

Discussion of the Society of Epicurus' 20 Tenets of 12/21/19

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[Quote from Elayne](#)

16 is harmed by the inclusion of advantage and disadvantage, as if there can be any standard other than pleasure and pain

17 introduces 3 goals-- life, happiness, and health. And since (according to our prior group PMs) you define happiness as being something different from pleasure, you have left pleasure entirely out of the picture of the chief goods.

16. Epicurus used both pleasure / discomfort as well as this in the Letter to Menoeceus when he discussed hedonic calculus:

"Yet by a scale of comparison and by the consideration of advantages and disadvantages we must form our judgment on all these matters."

So hedonic calculus involves the calculation of feelings, and of advantages and disadvantages.

17. Epicurus and the other founders established three criteria to determine what is necessary in the Letter to Menoeceus:

"of the necessary some are necessary for happiness, others for the repose of the body, and others for very life"

The doctrine of the "chief goods" (kyriotatai) is in Philodemus' "Choices and avoidances" scroll.