

A Draft of A Pie Chart Presentation of Basic Concepts In Epicurean Pleasure

Post by “Cassius” of November 30, 2023 at 2:21 PM

I took a detour from editing the podcast because I have been wanting to put together a presentation on pleasure using a pie chart format.

Here's a first draft of that. Not nearly what it should be, but maybe it will inspire someone to do better:

Please turn on close captions for best effect.

<https://youtu.be/dTjFycUd3L4>

Post by “Don” of November 30, 2023 at 2:51 PM

I really like your pie chart... but that's a looooot of text to have on the screen. That said, I realize you want the textual citations to back you up, but putting the ideas there "in everyday language" might be better for a general audience?

GREAT first draft!!

Post by “Godfrey” of November 30, 2023 at 2:59 PM

That is a whole lot of text! Maybe provide that as a transcript below in the YouTube page?

Post by “Cassius” of November 30, 2023 at 3:20 PM

I am going to edit the subtitles, so if you turn on the closed captions that might be of help. All of this is experimental, especially the captioning!

Post by “Cassius” of November 30, 2023 at 3:30 PM

[Quote from Don](#)

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That's always part of the issue, isn't it:

Simplify or paraphrase too much on controversial material and it's easy to dismiss the paraphrase as arbitrary opinion about what Epicurus said. Even the material here, which ought to be basic, is where all the interpretation battles take place.

Include the full original text (especially with explanation) and things turn into a wall of words (which apparently didn't stop Diogenes of Oinoanda!)

It's going to take creativity to come up with a good mix, and like you said Don probably need one presentation for new students and one for regulars. This one sort of comes down in the middle of those two.

All these experiments hopefully will help us think of new and better presentations.

Post by “Bryan” of November 30, 2023 at 10:45 PM

This is great! The combination of audio and graphics in a short video is more likely to keep people's attention!

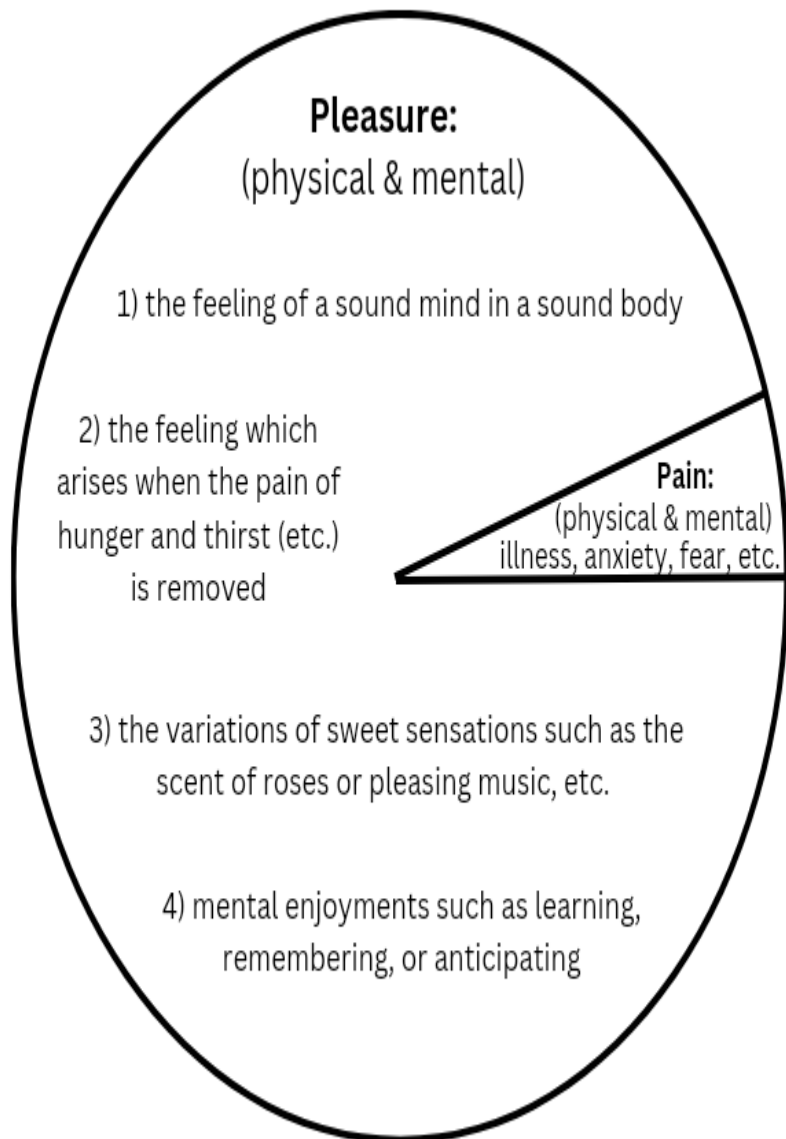
Post by “Eoghan Gardiner” of December 1, 2023 at 6:03 AM

Absolutely love this, you have a great voice for reading. In another life you would have been doing audio books on audible.

Post by “Kalosyni” of December 2, 2023 at 3:27 PM

Here is another idea for a "pleasure pie". And could adjust this as perhaps the pain should be an even smaller sliver -- A life in which pleasure predominates over pain.

A Life of Pleasure According to Epicurus



Is a Life in Which Pleasure Predominates Over Pain