

Defense of all mental pleasure and pain being based in the body.

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So even where pains appear "purely mental," Torquatus will argue that they still arise from bodily life, sensory imagination, memory, anticipation, and our natural aversion to painful and horrifying experiences of sights, sounds, and pictures. And i think this is more persuasive than it's given credit for.

I agree.

There is also this this quote from Torquatus:

[Quote from Cicero, On Ends, 1.9.30](#)

Strip mankind of sensation and nothing remains

I think the point you are making would follow directly from this premise.