

# Modern Neuroscience And The Katastematic / Kinetic Debate

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[Quote from Godfrey](#)

I'm curious how this relates to [PD09](#):

If every pleasure were condensed in <location> and duration and distributed all over the structure or the dominant parts of our nature, pleasures would never differ from one another. Long and Sedley, *The Hellenistic Philosophers* 115 (1987)

In scanning those articles and the info on *energeia*, I'm wondering now if PD9 can be interpreted as the difference in our soul-atoms distributed throughout our bodies that allow sensation and the soul-atoms specifically located in our chest that is the rational part of our *psykhē*.

I'm beginning to think (as of ... What time is it right now? I could change my mind by this afternoon 😊 ) the katastematic pleasure is the preferred background condition of being. Kinetic pleasure is the moment by moment awareness of individual pleasures. Katastematic pleasure is the calm ocean, kinetic pleasures are the waves.

That metaphor needs work, but.... Discuss.

PS. The ocean metaphor isn't mine btw. One of the papers used this. I like it.