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O rus, quando te aspiciam!

HORACE.

What prompts him? What pricks him on? Who has given him such advice?
Oh, oh, oh! My God, my Savior, help me, inspire me, advise me on what is to be done!

RABELAIS.

СВЯТАГО РАССКАЗУ.

CONFUCIUS.



The roots of Russian history are lost in the shadows of antiquity.



It is only toward the fourth century that they begin to take shape.



But the first epoch of this history has nothing interesting to offer.