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We have no right to despise the discoveries or improvements which have originated in the minds of our contemporaries; yet it is an unscrupulous intellect that does not pay to antiquity its due reverence. . . . There are many kinds of genius; each age has its different gifts.

Preface to *Works of Hilary* by Desiderius Erasmus (1523)

