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4. Pollan, 55.
5. Ibid., 22.

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1. For more contemporary scholarship on socialism and ethics, see Mary Jones, Crisis in Socialism (Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 2000), especially chapter 1, and Jim Smith, Marx and Morals (London: Routledge, 1999).