

Torquatus' Statement of the Epicurean View Of The Ultimate Good In "On Ends"

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who say that it is not enough to leave the question of good or evil to the decision of sense

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Others again, with whom I agree, finding that many arguments are alleged by philosophers to prove that pleasure is not to be reckoned among things good nor pain among things evil, judge that we *ought not to be too confident about our case* and think that *we should lead proof and argue carefully and carry on the debate about pleasure and pain by using the most elaborate reasonings.*

I can almost see Epicurus gasping "OMG!!! " if he could know that some in his own school were arguing that. Though I doubt he would have restrained his response to an expression of exasperation. Someone(s) would have had a lot of explaining to do to Epicurus as to how they managed to fall so far from the prototype. For anyone who didn't get the message after he explained it to them in person, we'd probably have some good texts on excommunication if he could have lived to write about that kind of thing. 😊