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A STUDY OF 1ST CORINTHIANS



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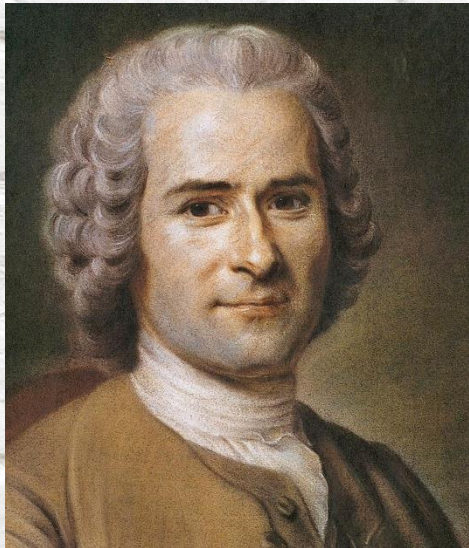
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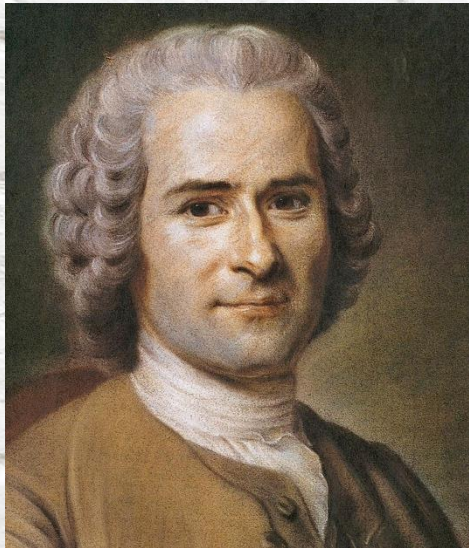
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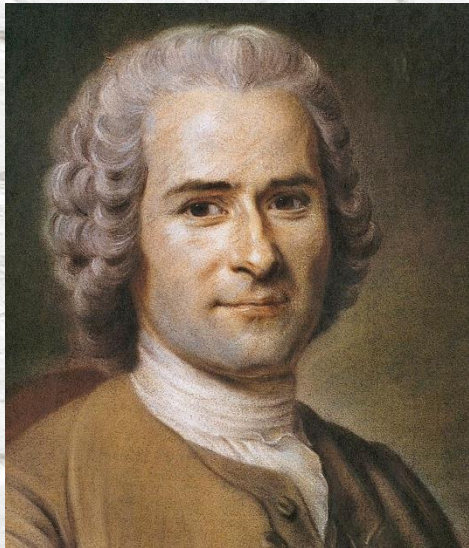
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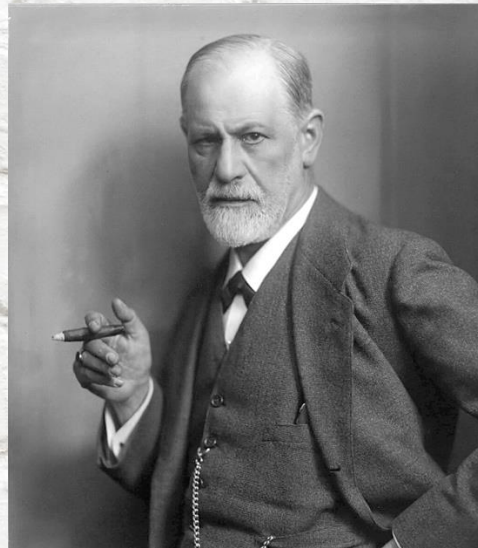
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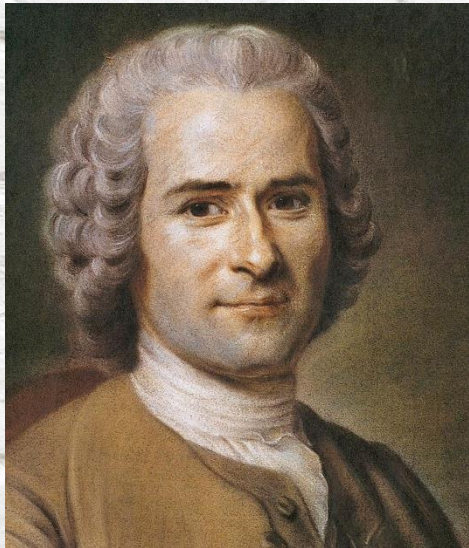
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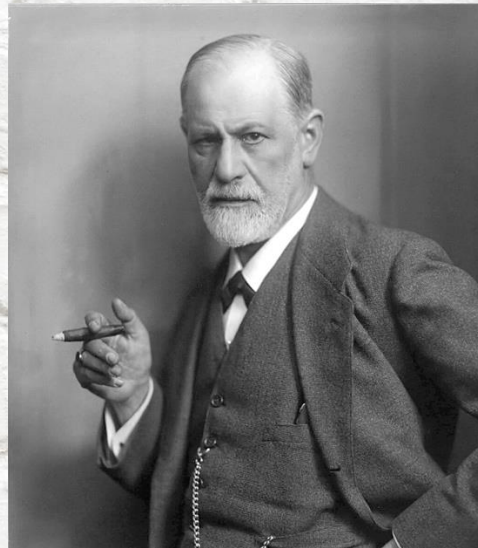
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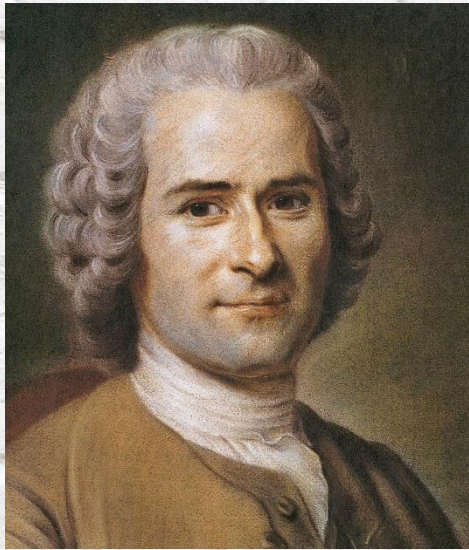
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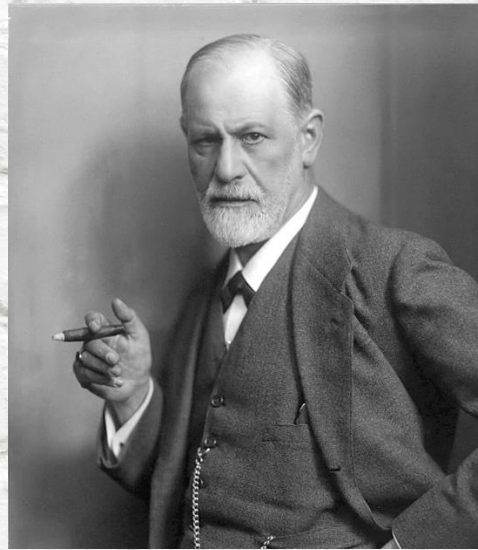
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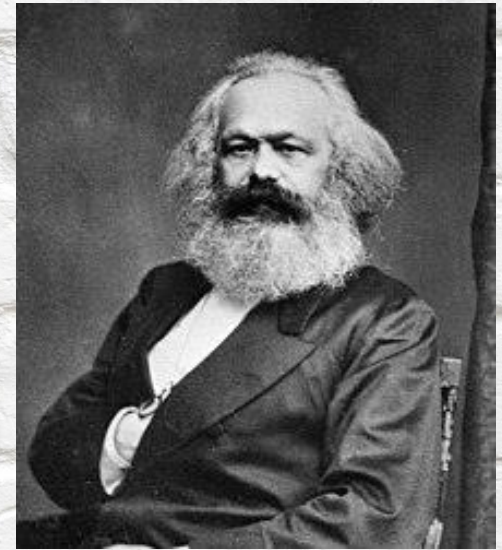
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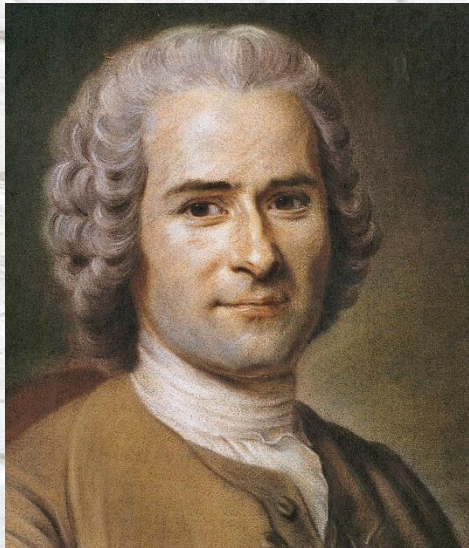
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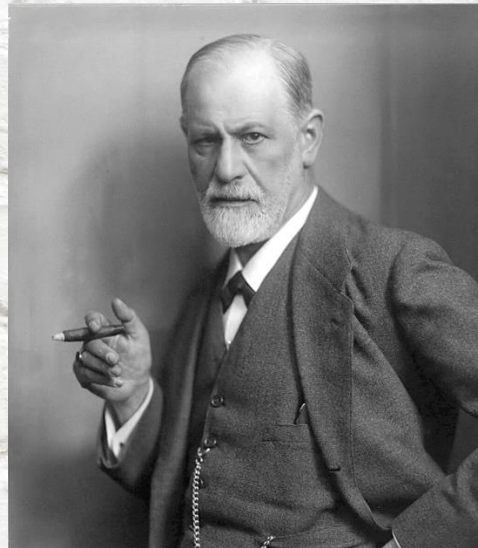
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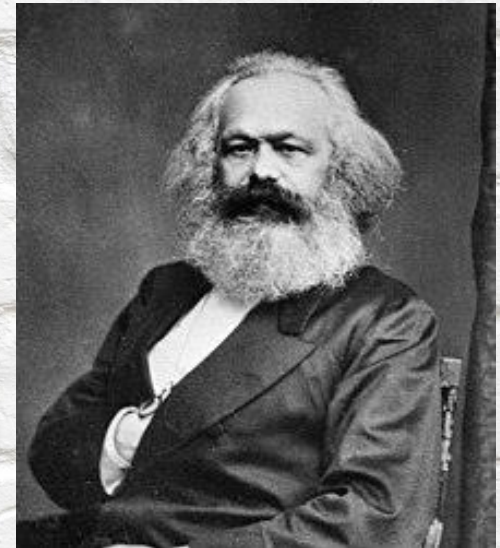
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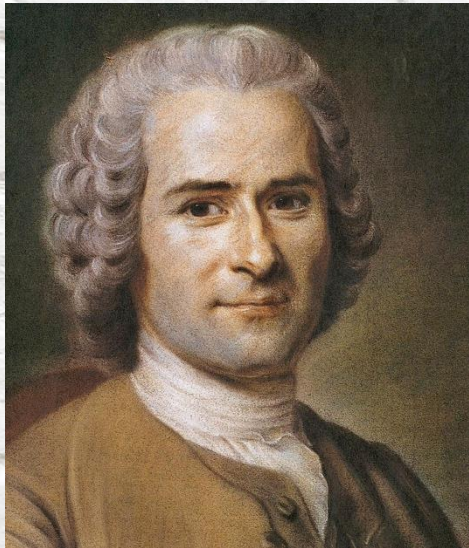


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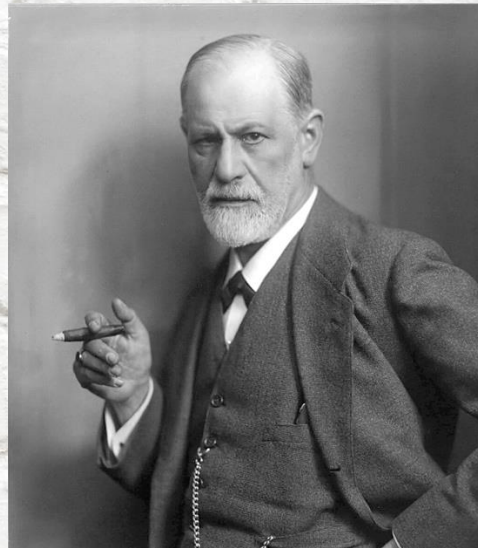
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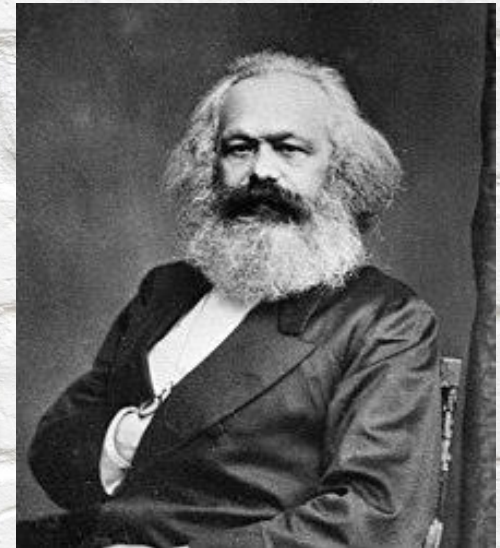
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“To follow Rousseau is to make identity psychological. To follow Freud is to make psychology, and thus identity, sexual. To mesh this combination with Marx is to make identity—and therefore sex—political.”

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“For wherever the human soul turns itself, other than to you, it is fixed in sorrows, even if it is fixed upon beautiful things.”

- Augustine



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Proverbs 7

²¹ With much seductive speech she persuades him;
with her smooth talk she compels him.

²² All at once he follows her,
as an ox goes to the slaughter,
or as a stag is caught fast

²³ till an arrow pierces its liver;
as a bird rushes into a snare;
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“There is a God-shaped vacuum in the heart of every man which cannot be filled by any created thing, but only by God.”

- Blaise Pascal



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“To be loved but not known is comforting but superficial. To be known and not loved is our greatest fear. But to be fully known and truly loved is, well, a lot like being loved by God. It is what we need more than anything. It liberates us from pretense, humbles us out of our self-righteousness, and fortifies us for any difficulty life can throw at us.”

- Tim and Kathy Keller



