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Post by “DaveT” of August 2, 2026 at 4:42 PM

[Quote from Cassius](#)

That substitution of "absence of pain" in the place of pleasure is exactly what Hieronymus of Rhodes did, but which it's amply clear that Epicurus refused to do.

Epicurus' logic in rejecting Hieronymus's view is easy to understand:

When you get to the limit of pleasure you haven't left behind all the bodily and mental pleasures you've accumulated to get there. You still have those pleasures -- it's just that you're now experiencing those same pleasures without any mixture of pains.

Sorry, I'm not following the statements in each paragraph. Am I missing the trees for the forest? Do you have citations of the Hieronymus of Rhodes reference? Are you disputing his wording or the concept, which I don't think you are disputing the concept.

And do you have a citation of Epicurus specifically rejecting Hieronymus on that point?

And after addressing the first two points, please address the last paragraph above. Are you paraphrasing? The phrases: limit of pleasure, leaving behind pleasures you've accumulated to get there, you're still experiencing those same pleasures without any admixture of pains, what point do they support?