

Anticipations - Justice & Divine Nature

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Oh! I think I see where we're talking past each other now.

I agree someone else's pleasure response is not a valid premise upon which to base MY choices and rejections.

If spinach doesn't give YOU pleasure, your body is telling you to avoid it - for now at least. It might be mental pain (some childhood memory affixed to spinach gives you pain) or biological pain (digestive issues?). You can always try again later **IF** you want to. Maybe you've heard it's healthy and you're willing to experience some pain now for pleasure (more health) later.

BUT **every** human and other animal has the experience of pleasure or pain by their very nature of being alive. You can see paramecia - one called "animals" - have a rudimentary pain/pleasure attraction/avoidance response to stimuli. It's Ancient! That's why Epicurus uses it as a **standard.** By observation, he's seen animals react to things: they are either attracted to things for pleasure or flee from them if they cause pain. This is a reliable yardstick to listen to to decide your choices.