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The generation is unceasing. Beauty, as both Platos Symposium and everyday life confirm, prompts the begetting of children: when the eye sees someone beautiful, the whole body wants to reproduce the person. Elaine Scarry, On Beauty and Being...

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I feel like Oscar Wilde said it better in "The Picture of Dorian Gray", Beauty is a form of Genius--is higher, indeed, than Genius, as it needs no explanation. It is one of the great facts of the world, like sunlight, or springtime, or the reflection in the dark waters of that silver shell we call the moon. It cannot be questioned....