

The "Natural and Necessary List" Question

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[Quote from Cassius](#)

Torquatus is saying that Epicurus didn't need that but Torquatus is specifically saying also that he (Torquatus) disagreed and thought the elaborate argument was a good idea

Exactly. And, frankly, I don't care if "Torquatus" thinks pleasure needs an elaborate logical argument. And I'm using " " to emphasize this isn't an Epicurean speaking, that is Cicero using the character of "Torquatus" to present Cicero's perspective/interpretation of the Epicurean position.

"Torquatus" lays out Epicurus's "pointing" in that section you quote. That's not an elaborate logical argument in your quoted section. That's Epicurus saying, look at nature!

When "Torquatus" is saying "logical method of procedure" all he's saying is it's logical for me to start by pointing out Epicurus's argument for why pleasure is the Chief Good... And he goes on to show how Epicurus pointed to why pleasure is the Chief Good.