



Erostratus.

There is in genius an obscure element - that obscure element, real but difficult to define, which is called mediumity when it assumes certain aspects. A case like that of Napoleon makes this clear. Napoleon was the medium of a vast number of tendencies of his age and time; if he had not been such a medium he would not have got ~~his~~ hold of that age. He was sent out by it to come in to it, and commanded because it told him to command it.

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