

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

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"Nor does it make you more thirsty with every drink; it slakes the thirst by a natural cure, – a cure that demands no fee."

I think this is dealing with the idea of excess, as with intoxication by alcohol (and the feeling of wanting yet another drink) and the fee that is paid comes the next morning with a bad hang-over.

Quote

In contrast to the Greek ideal, the Romans had drinking habits that encouraged excessive consumption of wine, such as:

- They began drinking before meals on empty stomachs.
- They consumed excessive quantities of wine and food, and then vomited so that they had room for more.
- They played drinking games, including one where somebody would drink as many cups of wine as a throw of a dice indicated.

Clearly, in the first and second centuries BC, it was not uncommon to encounter intoxication among Greeks and Romans. However, initially it was not a universal vice and famous people like Cato the Elder and Julius Caesar only took wine in moderation. As moral values associated with drinking continued to decay, the habit of excessive drinking became more widespread.

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