

# Why Do We Consider The Absence of Pain To Be Pleasure?

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[Quote from Cassius](#)

because of the desirability of life

As always, I think the original text brings even greater nuance to this. Living is not just desirable, it is to be welcomed! The word used there is:

ἀσπαστός (aspastós) = welcome (whose arrival is a cause of joy), a thing for which to be grateful

PS. It is directly related to the verb ἀσπάζομαι (aspázomai)

- to welcome kindly, bid welcome, greet
- to kiss, embrace, caress
- (of things) to follow eagerly, cleave to
- to be glad that

*Possibly* related to a verb meaning to draw toward oneself.