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"For books are not absolutely dead things, but do contain a progeny of life in them to be as active as that soul whose progeny they are: nay they do preserve as in a vial the purest efficacy and extraction of that living intellect that bred them. I know they are as lively, and as vigorously productive, as those fabulous dragon's teeth: and being sown up and down, may chance to spring up armed men.

A good book is the precious life-blood of a master-spirit, embalmed and treasured up on purpose to a life beyond life!

Milton's Arcopagitica.