

Letter to Menoikeus translation by Peter Saint-Andre

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Both in light of fragment 211 and the pleasure that I take in a sweet afternoon nap, I would not take to κέϊμαι simply meaning the enjoyment of sleep!

If we do interpret it with the "sleep" connotation, I take that as a dig against the Cyrenaics who equated the state between pain and pleasure as merely sleep or death. And κέϊμαι has both the sleep and death connotations. And Epicurus was adamant that there was only pain and pleasure and included the pain free state as pleasure.