

## Protagoras extracts

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Paragraph	Gist of the text
<a href="#">Protagoras 355b</a>	There is no need to proliferate terms; two are sufficient.
<a href="#">Protagoras 356a</a> , <a href="#">Protagoras 356b</a> , <a href="#">Protagoras 356c</a>	Pleasures and pains can be given a degree, aggregated and compared.
<a href="#">Protagoras 356d</a> , <a href="#">Protagoras 356e</a>	Measurement is the way to carry out evaluations.
<a href="#">Protagoras 357a</a>	The art of measurement is a form of knowledge: however in this dialogue the topic of measurement is not pursued and the reader is left to wonder how the measurement is to be done.
<a href="#">Protagoras 358a</a>	Pleasure and pain are linked to good and bad
<a href="#">Protagoras 358c</a> , <a href="#">Protagoras 358d</a>	People will always choose the lesser of two evils
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