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People think that suffering makes them better, saves their soul, earns them paradise, that it's the necessary condition of happiness. It would suffice to renounce paradise. As I did.

—Alberto Savinio, New Encyclopedia