

Considering The Feelings (Pleasure and Pain) and Prolepsis/Anticipations as Sensations

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I noticed that *De Rerum Natura* (2.434) speaks directly to the point of pain and pleasure being sensations. [TauPhi](#) I think this explains Epicurus' conflation of "sense as a faculty with sense as an activity."

*Touch, indeed - Touch, by the holy powers of the gods,
exists as the body's sense: either when an external thing itself
slips in - or when what originates in the body harms -
or it pleases as it goes out through the generative acts of Venus,
or when the seeds in the body itself disturb from a collision and,
while stirred up among themselves, they confuse our sense...*