

# PD19 And The Meaning Of No "Greater" Pleasure

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I would add that I think it would be a major mistake to think that Epicurus would suggest that "word games" can change reality. The reality is that a person who lives 50 years can experience a much larger total number of pleasurable experiences than can a person who lives only 20 years and dies. No fine words from Epicurus or anyone else could hope to change the "inequity" of that situation. Life is not fair - there are no gods or fate to make it so.

But is it not still useful to point out to people that no matter how many years they live, each day is still essentially a repetition in many ways of past days - from a "nothing new under the sun" perspective. And that at some point if we think about it closely enough we can recognize that an endless series of similar experiences would eventually tire us out in a Bill Murray "Groundhog Day" kind of way. And that if we concentrate on filling our jelly bean jars on the days we have available to us, then when our end nears we can understand that we did the best we could with our time, and that if we had longer to live we would not be able to experience a more intense form of pleasure that we had somehow missed out on, but simply more time filling and refilling the same amount of jelly beans in our jar.

At least for me, the older I get the more I do in fact see that doing the same things over and over again does in fact "get old" no matter how much I like them the first times around.