

# Tetrapharmakos in Philodemus's On Choices and Rejections

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## [Quote from Cassius](#)

"good" is a very generic word that both sounds philosophical and doesn't emphasize some kind of pointed state of ecstasy. Does the original greek bear a "bad" that corresponds to what is translated as "good" so that the entire passage sounds more philosophical than referring to "terrible" or "dreadful?"

The tetrapharmakos uses tagathon "The Good" and to deinon "The Terrible". That's the literal translation. But tagathon is the accepted word used in many texts for The Good, the telos, the highest good, including Aristotle's Nichomachean Ethics: <https://sites.google.com/view/epicurean...ok-1?authuser=0>