

Would You Rather Live For A Week As (1) Epicurus During the Last Week of His Life or (2) An Anonymous Shepherd Laying In The Grass In The Summertime With No Pain At All?

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[Quote from Don](#)

The feeling of pleasure is personal and subjective.

So "the height of pleasure" or "the highest pleasure" or "the greatest pleasure" or similar terms can never be measured on an absolute scale or even compared from person to person based on any outside authority or measurement, but are terms that are always relative to the person under discussion at a particular moment?

Does that apply too to "the limit of quantity of pleasure" as referenced in [PD03](#)? If so, the [PD03](#) is intended to mean the "limit of quantity of pleasure for YOU" or "for a particular person" is the absence of pain, rather than referring to a particular activity? And that therefore different people are going to be doing different things when they are at this limit referenced in [PD03](#)?

If these are correct, then the shepherd out with the flock might be at his or her height of pleasure while Epicurus with his school could be at his height of pleasure and be doing absolutely different things, and therefore:

- It makes no sense to try to define any particular activity or state as the "height of pleasure" for people in general?

- The choice to live as a shepherd for your final week or Epicurus at the end for your final week says everything about your personal preference but nothing that can be generally praised or condemned by any general rule ... purely a personal preference?

{ I am not asking these totally rhetorically and if Don or anyone else disagrees with the perspective please say so! }