

Sunday November 2, 2025 - Zoom Discussion 12:30 PM EST - Continuation of Discussion of Nature of Pleasure

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[Don Patrikios](#) Well, what troubles me, is that quoting Epicurus, and his followers leaves the modern sensitivities at the mercy of modern language. For example: my point is that deep explanation of the word *pleasure* is a turn off to the newly exposed person. To have to point to Epicurus saying "we do not say" is taking up the language connotations of the "opposition" unnecessarily. The prevailing undercurrent of meaning, shamefulness, is fighting on the other side's home turf as it were. I like better [Patrikios](#) personal approach than the rote explanations for what Epicurean pleasure means and doesn't mean. And to repeat my intention in my earlier post; thinking that Epicurus celebrated life as a goal, per DeWitt, is the more satisfying explanation. As I was saying, my approach is not for the purpose of evangelizing this philosophy to the masses, it is for an alternate approach to answering the new inquirer's question of *what's it all about*, and explaining my own attraction, in casual conversation with friends, about of some of Epicurus's ethics that I try to adopt in my own life.