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EZRA POUND,
The Spirit of Romance (1910)

. . . Our thoughts, wills, and actions accord with laws as definite as those which govern the motion of waves, the combination of acids and bases, and the growth of plants and animals.

E. B. TYLOR,
Primitive Culture (1871)

. . . We shall start out from the one point accessible to us, the one eternal center of all things — man, suffering, striving, doing, as he is and was and ever shall be. . . . We shall study the *recurrent*, *constant*, and *typical* as echoing in us and intelligible through us.

JACOB BURCKHARDT,
Lectures on History (1868)

Zwei Dinge gibt es, auf denen es hell ist und klar, den Berg der Tiere und den Berg der Götter. Dazwischen liegt das dämmrige Tal der Menschen.

PAUL KLEE, *Diary* (1903)