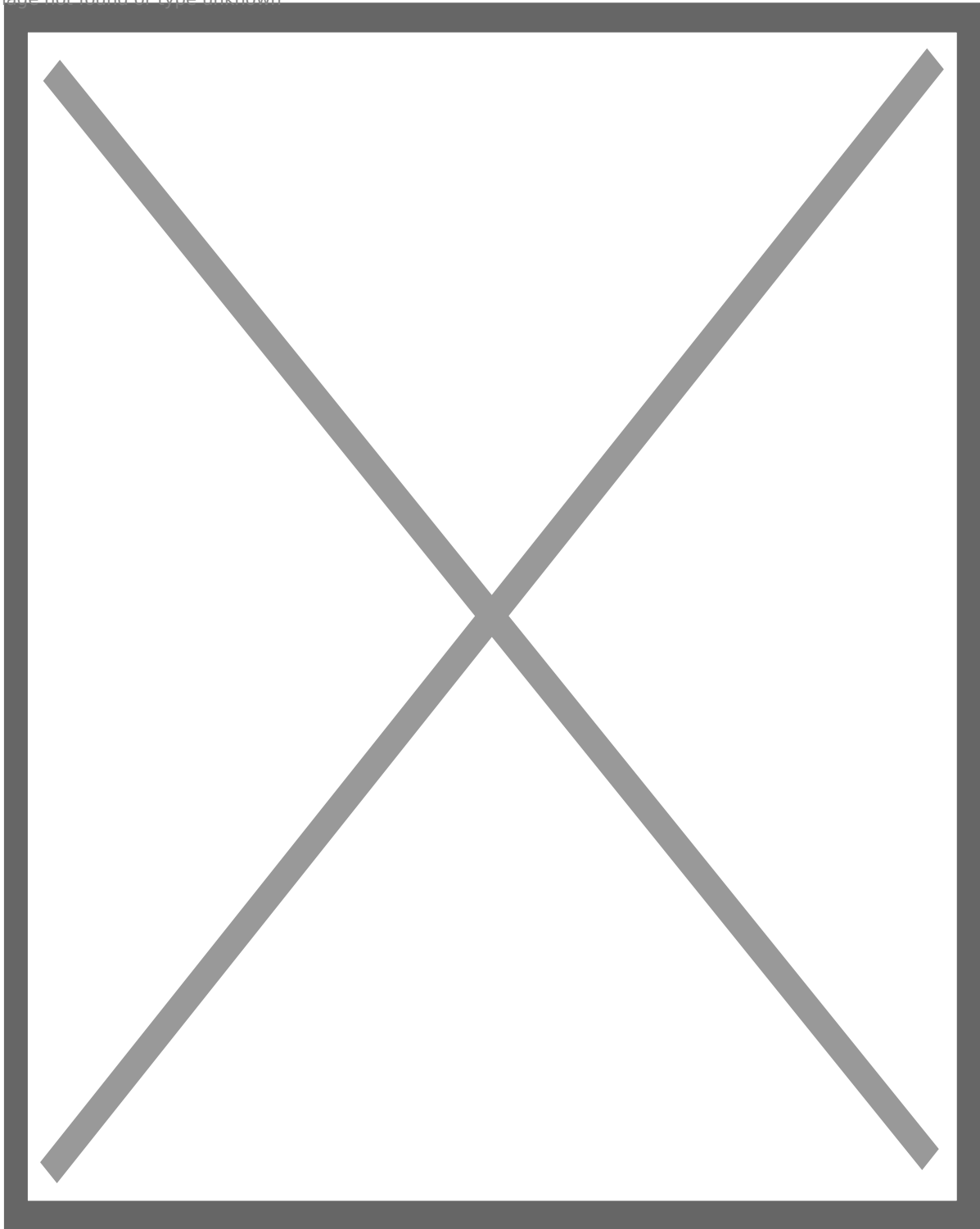
Maybe it *would* be better to retire that phrase. "Calculus" implies some kind of single answer to the calculation.

"Choice and rejection" is not a math problem. It's a personal decision, albeit one that can -- should -- be informed by study and/or talking with a friend, guide, or other trusted person.

[Felicific calculus - Wikipedia](#)

Here's an interesting *Humanist* article from 2015 by Hiram Crespo that quotes Cassius, Onfray, and others:

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[Whose Pleasure? Whose Pain? Applying the Hedonic Calculus to Public Policy - TheHumanist.com](#)

“We must, therefore, pursue the things that make for happiness, seeing that when happiness is present, we have everything; but when it is absent, we do...
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