

The "Natural and Necessary List" Question

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Oh, I agree. Later Epicureans felt the need to combat their rivals on their turf using their weapons of logic, etc.

But that section you quote is not that. It's Epicurus pointing out that (emphasis added)

[Quote from Cassius](#)

Every animal, as soon as it is born, seeks for pleasure, and delights in it as the Chief Good, while it recoils from pain as the Chief Evil, and so far as possible avoids it. This it does as long as it remains unperturbed, at the prompting of Nature's own unbiased and honest verdict. Hence Epicurus refuses to admit any necessity for argument or discussion to prove that pleasure is desirable and pain to be avoided.