

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

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How do you parse his calling "practical wisdom" as the "greatest good"

I could definitely see this observation as part of the whole list of examples we are assembling that indicate that Epicurus was challenging conventional non-Epicurean notions of the greatest good.

It seems possible that he was not just in contrasting Pleasure vs Virtue vs Piety as concepts, but emphasizing that what's important (practical wisdom) is much more a moment to moment process than some kind of state that falls under normal "greatest good" terms.