

# A Graphical Representation of Two Versions of "Absence of Pain"

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Discussion of the graphical representation of two versions of "Absence of Pain"

## TWO WAYS OF STATING THE GOAL OF LIFE: WHICH ONE DID EPICURUS MEAN?

**Row 1 (Pink background):**

- Scale 1:** PAIN (sickness, poverty, fear of death, fear of gods) vs PLEASURE (sex, food, wine, art, music, freedom of action, love and friendship). Weights are roughly equal.
- Scale 2:** PAIN (poverty, fear of death, fear of gods) vs PLEASURE (sex, food, wine, art, music, freedom of action, love and friendship). PAIN is lighter, PLEASURE is heavier.
- Scale 3:** PAIN (empty) vs PLEASURE (good health, sex, food, wine, art, music, freedom of action, love and friendship). PAIN is very light, PLEASURE is very heavy.

**Row 2 (Blue background):**

- Scale 1:** PAIN (sickness, poverty, fear of death, fear of gods) vs PLEASURE (sex, food, wine, art, music, freedom of action, love and friendship). Weights are roughly equal.
- Scale 2:** PAIN (poverty, fear of death, fear of gods) vs PLEASURE (sex, food, wine, art, music, freedom of action, love and friendship). PAIN is lighter, PLEASURE is heavier.
- Scale 3:** PAIN (empty) vs PLEASURE (empty). The goal is "Absence of Pain".

**1 - Pleasures and Pains Roughly equal.**      **2. Pleasures increasing in number, Pains decreasing in number.**      **3. The goal: At the limit there is nothing but the accumulated Pleasures, with no Pains remaining.**

**1 - Pleasure and Pain Roughly equal.**      **2. Pleasure increasing, Pain decreasing.**      **3. The goal: At the limit something new called "Absence of Pain" has replaced the mental and physical pleasures that were previously accumulating.**