

# PD19 And The Meaning Of No "Greater" Pleasure

Post by "Don" of August 20, 2022 at 7:01 AM

In reading this thread, I'm reminded of the TV show *The Good Place*.

**\*\*\*BIG SPOILER ALERT for anyone who hasn't seen the show and wants to experience it\*\*\***

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**You have been warned...**

**The basic premise is that, after you die, there is a Good Place and a Bad Place. First few seasons, the bar has been raised so high, most everyone goes to the Bad Place. Then we find later that those in the Good Place are bored out of their minds and miserable. The main characters are given the opportunity to remake The Good Place and let more people in. Which they do.**

**But, even given infinite time and given the opportunity to experience literally everything they could ever conceive of or imagine, they still eventually run out of things to experience. They come to a point where there's literally nothing new to experience! After countless eons of existence, they are then given the choice of dissolving back into their constituent "atoms" let's say, or dissolving back into the universe, or however you want to phrase it. The show is ambiguous. There's a place in the woods where you can walk through a gate and it just happens. It's not portrayed as suicide because they're by definition already dead. But some of the other characters see it that way when another character realizes they're "ready to go."**

**Anyway, it's hard to explain, but this whole idea that we need infinite time to experience infinite pleasure brought this to mind.**

**If anyone else has watched The Good Place, I'd be interested to get your take on any applicability to our current discussion that you see.**

btw: it seems I brought up this same point in January with a response from [Joshua](#) in a discussion about Buddhism and the [Epicurean gods](#) :

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That seems to be a solid epitome to me! Well done!

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This always intrigued me about the Buddhist gods on the wheel of samsara: They're so blissed out and pleasure-filled, they can't conceive of not being reborn as a god (to greatly simplify the situation).

Which got me thinking: How does this apply to the [Epicurean gods](#) ? They are supposedly experiencing pleasure all the time. Is that correct? Isn't this just another form of "harps in heaven"? Would a blissful, pleasure-filled eternity get...



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