

# Episode 202 - Cicero's On Ends - Book Two - Part 10 - The Animality Argument

Post by "Cassius" of November 19, 2023 at 1:14 PM

Yikes.

**The Problem of Contingent Value:** Epicureanism makes all actions and desires only contingently good or bad.

**Epicurean response:** The ultimate end is not kinetic pleasure, but painlessness. Kinetic pleasure is valuable only for the sake of painlessness.

I don't think that's the Epicurean response at all! But presuming that this comment reflect's the writer's opinion (I am unclear about that) I do think this illustrates the dangers of the modern anti-Epicurean / pro Cicero position very well! 😊