

PD19 And The Meaning Of No "Greater" Pleasure

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Regarding [PD19](#) - the contrast between finite and infinite -- I just stumbled upon this in another thread. (Which may muddy the water here on this).

Quote

"Moreover there is the supremely potent **principle of infinity**, which claims the closest and most careful study; we must understand that it has in the sum of things everything has its exact match and counterpart. This property is termed by Epicurus **isonomia, or the principle of uniform distribution**. From this principle it follows that if the whole number of mortals be so many, there must exist no less a number of immortals, and if the causes of destruction are beyond count, the causes of conservation also are bound to be infinite."

From: Velleius from Cicero's "On the Nature of the Gods"

Then I went online and search for isonomia and found this article: "Theories Concerning Epicurean Theology and Metaphysics"

<https://www.jstor.org/stable/694107>

Here is an excerpt from the preview page:

Quote

...a wider application of the doctrine not merely as a Balance of opposing Forces but as a pairing of opposite things, one of which implies the other.

So this isonomia could be another thing to look into. Anybody have any ideas on this?