

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

Post by "Todd" of December 21, 2022 at 9:09 AM

[Quote from Todd](#)

In other words, if they are held up as an IDEAL, then that is a problem

It's a problem for the same reason I don't want to think of pleasure as a good.

By what standard have you chosen to single out this one part of nature to use as a norm? Nature is everything.

See, you must have a standard when you're doing that. And you do have one. You're just not thinking about what it is. The standard you are using is that nature in its original state is superior to nature as it has been changed by humans. Now, you may well be right in the case of any particular change. But to elevate that to the level of a principle is a philosophy of poverty and death.

And sure, you can try to save the argument by saying you only look to babies as an ideal in this one particular respect, which maybe I will agree that you are right about. But we're relying on a lot of reasoning to get to this point. Is this really the best way to establish a foundational principle of Epicurean philosophy?

Last edit, I promise: when I keep saying "you" there, especially wrt not thinking, I don't mean you, Cassius, or anyone else here. In general, when people are making these kind of arguments.