

An Anti-Epicurean Article - "The Meaning of Life Is Not Happiness" (For Future Reference)

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[Quote from Pacatus](#)

And I disagree that there is (or can be) some non-contextual definition of "happiness" that can be applied except in the most abstract of cases.

Which leads to the question: Do we stop trying, or do we simply define our terms as we think best, such as "believe that a god is a living being blessed and imperishable" or "by pleasure we mean the absence of pain."

I think Epicurus is with you, and that he therefore - rather than give up or give in to false presumptions - determined that he was going to state his own terms to explain the answer to contentious questions.

I therefore think Dons "subjective wellbeing" helps explain the issue, but in Epicurean terms Epicurus decided the best term for this either is or falls under "pleasure."