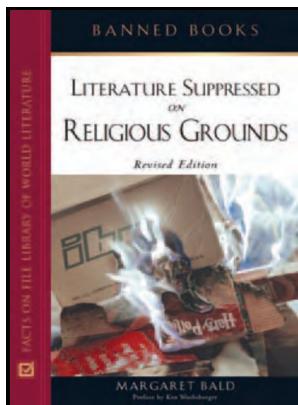


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In Letter 17, a virtual reprise and summation of the case of the five propositions, he repeats once again that he writes purely as a private citizen and denies that he is a member of Port Royal. He even cautioned Gilberte not to be publicly affectionate with her children — on grounds that caresses can be a form of sensuality, dependency, and self-indulgence. The great boast of the infidels in every age is that they have replaced human nature in its proper position, and restored to it its true dignity; but we ask confidently whether the truth is not rather on the side of those who, like Pascal, paint in the gloomiest colours man's state since the fall, only that they may the more forcibly and with the greater earnestness disclose to us the glorious prospect of man's restoration to his pristine dignity through the merits of the Son of God.

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The bottom line is that we need to know when to affirm something as true, when to doubt, and when to submit to authority. A dialog between Pascal and the reader? But it was too late; and the sole resource that remained was to bribe the judges, if possible, and to frighten them into a sentence of condemnation. If my first forty years were spent hungering for meaning in life, the last forty have been spent in being fed.

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**Pascal, Blaise**

Since nothing is more obvious than this observation, how absurd it is to behave differently.

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