

Why isn't "satisfaction" the guide of life?

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Isn't satisfaction exactly what "net pleasure" is?

I note in [Bailey Fragment 68](#) that Epicurus criticizes those who cannot [ἀρκεῖται](#) (*árkeîtai*, a middle-passive inflection of [ἀρκέω](#)) "**be satisfied**" with **τὸ τῆς φύσεως τέλος** (*tò tês phúseōs télos*) or "**the goal of nature**", which, as we know from Diogenes, *hēdonēn einai telos* ("**The goal is pleasure**"). Being able to attain a state of *satisfaction* or even, choosing my words carefully, *fulfillment* (proverbially, "having filled one's cup of pleasure") seems appropriate in this case.

I personally think of (the notion of) the gods as being "ceaselessly-satisfied".