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The seventeenth century was an extraordinary period in Europe. Changes occurred on the Continent that shoved the entire western world into a different orbit. In a revolt against the prevailing intellectual paradigms of Aristotelianism and Scholasticism, philosophers such as Locke, Descartes, Newton, and Pascal virtually created the modern western mind. Consequently, an epistemology that had stood for centuries fell out of favor and another arose, which shapes the entire western world to this day (despite what our post-modernists are telling us).

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