

Now if Happiness be the Measure of human Liberty, as hath been above observ'd ; the Question will be, Whether the Gospel Truths discover wherein the Perfection of human Happiness consists, and the Way to attain it. And this they do, *first*, by removing our Doubts, and rectifying any Mistakes we might otherwise entertain about it. And, *secondly*, by giving a clear intelligible Rule of Action for the just Conduct of our Lives and Conversation.

There is not any one Point, wherein the ancient Masters of Reason have differ'd more, than in settling wherein human Happiness consists. Some place it in the Enjoyments of the Mind ; others in those of the Body alone ; and some in both ; and that with great Variety, according as they were influenced by Difference of Genius or Temper, or the School of Philosophy wherein they had been bred. Insomuch that we are told by \* *St. Austin*, from an accurate *Roman* Author, that if the ancient Philosophers were to be divided into Sects, according to all the Differences to be found amongst them upon this single Head, the

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\* *St. Aug. de Civit. Dei, Lib. XIX. Cap. II. P. 540.*  
*Tom. VII. Marcus Varro in Libro de Philosophia, Tam multam Dogmatum varietatem diligenter & subtiliter scrutatus advertit, ut ad ducentas octoginta octo sectas, non quæ jam essent, sed quæ esse possent, adhibens quasdam differentias ac cillina perveniret.*