

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

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[Don](#) To try to put that into the terms you are using, I would say the following:

Pleasure is the highest good. (I disagree, but I'll set this aside this for the sake of getting to the other things.)

If I accept that pleasure is the highest good, then of course I can't say that producing the most pleasure is the only criteria for a thing to be the highest good. That would be nonsense.

Then there is the slope. My understanding is the goods are arranged in a sort of "telos" order, not "magnitude of pleasure produced" - that would also make no sense. How could pleasure be at the top then? By "telos" order, I mean the next highest good is the "motivation" for the good below, until you get to pleasure, and then you can't continue because it is The End. Is that more or less correct?

My disagreement on prudence is probably more straightforward, but I'd like to straighten out the other stuff first (by that I mean understand where we disagree).