

The Axiology of Pain and Pleasure (are they intrinsic good/bad ?)

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Hi all,

I´ve found a challenging article which questions the "goodness" of Pleasure and the "badness" of Pain and problems with hedonism.

For example some statements are:

- Pleasure/Pain developed in biological evolution as a means to self-preservation and reproduction so it is not an ultimate good (yes but that is for the genes not for the happy self (eudaimonia) or ?
- Some have Pleasure in feeling Pain, so Pain cannot be ultimate bad.

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What is your opinion about the statements and/or defense of Pleasure/Pain.

I have some in my mind but would be interested in responses here in the forum.

It got my attention via an provocative article from the modern Stoic Massimo Pigliucci:

[Why Epicureans and Utilitarians are wrong: on the axiology of pain and pleasure](#)

Attached is the PDF.