

# Eat Drink and be Merry!

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## [Quote from Cassius](#)

Presumably most of what Epicurus wrote that would have clarified this is lost. It seems that mainly what we have left is the discussion in Menoeceus, which seems to presume that we know what pleasure is. Taking that position is consistent with Torquatus' statement that there is no need for logical definition or proof that pleasure is desirable. [So he says we need no reasoning or debate to shew why pleasure is matter for desire, pain for aversion. These facts he thinks are simply perceived, just as the fact that fire is hot, snow is white, and honey sweet, no one of which facts are we bound to support by elaborate arguments; it is enough merely to draw attention to the fact; and there is a difference between proof and formal argument on the one hand and a slight hint and direction of the attention on the other; the one process reveals to us mysteries and things under a veil, so to speak; the other enables us to pronounce upon patent and evident facts.]

I'm learning the ends and outs of the board here slowly but surly. Like how to insert quotes. 😊

Sounds like pleasure is a feeling, pre-rational and universally desirable rather than concept with a specific definition.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pR9vqpiRD1s>