

Article: "Lucretian Pleasures" by Sedley

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Well done, [Cassius](#) ! I still need to read the paper, but I like Sedley's general point that "in Epicurean doctrine pleasures are divided into two kinds, the bodily and the mental; and within each of those two domains there are short-term "kinetic" pleasures, and *static* (or "katastematic") pleasures,"

I'm not sure, however, whether it should be that way or the other way. The way Epicurus states it is there are kinetic and katastematic pleasures, then gives examples. So, I think Sedley has it backwards. In the end, it might be semantic, but, using your (better) rephrasing, I might suggest:

In Epicurean doctrine pleasures are divided into two kinds, short-term "kinetic" pleasures, which lie primarily in processes of stimulation such as eating or learning, and longer-term (or "katastematic") pleasures which lie primarily in the stable operation of the organism not involving short-term stimulation, such as regular healthy operation of body or mind. In each category, there are both bodily and mental pleasures. (and so on as you stated...)