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Everyone imposes his own social system as far as his army can reach.

JOSEPH STALIN

Having once attributed a real existence to an idea, the mind wants to see it alive and can effect this only by personalizing it.

JOHAN HUIZINGA,
The Waning of the Middle Ages

Men possess thoughts, but symbols possess men.

MAX LERNER