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new third edition of this acclaimed accessible overview of the enlightenment with a new chapter and guidance on further research

a compelling reevaluation of the enlightenment from one of its leading historians in this concise and powerful book one of the world's leading historians of the enlightenment provides a bracing and clarifying new interpretation of this watershed period arguing that philosophical and historical interpretations of the era have long been hopelessly confused vincenzo ferrone makes the case that it is only by separating these views and taking an approach grounded in social and cultural history that we can begin to grasp what the

enlightenment was and why it is still relevant today ferrone explains why the enlightenment was a profound and wide ranging cultural revolution that reshaped western identity reformed politics through the invention of human rights and redefined knowledge by creating a critical culture these new ways of thinking gave birth to new values that spread throughout society and changed how everyday life was lived and understood featuring an illuminating afterword describing how his argument challenges the work of anglophone interpreters including jonathan israel the enlightenment provides a fascinating reevaluation of the true nature and legacy of one of the most important and contested periods in western history the translation of this work has been funded by seps segretariato europeo per le pubblicazioni scientifiche

the enlightenment of the late 17th and 18th century is characterized by an emphasis on reason and empiricism as a major shaping philosophy of western culture it had a historical impact on the religious cultural academic and social institutions of 18th century europe in this compelling volume the author explores the lasting impact of enlightenment thinking on modern western societies and other democracies with an interdisciplinary comparative historical approach this volume explores the impact of enlightenment ideals such as liberty equality and social justice on current social institutions combining sociological theory with concrete examples the author provides a unique framework for understanding modern cultural development including a picture of how it would look without this enlightenment basis this work provides a multi faceted approach including an historical overview analysis of the enlightenment s influence on modern democratic societies modern culture political science civil society and the economy as well as exploring the counter enlightenment post enlightenment and neo enlightenment philosophies

the enlightenment was a laboratory of modernity that changed the history of the western world helping to bring about globalisation and the rise of a powerful intellectual class it gave the scientific revolution new methods and a new purpose by ushering in the sciences of man at the same time it constantly interrogated these new sciences wary of the possibility that they might lead to discrimination rather than emancipation the late enlightenment the most mature and productive period developed its values and political ideals such as the concept of liberty and of a constitutional and republican government through its confrontation with the ancien régime the slave trade and imperial colonialism and the betrayal of the revolutionary ideals in the americas the world of the enlightenment is a wide ranging discussion of one of the most important cultural phenomena of the modern era it covers topics from the scientific such as the approaches of empiricism and humanism the political the rights of man slavery and colonial independence and the artistic modern art and public opinion the author discusses these topics thematically in ten chapters this book will appeal to scholars and students alike

studying the enlightenment and the history of intellectualism as well as all those interested in the history of modern science politics and culture

from its beginnings as a loosely definable group of philosophical ideas to the culmination of its revolutionary effect on public life in europe the age of enlightenment is the defining intellectual and cultural movement of the modern world using reason as its core value the enlightenment believed that progress and the betterment of the human condition was inevitable inside you will read about the great thinkers of the enlightenment engaging with religion morality in the age of enlightenment society in the age of enlightenment science and political economy the enlightenment and the public print culture and the press philosophies of the enlightenment gave birth to the disciplines of political science economic theory sociology and anthropology the disciplines that still form the basis of how we understand life in the 21st century a bold attack on the church the state and the monarchy the age of enlightenment was a direct challenge to the status quo that sought freedom for all

peter schouls examines the role played by the concepts of freedom mastery and progress in descartes writings arguing that these ideas express a vital and fundamental feature of descartes thought these theories also occupy a central position in the thought of the enlightenment since the more contentious claim is that they function centrally in descartes works schouls presents a careful and detailed examination of the conjunction and use of these ideas in descartes writings this examination warrants the conclusion that they play the same role in descartes works as they do in writings typical of the enlightenment

for generations the traditional focus for those wishing to understand the roots of the modern world has been france on the eve of the revolution porter certainly acknowledges france s importance but here makes an overwhelming case for considering britain the true home of modernity a country driven by an exuberance diversity and power of invention comparable only to twentieth century america porter immerses the reader in a society which recovering from the horrors of the civil war and decisively reinvigorated by the revolution of 1688 had emerged as something new and extraordinary a society unlike any other in the world

the enlightenment world offers an informed comprehensive and up to date analysis of the european enlightenment c 1720 1800 as both an historical epoch and a cultural formation this prestigious collection begins with the intellectual origins of the enlightenment and spans early formations up to both contemporary and modern critics of the enlightenment the chapters written by leading international experts represent the most cutting edge research within the field and include the high enlightenment polite culture and the arts reforming the

world material and pop culture transformations and exploration covering topics as diverse as government fashion craftsmen and artisans philanthropy cross cultural encounters feminism censorship science and education this volume will provide essential reading for all students of the enlightenment

a diary kept by a boy in the 1790s sheds new light on the rise of autobiographical writing in the 19th century and sketches a panoramic view of europe in the age of enlightenment the french revolution and the batavian revolution in the netherlands provide the backdrop to this study which ranges from changing perceptions of time space and nature to the thought of jean jacques rousseau and its influence on such far flung fields as education landscape gardening and politics the book describes the high expectations people had of science and medicine and their disappointment at the failure of these new branches of learning to cure the world of its ills

the enlightenment and why it still matters tells nothing less than the story of how the modern western view of the world was born cultural and intellectual historian anthony pagden explains how and why the ideal of a universal global and cosmopolitan society became such a central part of the western imagination in the ferment of the enlightenment and how these ideas have done battle with an inward looking tradition oriented view of the world ever since cosmopolitanism is an ancient creed but in its modern form it was a creature of the enlightenment attempt to create a new science of man based upon a vision of humanity made up of autonomous individuals free from all the constraints imposed by custom prejudice and religion as pagden shows this new science was based not simply on cold calculating reason as its critics claimed but on the argument that all humans are linked by what in the enlightenment were called sympathetic attachments the conclusion was that despite the many tribes and nations into which humanity was divided there was only one human nature and that the final destiny of the species could only be the creation of one universal cosmopolitan society this new human science provided the philosophical grounding of the modern world it has been the inspiration behind the league of nations the united nations and the european union without it international law global justice and human rights legislation would be unthinkable as anthony pagden argues passionately and persuasively in this book it is a legacy well worth preserving and one that might yet come to inherit the earth

in an unusually diverse collection margaret jacob presents the eighteenth century movement known as the enlightenment that forever changed the political religious and educational landscape of the day selections by some of the period's most important thinkers include pieces by locke rousseau mary wortley montagu denis diderot new additions to the document collection include excerpts from peter bayle's historical and critical dictionary as well as the indiscreet jewels diderot's novel set in the congo but clearly aimed at the french court jacob covers the movement's lengthy evolution in a comprehensive introduction which establishes the issues central to

understanding the documents and provides important background on the political and social debates of the period

this inaugural volume takes us from the ancien regime the world of handel tiepolo beaumarchais and haydn where the artist was the servant of court based patronage via the catalysts of the enlightenment and the french revolution to a new world the world of byron beethoven goya and turner where artists were increasingly autonomous and entrepreneurial finding their own inspirations and searching out new audiences for their output

jonathan israel presents the first major reassessment of the western enlightenment for a generation continuing the story he began in the best selling radical enlightenment and now focusing his attention on the first half of the eighteenth century he returns to the original sources to offer a groundbreaking new perspective on the nature and development of the most important currents in modern thought israel traces many of the core principles of western modernity to their roots in the social political and philosophical ferment of this period the primacy of reason democracy racial equality feminism religious toleration sexual emancipation and freedom of expression he emphasizes the dual character of the enlightenment and the bitter struggle between on the one hand a generally dominant anti democratic mainstream supporting the monarchy aristocracy and ecclesiastical authority and on the other a largely repressed democratic republican and materialist radical fringe he also contends that the supposedly separate french british german dutch and italian enlightenments interacted to such a degree that their study in isolation gives a hopelessly distorted picture a work of dazzling and highly accessible scholarship enlightenment contested will be the definitive reference point for historians philosophers and anyone engaged with this fascinating period of human development

a foundational moment in the history of modern european thought the enlightenment continues to be a reference point for philosophers scholars and opinion formers to many it remains the inspiration of our commitments to the betterment of the human condition to others it represents the elevation of one set of european values to the world many of whose peoples have quite different values but what is the relationship between the historical enlightenment and the idea of enlightenment and can these two understandings be reconciled in this very short introduction john robertson offers a concise historical introduction to the enlightenment as an intellectual movement of eighteenth century europe discussing its intellectual achievements he also explores how its supporters exploited new ways of communicating their ideas to a wider public creating a new public sphere for critical discussion of the moral economic and political issues facing their societies about the series the very short introductions series from oxford university press contains hundreds of titles in almost every subject area these pocket sized books are the perfect way to get ahead in a new subject quickly our expert authors combine

facts analysis perspective new ideas and enthusiasm to make interesting and challenging topics highly readable

what was the enlightenment though many scholars have attempted to solve this riddle none has made as much use of contemporary answers as dan edelstein does here in seeking to recover where when and how the concept of the enlightenment first emerged edelstein departs from genealogies that trace it back to political and philosophical developments in england and the dutch republic according to edelstein by the 1720s scholars and authors in france were already employing a constellation of terms such as *l esprit philosophique* to describe what we would today call the enlightenment but edelstein argues that it was within the french academies and in the context of the quarrel of the ancients and the moderns that the key definition concepts and historical narratives of the enlightenment were crafted a necessary corrective to many of our contemporary ideas about the enlightenment edelstein s book turns conventional thinking about the period on its head concise clear and contrarian the enlightenment will be welcomed by all teachers and students of the period

if god did not exist it would be necessary to invent him voltaire montesquieu hume voltaire diderot smith gibbon bentham these are among the great thinkers who contributed to the dramatic developments in religion science and philosophy that we now call the enlightenment they dominated the second half of the eighteenth century and their writings continue to shape the intellectual and political worlds we now inhabit written by a world authority this brief history of the enlightenment concludes with a perceptive assessment of the cultural religious ethical and political dimensions of its legacy a remarkable short tour of the enlightenment that is brisk but never hurried covering more than seems possible kenny is as spirited and opinionated as the age he describes tempered by a moderation and breadth of knowledge that comes from experience and hindsight julian baggini founder editor of the philosophers magazine

offers a timely intervention into the debate about the enlightenment and its legacy highlighting both its plurality and continuing relevance

mr robertson is a splendid writer astoundingly versed in european letters and gifted at vividly sketching the views of the enlighteners robertson armed with a prodigious knowledge of the enlightenment s literary output has captured the tone and spirit of this milieu wall street journal now in paperback a magisterial history that recasts the enlightenment as a period not solely consumed with rationale and reason but rather as a pursuit of practical means to achieve greater human happiness one of the formative periods of european and world history the enlightenment is the fountainhead of modern secular western values religious tolerance freedom of thought speech and the press of rationality and evidence based argument yet why over three hundred years after it began is the enlightenment so profoundly

misunderstood as controversial the expression of soulless calculation the answer may be that to an extraordinary extent we have accepted the account of the enlightenment given by its conservative enemies that enlightenment necessarily implied hostility to religion or support for an unfettered free market or that this was the best of all possible worlds ritchie robertson goes back into the long eighteenth century from approximately 1680 to 1790 to reveal what this much debated period was really about robertson returns to the era's original texts to show that above all the enlightenment was really about increasing human happiness in this world rather than the next by promoting scientific inquiry and reasoned argument in so doing robertson chronicles the campaigns mounted by some enlightened figures against evils like capital punishment judicial torture serfdom and witchcraft trials featuring the experiences of major figures like voltaire and diderot alongside ordinary people who lived through this extraordinary moment in answering the question what is enlightenment in 1784 kant famously urged men and women above all to have the courage to use your own intellect robertson shows how the thinkers of the enlightenment did just that seeking a well rounded understanding of humanity in which reason was balanced with emotion and sensibility drawing on philosophy theology historiography and literature across the major western european languages the enlightenment is a master class in big picture history about the foundational epoch of modern times

the enlightenment an eighteenth century philosophical and cultural movement that swept through western europe has often been characterized as a mostly secular phenomenon that ultimately undermined religious authority and belief and eventually gave way to the secularization of western society and to modernity to whatever extent the enlightenment can be credited with giving birth to modern western culture historians in more recent years have aptly demonstrated that the enlightenment hardly singed the death knell of religion not only did religion continue to occupy a central place in political social and private life throughout the eighteenth century but it shaped the enlightenment project itself in significant and meaningful ways the thinkers and philosophers normally associated with the enlightenment to be sure challenged state sponsored church authority and what they perceived as superstitious forms of belief and practice but they did not mount a campaign to undermine religion generally a more productive approach to understanding religion in the age of enlightenment then is to examine the ways the enlightenment informed religious belief and practice during the period as well as the ways religion influenced the enlightenment and to do so from a range of disciplinary perspectives which is the goal of this collection the chapters document the intersections of religious and enlightenment ideas in such areas as theology the natural sciences politics the law art philosophy and literature

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