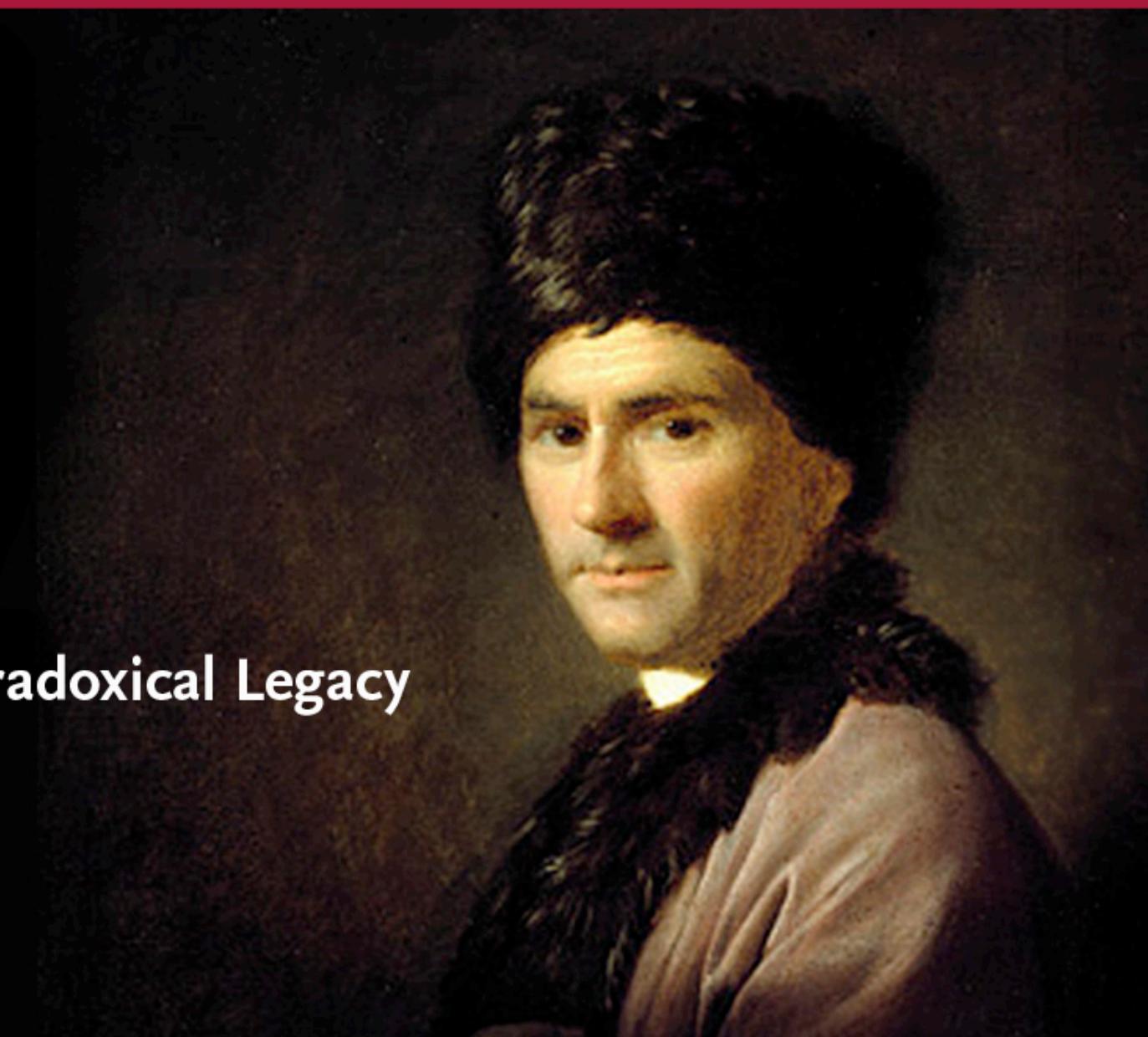


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J.-J. Rousseau
Allan Ramsay,
1766

National Gallery of
Scotland
Edinburgh

“I believe that he[Rousseau]
intends seriously to draw his
own picture **in its true colors**,
but I believe at the same time
that nobody knows himself
less.”

Hume to the Comtesse de
Boufflers, January 19, 1766



Rembrandt,
1629 Self-Portrait,
Isabella Stewart
Gardner Museum



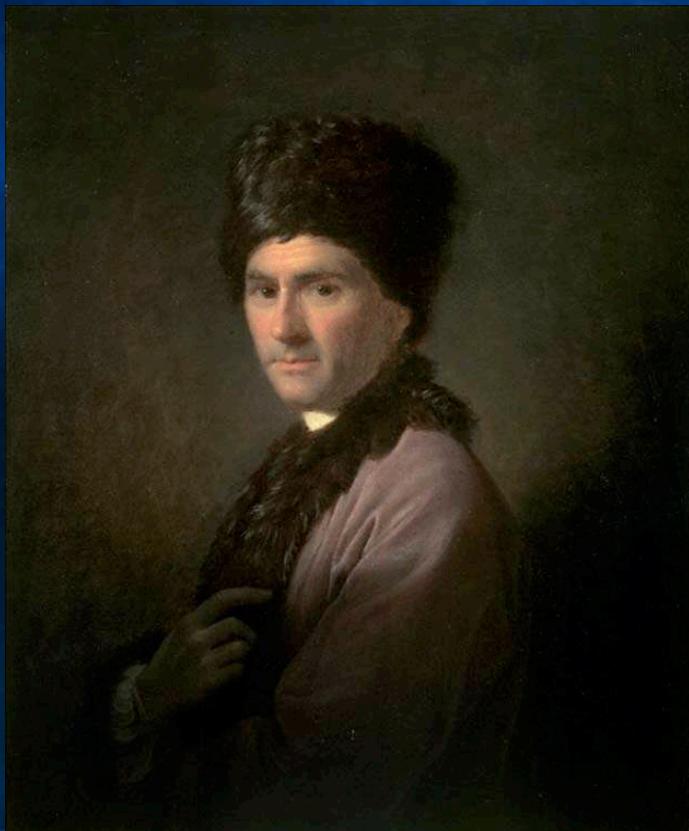
David Hume
Allan Ramsay, 1766
Scottish National
Portrait Gallery
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“I wish posterity should see
that one philosopher
during your Majesty’s reign
had **a good coat upon his
back.**” Ramsay reply to to
George III remarking that
Hume’s dress was “rather
too fine,” as related by
James Boswell.

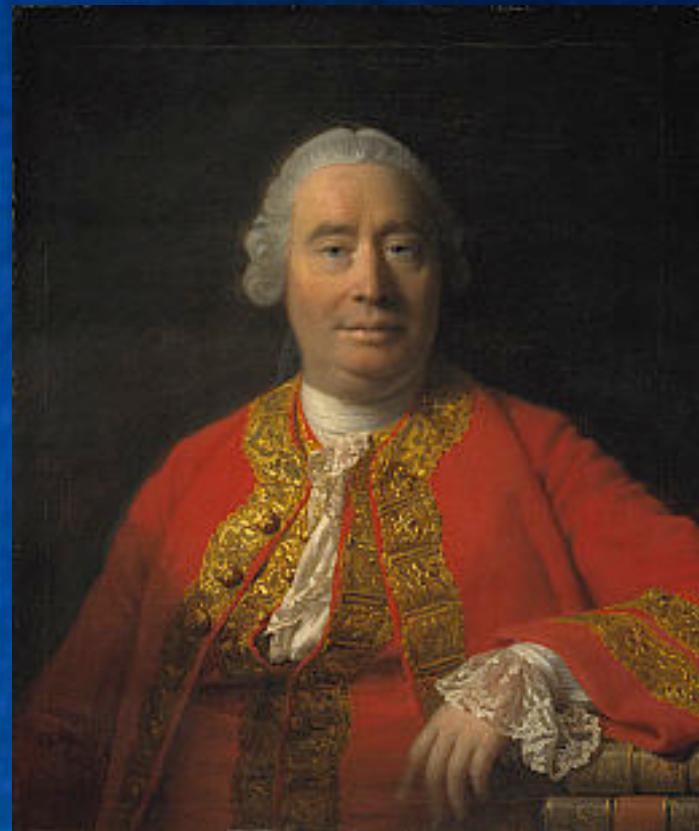


The Contrast

Jean-Jacques Rousseau



David Hume



JJ Rousseau
Maurice Quentin de la
Tour, 1764 (copy of 1753
painting)
Musée J.-J. Rousseau
Montmorency

Painting Criticized by Diderot
in his *Salons*:
“Where is the censor, the Caton
and Brutus of our day....
all I see is the author of the
‘Village Fortuneteller’, well
dressed, well powdered and sitting
ridiculously on a wicker chair”



Jean-Jacques Rousseau

After a copy attributed
to Gérard.

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J.-J. Rousseau
David Martin, after
Ramsay, 1766
British Museum,
London

(David Martin was
Allan Ramsay's chief
studio assistant in
London)



Benjamin Franklin
in fur cap
Jean-Baptiste Nini,
1777

(terra cotta medallion)
The fur cap is copied
from Ramsay's
portrait of Rousseau



Benjamin Franklin in Paris

“Benjamin Franklin avait paru [...] avec le costume d'un cultivateur américain: ses cheveux plats sans poudre, son chapeau rond, son habit de drap brun, contrastaient avec les habits apilletés, les coiffures poudrées et embaumantes des courtisans de Versailles [...]” Mémoires de Mme Campan.



Pierre-Louis Moreau de Maupertuis In his 1736 Scientific Expedition to Lapland



Rousseau Botanist at Ermenonville



Voltaire,
Nicolas de
Largillièrē,
n.d.



Denis Diderot

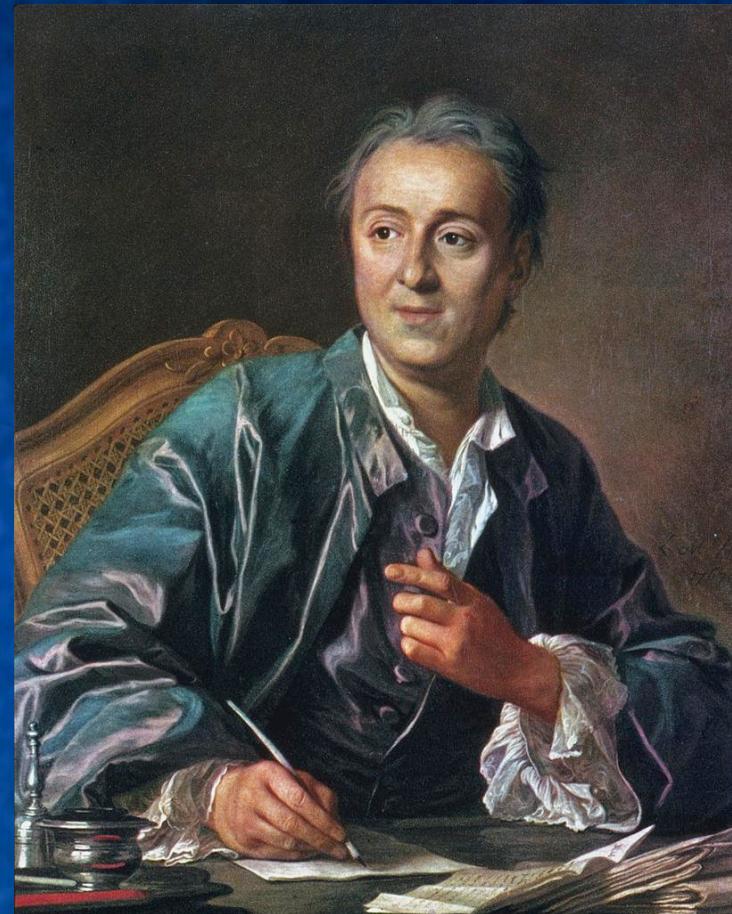
Louis Michel Van Loo, 1767

Musée du Louvre

“Mes enfants, je vous préviens,
ce n'est pas moi. J'avais en une
journée cent physionomies
diverses, selon la chose dont
j'étais affecté. J'étais serein,
triste, rêveur, tendre, violent,
passionné, enthousiaste. Mais
je ne fus jamais tel que vous
me voyez là.” Diderot



Rousseau & Diderot



Louis XIV on
Horseback,
Crowned by
Victory
Pierre Mignard, 1692
Musée national des
châteaux de Versailles
et de Trianon



Louis XIV
in Royal Costume
Hyacinthe Rigaud,
1701

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Louis XIV



Louis XIV
Charles Le Brun



Discours sur les Sciences et les arts (First Discourse)

1750

DISCOURS QUI A REMPORTÉ LE PRIX A L'ACADEMIE DE DIJON.

En l'année 1750.

Sur cette Question proposée par la même Académie :

Si le rétablissement des Sciences & des Arts a contribué à épurer les mœurs.

PAR UN CITOYEN DE GENEVE.

Barbarus hic ego sum quia non intelligo illuc. Ovid.



A G E N E V E,

Chez B A R I L L O T & fils.

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(Second Discourse)
1755



Du Contrat Social
(Social Contract)
1762

DU CONTRAT
SOCIAL;
OU
PRINCIPES
DU DROIT
POLITIQUE.

Par J. J. ROUSSEAU, Citoyen
" de Geneve.

Dicamus leges. Fæderis æquas
Aeneid. XI.

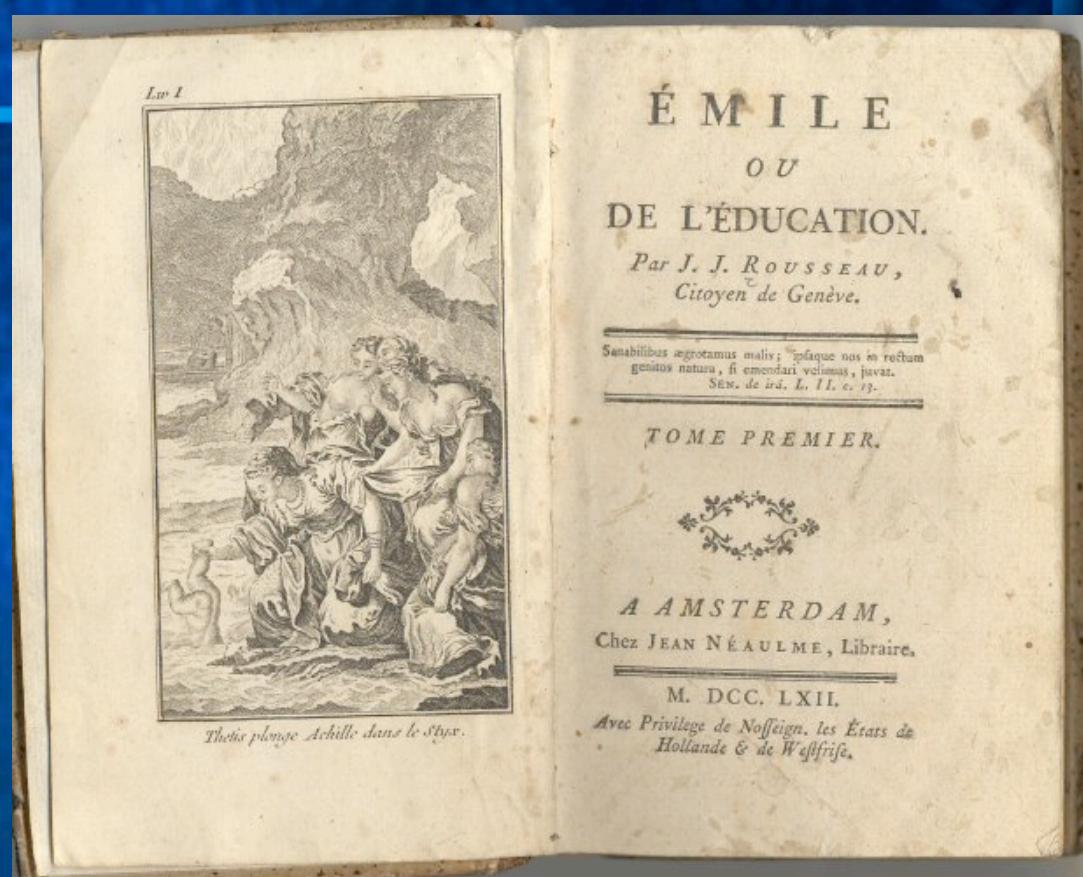
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reste dans le monde.

A AMSTERDAM,
Chez MARC - MICHEL REY.

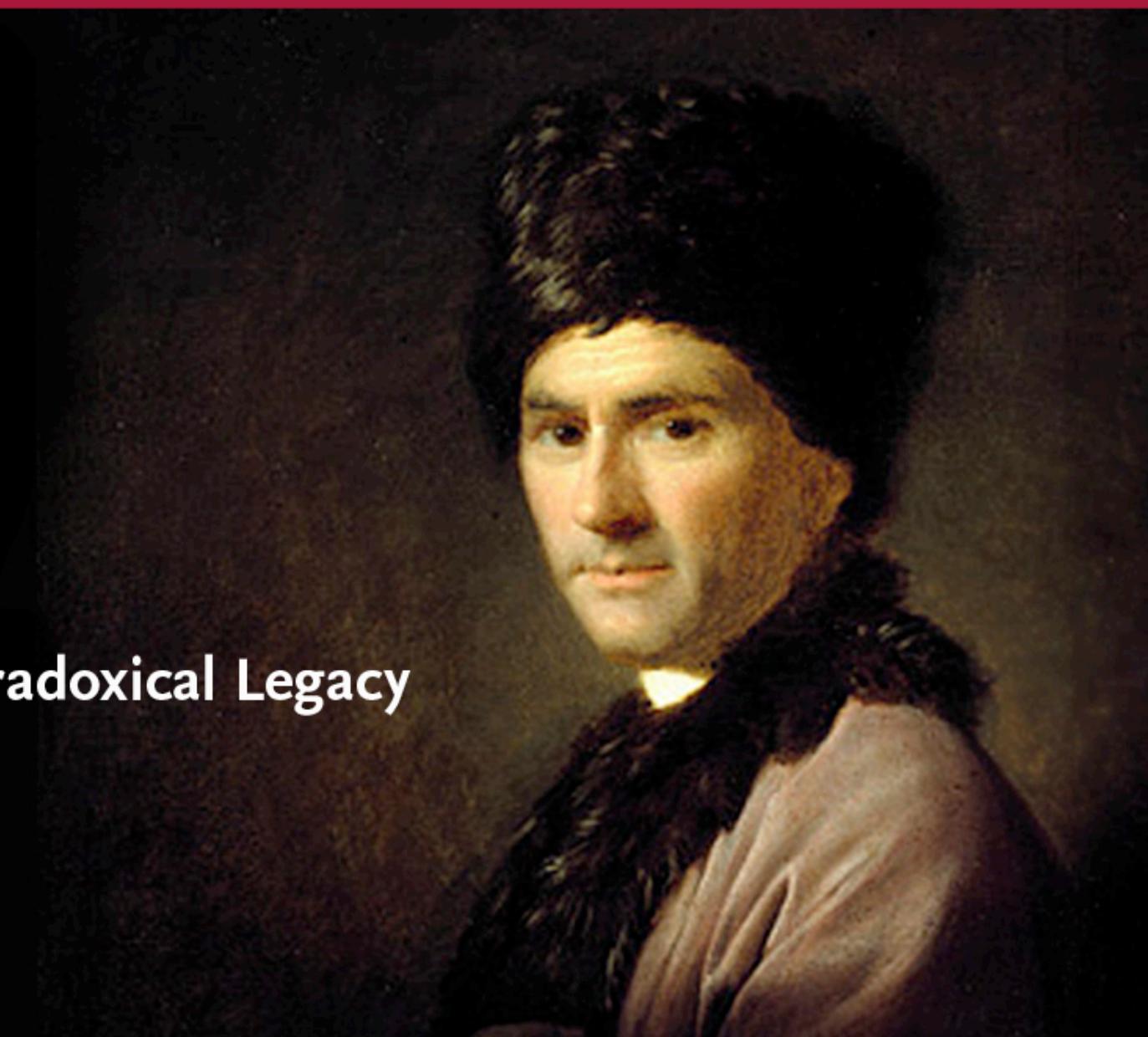
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