

Episode 288 - TD18 - Tusculan Disputations Part 3 - "Will The Wise Man Feel Grief Or Other Strong Emotions?"

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For me, there is no doubt that Epicurus used πάθη (pathē) in the sense from πάσχω (páskhō, "to undergo") + -η (-ē): "(in neutral sense) what is done or what happens to a person"

Everything that we experience falls under one of two pathē: pleasure or pain. All other "feelings" fall under those broad categories of pleasure or pain.

Cicero seems to equate pathē with ταραχή (tarakhē) "disturbance of mind; dis-ease" which is the opposite of ἀταραξία (a-taraksia) "lack of disturbance."