

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

Post by "Todd" of December 21, 2022 at 7:41 AM

## [Quote from Don](#)

I was with you up until the end but let me try to at least explain why I don't \*fully\* embrace your post there.

I'm not exactly clear where we part ways.

If you're with me up to "pleasure is a standard, not a good"...but you still want to talk about pleasure as if it's a good?

Your metaphor seems unobjectionable to me, as metaphors are imprecise by nature. It makes a nice visual. But I'd still say the thing you find at the summit is not of the same category as the things along the way. And I think it confuses things (ref. this thread) to talk about them as if they are similars. For me at least, that realization clarified many things.

From a historical perspective, I think the highest good idea was a relic of idealism (probably can't even blame Plato for that one) that crept in unnoticed. Maybe an example of "you become what you fight".

Also, I'm not endorsing DeWitt on this topic (yet, at least). Need to read that too.

(Haven't read your commentary yet either...will do so now.)