

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

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From Street's constructivist or Humean antirealist standpoint, evaluative truths like "pleasure is good" do not stand or fall by whether they correspond to some metaphysically independent normative realm.

That statement and much of the rest of the information you've presented there DL jumps out at me as needing emphasis and expansion. We're not talking here about applying that simply to "Pleasure is the good" but to any assertion which seeks to assert the existence of a "metaphysically independent normative realm." That's what Epicurean physics rejects by rejecting the possibility of divine order or any argument by design. As stated in the rest of your summary, the test is a matter of determining "what matters to us."

I'd say that's essential to understand about Epicuru's "canon of truth" -- it's not an attempt to be a "cosmic truth detector" because there is no cosmic divine truth as any supernatural theory or religion asserts to exist. There's only "what matters to us" and that's where we need to focus all our effort.