

How would you respond to an existentialist who says "You Epicureans have chosen pleasure as your meaning but it's not universal" do Epicureans hold that pleasure is the universal Good?

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"Pleasure" is so nuanced in Epicureanism, and in my own contemplation in using the Canon, that I really don't attempt to engage in debate with people about "the Good" being Pleasure. I usually begin with the intricacies of the Canon and physics versus other forms of reasoning, if I am going to debate or discuss in mixed settings. Though when I am with my Epicurean friends who already understand, or just people that really understand emotions, we talk a lot about pleasure being the ultimate good.