

From The "Golden Mean" to the "Summum Bonum" - Useful or Deceptive Frames of Reference?

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Nate thanks for that info! If anyone has not read the article by [Nikolsky](#) on the kinetic katastematic distinction, this would be a good time.

The premise of that article, which I believe is persuasively argued, is that later writers were forcing Epicurus improperly into their own paradigms, and that seeing this error explains much confusion.

It is easy to argue that that is what is going on here - that Cicero and later writers through today are insisting on viewing Epicurus through the paradigms of hostile and incompatible philosophic frameworks, and that this leads to major errors.

Remember too that in addition to [Nikolsky](#) that probably the longest and most detailed work on the topic, *The Greeks on Pleasure* by Gosling and Taylor, reaches much the same conclusion and was the foundation for Nikoloskys conclusions.