

Episode 298 - TD26 - Facts And Feelings In Epicurean Philosophy - Part 1"

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One of the things I included in both episodes 298 and 299 was that I thought that Lucretius' description of the pleasure that comes from knowing that we are free from the ills that so many others are subject to is probably a good example of this "non-moving" type of pleasure, and that seems consistent with what you've suggested above. But I don't know anything about how to explain "katastematic" so that this type of pleasure jumps easily to mind as being associated with that word. It's a mental viewpoint that you can hold unshakeably and isn't subject to being shaken very easily (or at all) but I'd like to see a word picture that can be associated with "katastematic" that serves as a better analogy as to why this is so.

I can see why kinetic gets tagged easily with motion, and the intuitive opposite of motion is "at rest" or "not moving" but as you say there's work to be done on making this more clear.