"We cannot help living in history. We can only fail to be aware of it. If we are to meet, endure, and trandscend the trials and defeats of the future ... it can only be from a point of view which, seeing the future as part of the sweep of history, enables us to establish our place in that immense procession in which is incorporated whatever hope mankind may have. "

- Robert L. Heilbroner
The Future as History, 1960.

" ... Whoever wishes to foresee the future must consult the past; for human events ever ressemble those of preceding times. This arises from the fact that they are produced by men who ever have been, and ever will be, animated by the same passions, and thus they necessarily have the same results. "

- Niccolo Machiavelli
Discourses, 16th Cent.