

Perspectives On "Proving" That Pleasure is "The Good"

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I found this Vatican Saying interesting, translated by Saint-Andre:

60. Everyone departs from life just as they were when newly born.

πᾶς ὡσπερ ἄρτι γεγονῶς ἐκ τοῦ ζῆν ἀπέρχεται.

[NOTE] This saying is a bit cryptic. Some translations render it almost as meaning that the soul is born again at death, but clearly that would be at odds with the rest of what Epicurus says (e.g., Principal Doctrine #2). I take it to mean that human beings do not change throughout life in their essential needs: a person who is dying, just like a newborn baby, needs only to not be hungry, not be thirsty, not be cold .