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This is what I had in mind, btw: "if two men, each ignorant of the other’s language, meet, and are not compelled to pass, but, on the contrary, to remain in company, dumb animals, though of different species, would more easily hold intercourse than they, human beings though they be. For their common nature is no help to friendliness when they are prevented by diversity of language from conveying their sentiments to one another; so that a man would more readily hold intercourse with his dog than with a foreigner." City of God. (via Stuart Semmel)

AT, p 57 love of money, inequality, but rapid circulation of wealth

AT, p 58, Americans can afford to devote only a few years to cultivation of the intelligence

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