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*Critics of Enlightenment Rationalism*

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Enlightenment rationalism may be said to have been birthed with the writings of Francis Bacon and René Descartes, and to have come to self-awareness in the works of the French philosophes (e.g., Voltaire, Diderot, Condorcet, and d'Alembert), and their allies, such as Benjamin Franklin, Immanuel Kant, and Thomas Paine. But almost contemporaneously with the birth of this movement, it attracted critics.

The aim of this project is to provide an overview of some of the most important of the many critics of Enlightenment rationalism. The essays on each thinker are intended not merely to offer a commentary on that thinker, but also to place him or her in the context of this larger stream of anti-rationalist thought. So, while this volume is not a history of anti-rationalist thought, it may contain the intimations of such a history.

Some may wonder at the mixed bag of thinkers we address: poets, philosophers, economists, mathematicians, novelists, political theorists, urbanists, and philosophers. But there is unity in this diversity. Although these diverse authors worked in a variety of forms, they all sought to demonstrate the serious limitations in rationalism's description of the human situation. It is our hope that surveying the variety of perspectives from which rationalism has been attacked will serve to clarify the difficulties the rationalist approach to understanding faces, rather than dispersing our critical attention. In other words, we hope that these divergent streams flow together into a river, rather than meandering out to sea like the channels of a delta.

No one has collected these many significant anti-rationalist thinkers in a single volume before, so this work should be a significant contribution to further studies of this topic.

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