



Lévesque de Pouilly, a “true philosopher with a tender heart”

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Abstract: After starting out in a heterodox environment and having made his mark at the Académie through his work on Roman history, Lévesque de Pouilly wrote the *Théorie des sentiments agréables* between 1735 and 1749. In this work he criticizes Bayle and Epicurus, but, based on physiological observations, he brings out a physics of feeling that resonates even in the *Encyclopédie*. Through references and allusions, we are able to recognize the author’s secret thoughts in this “compendium of philosophical happiness.”

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