

Catherine Wilson's January 2021 article: "Why Epicureanism, Not Stoicism, Is The Philosophy We Need Now"

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We certainly have a variety of opinions -- maybe we can come closer on certain points or maybe not - but I do think we're all on the same team that pleasure is the key to all this, however we conceive the best way to explain it to be the case.

So when Elayne says

[Quote from Elayne](#)

Pleasure being maximized at the absence of pain is not a logic statement at all

I would maintain that it is, and that it is a function of there being the only two feelings and thus the measure of one by definition being the inverse of the other.

But I don't dispute that Elayne is also correct that we can validate the statement through personal experience.

I would say this illustrates how true reasoning is supposed to work, with experience being the basis on which the only kind of valid logical statements can be made.

Maybe there's a personality perspective here -- some people are interested only in what they experience as the test of truth, while some people think that the only way to be sure of something is to be able to state it in a logical proposition that is internally consistent.