

An Epicurean Study of Aristotle's Nichomachean Ethics

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Starting around 1095b, Aristotle appears to stake his flag against pleasure as the Good:

"The common run of people and the most vulgar identify [the highest good] with pleasure, and for that reason are satisfied with a life of enjoyment...a life suitable to cattle."

LOL! Oh, a life of enjoyment! Perish the thought!

He goes on to say that there are really three notable kinds of life:

- The life of enjoyment/pleasure
- The political life (remember, life in service to the polis)
- The contemplative life

Could we correctly say that Epicureanism actually combines:

a) a life of enjoyment/pleasure

-AND-

c) the contemplative life (contemplating the nature of things)

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Hicks: He will take more delight than other men in state festivals. Yonge: ...and he will find more pleasure than other men in speculations. Yonge appears to...
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