

Collecting Ancient Instances of the Argument: "Pleasure Cannot Be The Highest Good Because It Has No Limit"

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[Quote from Don](#)

I think it's important to point out that eudaimonia is just what we call a pleasurable life. It's a description of what happens as we experience the pleasures in life.

A pleasureable and happy life is the telos for me. It is a combination of removing mental pain and increasing mental pleasure. Pleasureable sensations are both "medicine" and the "icing on the cake of life".

[Quote from Cassius](#)

We're it not for the need to refute Plato's argument Epicurus would never have had need for the absence of pain argument and he could have stopped with "Look at the newborn of all species" and "we perceive pleasure to be desirable just as we perceive honey is sweet and snow is white."

The newborn naturally functions on the pleasure-pain principle, but as adults we need to add the wisdom of hedonic calculus, which is based on learning and memory.

For modern times, perhaps we will need to raise our game. And that means: 1) getting clear what Epicurus said, and 2) adapting the philosophy to modern times.

But as I am still newly learning, I am very dependent on everyone's insights that are presented, so I thank you.