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We need history, certainly, but we need it for reasons different from those for which the idler in the garden of knowledge needs it. . . . We need it . . . for the sake of life and action. . . . We want to serve history only to the extent that history serves life.

—Friedrich Nietzsche, “On the Uses and Disadvantages of History for Life”