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I can't fathom the meaning of beauty (or honour or excellence, translating the same word as beauty) that does not bring pleasure. So I think I could only interpret that passage as meaning the important thing to focus on is the pleasure, rather than some abstract standard of beauty/honour/excellence that loses touch with the basic intrinsic pleasure that all beauty produces.

[Quote from Cassius](#)

Quote

Aetius, Doxography, XII p. 547A: And in his work On the End-Goal, he says again:

"{=U70}" And in other passages, he says "I spit upon the honorable and those who vainly admire it, whenever it produces no pleasure."

Plutarch, Against Kōlōtēs, 30, p. 1124E: ... and when men take for sages those who

"spit on excellence, unless pleasure attends it." [c.f. 1124E @ U368]