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—William Carlos Williams, from “Red Eric,” *In the American Grain*, 1925



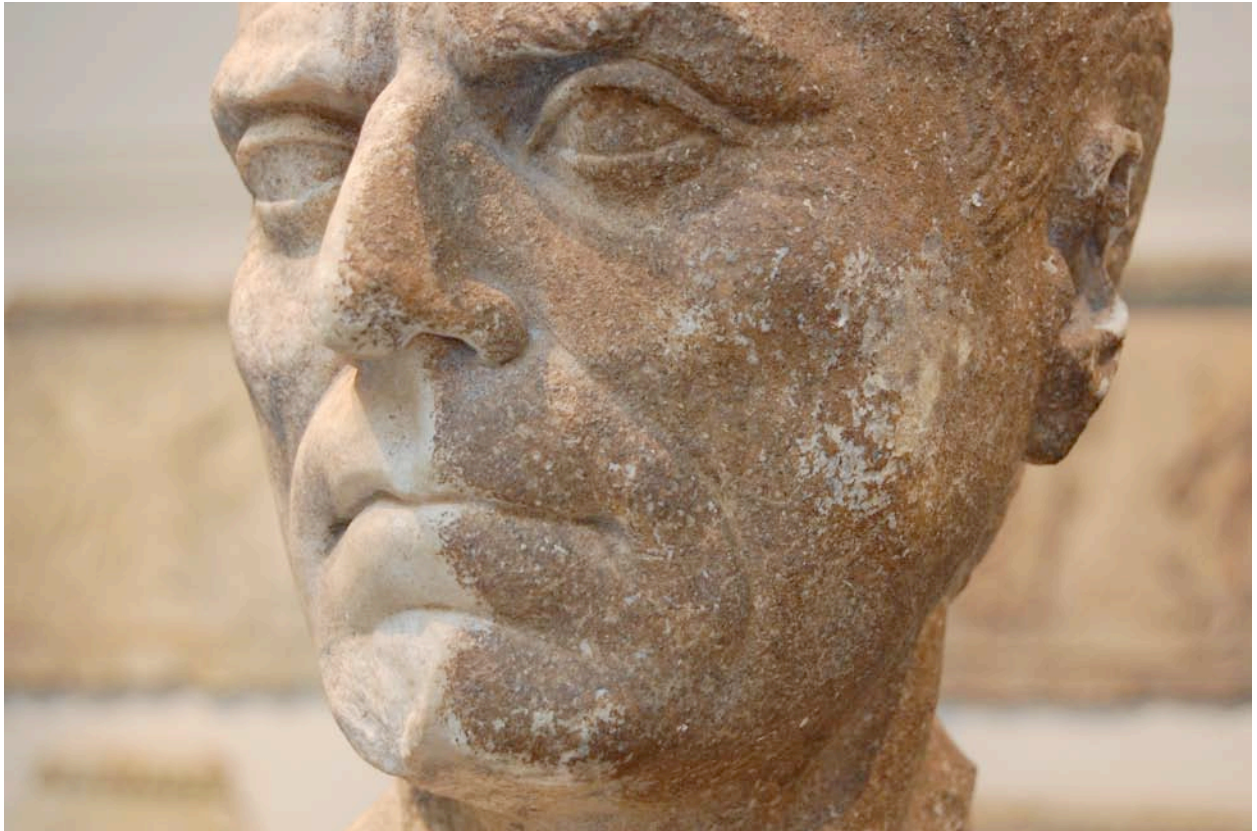






If fear and lies depart, it will become difficult for the state to exist, let alone arouse greater respect.

—Bloch, *The Spirit of Utopia*, p. 238





Reality has a thousand gates









History makes itself in such a way as that the final result always arises from conflicts between many individual wills, of which each again has been made what it is by a host of particular conditions of life. [...] What each individual wills is obstructed by everyone else, and what emerges is something that no one willed [Yet...] each contributes to the result and is to this degree involved in it.

—Letter from Engels to Marx



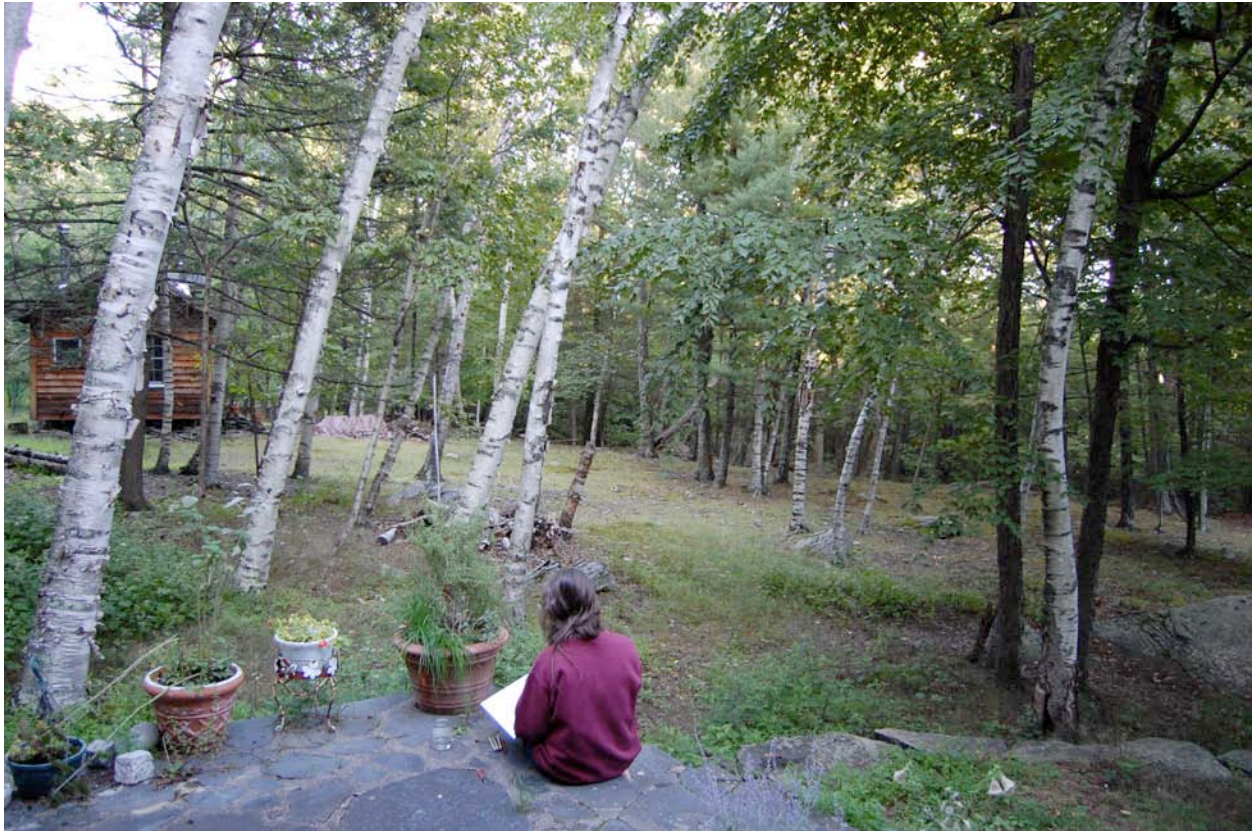












The people are the sage's mind.

—Zhuge Liang, paraphrasing a popular saying











So the essential goal is not to convince. What counts is being able to maintain or even widen the field of words in order to allow them to be forever reborn in their daring.

—Edmond Jabès, *The Book of Margins*, p. 19