

Renaissance Origins of the French Enlightenment: A Historical Exploration



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The French Enlightenment was a period of profound intellectual and cultural change that laid the foundations for the modern world. But where did the Enlightenment come from? In this groundbreaking new book, historian John Smith argues that the seeds of the Enlightenment were sown during the Italian Renaissance.

Smith traces the roots of the Enlightenment back to the rediscovery of ancient Greek and Roman texts during the Renaissance. These texts, which had been lost to Europe for centuries, contained a wealth of knowledge about philosophy, science, and art. Their rediscovery inspired a new spirit of inquiry and a belief in the power of human reason.

The Renaissance also saw the rise of humanism, a movement that emphasized the importance of human experience and the individual.

Humanists believed that people could improve themselves through education and that they should not be subject to the authority of the Church or the state.

These ideas laid the groundwork for the Enlightenment, which fully developed in the 18th century. The Enlightenment thinkers, such as Voltaire, Rousseau, and Montesquieu, were inspired by the Renaissance humanists' belief in the power of reason and the importance of individual liberty.

Smith's book is a major contribution to our understanding of the French Enlightenment. It shows how the Renaissance was a crucial period in the development of Western thought and that the Enlightenment would not have been possible without it.

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John Smith is a professor of history at the University of California, Berkeley. He is the author of several books, including *The Rise of Modern Science* and *The Enlightenment: A History*.

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