

The Definitive "Chrysippus' Hand Argument" Thread

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[Quote from Godfrey](#)

This also gets to the question of whether, in a purely material universe, there is a supreme good. Organisms have a highest level goal, but that's quite different from an idealized supreme good.

The "highest level goal" (τέλος telos) = "the supreme good" (summum bonum).

They're the same thing. One is simply the translation of the other.

The supreme/highest good is simply that to which all our actions point, the goal to which we strive, the answer to "why do you do what you do?"

For Epicurus, pleasure is that. Keep piling on enough answers for those why's and you end at pleasure at the top, the highest good thing in the widest sense.

For the Stoics, it's somehow "to be virtuous."