

# PD01 - Gratitude and Weakness (Especially In Relation to the Gods)

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As I read it based on those sources, Hermarchus (and/or Philodemus) were thinking along the following lines:

1. **The gods are blessed (KD1).**
2. ***b* is an element of the blessed life.**
3. **The gods must therefor possess *b* quality.**

In the previous citations, the Boys argue that the gods have friends:

1. **The gods are blessed (KD1).**
2. **Friendship is an element of the blessed life.**
3. **The gods must have friends.**

At *first* glance, this argument does not seems to work for gratitude:

1. **The gods are blessed (KD1).**
2. **Gratitude is an element of the blessed life.**
3. **The gods must be grateful.**

But given the point that [Joshua](#) suggested (that "**anger**" and "**favor**" in *KD1* are not descriptions of the gods' personal qualities, but rather, examples of human provocations toward which the gods are deaf) it seems to be more consistent; I have trouble accepting that living beings that have friends and enjoy having conversations would not experience gratitude toward the blessed nature that allows them to enjoy the pleasure of those friendships.