

Why Do We Consider The Absence of Pain To Be Pleasure?

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Remember this from ***On Ends Book Two, 9***, as an example of how clear the equivalence is supposed to be:

Cicero: “...[B]ut unless you are extraordinarily obstinate you are bound to admit that 'freedom from pain' does not mean the same thing as 'pleasure.'”

Torquatus: “Well but on this point you will find me obstinate, for it is as true as any proposition can be.”

It's supposed to be as true as any proposition can be - so it really should not require an elaborate and obscure explanation.