

Theophrastus - Perception is generally pleasurable....

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In further support of interpreting Epicurus' teachings to mean that life will be generally pleasurable (in an understandably pleasurable kind of way) when pain is absent, I think we can cite the following from Theophrastus, who cataloged the various Greek opinions on the senses, and included pleasure and pain in the discussion. This of course was prior to Epicurus, and as it seems consistent with the rest of Epicurean doctrine it is reasonable to think that Epicurus would have incorporated explanations like this in his own positions: "For as a rule we take pleasure in things, and perception itself is something sought by us, apart from any desire we might have for the particular <object perceived>" Here is the full context with several important points:

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