

# If Death Is Nothing To Us, Then Life Is Everything to Us

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## [Quote from Cassius](#)

Torquatus does not seem to be as clear and successful in explaining Chrysippus' hand or the equation of pleasure as the absence of pain in a way that Cicero finds persuasive

Remember, "Torquatus" is simply Cicero's Epicurean mouthpiece. Cicero isn't taking dictation. "Torquatus" is a character created by Cicero loosely based on a real person who is dead at the time of the composition. Cicero can conveniently pick and choose exactly what he wants "Torquatus" to say.