

Sources For Text and Commentary on Philebus - The Jowett Edition

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I know I have to read [Philebus](#), but I'm not looking forward to it. I have to say that

[Quote from Cassius](#)

"pleasure has no limit so that means it can't be THE good"

doesn't even seem relevant to me! The reason pleasure is "the good" is because it is the thing to which everything else points and the reason we do everything. We are virtuous because it brings us pleasure. We make wise decisions to live pleasingly. We engage in some painful activities, knowing (we hope) more pleasure will come from our actions. It all points to pleasure.

I *know* Socrates will NOT abide those statements and will engage in word games and goal-post moving, and I expect the reading of [Philebus](#) will be an exercise in aggravation and frustration. But I know it'll need necessary at some point. Arrggh. Where's the honey on the rim of this cup of wormwood? 🤔