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Every great human being exerts a retroactive force: for his sake all of history is placed in the balance again, and a thousand secrets of the past crawl out of their hiding places—into *his* sunshine. There is no way of telling what may yet become part of history. Perhaps the past is still essentially undiscovered! So many retroactive forces are still needed!

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 of the, surface- and sign-,
- Worms, Diet of,
 writing and writers,
- Xerxes,
- Yes-saying,
 youths,
- Zarathustra,
- Zelter, Karl Friedrich,
 Zeno,
 Zeus,
 Zoroaster (see Zarathustra)
Zukünftiger,
Zukunftsmusikant,

that does not even carry us beyond all books?

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