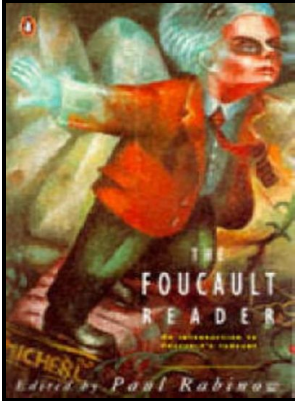


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Subjects were expected to confess, to divulge their darkest secrets, and these confessions were codified into a quasi-scientific form. Laurance and that Jean Martin Charcot was the founder of scientific neurology, and Sigmund Freud's teacher at the Paris Salpêtrière hospital.

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Christianity put the 'accent on desire and tries to eradicate it', in distinction to the Graeco-Roman focus on 'acts'. Poitiers was a destination for

refugees during the Spanish Civil War, and within the zone of German occupation during World War Two.

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Foucault argues that Pinel transformed the asylum into a juridical space—not of treatment, but of social control. All we can do is to be continually aware of the historic forces which control us, and which are often manipulated consciously or unconsciously by those with power, whether they are politicians, intellectuals or scientists. Foucault analyzes the four different modes of veridiction truth-telling practiced by the prophet, the sage, the teacher, and the parrhesiast.

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