

# Various ideas of happiness

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## [Quote from Cassius](#)

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"

That's actually why I'm leaning to Usener's απολαύσεως "enjoyment" and not Dewitt's απολύσεως "termination":

"At the same time, the greatest good (pleasure) is created and enjoyed."

There is no intermediate step between the arising of pleasure and its enjoyment; they're simultaneous. We don't need to think about whether we feel pleasure. We just do. That's my interpretation of this "rather obscure fragment."

That alleviates any need for an extra word (like some add evil/pain with evidently no evidence).

It keeps the standard meaning of "at the same time" and doesn't need Dewitt's "the same span of time" interpretation.