

Dialogue on Katastematic Pleasure

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Ad1. It kind of does indicate this. We can paraphrase torquatus and say that a positively agreeable perception of the senses is not the kind of pleasure that we pursue alone. Epicurus warns about this in [pd10](#). if we would pursue this kind of pleasures alone then we would not only lose the greatest pleasure but also those pleasures will be spoiled by fear that one day we will lose them and sickness or addiction or boredom caused by not knowing limits of our desires. Look at [pd10](#) and menoeceus again.

Ad2. So you do not feel in torquatus words **sensation of complete emancipation and relief from uneasiness?** Is this what you are firmly convinced is false and you are rejecting it?

Ad. Lawyers...

I am not threatened by lawyers sophisms and tricks. I look at secondary source which is torquatus speech and compare it with primary source which is letter to menoeceus. Where torquatus confirms epicurus or elaborates on his basis then i have no reason to exclude him. There is no reason to fear torquatus or any source for that matter. Fear leads to overcriticism and overcriticism leads to misunderstanding.

Ad. As cicero...

There is nothing in this fragment about death so i do not know what you are talking about. Of course there is another kind of pleasure than agreeable perception of the senses which epicurus endorses in quoted fragments in menoeceus and in pd.10 for example. I urge you not to forget about evidence that was presented already.

Ad all the rest...

Memory of past pleasures, hopes of future ones and meditations of philosophy are not felt by senses. When you are relieved from fear in what sense organ you feel positive agreement? In your eye or tongue?