WOLLSTONECRAFT’S CRITIQUE OF SEPARATE VIRTUES

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The paper examines Wollstonecraft’s attempt to present truth as the foundation of virtue. The idea that virtue is based on the use of reason and the knowledge of truth is in several ways intrinsically related to Wollstonecraft’s feminism. It will be argued that Wollstonecraft’s critique of Rousseau’s conception of separate virtues is based on a Platonist conception of the unity of virtue, which she adopted from the mathematician and moral philosopher Richard Price.


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