

Episode 295 - Plutarch's Absurd Interpretation of Epicurean Absence of Pain

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Thanks for your reply Cassius! Would it be accurate to say then that once our basic (natural necessary) desires are satisfied, it is no longer pain or lack that drives us to pleasure but pleasure itself?

I feel this sort of relates to the question I posed a little while ago about why we should pursue unnecessary desires if necessary desires are enough. Epicurus was, among other things, a researcher of human behaviour. Why is it that we still pursue superfluous pleasurable sensations once we have reached the limit of pleasure (absence of pain)?

To be very clear, I don't disagree with the conclusions here. But the fact that the clock displays the correct time is not enough for me - I must know how it ticks!