

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

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I've found it instructive to always go back to the source texts and the words used

If your goal is to understand someone else, what choice do you have?

But I'm not trying to understand someone else right now (mostly), I'm trying to clarify my own ideas. Introducing foreign words with different shades meaning doesn't seem helpful.

To me, "good" is a simple word. Whether you say "some goods", "very good," "good job," "a good," "the good," "the highest good." To me, those all have nearly identical meanings and connotations. (They are things that provide pleasure.) I'm happy to throw all those forms around without having to make fine distinctions and endless clarifications about what kind of "good" I'm talking about in a given context.

Edit: I feel like I'm taking the Epicurean approach here.

That why pleasure needs to be separate. Otherwise it would be a circular definition.

Now, if you are saying there is something in Aristotle that I need to understand that will help me, that is another thing. Is that what you are saying?