

The "One and the Many" Question - Do You Fancy You Have Found Treasure of Wisdom In This? Do You Puzzle Your Friends And Even Your Dog About It? What In the World Is Socrates Talking About?

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That's a lot of text! I didn't read all the gadfly's arguments, but here's my take.

Socrates is doing a semantic slight of hand. He's using (the feeling of) pleasure and (something that gives) pleasure synonymously.

My position is that Epicurus used the FEELING of pleasure as the standard, highest good, etc., irregardless of its source. This gets at the personal, inward pathē nature of pleasure Epicurus was talking about.

Socrates uses pleasure in the sense of "a pleasure" as in "a source of pleasure."

There are many sources of pleasure, but someone can tell if they're feeling pleasure.