

# Gassendi On Happiness

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## [Quote from Cassius](#)

I suspect we're not going to agree with everything that Gassendi has to say but this is VERY interesting. Thanks Robert!

## [Robert](#)

Thanks for this paper from Gassendi. Even Karl Marx held contrary views on Gassendi as an 'Epicurean' ☐☐

## Quote

*The experts know that no preliminary studies that are even of the slightest use exist for the subject of this treatise. What Cicero and Plutarch have babbled has been babbled after them up to the present day. **Gassendi**, who freed Epicurus from the interdict which the Fathers of the Church and the whole Middle Ages, the period of realised unreason, had placed upon him, presents in his expositions [15] only one interesting element. He **seeks to accommodate his Catholic conscience to his pagan knowledge and Epicurus to the Church, which certainly was wasted effort.** It is as though one wanted to throw the habit of a Christian nun over the bright and flourishing body of the Greek Lais. It is rather that Gassendi learns philosophy from Epicurus than that he could teach us about Epicurus' philosophy.*

Karl Marx, doctoral dissertation - *The Difference Between the Democreatin and Epicurean Philosophy of Nature* - Robert C. Tucker translation as rendered by [Eikadistes](#) here: <https://twentiers.com/marx/>