

The Completeness (or Fullness) of Pleasure

Post by “Kalosyni” of July 20, 2026 at 8:20 AM

Here is a possible analogy for the "completeness" of pleasure:

A meal served without something to drink would be considered incomplete...

"a meal" = all the many varied pleasures of life

"something to drink" = removing fears of death & gods and adding in prudence (the correct understanding of choices and avoidances).

So altogether these would make a "complete meal" which would be an analogy of a complete life of pleasure and well-being.

Post by “Bryan” of July 20, 2026 at 10:58 AM

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In my analogy from yesterday, individual active pleasures are like bricks. Each one is genuinely good, but no single pleasure – or even a random pile of pleasures – automatically produces a complete good life.

Stable pleasure is like the completed building: the secure condition created when pleasures are arranged intelligently through prudence and friendship.

Post by “Kalosyni” of July 20, 2026 at 11:24 AM

 [Quote from Bryan](#)

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My analogy may not work for everyone...I was thinking about it this way:

If you were invited over to someone's house for dinner, and they served you a full dinner, but did not serve anything at all to drink with the dinner (no water, no lemonade, no wine, no nothing, etc.) then the meal would be lacking in something -- your total pleasure would be incomplete. Whether or not the meal is simple or extravagant is irrelevant, because there is still something else needed...and the pleasure of the meal would be "mixed" with a sense of discomfort. And I think that this is the point of [PD10](#), and also [PD12](#).