

# Episode Twenty-Six - The Atoms Are Not Uniform

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## [Quote from Cassius](#)

so that you may easily know that those things which can touch the senses pleasantly are made of smooth and round bodies, but that on the other hand all things which seem to be bitter and harsh, these are held bound together with particles more hooked, and for this cause are wont to tear a way into our senses, and at their entering in to break through the body

I was recently reading this fragment of DRN. It called my attention the application of a sort of principle of similarity between our senses and the shapes of the atoms. When the atoms of a substance "fit" in our senses, we experience pleasure.

Certainly it's possible to explain bodily pleasures by pointing out to the shapes or fitting properties of the objects or substances that we see, smell, touch or hear. I guess it would be one among other explanations.

But it's very related to a passage of the *Letter to Menoeceus*: "Because we perceived pleasure as a fundamental good and *common to our nature*" (129). We feel bodily pleasure when we experience something that it's according to our body, even in an atomic level.

If my intuitions on this relation are correct, then I was wondering how we can explain mental pleasures (from an atomic point of view) if it's possible. I'm not sure if there's a thread on "*simulacra*". Maybe the theory of *simulacrum* can tell us something on the pleasure of mental pictures or memories (or it's even useful to the explanation of *prolepsis* as pattern recognition). Specially if our *psychés* (a.k.a. souls, minds, *animas*) cover our bodies and the simulacra incide in how we feel mentally. I don't know, maybe I'm wandering. 🤔

I don't know what you think, guys. 😄