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“If you compare several representative passages of the greatest poetry you see how
great is the variety of types of combination, and also how completely any semi-
ethical criterion of ‘sublimity’ misses the mark. For it is not the ‘greatness,’ the
intensity, of the emotions, the components, but the intensity of the artistic process,
the pressure, so to speak, under which the fusion takes place, that counts.”

❖ T. S. Eliot, “Tradition and the Individual Talent”
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