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by Blaise Pascal (1623-62), translated by W. F. Trotter

Pascal's *Pensées* (*Thoughts*) is widely considered to be a masterpiece, and a landmark in French prose. When commenting on one particular section (Thought #72), Sainte-Beuve praised it as the finest pages in the French language. Will Durant, in his 11-volume *The Story of Civilization* series, hailed it as "the most eloquent book in French prose." In *Pensées*, Pascal surveys several philosophical paradoxes: infinity and nothing, faith and reason, soul and matter, death and life, meaning and vanity—seemingly arriving at no definitive conclusions besides humility, ignorance, and grace. Rolling these into one, he develops "Pascal's Wager". (*Wikipedia*)

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