

# **Sunday November 16, 2025 - Zoom Discussion 12:30 PM EST - Discussion of Bernier's "Three Discourses of Happiness Virtue and Liberty" by Gassendi**

**Post by "Cassius" of November 11, 2025 at 11:45 AM**

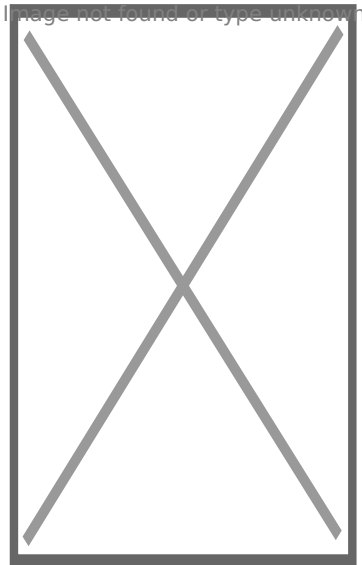
Now that I have scanned through once the entire book, I've refocused the title of the Zoom meeting. I am pretty sure that this is a work about which most of us are very unfamiliar, so let's just spend the meeting introducing ourselves to Bernier, Gassendi, and what's included in this work.

The paraphrase included at the [Early Modern Texts website](#) is useful, but now that I've reviewed the original PDF at Archive.org I'd say that we are better off going straight to the source, especially given that the EMT website glosses over or omits entirely part of the text.

We obviously aren't going to have time to go through this in detail, but I think most of us are going to want to add this to our reading list at some point, and we can usefully set the stage for that by talking about Bernier, Gassendi, and how the book is structured.

We're also going to want to make a list of caveats and/or criticisms that we can append to our links to it here at the forum so that new readers can have access to those into the future.

We'll probably refer mostly to the comments contained [in this thread](#) and of course to the Archive.org version of the book itself which is here:



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