

# Episode 203 - Cicero's On Ends - Book Two - Part 11 - Do The Senses Have Jurisdiction To Pronounce On The Supreme Good?

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Great quote!

Quote from Cicero On Ends Book 1 - Torquatus Addressing Cicero

...it is enough merely to draw attention to the fact; and there is a difference between proof and formal argument on the one hand and a slight hint and direction of the attention on the other; the one process reveals to us mysteries and things under a veil, so to speak; the other enables us to pronounce upon patent and evident facts.

Our senses are honest witnesses, but honest witnesses are not always accurate and each one does not have the full story. We have to judge between their testimonies to find the truth and the best way to live given our circumstances.

The senses (sensations of the external world from outside our body) , the feelings (sensations of our body), anticipations (sensations of the external world from inside our body) -- any and all sensations - are honest witness and the basis of our "criteria of truth."

Then we have to apply our attention ἡ ἐπιβολή to them and use our reasoning, ὁ λογισμὸς, to make a choice or form a concept, ἡ νόησις.