

*I have drawn the great moral lesson, perhaps the only one of particular value, to avoid situations in life which bring our duties into conflict with our interests, and which show us our own advantage in the misfortunes of others; for it is certain that, in such situations, however sincere our love of virtue, we must, sooner or later, inevitably grow weak without perceiving it, and become unjust and wicked in the act, without having ceased to be just and good in our hearts.*

*Jean-Jacques Rousseau, Confessions (1770)*