

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

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[Quote from Godfrey](#)

Could [VS11](#) possibly have any relevance in this discussion? If it does, it's certainly not explicit. It's set up as contrasting to something, but the question is what it's contrasting to. I've typically thought of it in terms of discussing people's actions, but what if it's about k/k pleasures. Admittedly, I'm probably reaching pretty far....

[VS11](#): *For most people, to be quiet is to be numb and to be active is to be frenzied.*

Here's my take on [VS11](#) that I've shared before;

Translation: For the majority of people, to be at rest is to be bored stiff; but to be active is to be raving like a rabid dog.

Comment: To me it seems to be saying there needs to be a balance of rest and activity, or that stillness is important and that most people don't recognize this. Plus those who don't understand are just running around to appear important or just simply to do something, they can't be alone with their own thoughts... they're not self-reliant.

Plus, again we have active and rest: κινούμενον kinoumenon and ἡσυχάζον hēsychazon, respectively. The first word is directly related to "kinetic", the second is a new one but means to be still, keep quiet, be at rest. I find it interesting that the "numb" is νάρκη narka, numbness, deadness, from which we get "narcotic."

I think [VS11](#) is a good catch, [Godfrey](#) !

Look at that, I'm up to post 53. The rest will have to wait until tomorrow. 🤔