

Summum bonum (Atheist & Bishop podcast)

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We have to be alive - we have to exist! - to feel pleasure or pain.

And that's exactly why I would say that it makes sense to emphasize the "life" aspect as part of the equation, so that no one gets the idea that pleasure or pain are themselves disembodied forces or god or of nature or ideals that exist apart from the living being.

None of this has any meaning for things that don't exist! Pleasure and pain are feelings *of living beings.*