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Vibrant Matter

I must let my senses wander as my thought,
my eyes see without looking. . . .
Go not to the object; let it come to you.

HENRY THOREAU,
The Journal of Henry David Thoreau

It is never we who affirm or deny something of a thing;
it is the thing itself that affirms or denies something of itself in us.

BARUCH SPINOZA, *Short Treatise II*