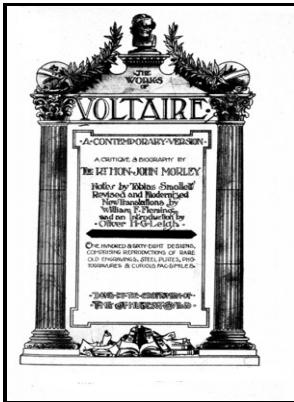


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At sixteen, he wrote an essay on conic sections, and later he worked out the foundation for the infinitesimal calculus, the integral calculus, and the calculus of probabilities, all in advance of the accomplishments of Newton and Leibniz. Contributions to science and history Voltaire also contributed several writings on issues of science and history.

The History of Zadig, or Destiny: An Oriental Tale by Voltaire

The Christian thinker—and I mean the man who is trying consciously and conscientiously to explain to himself the sequence which culminated in faith, rather than the public apologist—proceeds by rejection and elimination. In general, it is easier to disdain Voltaire than directly refute him; after all, his principal ideological obsessions are today almost commonplace ideas, and most of them form part of the spinal column that sustains our liberties and the best social aspirations of the modern era.

Voltaire against the fanatics

Decent people: professionals above all doctors and young teachers , financiers, merchants, artisans, public officials, military men with a will to study, scientists from any of the academies, artists, travellers, libertine Abbés, ladies who were as sensitive as they were welleducated and culturally restless, members of the lesser and even in some exceptional cases the higher nobility the Duke of Alba and the Count of Aranda were two examples in Spain, both regarded by Voltaire with the utmost appreciation. Perhaps less so today than twenty years ago, when Pujol wrote these lines.

Pascal And Voltaire Analysis

Voltaire wrote in a wide spectrum of styles and on very diverse subjects, including politics, religion, theater and even science. This is why Voltaire was just as intellectually severe with atheists as he was with the conspicuously pious; both groups failed to recognize the true rational greatness of God. Nevertheless, he continues to be as irritating as ever, though for changing reasons.

Voltaire

On this journey he meets an unhappy fisherman who is about to commit suicide as he has no money, but Zadig gives him some money to ease his woes, telling us that source of his own unhappiness is in his heart, whereas the fisherman's are only financial concerns. They have, however, in the eyes of the psychologist, a common feature of great interest, along with so many kinds of differences.

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