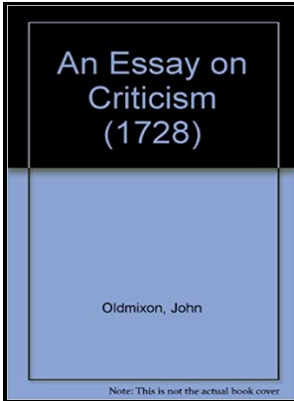


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Those oft are stratagems which errors seem, Nor is it Homer nods, but we that dream. A fourth book to the Dunciad, containing many beautiful and striking lines and a general revision of his works, closed the poet's literary cares and toils.

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Without good breeding truth is disapproved; That only makes superior sense beloved. When the Greeks were challenged by Hector he was chosen their champion and it was in their encounter that he seized a huge stone and hurled it at Hector.

## Alexander Pope

In the same Spectator, we have another Hint, that no Body ought to criticise on that Author's Writings, unless he could write as elegantly as himself, which effectually cuts off all Criticism. In prospects, thus, some objects please our eyes, Which out of nature's common order rise, The shapeless rock or hanging precipice. I cou'd easily fill many Volumes of Quotations out of the Antients and Moderns, in all the Kinds of Thinking, but as I am doubtful of the Success of my Attempt, so the Fewer I insert, the Less I shall offend.

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But Collier seems to have less Regard for his Brotherhood in the last Centuries, when he informs us that by Queen Elizabeth's Injunctions a Clergyman could not marry till he had made his Complaint against Celibacy before two Justices of the Peace, and gain'd their Consent, and the good Will of the Master or Mistress where the Damsel serv'd, by which he gives us to understand, that soon after the Reformation the Priests Wives were all Abigail's. We will not borrow it from Boileau, because we are forbidden by the Spectator to make Use of a Quotation which has been made Use of before.

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