

PD19 And The Meaning Of No "Greater" Pleasure

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Reading these last several posts I agree that substituting other forms of pleasure, or simply other things besides pleasure, is helpful.

But on the more basic point I would still ask this:

Is not the fundamental point as this is being translated in English amount to a plain meaning of:

"IF YOU COULD LIVE FOREVER...you would still be able to gather together no more XXXX than if you only live 60 years???"

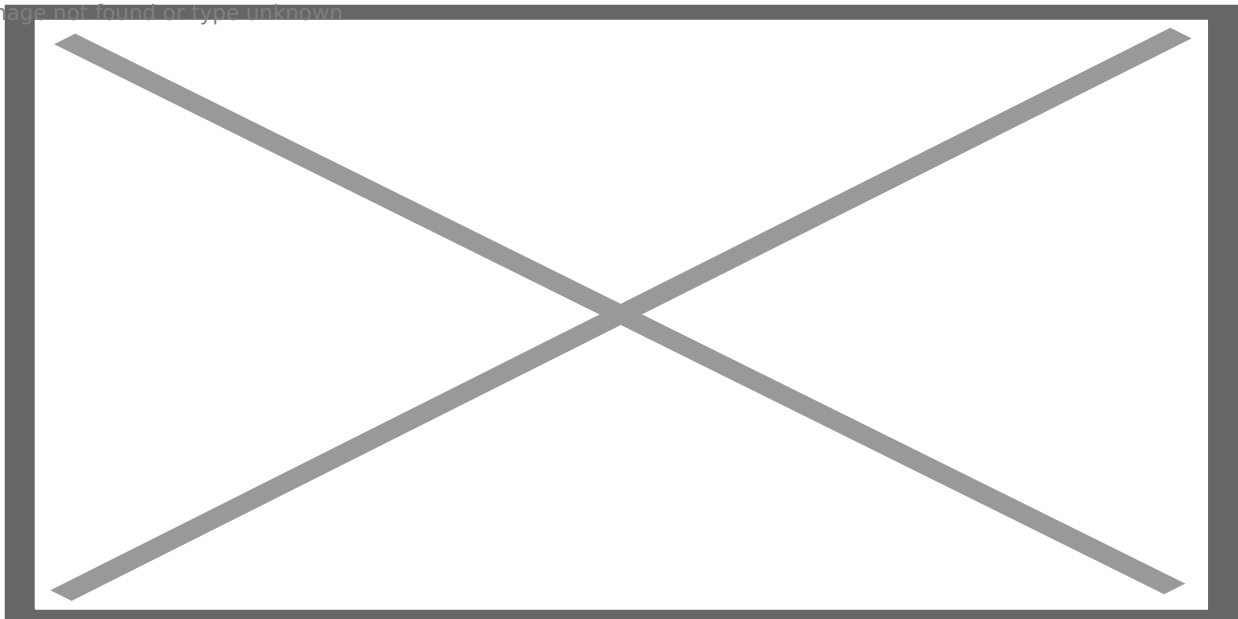
That's why I still lean toward an explanation that focuses on the multiple meanings of "greater" than I do toward explanations that would seem to be playing fast and loose with the time component.

Because when I read Godfrey's example of "dark chocolate eaten" I have to say heck yes if I live forever I could eat a lot more quantity of dark chocolate than if I live only 60 years.

Seems to me a punch line of "but you can't live forever" is unlikely to have been the ultimate point, if the point has something to do with reconciling you with your mortality. If drumming home "Remember you are a mortal" (like a Roman General in a triumph) is the point, then why not simply say: "You can't and won't live forever, Bozo, so stop dreaming otherwise."

Is Epicurus really just playing the role of the slave in the chariot whispering in the ear of the General?

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[In Ancient Rome, a slave would continuously whisper 'Remember you are mortal' in the ears of victorious generals as they were paraded through the streets after coming home, triumphant, from battle](#)

After every major military victory in ancient Rome, a "triumph," as it was called, was celebrated in Rome. It was a ceremonial procession granted to
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