

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

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Quote

[PD09](#). If every pleasure could be intensified so that it lasted, and influenced the whole organism or the most essential parts of our nature, pleasures would never differ from one another"

Is it possible that one inference to take from this is that variety in pleasures IS desirable, and that we should not seek to let any of the three factors take over exclusively, even though variety does not take the amount of pleasure past its theoretical limit?

With the final unstated clause not being "but they do" but being instead "and you should not want them to or try to make them."

We seem to presume that Epicurus would disagree with "Variety is the spice of life" but maybe he *would* agree with that, and this PD is embracing variety because Epicurus sees the advantage in all three aspects?