

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

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[Quote from DaveT](#)

the goal of life is life while you have it.

This seems to me to set up a tautology. One of my biggest problems with "Life is the Greatest Good" direction is that it sets up a problem right from the beginning: The Greatest Good of Life is Life; The Goal of Life is Life.

The telos/Greatest Good/goal is defined as "that to which every action points" or "the reason for which every action is done." It is the final answer to the question "Why do you do that?" That's why answers like Pleasure and Virtue are argued about. If we say Life is the reason we do everything, that isn't a satisfactory answer to me. "So I can go on living" doesn't provide any additional information. How can we answer "Life" or even "Living" is the end to which all actions point. That's not really a "why" in my mind. On the other hand, "because it gives me pleasure" seems to be a better answer. If you ask questions, even of someone who answers it is because of Virtue that they do everything, if you press hard enough, they should admit that they pursue Virtue because it gives them pleasure to do so.