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## A Satire, in Imitation of the Third of Juvenal

The Third Satyr of Juvenal, 11. The need of a parallel forces him to say, I cannot bear a French metropolis; but this was not the London described in Voltaire's Lettres Anglaises.

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His title implies that certainty and truth can be found, despite the temptations of the world, only by adhering to a spiritual path and following God's will, a message John Bunyan had powerfully delivered in Pilgrim's Progress 1678. Swift contrasts the unfair way people were elected to the parliament in England with the absurd way people in Lilliput win their political positions, that is through rope dancing and leaping over sticks. A few days later, he was the talk of the town.

### London (Samuel Johnson poem)

What check restrain your thirst of pow'r and gold? Many believed in this plot, and the ensuing furore opened a prolonged period of political crisis, but by 1682 Oates had been substantially discredited. Leather Binding on Spine and Corners with Golden leaf printing on spine. This is quite right, but attention should also be drawn to the intensity of the language here, to the passion that informs the satire, and to the intimation of a radical disorder from which Johnson has such revulsion : what is the future of a people when its youth is not merely misled but tainted, poisoned, and enslaved, and what is to become of a world where those fundamental perceptions vital to the security of the mind are perverted, where black becomes white and a lie can successfully masquerade as, and take on all the assurance of, truth? Now for the first time these high-quality digital copies of original 18th century manuscripts are available in print, making them highly accessible to libraries, undergraduate students, and independent scholars.

### Johnson, (1738 Edition)

The chief criticism to be urged against Johnsons poem is that it does not show Popes art in escaping from its model.



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