

Boris Nikolsky: "Epicurus On Pleasure" - Re-examining the Katastematic / Kinetic Question

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Our recent addition to the site of references to Plutarch, with links by Don and even a PDF by Tau Phi, have led me to want to come back to the references to Plutarch made by Boris [Nikolsky](#) in his article "Epicurus On Pleasure."

I know that it can be difficult to read and work with PDFs, and since this article explains the position on Pleasure taken by Gosling and Taylor in "The Greeks On Pleasure," which is referenced by Emily Austin as being her view in "Living For Pleasure," I think it's past time for me to get a web / html version of the article together for easier reference.

I am sure there are lingering typos but it is largely ready to go here:

[Epicurus On Pleasure](#)

Anyone who finds lingering typos is welcome to report them to me here or by [email](#).

The article goes through all of the major points of contention: Cicero's arguments, Plutarch and Lucretius references to pleasure, and also the important references in Diogenes Laertius.

The view adopted by [Nikolsky](#) is implicit also in the position taken by DeWitt, but this 2001 article takes the work started by Gosling and Taylor in the chapter on Kinetic and Katastematic pleasure and presents it in a more brief and digestible way.