How have human beings conceived happiness and its pursuit, and how has that changed over time? This presentation will consider these questions in light of three major transformations in the human experience and understanding of happiness in world history. Beginning in the Paleolithic period and continuing to the present, the presentation will end by considering what the history of happiness might have to tell us about happiness in the future.

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