

Various ideas of happiness

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That's the problem with the fragments. They're literally fragmentary. Without seeing the actual manuscripts, we're relying on scholars' educated guesses and interpretations. Without context, there's no way to ascertain how profound or prosaic an excerpt was in the original.

[Quote from Cassius](#)

I say that to say that at the moment I don't find "at the same time the greatest good is created and enjoyed" as saying anything really meaningful -especially given what I think is the firm premise that pleasure is a feeling and I don't see Epicurus being concerned about whether we think about it or not.

Unless he was trying to refute some "reason is the be all and end all" Philosopher and defending pain/pleasure as part of the Canon, a direct link with reality with no intermediary needed or necessary. There's literally no way to know. In any case, I'm enjoying sticking with ἀπολαύσεως for now (pun fully intended 😊)