

Not to know what has been transacted in former times is to be always a child. If no use is made of the labours of past ages, the world must remain always in the infancy of knowledge.

-----Cicero.

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The history of the past is a mere puppet show. A little man comes out and blows a little trumpet, and goes in again. You look for something new, and lo! another little man comes out and blows another little trumpet, and goes in again. And it is all over.

-----Longfellow.