

Responding to the Arguments Against Pleasure In Cicero's "On Ends" Book 2

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I don't dispute that comparing the change in condition constitutes a pleasure. But the tooth has no memory, and I think the pleasure comes from comparing the two conditions, which is an active motion of my mind, and is just one of many pleasures my mind is capable of generating. The healthful functioning of any part of the body ****can**** certainly be pleasurable, such as my tongue generates when eating, but the healthful functioning of my toe in most cases gives me no sensation at all. If I choose to think about my health, and relish it, that is an active motion of my mind in actively generating a pleasing thought, just like my mind can actively generate all kinds of pleasurable emotions which are positive pleasures. The active functioning of my mind is not "absence of" anything. 😊