

Tips On Offsetting Pleasures Against Pains

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And of course trying to use "indolence" as part of the explanation probably just points out how bad the problem is.

Like Don, Jefferson's probably finding Cicero's word choice interesting, but no one in 2000 years has probably found the word "indolence" remotely attractive.

Of course maybe it had much different connotations in 50 BC.

To say that Cicero "coined" it probably needs to be hedged that maybe he picked it up from the Epicureans and we simply don't know who first started it, but in the "surviving" literature all we have to go on is Cicero.