

# Pleasure: ruminations from sequestration

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I somehow seem to have missed Godfrey's post of May 6. I don't know that we really grappled with Eugenios' original point, but I am now gathering we are talking about how to describe the attributes of what we mean by "pleasure."

We have used or seen used words like "intensity" or "meaning" and "duration" and perhaps "purity" and potentially applicable adjectives. We also have the word "condensed" which as far as I am concerned in English is virtually devoid of meaning, or is so ambiguous that it's almost useless, so we need to discuss what that means.

We know that pleasure and pain apply to not only immediate bodily functions (eating, etc) but also to mental functions. However as we've recently seen in discussing comments from Konstan, it might be important to consider that "emotions" can be pleasurable and painful but are not themselves the same as pleasure and pain.

And of course the word "happiness" is floating out there with little consensus as to how it should be used in talking about a life of pleasure.

"Net" pleasure may be in the ballpark but seems hopelessly underpowered to bring all the factors together.

Maybe it would be helpful to come up with some **diagrams** or graphics that would help us identify what we are talking about?