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talking to, and talking back to, a wonderful miscellany of writers, from Spinoza to Kant to J.S. Mill to Bertrand Russell. These notes document those conversations.