

Perspectives On "Proving" That Pleasure is "The Good"

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Ah! But not all pleasure should be chosen. Do those pleasures I have listed lead to a life of secure pleasure or can they lead to anxiety about the future or how one is perceived by others?

This is a good point. Maybe that's what I was missing.

So everyone is always choosing pleasure, in the broad sense that we always choose the alternative we imagine will be most satisfactory. That much is just logic and introspection, and I think it is undeniably true if you're honest about it.

Then turning to ethics we can talk about whether those choices actually do result in pleasure, in the concrete sense of a good feeling.

That sounds right to me.

In the meantime, I was thinking about the "babies" argument, and I have some serious concerns there, if anyone wants to get into that.