

VOLTAIRE (M. DE) -- NEWTON

Elemens de la philosophie de NEUTON mis à la portée de tout le monde -- EDITION ORIGINALE -- BON EXEMPLAIRE

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Amsterdam, Ledet, 1738, un volume in 8 relié en plein veau glacé, dos orné de fers dorés, tranches rouges (reliure de l'époque), (habiles restaurations aux mors), 1 portrait de NEWTON, 1 portrait de VOLTAIRE, (1), 399pp., (1pp.), 6 planches hors texte, 1 tableau dépliant, nombreuses figures dans le texte

Commentaire : ---- EDITION ORIGINALE ---- BON EXEMPLAIRE ---- "Voltaire' importance for the history of science lies particularly in his having composed a famous popularization of Newton, *Eléments de la philosophie de Newton* (1738), while collaborating with his companion and mistress, Emilie, Marquise Du Châtelet, on her translation of the *Principia* into french...". (DSB XIV pp. 83 et suivantes) ---- BABSON N° 120 : "From 1725 to 1728, Voltaire lived in exile in England and became a fervent admirer of the Newtonian philosophy which he introduced into France . He may have met Newton... In 1736, while a refugee in Holland, he sent the first chapters of his "*Elémens*" to the Amsterdam publisher, Ledet, but departed without supplying the rest of the manuscript. Finally 25 chapters were printed, with the additional phrase on the title "*Mis à la portée de tout le monde*". The text is preceded by a poem and dedication to Voltaire's mistress, the brilliant Marquise du Châtelet, who collaborated with him in the study of Newton" ---- Gray N° 39**7236/ARB5

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