

The Covered Father

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A more significant apparent paradox (this is my re-wording of a Sedley point): The establishment of the canon as (1) the senses, (2) the feelings, and (3) the anticipations is an empirical process – because belief in the truthfulness of sense-impressions proves in practice more useful than distrust of them. But only when we have *empirically* learned that they are reliable do we have a firm basis for making further *empirical* discoveries. Hence arises the *apparent* paradox that the criterion is both the product and the starting point of empirical reasoning.