

Various ideas of happiness

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What he's talking about here is not "good" as in just the adjective "good/bad" it's "the good" αγαθον (tagathon) as in the goal, the telos, the Alpha/Omega, the beginning and the end of life. Pleasure = The Good. He's planting his flag for pleasure as The Good in opposition to those who would tout virtue, etc.

I was going to bring that up.... DeWitt makes a similar point except that as I recall he refers to the "greatest good" as life itself. Pleasure would then be the *telos* if I understand him correctly. Greatest good, good, *telos*, *summum bonum*... oh my!