Leibniz’s incomparable insight... has been vindicated not only against Descartes but against everyone who philosophized before him: consciousness is a mere accidents of representation and not its necessary and essential attribute; in other words, what we call consciousness constitutes only one state of our spiritual and psychic world (and perhaps a pathological state)...
– Friedrich Nietzsche

Thinking involves not only the movement of thoughts but their arrest as well. Where thinking suddenly stops in a constellation saturated with tensions, it gives that constellation a shock by which thinking crystallizes into a monad...
– Walter Benjamin