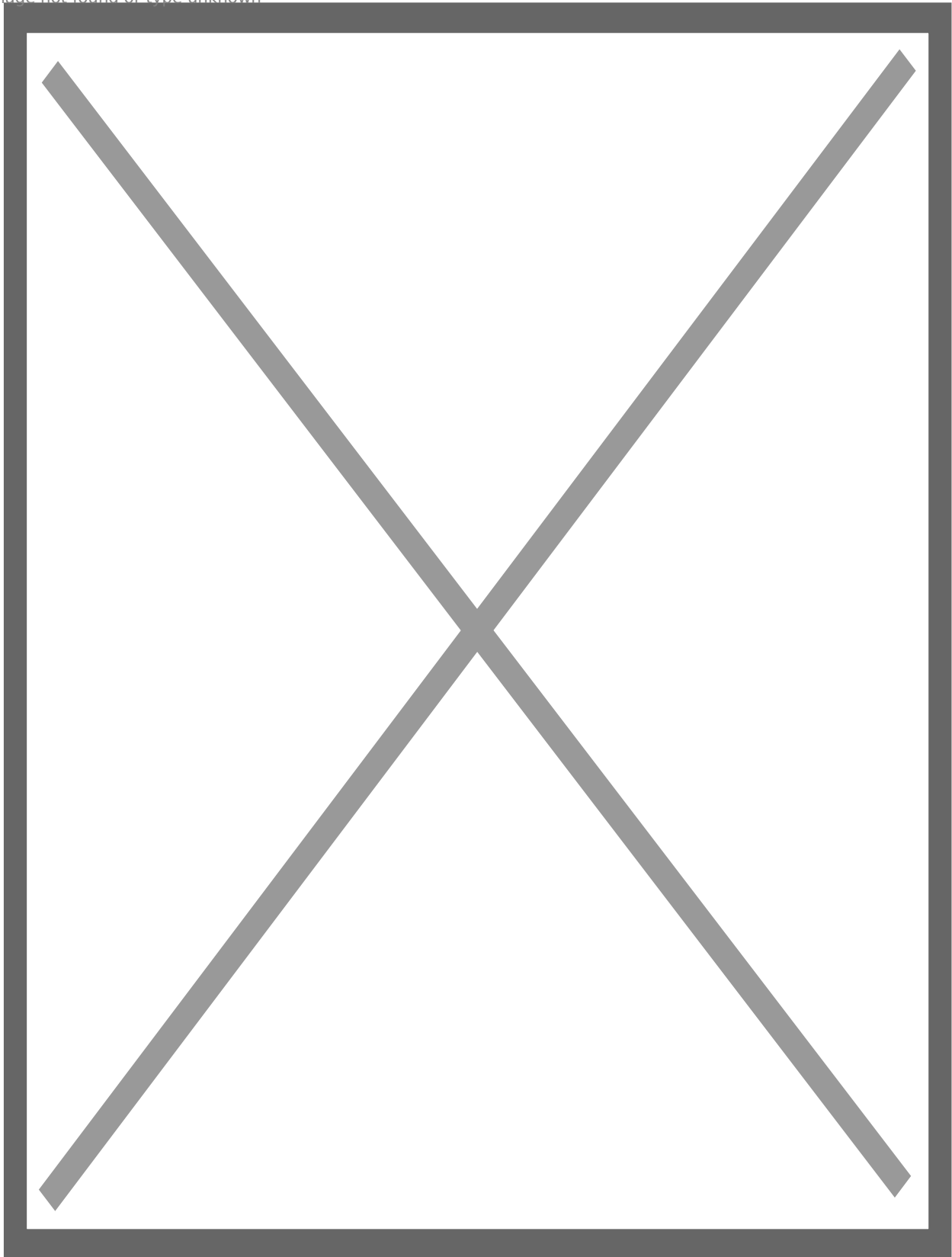


Gassendi On Happiness

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So Francois Bernier is the person to whom we owe so much here for access to this material:

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Bernier abridged and translated the philosophical writings of his friend [Pierre Gassendi](#) from Latin into French. Initial editions of Bernier's *Abregé de la Philosophie de Gassendi* were published in Paris in 1674 by the family Langlois and in 1675 by Estienne Michallet. A complete edition in eight volumes was published by Anisson and Posuel at [Lyon](#) in 1678; Anisson and Posuel joined with Rigaud to publish a second edition in seven volumes in 1684. Bernier objectively and faithfully rendered Gassendi's ideas in his *Abregé*, without editorial interjection or invention. However, Bernier remained uncomfortable with some of Gassendi's notions: in 1682, Estienne Michallet was again his publisher, putting forth his *Doutes de Mr. Bernier sur quelques-uns des principaux Chapitres de son Abregé de la Philosophie de Gassendi*.