

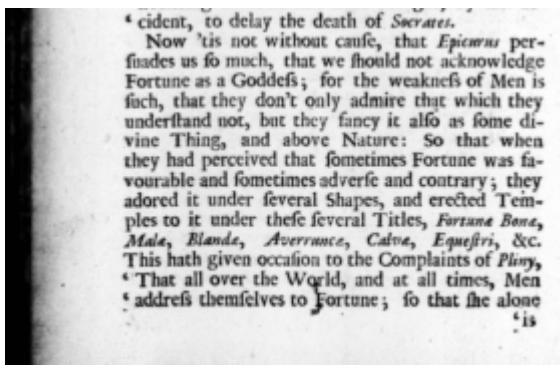
Gassendi On Liberty (Liberty, Fortune, Destiny, Divination)

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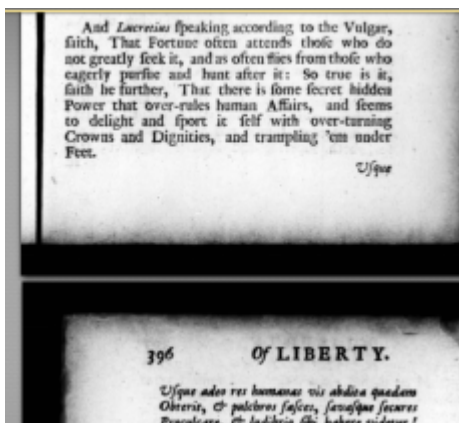
Note: This will be the thread to post about Gassendi's commentary on Epicurus from the "Liberty" section of his [1699 Three Discourses On Happiness - Virtue - Liberty](#).

Note thanks to Tau Phi that there is a [digital transcription here](#).

An example of info on Epicurus from page 394:

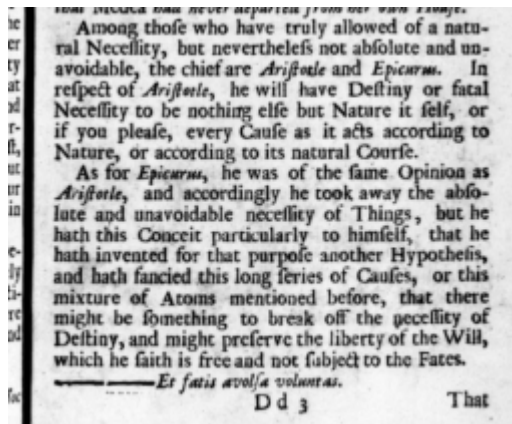


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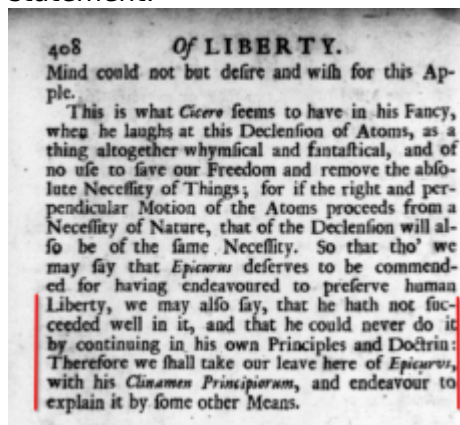
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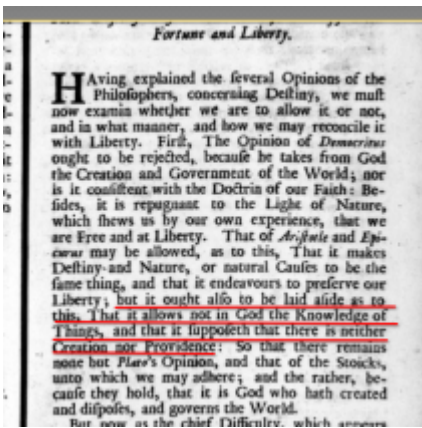
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Gassendi seems to specifically repudiate Epicurus on the swerve and liberty, leading up to this statement:

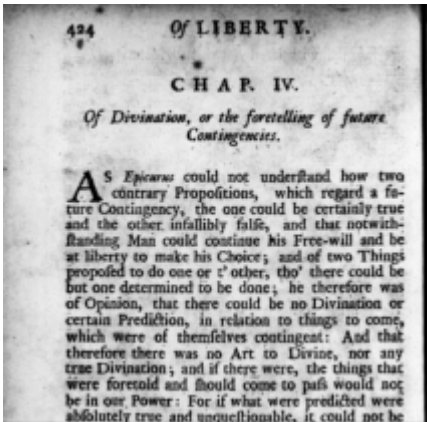


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Clear evidence of Gassendi letting his religion get in the way of his reasoning:



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at Liberty; *His terroribus ab Epicuro soluti fuerimus*
& in libertatem vindicati, &c.

Epicurus gave no Credit to Dreams, as Eusebius
saith in *Petrusius*, This gives us to understand, saith
he, that Epicurus was an excellent Man, for he ri-
dicated all those sorts of Follies. And *Tertullian*,
Vana in totum somnia Epicurus judicavit. Cicero, *In-*
solemter credo ab Epicuro aliqui indoluit disputari som-
nia credi non oportere.

He laughs in *Lucretius* for the Interpretation that
was made of those Prodigies.

But not by reading Tuscan Books enquire
The Gods Design by this celestial Fire.

He had no greater Opinion of the Oracles; if
we may credit *Origen* and *Eusebius*, who inform us
that *Epicurus* and all his Disciples laughed at 'em.
And *Plutarch* brings in a certain Boethian, an Epi-
curean, who found fault with the Verses of the Sy-
bils, as weak, simple and senseless, without quan-
tity or measure, and as having nothing Divine in
them,