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have known how to extract
from it a wonderful code, and to have drawn from it a picture of
benevolence.

403. Greatness.—The reasons of effects indicate the greatness of man, in
having extracted so fair an order from lust.

404. The greatest baseness of man is the pursuit of glory. But is the
greatest mark of his excellence; for whatever possessions he may have on
earth, whatever health and essential comfort, he is not satisfied if he has
not the esteem of men. He values human reason so highly that, whatever
advantages he may have on earth, he is not content if he is not also ranked
highly in the judgement of man. This is the finest position in the world.
Nothing can turn him from that desire, which is the most indelible quality
of man's heart.

And those who must despise men, and put them on a level with the brutes, yet
wish to be admired and believed by men, and contradict themselves by their
own feelings; their nature, which is stronger than all, convincing them of
the greatness of man more forcibly than reason convinces them of their
baseness.

405. Contradiction.—Pride counterba

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