

Episode 195 - Cicero's On Ends - Book Two - Part 05

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[Quote from Godfrey](#)

If intensity can increase at the micro level beyond the absence of pain, why can it not increase at the macro level

This sentence I think cannot be correct as to "absence of pain" at the micro level. Describing relative intensity between pleasures requires more qualifiers it seems like, because even though "absence of pain" seems to be identical with pleasure, "absence of pain" seems to always be used to describe a top limit while "pleasure" seems usable in ways that can be more or less strong.

If they are identical terms it would seem that they could be used interchangeably, but apparently not. Maybe there is a clue in "usage" which Cicero starts talking about in the same section as with words referring to variety and gladness