

# **Would Epicurus say: "Infinite Time contains no more pain than limited time when the limit of pain is measured by reason?"**

**Post by "Godfrey" of July 21, 2024 at 4:01 AM**

(Shouldn't the big jar be pouring into the little jar?)

I agree with [Cassius](#) ' conclusion in post #3. The way I think of [PD19](#) is: a life consists of a finite amount of time. For an individual, the amount of pleasure in their life will be limited by the length of their life. Infinite time is therefore irrelevant to calculating the amount of pleasure in a particular life. This interpretation, to me, is confirmed by reading the PD in context as [Don](#) has provided.

The same limit would apply to pain: one needn't fear an eternity of pain in the sixth circle of hell. Your lifetime is finite, and all of your pleasure and pain will be contained within that finite lifetime.