

Sunday June 2nd, Zoom Discussion: "Is Pain Properly Considered To Be An Evil?"

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[Quote from Titus](#)

Does Cicero think so, because from a theoretical Stoic point of view he is able to ignore bodily pain but his public standing is beyond his means?

Cicero is a bit of a mix, and even a few parts of the Torquatus section have Stoic elements (for example, the father could have banished his son, rather than killing him).

[Quote from Titus](#)

"Recognition of the environment must come naturally. We are drawn to strive for our own healing alone."

Vatican Saying 64: "The esteem of others is outside our control; we must attend instead to healing ourselves."

[Quote from Titus](#)

1. Good and evil have all but vanished from my vocabulary. I don't know whether it's something related to simply getting older or a societal shift or indeed related to the study of Epicureanism.

As for myself, I still use the word "good" but virtually never use the word "evil". "Evil" has attached to it a flavor of the Christian religion.