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To
Cristina and Anastasia

Is that not a useless undertaking, to dig up earlier opinions about things and go into them at length? Is this fruitless business . . . not ultimately a flight from what is today required of us? Are these safe promenades in the old gardens of earlier conceptions and doctrines not a comfortable avoidance of responsibility in face of the demands of the day, a diversionary spiritual luxury to which we no longer have any right?

—MARTIN HEIDEGGER