

Episode 196 - The Epicurean Arguments In Cicero's On Ends - Book Two - Part 06

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[Quote from Cassius](#)

Maybe "stir" is another word to add to the pot:

Pun intended, I hope 😊

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Does anyone not agree that Epicurus is including "all normal non-painful experiences of life" within "pleasure?"

Fully agree!! The experience of life itself, when running smoothly "in the background," is pleasure, too.

That said, words like "normal" to refer to this state still rub me the wrong way, as if "exciting" pleasure is "abnormal."

[Quote from Cassius](#)

I would say there is no "feeling" labelled "zero" nor is this likely to be a perfectly-matched "zero" sum of pleasures and pains. The latter might be possible, but still that would not be a third alternative beyond pleasure and pain.

This is the position of psychological research. There is no zero state. If you're zero, you're dead.