

Episode 205 - Cicero's On Ends - Book Two - Part 13 - Addressing Cicero's Contentions On The Nature of Morailty

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"Why then, do I dwell at such length on pleasure? Because the fact that old age feels little longing for sensual pleasures not only is no cause for reproach, but rather is ground for the highest praise."

Well, I'm nearly ten years older than Cicero was when he died - so maybe he never experienced the sensual pleasure of knowing that your aging prostate still allows great relief when you first wake in the morning! 😬😄

With that bit of crudity aside - and recognizing that "sensual" pleasures were not the be-all / end-all for Epicurus - I still enjoy cooking and eating simple meals, the fruit of the grape, the touch of one I love ... and many other sensual pleasures. Does the range of such pleasures diminish with age? Absolutely! But I don't find that to be cause of either distress or celebration. Besides, you can still find other pleasures. 😊😎

Poor Cicero! 😭