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Then that boasted wisdom is but of small account, if it differs so little from madness? La douleur est-elle le plus grand de tous les maux?

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Marcus Tullius Cicero

Est enim tarda illa quidem medicina, sed tamen magna, quam adfert longinquitas et dies. Wherefore, if, as you granted in the beginning, infamy is worse than pain, pain is certainly nothing; for while it appears to you base and unmanly to groan, cry out, lament, or faint under pain; while you cherish notions of probity, dignity, honor, and, keeping your eye on them, refrain yourself, pain will certainly yield to virtue, and, by the influence of imagination, will lose its whole force.

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Many have wrong notions of the Gods, for that is the nature and ordinary consequence of bad customs, yet all allow that there is a certain divine nature and energy. Now this resemblance is more remarkable in beasts, whose souls are void of reason. Cicero pulchre et strenue mortem et vitam, animum et animam, mentem et corpus humanum explanat quasi imaginem in muro declararet ipsam.

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And so they say that this was a formal decision pronounced by that God to whom the rest of the deities have assigned the province of divining with an accuracy superior to that of all the rest. But he who is under no fear of death, not only because it is a thing absolutely inevitable but also because he is persuaded that death itself hath nothing terrible in it, provides himself with a very great resource towards a happy life. Quod cum maius esse videatur quam insania, tamen eius modi est, ut furor in sapientem cadere possit, non possit insania.

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