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A doctor, like anyone else who has to deal with human beings, each of them unique, cannot be a scientist; he is either, like the surgeon, a craftsman, or, like the physician and the psychologist, an artist. This means that in order to be a good doctor a man must also have a good character, that is to say, whatever weaknesses and foibles he may have, he must love his fellow human beings in the concrete and desire their good before his own.

- Auden, W. H.

When a man goes through six years training to be a doctor he will never be the same. He knows too much.

- Bagnold, Enid

One of the fundamental reasons why so many doctors become cynical and disillusioned is precisely because, when the abstract idealism has worn thin, they are uncertain about the value of the actual lives of the patients they are treating. This is not because they are callous or personally inhuman: it is because they live in and accept a society which is incapable of knowing what a human life is worth.

- Berger, John

Never go to a doctor whose office plants have died.

- Bombeck, Erma

Doctors will have more lives to answer for in the next world than even we generals.

- Bonaparte, Napoleon

When a doctor does go wrong he is the first of criminals. He has nerve and he has knowledge.

- Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan

The more ignorant, reckless and thoughtless a doctor is, the higher his reputation soars even amongst powerful princes.

- Erasmus, Desiderius

The practice of medicine is a thinker's art, the practice of surgery a plumber s.

- Fisher, Martin H.

I have noticed that doctors who fail in the practice of medicine have a tendency to seek one another's company and aid in consultation. A doctor who cannot take out your appendix properly will recommend you to a doctor who will be unable to remove your tonsils with success.

- Hemingway, Ernest

Life is short, the art long, opportunity fleeting, experiment treacherous, judgment difficult.

- Hippocrates

It is the duty of a doctor to prolong life and it is not his duty to prolong the act of dying.

- Horder, Thomas

I suppose one has a greater sense of intellectual degradation after an interview with a doctor than from any human experience.

- James, Alice

For each illness that doctors cure with medicine, they provoke ten in healthy people by inoculating them with the virus that is a thousand times more powerful than any microbe: the idea that one is ill.

- Proust, Marcel

The superior doctor prevents sickness; The mediocre doctor attends to impending sickness; The inferior doctor treats actual sickness;

- Proverb, Chinese

There are more old drunkards than old physicians.

- Rabelais, Francois

There are worse occupations in this world than feeling a woman's pulse.

- Sterne, Laurence

He has been a doctor a year now and has had two patients, no, three, I think -- yes, it was three; I attended their funerals.

- Twain, Mark

I know of nothing more laughable than a doctor who does not die of old age.

- Voltaire

The majority of the diseases which the human family have been and still are suffering under, they have created by ignorance of their own organic health, and work perseveringly to tear themselves to pieces, and when broken down and debilitated in body and mind, send for the doctor and drug themselves to death.

- White, Ellen Gould

Is my dentist not bound by the Geneva Convention?

- Kocher, Gerhard

America is just a nation of two hundred million used car salesmen with all the money we need to buy guns and no qualms about killing anybody else in the world who tries to make us uncomfortable.

- Thompson, Hunter S.

Gonzo journalism is a style of reporting based on William Faulkner's idea that the best fiction is far more true than any kind of journalism -- and the best journalists have always known this. True gonzo reporting needs the talents of a master journalist, the eye of an

artist/photographer and the heavy balls of an actor. Because the writer must be a participant in the scene, while he's writing it -- or at least taping it, or even sketching it. Or all three. Probably the closest analogy to the ideal would be a film director/producer who writes his own scripts, does his own camera work and somehow manages to film himself in action, as the protagonist or at least a main character.

- Thompson, Hunter S.

If I'd written all the truth I knew for the past ten years, about 600 people -- including me -- would be rotting in prison cells from Rio to Seattle today. Absolute truth is a very rare and dangerous commodity in the context of professional journalism.

- Thompson, Hunter S.

Going to trial with a lawyer who considers your whole life-style a Crime in Progress is not a happy prospect.

- Thompson, Hunter S.

Myths and legends die hard in America. We love them for the extra dimension they provide, the illusion of near-infinite possibility to erase the narrow confines of most men's reality. Weird heroes and mould-breaking champions exist as living proof to those who need it that the tyranny of the rat race is not yet final.

- Thompson, Hunter S.

Publishers are notoriously slothful about numbers, unless they're attached to dollar signs -- unlike journalists, quarterbacks, and felony criminal defendants who tend to be keenly

aware of numbers at all times.

- Thompson, Hunter S.

That was always the difference between Muhammad Ali and the rest of us. He came, he saw, and if he didn't entirely conquer -- he came as close as anybody we are likely to see in the lifetime of this doomed generation.

- Thompson, Hunter S.

I have a theory that the truth is never told during the nine-to-five hours.

- Thompson, Hunter S.

History is hard to know, because of all the hired bullshit, but even without being sure of history it seems entirely reasonable to think that every now and then the energy of a whole generation comes to a head in a long fine flash, for reasons that nobody really understands at the time -- and which never explain, in retrospect, what actually happened.

- Thompson, Hunter S.

The older I grow the more I distrust the familiar doctrine that age brings wisdom.

- Mencken, H. L.

Don't overestimate the decency of the human race.

- Mencken, H. L.

Men become civilized, not in proportion to their willingness to believe, but in proportion to their readiness to doubt.

- Mencken, H. L.

Every writer hopes or boldly assumes that his life is in some sense exemplary, that the particular will turn out to be universal.

- Amis, Martin

It is rarely that you see an American writer who is not hopelessly sane.

- Anderson, Margaret

To write well, express yourself like common people, but think like a wise man. Or, think as wise men do, but speak as the common people do.

- Aristotle

If the doctor told me I had six minutes to live, I'd type a little faster.

- Asimov, Isaac

Some writers confuse authenticity, which they ought always to aim at, with originality, which they should never bother about.

- Auden, W. H.

A professional writer is an amateur who didn't quit.

- Bach, Richard

Any writer, I suppose, feels that the world into which he was born is nothing less than a conspiracy against the cultivation of his talent.

- Baldwin, James

To endow the writer publicly with a good fleshly body, to reveal that he likes dry white wine and underdone steak, is to make even more miraculous for me, and of a more divine essence, the products of his art. Far from the details of his daily life bringing nearer to me the nature of his inspiration and making it clearer, it is the whole mystical singularity of his condition which the writer emphasizes by such confidences. For I cannot but ascribe to some superhumanly the existence of beings vast enough to wear blue pajamas at the very moment when they manifest themselves as universal conscience.

- Barthes, Roland

On the day when a young writer corrects his first proof-sheet he is as proud as a schoolboy who has just got his first dose of pox.

- Baudelaire, Charles

Why do writers write? Because it isn't there.

- Berger, Thomas

No one who cannot limit himself has ever been able to write.

- Boileau, Nicholas

Writers seldom choose as friends those self-contained characters who are never in trouble, never unhappy or ill, never make mistakes, and always count their change when it is handed to them.

- Bowen, Catherine Drinker

Every writing career starts as a personal quest for sainthood, for self-betterment. Sooner or later, and as a rule quite soon, a man discovers that his pen accomplishes a lot more than his soul.

- Brodsky, Joseph

Great writers are the saints for the godless.

- Brookner, Anita

Writing is more than anything a compulsion, like some people wash their hands thirty times a day for fear of awful consequences if they do not. It pays a whole lot better than this type of compulsion, but it is no more heroic.

- Burchill, Julie

Writing is an adventure. To begin with, it is a toy and an amusement. Then it becomes a mistress, then it becomes a master, then it becomes a tyrant. The last phase is that just as you are about to be reconciled to your servitude, you kill the monster and fling him to the public.

- Churchill, Winston

If you want to be a writer-stop talking about it and sit down and write!

- Collins, Jackie

A serious problem in America is the gap between academe and the mass media, which is our culture. Professors of humanities, with all their leftist fantasies, have little direct knowledge of American life and no impact whatever on public policy.

- Paglia, Camille

The media no longer ask those who know something to share that knowledge with the public. Instead they ask those who know nothing to represent the ignorance of the public and, in so doing, to legitimate it.

- Daney, Serge

The corporate grip on opinion in the United States is one of the wonders of the Western World. No First World country has ever managed to eliminate so entirely from its media all objectivity -- much less dissent.

- Vidal, Gore

I think that in the minds of many, the press is being seen less and less as a neutral observer in the impeachment enterprise and more and more as participants, or even collaborators. [On Media's Participation In Watergate]

- Buchanan, Patrick

The futility of everything that comes to us from the media is the inescapable consequence of the absolute inability of that particular stage to remain silent. Music, commercial breaks, news flashes, adverts, news broadcasts, movies, presenters -- there is no alternative but to fill the screen; otherwise there would be an irremediable void. That's why the slightest technical hitch, the slightest slip on the part of the presenter becomes so exciting, for it reveals the depth of the emptiness squinting out at us through this little window.

- Baudrillard, Jean

The first thing that strikes a visitor to Paris is a taxi.

- Allen, Fred A.

The life of our city is rich in poetic and marvelous subjects. We are enveloped and steeped as though in an atmosphere of the marvelous; but we do not notice it.

- Baudelaire, Charles

The cities of the world are concentric, isomorphic, synchronic. Only one exists and you are always in the same one. It's the effect of their permanent revolution, their intense circulation, their instantaneous magnetism.

- Baudrillard, Jean

Not to find one's way in a city may well be uninteresting and banal. It requires ignorance -- nothing more. But to lose oneself in a city -- as one loses oneself in a forest -- that calls for a quite different schooling. Then, signboard and street names, passers-by, roofs,

kiosks, or bars must speak to the wanderer like a cracking twig under his feet in the forest.

- Benjamin, Walter

Every city has a sex and an age which have nothing to do with demography. Rome is feminine. So is Odessa. London is a teenager, an urchin, and, in this, hasn't changed since the time of Dickens. Paris, I believe, is a man in his twenties in love with an older woman.

- Berger, John

What I like about cities is that everything is king size, the beauty and the ugliness.

- Brodsky, Joseph

Cities, like cats, will reveal themselves at night.

- Brooke, Rupert

As a remedy to life in society I would suggest the big city. Nowadays, it is the only desert within our means.

- Camus, Albert

All that a city will ever allow you is an angle on it -- an oblique, indirect sample of what it contains, or what passes through it; a point of view.

- Conrad, Peter

Where the criminals cover their crimes by making them legal. [On Washington D. C.]

- Dane, Frank

I'm impressed with the people from Chicago. Hollywood is hype, New York is talk, Chicago is work.

- Douglas, Michael

There are a number of things wrong with Washington. One of them is that everyone is too far from home.

- Eisenhower, Dwight D.

I once spent a year in Philadelphia, I think it was on a Sunday.

- Fields, W. C.

Washington is a city of people doing badly what should not be done at all.

- Gurney, Robert

If you are lucky enough to have lived in Paris as a young man, then wherever you go for the rest of your life, it stays with you, for Paris is a movable feast.

- Hemingway, Ernest

What else can you expect from a town that's shut off from the world by the ocean on one

side and New Jersey on the other?

- Henry, O.

There is a time of life somewhere between the sullen fugues of adolescence and the retrenchments of middle age when human nature becomes so absolutely absorbing one wants to be in the city constantly, even at the height of summer.

- Hoagland, Edward

In Washington, the first thing people tell you is what their job is. In Los Angeles you learn their star sign. In Houston you're told how rich they are. And in New York they tell you what their rent is.

- Hoggart, Simon

The most dangerous criminal now is the entirely lawless modern philosopher. Compared to him, burglars and bigamists are essentially moral men.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

The lowest form of popular culture -- lack of information, misinformation, misinformation, and a contempt for the truth or the reality of most people's lives -- has overrun real journalism. Today, ordinary Americans are being stuffed with garbage.

- Bernstein, Carl

A journalist is a person who has mistaken their calling.

- Bismarck, Otto Von

We need not be theologians to see that we have shifted responsibility for making the world interesting from God to the newspaperman.

- Boorstin, Daniel J.

Write the news as if your very life depended on it. It does!

- Broun, Heywood

Literature is the art of writing something that will be read twice; journalism what will be grasped at once.

- Connolly, Cyril

I see journalists as the manual workers, the laborers of the word. Journalism can only be literature when it is passionate.

- Duras, Marguerite

Journalism without a moral position is impossible. Every journalist is a moralist. It's absolutely unavoidable. A journalist is someone who looks at the world and the way it works, someone who takes a close look at things every day and reports what she sees, someone who represents the world, the event, for others. She cannot do her work without judging what she sees.

- Duras, Marguerite

It was when reporters became journalists and when objectivity gave way to searching for truth, that an aura of distrust and fear arose around the New Journalist.

- Geyer, Georgie Anne

Journalism will kill you, but it will keep you alive while you're at it.

- Greeley, Horace

If the reporter has killed our imagination with his truth, he threatens our life with his lies.

- Kraus, Karl

Journalist: a person without any ideas but with an ability to express them; a writer whose skill is improved by a deadline: the more time he has, the worse he writes.

- Kraus, Karl

Every journalist owes tribute to the evil one.

- La Fontaine, Jean De

Freedom of the press is limited to those who own one.

- Liebling, A. J.

Opinionated writing is always the most difficult... simply because it involves retaining in the cold morning-after crystal of the printed word the burning flow of molten feeling.

- Lyall, Gavin

If a person is not talented enough to be a novelist, not smart enough to be a lawyer, and his hands are too shaky to perform operations, he becomes a journalist.

- Mailer, Norman

Every journalist who is not too stupid or too full of himself to notice what is going on knows that what he does is morally indefensible. He is a kind of confidence man, preying on people's vanity, ignorance, or loneliness, gaining their trust and betraying them without remorse.

- Malcolm, Janet

I get up in the morning with an idea for a three-volume novel and by nightfall it's a paragraph in my column.

- Marquis, Don

I am a journalist and, under the modern journalist's code of Olympian objectivity (and total purity of motive), I am absolved of responsibility. We journalists don't have to step on roaches. All we have to do is turn on the kitchen light and watch the critters scurry.

- O'Rourke, P. J.

Journalists belong in the gutter because that is where the ruling classes throw their guilty secrets.

- Priestland, Gerald

I still believe that if your aim is to change the world, journalism is a more immediate short-term weapon.

- Stoppard, Tom

In the real world, nothing happens at the right place at the right time. It is the job of journalists and historians to correct that.

- Twain, Mark

The facts fairly and honestly presented; truth will take care of itself.

- White, William Allen

There is much to be said in favor of modern journalism. By giving us the opinions of the uneducated, it keeps us in touch with the ignorance of the community. By carefully chronicling the current events of contemporary life, it shows us of what very little importance such events really are. By invariably discussing the unnecessary, it makes us understand what things are requisite for culture, and what are not.

- Wilde, Oscar

It was a fatal day when the public discovered that the pen is mightier than the paving-stone, and can be made as offensive as the brickbat. They at once sought for the journalist, found him, developed him, and made him their industrious and well-paid servant. It is greatly to be regretted, for both their sakes.

- Wilde, Oscar

Most rock journalism is people who can't write, interviewing people who can't talk, for people who can't read.

- Zappa, Frank

The Devil beget darkness; darkness beget ignorance; ignorance beget error and his brethren; error beget free-will and presumption; free-will beget works; works beget forgetfulness of God; forgetfulness beget transgression; transgression beget superstition; superstition beget satisfaction; satisfaction beget the mass-offering; the mass-offering beget the priest; the priest beget unbelief; unbelief beget hypocrisy; hypocrisy beget traffic in offerings for gain; traffic in offerings for gain beget Purgatory; Purgatory beget the annual solemn vigils; the annual vigils beget church-livings; church-livings beget avarice; avarice beget swelling superfluity; swelling superfluity beget fulness; fulness beget rage; rage beget license; license beget empire and domination; domination beget pomp; pomp beget ambition; ambition beget simony; simony beget the pope and his brethren, about the time of the Babylonish captivity.

- Luther, Martin

And the wild regrets, and the bloody sweats, none knew so well as I: for he who lives more lives than one more deaths than one must die.

- Wilde, Oscar

The philosopher is like a man fasting in the midst of universal intoxication. He alone perceives the illusion of which all creatures are the willing playthings; he is less duped

than his neighbor by his own nature. He judges more sanely, he sees things as they are. It is in this that his liberty consists -- in the ability to see clearly and soberly, in the power of mental record.

- Amiel, Henri Frederic

Because philosophy arises from awe, a philosopher is bound in his way to be a lover of myths and poetic fables. Poets and philosophers are alike in being big with wonder.

- Aquinas, St. Thomas

The traditional disputes of philosophers are, for the most part, as unwarranted as they are unfruitful.

- Ayer, Sir Alfred Jules

What is mind? No matter. What is matter? Never mind.

- Berkeley, George

A route of many roads leading from nowhere to nothing.

- Bierce, Ambrose

All are lunatics, but he who can analyze his delusion is called a philosopher.

- Bierce, Ambrose

Existentialism is about being a saint without God; being your own hero, without all the

sanction and support of religion or society.

- Brookner, Anita

Look, I really don't want to wax philosophic, but I will say that if you're alive, you got to flap your arms and legs, you got to jump around a lot, you got to make a lot of noise, because life is the very opposite of death. And therefore, as I see it, if you're quiet, you're not living. You've got to be noisy, or at least your thoughts should be noisy and colorful and lively.

- Brooks, Mel

All philosophies, if you ride them home, are nonsense, but some are greater nonsense than others.

- Butler, Samuel

Those who lack the courage will always find a philosophy to justify it.

- Camus, Albert

The profoundest thoughts of the philosophers have something trickle about them. A lot disappears in order for something to suddenly appear in the palm of the hand.

- Canetti, Elias

To philosophize is only another way of being afraid and leads hardly anywhere but to cowardly make-believe.

- Celine, Louis-Ferdinand

Philosophy, like medicine, has plenty of drugs, few good remedies, and hardly any specific cures.

- Chamfort, Sebastien-Roch Nicolas De

Philosophy is a bully that talks loud when the danger is at a distant; but, the moment she is pressed hard by an enemy, she is nowhere to be found and leaves the brunt of the battle to be fought by her steady, humble comrade, religion.

- Colton, Charles Caleb

Philosophers are only men in armor after all.

- Dickens, Charles

The philosopher has never killed any priests, whereas the priest has killed a great many philosophers.

- Diderot, Denis

Of what use is a philosopher who doesn't hurt anybody's feelings?

- Diogenes of Sinope

I have tried too in my time to be a philosopher; but, I don't know how, cheerfulness was always breaking in.

- Edwards, Oliver

If you set your heart upon philosophy, you must straightway prepare yourself to be laughed at and mocked by many who will say Behold a philosopher arisen among us! or How came you by that brow of scorn? But do you cherish no scorn, but hold to those things which seem to you the best, as one set by God in that place. Remember too, that if you abide in those ways, those who first mocked you, the same shall afterwards reverence you; but if you yield to them, you will be laughed at twice as much as before.

- Epictetus

If I wished to punish a province, I would have it governed by philosophers.

- Frederick The Great, (Frederick II)

The philosopher must station themselves in the middle.

- Goethe, Johann Wolfgang Von

The courage of the truth is the first condition of philosophic study.

- Hegel, Georg

To be a real philosopher all that is necessary is to hate some one else's type of thinking.

- James, William

Philosophy is at once the most sublime and the most trivial of human pursuits.

- James, William

If he really thinks there is no distinction between vice and virtue, when he leaves our houses let us count our spoons.

- Johnson, Samuel

In the information age, you don't teach philosophy as they did after feudalism. You perform it. If Aristotle were alive today he'd have a talk show.

- Leary, Timothy

In Plato's opinion, man was made for philosophy; in Bacon's opinion, philosophy was made for man.

- Macaulay, Thomas B.

There is no philosophy without the art of ignoring objections.

- Maistre, Joseph De

Philosophy stands in the same relation to the study of the actual world as masturbation to sexual love.

- Marx, Karl

The philosophers have only interpreted the world in various ways; the point, however, is to change it.

- Marx, Karl

Philosophy consists very largely of one philosopher arguing that all others are jackasses. He usually proves it, and I should add that he also usually proves that he is one himself.

- Mencken, H. L.

There is no record in history of a happy philosopher.

- Mencken, H. L.

Any genuine philosophy leads to action and from action back again to wonder, to the enduring fact of mystery.

- Miller, Henry

In philosophy if you aren't moving at a snail's pace you aren't moving at all.

- Murdoch, Iris

To have no time for philosophy is to be a true philosopher.

- Pascal, Blaise

Philosophy is an elegant thing, if anyone modestly meddles with it; but if they are conversant with it more than is becoming, it corrupts them.

- Plato

Many talk like philosophers yet live like fools.

- Proverb

Philosophy may be dodged, eloquence cannot.

- Quinet, Edgar

The philosophic spirit of inquiry may be traced to brute curiosity, and that to the habit of examining all things in search of food.

- Reade, W. Winwood

The usual picture of Socrates is of an ugly little plebeian who inspired a handsome young nobleman to write long dialogues on large topics.

- Rorty, Richard

There are more things in Heaven and Earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophies.

- Shakespeare, William

Bishop Berkeley destroyed this world in one volume octavo; and nothing remained, after his time, but mind; which experienced a similar fate from the hand of Mr. Hume in 1737.

- Smith, Sydney

The real discovery is the one which enables me to stop doing philosophy when I want to. -- The one that gives philosophy peace, so that it is no longer tormented by questions

which bring itself into question.

- Wittgenstein, Ludwig

A writer must always try to have a philosophy and he should also have a psychology and a philology and many other things. Without a philosophy and a psychology and all these various other things he is not really worthy of being called a writer. I agree with Kant and Schopenhauer and Plato and Spinoza and that is quite enough to be called a philosophy. But then of course a philosophy is not the same thing as a style.

- Stein, Gertrude

The philosopher proves that the philosopher exists. The poet merely enjoys existence.

- Stevens, Wallace

Perhaps it is of more value to infuriate philosophers than to go along with them.

- Stevens, Wallace

What sort of philosophers are we, who know absolutely nothing about the origin and destiny of cats?

- Thoreau, Henry David

To be a philosopher is not merely to have subtle thoughts, nor even to found a school, but so to love wisdom as to live according to its dictates a life of simplicity, independence, magnanimity, and trust. It is to solve some of the problems of life, not only theoretically, but practically.

- Thoreau, Henry David

Keep quiet and people will think you a philosopher.

- Unknown, Source

The pursuit of what is true and the practice of what is good are the two most important objects of philosophy.

- Voltaire

The proper method of philosophy consists in clearly conceiving the insoluble problems in all their insolubility and then in simply contemplating them, fixedly and tirelessly, year after year, without any hope, patiently waiting.

- Weil, Simone

A serious and good philosophical work could be written consisting entirely of jokes.

- Wittgenstein, Ludwig

Philosophy is like trying to open a safe with a combination lock: each little adjustment of the dials seems to achieve nothing, only when everything is in place does the door open.

- Wittgenstein, Ludwig

Philosophy is not a theory but an activity.

- Wittgenstein, Ludwig

Being a philosopher, I have a problem for every solution.

- Zend, Robert

Our greatest foes, and whom we must chiefly combat, are within.

- Cervantes, Miguel De

Nor has his death the world deceiv'd than his wondrous life surprise d; if he like a madman liv'd least he like a wise one dy'd.

- Cervantes, Miguel De

The eyes those silent tongues of love.

- Cervantes, Miguel De

If you are ambitious of climbing up to the difficult, and in a manner inaccessible, summit of the Temple of Fame, your surest way is to leave on one hand the narrow path of Poetry, and follow the narrower track of Knight-Errantry, which in a trice may raise you to an imperial throne.

- Cervantes, Miguel De

He is mad past recovery, but yet he has lucid intervals.

- Cervantes, Miguel De

Sometimes the fool who rushes in gets the job done.

- Bernstein, Al

I am dying from the treatment of too many physicians.

- Alexander The Great

Vaccination is the medical sacrament corresponding to baptism.

- Butler, Samuel

The whole imposing edifice of modern medicine is like the celebrated tower of Pisa --slightly off balance.

- Charles, Prince Of Wales

What medicines do not heal, the lance will; what the lance does not heal, fire will.

- Hippocrates

Chemotherapy and radiotherapy will make the ancient method of drilling holes in a patient's head to permit the escape of demons look relatively advanced. Toxic chemotherapy is a hoax. The doctors who use it are guilty of pre-meditated murder, and the use of cobalt and other methods of cancer treatment popular today effectively closes the door on cure.

- Krebs, Jr., Ernst T.

They had me on the operating table all day. They looked into my stomach, my gall bladder, they examined everything inside of me. Know what they decided? I need glasses.

- Lewis, Joe E.

To live by medicine is to live horribly.

- Linnaeus, Carolus

Since the regimentation of Medicine by quacks and medical gangsters in control of the American Medical Association, this organization has become one of the most vicious rackets in the country.

- Loffler, Charles Lyman

Injections are the best thing ever invented for feeding doctors.

- Marquez, Gabriel Garcia

The heart's memory eliminates the bad and magnifies the good.

- Marquez, Gabriel Garcia

No, not rich. I am a poor man with money, which is not the same thing.

- Marquez, Gabriel Garcia

Ultimately, literature is nothing but carpentry. With both you are working with reality, a

material just as hard as wood.

- Marquez, Gabriel Garcia

She discovered with great delight that one does not love one's children just because they are one's children but because of the friendship formed while raising them.

- Marquez, Gabriel Garcia

A person doesn't die when he should but when he can.

- Marquez, Gabriel Garcia

Fear prophets and those prepared to die for the truth, for as a rule they make many others die with them, often before them, at times instead of them.

- Eco, Umberto

The good of a book lies in its being read. A book is made up of signs that speak of other signs, which in their turn speak of things. Without an eye to read them, a book contains signs that produce no concepts; therefore it is dumb.

- Eco, Umberto

There is only one thing that arouses animals more than pleasure, and that is pain. Under torture you are as if under the dominion of those grasses that produce visions. Everything you have heard told, everything you have read returns to your mind, as if you were being transported, not toward heaven, but toward hell. Under torture you say not only what the inquisitor wants, but also what you imagine might please him, because a bond (this, truly,

diabolical) is established between you and him.

- Eco, Umberto

Nothing gives a fearful man more courage than another's fear.

- Eco, Umberto

Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear -- not absence of fear.

- Twain, Mark

Human beings hardly ever learn from the experience of others. They learn; when they do, which isn't often, on their own, the hard way.

- Heinlein, Robert

Always listen to experts. They'll tell you what can't be done and why. Then do it.

- Heinlein, Robert

When any government, or church for that matter, undertakes to say to it's subjects, this you may not read, this you must not see, this you are forbidden to know the end result is tyranny and oppression, no matter how holy the motive.

- Heinlein, Robert

A human being should be able to change a diaper, plan an invasion, butcher a hog, conn a ship, design a building, write a sonnet, balance accounts, build a wall, set a bone,

comfort the dying, take orders, give orders, cooperate, act alone, solve equations, analyze a new problem, pitch manure, program a computer, cook a tasty meal, fight efficiently, die gallantly.

- Heinlein, Robert

No matter where or what, there are makers, takers, and fakers.

- Heinlein, Robert

Belief gets in the way of learning.

- Heinlein, Robert

To get anywhere, or even live a long time, a man has to guess, and guess right, over and over again, without enough data for a logical answer.

- Heinlein, Robert

Do we really want to know how Michael Jackson makes his music? No. We want to understand why he needs the bones of the Elephant Man -- and, until he tells us, it doesn't make too much difference whether or not he really is bad.

- Zappa, Frank

A drug is neither moral nor immoral -- it's a chemical compound. The compound itself is not a menace to society until a human being treats it as if consumption bestowed a temporary license to act like an asshole.

- Zappa, Frank

The manner in which Americans consume music has a lot to do with leaving it on their coffee tables, or using it as wallpaper for their lifestyles, like the score of a movie --it's consumed that way without any regard for how and why it's made.

- Zappa, Frank

There are more love songs than anything else. If songs could make you do something we'd all love one another.

- Zappa, Frank

There is no longer any such thing as fiction or nonfiction; there's only narrative.

- Doctorow, E. L.

Murders are exciting and lift people into a heart-beating awe as religion is supposed to do, after seeing one in the street young couples will go back to bed and make love, people will cross themselves and thank God for the gift of their stuporous lives, old folks will talk to each other over cups of hot water with lemon because murders are enlivened sermons to be analyzed and considered and relished, they speak to the timid of the dangers of rebellion, murders are perceived as momentary descents of God and so provide joy and hope and righteous satisfaction to parishioners, who will talk about them for years afterward to anyone who will listen.

- Doctorow, E. L.

You can't remember sex. You can remember the fact of it, and recall the setting, and even

the details, but the sex of the sex cannot be remembered, the substantive truth of it, it is by nature self-erasing, you can remember its anatomy and be left with a judgment as to the degree of your liking of it, but whatever it is as a splurge of being, as a loss, as a charge of the conviction of love stopping your heart like your execution, there is no memory of it in the brain, only the deduction that it happened and that time passed, leaving you with a silhouette that you want to fill in again.

- Doctorow, E. L.

In the twentieth century one of the most personal relationships to have developed is that of the person and the state. It's become a fact of life that governments have become very intimate with people, most always to their detriment.

- Doctorow, E. L.

The writer isn't made in a vacuum. Writers are witnesses. The reason we need writers is because we need witnesses to this terrifying century.

- Doctorow, E. L.

Writing is a socially acceptable form of schizophrenia.

- Doctorow, E. L.

We can put television in its proper light by supposing that Gutenberg's great invention had been directed at printing only comic books.

- Hutchins, Robert M.

The first sentence of every novel should be: Trust me, this will take time but there is order here, very faint, very human. Meander if you want to get to town.

- Ondaatje, Michael

In cities no one is quiet but many are lonely; in the country, people are quiet but few are lonely.

- Fisher, Geoffrey F.

A man that is born falls into a dream like a man who falls into the sea. If he tries to climb out into the air as inexperienced people endeavor to do, he drowns.

- Conrad, Joseph

It is very difficult to be wholly joyous or wholly sad on this earth. The comic, when it is human, soon takes upon itself a face of pain; and some of our grieves... have their source in weaknesses which must be recognized with smiling compassion as the common inheritance of us all.

- Conrad, Joseph

The conquest of the earth, which mostly means the taking it away from those who have a different complexion or slightly flatter noses than ourselves, is not a pretty thing when you look into it.

- Conrad, Joseph

You shall judge a man by his foes as well as by his friends.

- Conrad, Joseph

The belief in a supernatural source of evil is not necessary; men alone are quite capable of every wickedness.

- Conrad, Joseph

Danger lies in the writer becoming the victim of his own exaggeration, losing the exact notion of sincerity, and in the end coming to despise truth itself as something too cold, too blunt for his purpose -- as, in fact, not good enough for his insistent emotion. From laughter and tears the descent is easy to sniveling and giggles.

- Conrad, Joseph

Bear and endure: This sorrow will one day prove to be for your good.

- Ovid

Show me the books he loves and I shall know the man far better than through mortal friends.

- Adams, Dawn

In the case of good books, the point is not how many of them you can get through, but rather how many can get through to you.

- Adler, Mortimer J.

Beware of the person of one book.

- Aquinas, St. Thomas

When the book comes out it may hurt you -- but in order for me to do it, it had to hurt me first. I can only tell you about yourself as much as I can face about myself.

- Baldwin, James

The printing press is either the greatest blessing or the greatest curse of modern times, sometimes one forgets which it is.

- Barrie, Sir James M.

People who treat other people as less than human must not be surprised when the bread they have cast on the waters comes floating back to them, poisoned.

- Baldwin, James

The paradox of education is precisely this -- that as one begins to become conscious one begins to examine the society in which he is being educated.

- Baldwin, James

It is very nearly impossible... to become an educated person in a country so distrustful of the independent mind.

- Baldwin, James

A child cannot be taught by anyone who despises him, and a child cannot afford to be fooled.

- Baldwin, James

Experience is a private, and a very largely speechless affair.

- Baldwin, James

Experience that destroys innocents also leads one back to it.

- Baldwin, James

There are few things more dreadful than dealing with a man who knows he is going under, in his own eyes, and in the eyes of others. Nothing can help that man. What is left of that man flees from what is left of human attention.

- Baldwin, James

We are all androgynous, not only because we are all born of a woman impregnated by the seed of a man but because each of us, helplessly and forever, contains the other -- male in female, female in male, white in black and black in white. We are a part of each other. Many of my countrymen appear to find this fact exceedingly inconvenient and even unfair, and so, very often, do I. But none of us can do anything about it.

- Baldwin, James

Words like freedom, justice, democracy are not common concepts; on the contrary, they are rare. People are not born knowing what these are. It takes enormous and, above all,

individual effort to arrive at the respect for other people that these words imply.

- Baldwin, James

An identity would seem to be arrived at by the way in which the person faces and uses his experience.

- Baldwin, James

It is pretty obvious that the debasement of the human mind caused by a constant flow of fraudulent advertising is no trivial thing. There is more than one way to conquer a country.

- Chandler, Raymond

Would you convey my compliments to the purist who reads your proofs and tell him or her that I write in a sort of broken-down patois which is something like the way a Swiss waiter talks, and that when I split an infinitive, God damn it, I split it so it will stay split, and when I interrupt the velvety smoothness of my more or less literate syntax with a few sudden words of bar-room vernacular, that is done with the eyes wide open and the mind relaxed but attentive.

- Chandler, Raymond

The best current evidence is that media are mere vehicles that deliver instruction but do not influence student achievement any more than the truck that delivers groceries causes change in our nutrition.

- Clark, Richard

The media network has its idols, but its principal idol is its own style which generates an aura of winning and leaves the rest in darkness. It recognizes neither pity nor pitilessness.

- Berger, John

I don't want to achieve immortality through my work. I want to achieve it through not dying.

- Allen, Woody

Security is when everything is settled. When nothing can happen to you. Security is the denial of life.

- Greer, Germaine

Probably the only place where a man can feel really secure is in a maximum security prison, except for the imminent threat of release.

- Greer, Germaine

Most people want security in this world, not liberty.

- Mencken, H. L.

The only cure for contempt is counter-contempt.

- Mencken, H. L.

What we do upon some great occasion will probably depend on what we already are. What we are will be the result of previous years of self-discipline.

- Liddon, Henry Parry

Believe those who are seeking truth, doubt those who find it.

- Gide, Andre

Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will make me go in a corner and cry by myself for hours.

- Idle, Eric

A word after a word after a word is power.

- Atwood, Margaret

Gentle words, quiet words, are after all the most powerful words. They are more convincing, more compelling, more prevailing.

- Gladden, W.

I am a dreamer of words, of written words. I think I am reading; a word stops me. I leave the page. The syllables of the word begin to move around. Stressed accents begin to invert. The word abandons its meaning like an overload which is too heavy and prevents dreaming. Then words take on other meanings as if they had the right to be young. And the words wander away, looking in the nooks and crannies of vocabulary for new company, bad company.

- Bachelard, Gaston

The written word can be erased -- not so with the spoken word.

- Unknown, Source

The basic tool for the manipulation of reality is the manipulation of words. If you can control the meaning of words, you can control the people who must use the words.

- Dick, Philip K.

Don't use that foreign word ideals. We have that excellent native word lies.

- Ibsen, Henrik

That is what friendship means. Sharing the prejudice of experience.

- Bukowski, Charles

You begin saving the world by saving one man at a time; all else is grandiose romanticism or politics.

- Bukowski, Charles

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