Men of learning are those who have read the contents of books. Thinkers, geniuses, and those who have enlightened the world and furthered the race of men, are those who have made direct use of the book of the world.

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Indeed, it is only a man's own fundamental thoughts that have truth and life in them. For it is these that he really and completely understands.

To read the thoughts of others is like taking the remains of some one else's meal, like putting on the discarded clothes of a stranger.