

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

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My first suggestion would be consideration of the opening of Lucretius - Pleasure is not just a "reaction to events" but is a guiding and leading and motivating force that is programmed not randomly but in an evolutionary way to improve, and not to accept a minimum when more can be obtained. Else pleasure would never have led living things down the path of evolution to where we are today.

Is a constant drive to greater duration, location and intensity inherent in pleasure itself?

To repeat myself, it must be true that greater duration, location, AND intensity of pleasure are inherently desirable.

The precise apportionment between the three might be a matter of personal preference but the three still have some kind of priority status in the analysis over other considerations.