

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

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## [Quote from Cassius](#)

I take it your ultimate question is probably "Why" should we look to nature at all

No! Emphatically no! I'm all in favor of nature (i.e., the universe, reality). I just think the particular way nature is used in the cradle argument was sort of inherited from other philosophers and not closely examined. I think it deserves some close examination at the very least.

I guess the fundamental problem I have is the idea that living things start good, and then get worse.

Actually, a lot of the time they start good, and get better. Not always. But sometimes. I would even venture to say most of the time.

I hate the idea that such a wonderfully positive philosophy has to be founded on that rotten, pessimistic core assumption.