

PD19 And The Meaning Of No "Greater" Pleasure

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In other words, I think that for an Epicurean, the greatest pleasure can be found in either limited OR infinite time.

i think I agree with that. And I think no matter how much time we have, the "greatest pleasure" can be *missed* in that degree of time as well, since pleasures may have duration, but their value to us is not a direct function of how long they last.

Of course saying it that way too leads us back into the discussion of what is meant by "the greatest pleasure." Is that a particular type of activity or feeling of pleasure, or is it a description of the observation that whatever that person is experiencing as pleasure, that experience cannot be increased? (the latter is correct, i think.)

So long as the term "greatest pleasure" is read to imply some **particular** activity or feeling (including those mysterious words "ataraxia" or "aponia" - which I think is incorrect), the discussion goes round and round and round.