

Glossary - What is the Epicurean Definition of "Pleasure?"

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I'm not sure whether it has a double meaning or a problem in translation.

The past week I've been exploring this topic and the misconceptions that arise from it.

The first paragraph of Chapter XI from Torquatus ends with a section that echoes a point established in L to M.

"The pleasure we pursue is not that kind alone which directly affects our physical being with a delightful feeling,—a positively agreeable perception of the senses; on the contrary, the greatest pleasure according to us is that which is experienced as a result of the complete removal of pain. When we are released from pain, the mere sensation of complete emancipation and relief from uneasiness is in itself a source of gratification."

It's definitely worth looking into, perhaps another translation can clarify. I'm of the opinion that the school held both (methods of arriving at pleasure) in high regard.