

The Use of Negation in Epicurean Philosophy Concepts

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[Quote from Rolf](#)

Likewise, “absence of pain” and “pleasure” mean the same thing (considering only pleasure and pain exist), but the negative form, “absence of pain”, implies the highest degree of pleasure.

[Rolf](#) , thanks for this thoughtful perspective. I understand the “spotless” analogy.

I’m wondering whether “**absence of pain**”, **implies the highest degree of pleasure** fits for all persons. Couldn’t the “**absence of pain**” lead one to simply be in a relaxed, neutral state; with **highest degree of pleasure** coming from a favorite kinetic pleasure?

I may be missing something in the way you described the analogy.