

# Various ideas of happiness

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If this seems to be a dark saying, the obscurity is dispelled by viewing it as merely a denial of belief in either pre-existence or the afterlife.

I am with DeWitt on that, and to the extent that some of the others are using this as a reference to absence of pain= greatest pleasure I do not think they are on the right track -- and at the very least, the way that they would use it is a negative way.

Yes you can state by definition that we achieve the most pleasure-filled life by evicting the last ounce of pain, but that's not what these commentators are suggesting, and this kind of construction "The same time the greatest good is both created and ended." really makes little sense at all -- as dewitt charitably calls it it is "obscure"