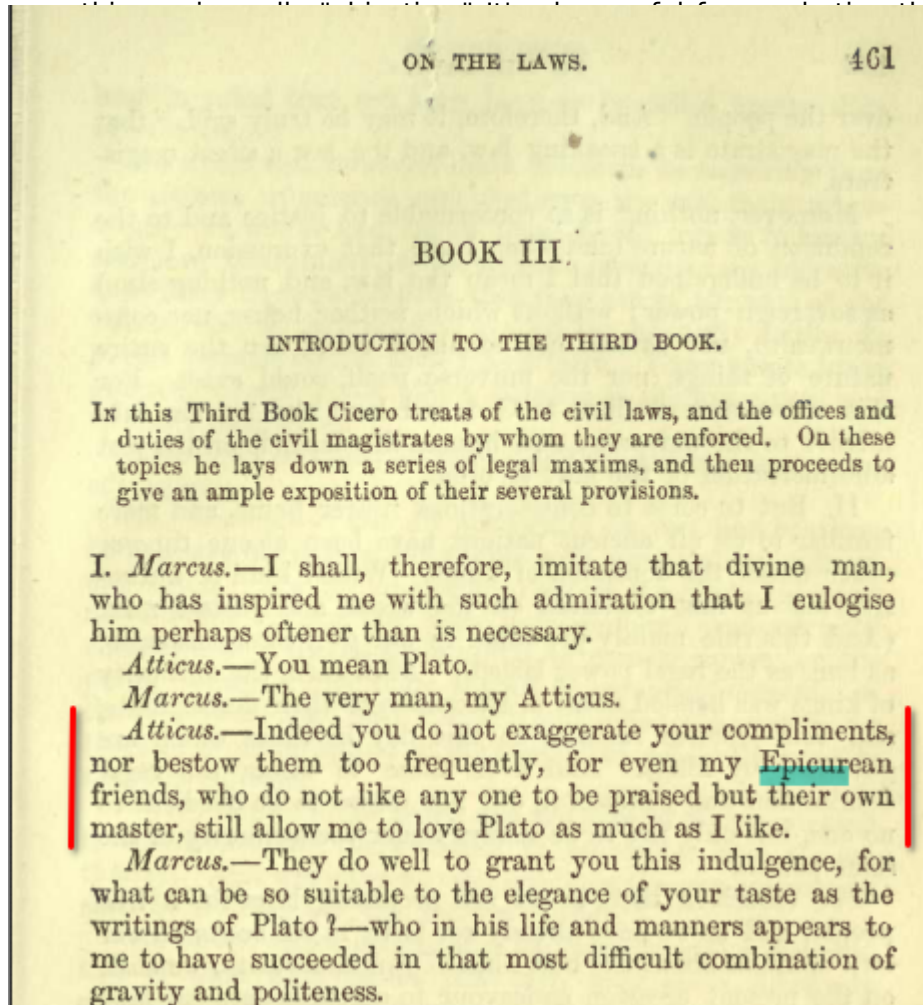


Subjectivity And Freedom To Find Pleasure In Various Things

Post by "Cassius" of May 18, 2024 at 11:24 AM

Seems to me that this statement by Atticus, included in Cicero's "On The Law" is a good citation to support the observation that the feeling of pleasure is personal to he who feels it, and not the object of the pleasure. The allegation that there was a common pleasure but one you sometime



Post by “Bryan” of May 18, 2024 at 11:37 AM

On subjectivity generally:

Plutarch, Against Kōlōtēs, 1110B: Accordingly, Epicurus himself in the second book of his Reply to Theóphrastos, when he says that "colors are not intrinsic to bodies – but a result of certain arrangements and positions relative to the eye" is asserting by this reasoning that body is no more colorless than colored.

Plutarch, Against Kōlōtēs, 1109E: Observe what, regarding the heat of the wine in the Symposium, Epicurus has [portrayed] Polýainos conversing with him, as he says "Do you deny, Epicurus, the thorough heating effect caused by wine?" (Someone interrupts) "it is not a universal fact that wine seems fully warming." (And a little later) "For the universal fact does not seem to be that 'wine is warming' – but that a certain quantity for a certain person may be said to be warming."

Post by “Kalosyni” of May 18, 2024 at 3:58 PM

[Cassius](#) That statement by Atticus according to Cicero could indicate a later development. We know that in Epicurus' will in Diogenes Laertius Book X, that Epicurus asked that Metrodorus and Epicurus' brothers be commemorated, not just himself (...or this could be part of a rhetorical ploy by Cicero).

Post by “Don” of May 18, 2024 at 3:59 PM

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That would be my vote.