

Modern Neuroscience And The Katastematic / Kinetic Debate

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[Godfrey](#) , I can always rely on you for insightful responses and thoughtful posts! Great appreciated! 😊

Let me think about a few of your points.

Just for my own putting things in order...

[Quote from Godfrey](#)

the difference between katastematic and kinetic is a factor of time

Hmmm.... I'm going to have to think about that. If I understand you correctly, you're saying katastematic pleasure has a longer "shelf life" whereas kinetic pleasures are of (relatively) shorter duration? To break down some of your examples:

Quote from Godfrey (edited, with notes from Don)

- I can be hungry (*Don: pain or absence of pleasure*)
- and get pleasure from relieving that hunger (*Don: I would characterize that as kinetic pleasure while eating; gaining pleasure from remembering the meal - from my perspective - would be katastematic*)
- I can be a little bit hungry (low arousal, negative valence)
 - or really hungry (high arousal, negative valence).
- What makes the pleasure from eating kinetic is that it changes my temporary state from hunger (pain) to pleasure (absence of pain = negative pleasure) (*Don: Negative pleasure?? I'd accept negation of or opposite of pleasure but not the term "negative pleasure." Or maybe I'm just reading too much into that.*)
- But before long I'll be hungry again, either way. (*Don: Okay, fleeting/temporary pleasure is being characterized as kinetic, right? ... because it changes?*)

And then you discussed katastematic pleasure...

Quote from Godfrey (with notes from Don)

The katastematic pleasure of:

- a correct worldview

- or of knowing that my needs are cared for for the foreseeable future...
 - could last years, not hours or minutes, and becomes a sort of "background" state of pleasure.

Okay, so you are including the long-term ("background") characteristic as (one) defining feature of katastematic pleasure. With short-term pleasure being a feature of kinetic pleasure... and its "kinetic" aspect is this exact fleeting feature it has?

[Quote from Godfrey](#)

I don't think that observability is relevant to either kinetic or katastematic pleasure.

So, it doesn't matter - from your perspective - what kind of activity is involved in causing the pleasure. I'll have to dig into that. Not saying I disagree or agree... Have to consider. Thank You for some food for thought!!!