

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

Post by "Don" of December 22, 2022 at 8:21 AM

[Quote from Godfrey](#)

Pleasure is good. It's a good. It's The Good. It feels good. It's everything described in the previous 138 posts.

LOL! 😄 Well, when you put it like that...!

Epicurean bumper sticker anyone?

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Todd you have mentioned repeatedly that in this thread you are only discussing ethics. I think that that's a mistake, because there's no Epicurean ethics without the physics.

I see [Godfrey](#) 's point. I would add that isolating the philosophy from its historical context isn't possible either. Not that this is necessarily being done in this thread! Just something to keep in mind. Epicurus was reacting to the philosophical and cultural environment in which he found himself. His philosophy is a direct attack/response to Cyrenaic, Platonic, and Aristotelian positions of his day. It would be up to Philodemus and later Epicureans to address Stoic ideas.

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I think that we all agree that pleasure is the positive/attractive part of the faculty of Feelings. As such, a prudent understanding of one's feelings and desires is the core of Epicurean ethics.

I can agree with that.