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This is a delirious set-up, but its delirium strictly corresponds to its explosive rigour . . . The theorist says: I am a moral atomic bomb of incomparable power.

Giles Grelet

And every great philosophical text is the gag exhibiting language itself, being-in-language itself as a gigantic loss of memory, as an incurable speech defect.

Giorgio Agamben

The desire for vengeance is a desire for essential equilibrium . . . The search for equilibrium is bad because it is imaginary.

Simone Weil

In conclusion, by making explicit from the start the primacy of experience (a present practice that could not be replaced by any memory or institution) and the absolute of a goal to be sought after (a final salvation, an ultimate place), they clarified the two terms between which a method could trace a path.

Michel de Certeau
May Heaven forfend that I should ever write a book about books.

Georg Christoph Lichtenberg

There is no political power without control of the archive, if not of memory.

Jacques Derrida

I have been forced to become . . . a librarian.

Georges Bataille

Let us descend now into the blind world . . .

Dante