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and leave no doubt but it belonged to Jupiter Serapis. If the Spirit of Destruction were not always idle and ignorant, these precious Remains would sooner disappear: I have seen the Barbarians, who possess them, employed in cutting off pieces of the Pillars, to make Millstones; and have had the satisfaction to find their labour rendered useless,...

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