

Discussion of the Article - Too Long UnPraised And UnAppreciated - Aulus Gellius And The Clearest Ancient Testimony That Absence of Pain Equals Pleasure

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I admire the clarity of purpose as of late in combatting this idea. It's been some time since I've engaged with Stoic and Christian communities online but this was always the primary charge they levied on Epicurus, which in their mind was humoring him. There's definitely a linguistic chain of events here which is causing the misunderstanding. Most translations and the brevity of the PD's highlight the removal of pain which incentivizes the reader to assume the emphasis is on "removing bad to achieve good" so to speak.

Total pleasure requires absolute and constant pleasure to the degree pain is not possible.