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Masterpieces are not single and solitary births; they are the outcome of years of thinking in common, of thinking by the body of the people, so that the experience of the mass is behind the single voice.

—Virginia Woolf, *A Room of One's Own*

I am your true Marxist critic, following Groucho rather than Karl, and take as my motto Groucho's grand admonition: "Whatever it is, I'm against it!"

—Harold Bloom, *The Western Canon*

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