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Art is permitted to survive only if it renounces the right to be different, and integrates itself into the omnipotent realm of the profane.

- Adorno, Theodor W.

When you do not know what you are doing and what you are doing is the best -- that is inspiration.

- Bresson, Robert

One forgets too easily the difference between a man and his image, and that there is none between the sound of his voice on the screen and in real life.

- Bresson, Robert

Cinema, radio, television, magazines are a school of inattention: people look without seeing, listen in without hearing.

- Bresson, Robert

An old thing becomes new if you detach it from what usually surrounds it.

- Bresson, Robert

The true is inimitable, the false untransformable.

- Bresson, Robert

My movie is born first in my head, dies on paper; is resuscitated by the living persons and real objects I use, which are killed on film but, placed in a certain order and projected on to a screen, come to life again like flowers in water.

- Bresson, Robert

Films can only be made by by-passing the will of those who appear in them, using not what they do, but what they are.

- Bresson, Robert

Make visible what, without you, might perhaps never have been seen.

- Bresson, Robert

Celebrity-worship and hero-worship should not be confused. Yet we confuse them every day, and by doing so we come dangerously close to depriving ourselves of all real models. We lose sight of the men and women who do not simply seem great because they are famous but are famous because they are great. We come closer and closer to degrading all fame into notoriety.

- Boorstin, Daniel J.

Popular applause veers with the wind.

- Bright, John

Passion for fame: A passion which is the instinct of all great souls.

- Burke, Edmund

Worldly fame is but a breath of wind that blows now this way, and now that, and changes name as it changes direction.

- Dante Alighieri

Abandon all hope, you who enter here!

- Dante Alighieri

The more perfect a thing is, the more susceptible to good and bad treatment it is.

- Dante Alighieri

Hollywood money isn't money. It's congealed snow, melts in your hand, and there you are.

- Parker, Dorothy

What seems to be, is, to those to whom it seems to be, and is productive of the most dreadful consequences to those to whom it seems to be, even of torments, despair, eternal death.

- Blake, William

Cruelty has a Human Heart, And jealousy a Human Face; Terror the Human Form Divine,

And secrecy the Human Dress. The Human Dress is forged Iron, The Human Form a Fiery Forge, The Human Face a Furnace seal d, The Human Heart its hungry gorge.

- Blake, William

The impression forces itself upon one that men measure by false standards, that everyone seeks power, success, riches for himself, and admires others who attain them, while undervaluing the truly precious thing in life.

- Freud, Sigmund

For me, it is as though at every moment the actual world had completely lost its actuality. As though there was nothing there; as though there were no foundations for anything or as though it escaped us. Only one thing, however, is vividly present: the constant tearing of the veil of appearances; the constant destruction of everything in construction. Nothing holds together, everything falls apart.

- Ionesco, Eugene

It appears to me that almost any man may like the spider spin from his own inwards his own airy citadel.

- Keats, John

Artists use frauds to make human beings seem more wonderful than they really are. Dancers show us human beings who move much more gracefully than human beings really move. Films and books and plays show us people talking much more entertainingly than people.

- Vonnegut Jr., Kurt

Lust is to the other passions what the nervous fluid is to life; it supports them all, lends strength to them all ambition, cruelty, avarice, revenge, are all founded on lust.

- Sade, Marquis De

Lust's passion will be served; it demands, it militates, it tyrannizes.

- Sade, Marquis De

Materialism coarsens and petrifies everything, making everything vulgar, and every truth false.

- Amiel, Henri Frederic

Young people everywhere have been allowed to choose between love and a garbage disposal unit. Everywhere they have chosen the garbage disposal unit.

- Debord, Guy

There is nothing more natural than to consider everything as starting from oneself, chosen as the center of the world; one finds oneself thus capable of condemning the world without even wanting to hear its deceitful chatter.

- Debord, Guy

In societies where modern conditions of production prevail, all of life presents itself as an

immense accumulation of spectacles. Everything that was directly lived has moved away into a representation.

- Debord, Guy

Ideas improve. The meaning of words participates in the improvement. Plagiarism is necessary. Progress implies it. It embraces an author's phrase, makes use of his expressions, erases a false idea, and replaces it with the right idea.

- Debord, Guy

Art need no longer be an account of past sensations. It can become the direct organization of more highly evolved sensations. It is a question of producing ourselves, not things that enslave us.

- Debord, Guy

We live in a world of things, and our only connection with them is that we know how to manipulate or to consume them.

- Fromm, Erich

Just as modern mass production requires the standardization of commodities, so the social process requires standardization of man, and this standardization is called equality.

- Fromm, Erich

By alienation is meant a mode of experience in which the person experiences himself as an alien. He has become, one might say, estranged from himself. He does not experience

himself as the center of his world, as the creator of his own acts -- but his acts and their consequences have become his masters, whom he obeys, or whom he may even worship. The alienated person is out of touch with himself as he is out of touch with any other person. He, like the others, is experienced as things are experienced; with the senses and with common sense, but at the same time without being related to oneself and to the world outside positively.

- Fromm, Erich

Love is often nothing but a favorable exchange between two people who get the most of what they can expect, considering their value on the personality market.

- Fromm, Erich

If I am what I have and if I lose what I have who then am I?

- Fromm, Erich

The ordinary man with extraordinary power is the chief danger for mankind -- not the fiend or the sadist.

- Fromm, Erich

Man's biological weakness is the condition of human culture.

- Fromm, Erich

Acquisition means life to miserable mortals.

- Hesiod

The people recognize themselves in their commodities; they find their soul in their automobile, hi-fi set, split-level home, kitchen equipment.

- Marcuse, Herbert

Oh, what a void there is in things.

- Persius

It is preoccupation with possessions, more than anything else, that prevents men from living freely and nobly.

- Russell, Bertrand

Any so-called material thing that you want is merely a symbol: you want it not for itself, but because it will content your spirit for the moment.

- Twain, Mark

When we try in good faith to believe in materialism, in the exclusive reality of the physical, we are asking our selves to step aside; we are disavowing the very realm where we exist and where all things precious are kept -- the realm of emotion and conscience, of memory and intention and sensation.

- Updike, John

Modernity is the transient, the fleeting, the contingent; it is one half of art, the other being

the eternal and the immovable.

- Baudelaire, Charles

We are becoming like cats, slyly parasitic, enjoying an indifferent domesticity. Nice and snug in the social, our historic passions have withdrawn into the glow of an artificial coziness, and our half-closed eyes now seek little other than the peaceful parade of television pictures.

- Baudrillard, Jean

The modern mind is in complete disarray. Knowledge has stretched itself to the point where neither the world nor our intelligence can find any foot-hold. It is a fact that we are suffering from nihilism.

- Camus, Albert

The postmodern reply to the modern consists of recognizing that the past, since it cannot really be destroyed, because its destruction leads to silence, must be revisited: but with irony, not innocently. I think of the postmodern attitude as that of a man who loves a very cultivated woman and knows he cannot say to her, I love you madly, because he knows that she knows (and that she knows that he knows) that these words have already been written by Barbara Cartland. Still, there is a solution. He can say, As Barbara Cartland would put it, I love you madly.

- Eco, Umberto

Myth is neither a lie nor a confession: it is an inflexion.

- Barthes, Roland

Myth is the hidden part of every story, the buried part, the region that is still unexplored because there are as yet no words to enable us to get there. Myth is nourished by silence as well as by words.

- Calvino, Italo

Myth is an attempt to narrate a whole human experience, of which the purpose is too deep, going too deep in the blood and soul, for mental explanation or description.

- Lawrence, D. H.

I therefore claim to show, not how men think in myths, but how myths operate in men's minds without their being aware of the fact.

- Levi-Strauss, Claude

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.

Those who weep for the happy periods which they encounter in history acknowledge what they want; not the alleviation but the silencing of misery.

- Camus, Albert

People have this obsession. They want you to be like you were in 1969. They want you to, because otherwise their youth goes with you. It's very selfish, but it's understandable.

- Jagger, Mick

It is a curious emotion, this certain homesickness I have in mind. With Americans, it is a national trait, as native to us as the roller-coaster or the jukebox. It is no simple longing for the home town or country of our birth. The emotion is Janus-faced: we are torn between a nostalgia for the familiar and an urge for the foreign and strange. As often as not, we are homesick most for the places we have never known.

- Mccullers, Carson

Even while I protest the assembly-line production of our food, our songs, our language, and eventually our souls, I know that it was a rare home that baked good bread in the old days. Mother's cooking was with rare exceptions poor, that good unpasteurized milk touched only by flies and bits of manure crawled with bacteria, the healthy old-time life was riddled with aches, sudden death from unknown causes, and that sweet local speech I mourn was the child of illiteracy and ignorance. It is the nature of a man as he grows older, a small bridge in time, to protest against change, particularly change for the better.

- Steinbeck, John

The obscure only exists that it may cease to exist. In it lies the opportunity of all victory and all progress. Whether it call itself fatality, death, night, or matter, it is the pedestal of life, of light, of liberty and the spirit. For it represents resistance -- that is to say, the

fulcrum of all activity, the occasion for its development and its triumph.

- Amiel, Henri Frederic

Ideally, advertising aims at the goal of a programmed harmony among all human impulses and aspirations and endeavors. Using handicraft methods, it stretches out toward the ultimate electronic goal of a collective consciousness.

- Mcluhan, Marshall

Advertising is the greatest art form of the twentieth century.

- Mcluhan, Marshall

The modern little red riding hood, reared on singing commercials, has no objections to being eaten by the wolf.

- Mcluhan, Marshall

The new electronic interdependence recreates the world in the image of a global village.

- Mcluhan, Marshall

Ads are the cave art of the twentieth century.

- Mcluhan, Marshall

Politics will eventually be replaced by imagery. The politician will be only too happy to abdicate in favor of his image, because the image will be much more powerful than he

could ever be.

- Mcluhan, Marshall

To perceive means to immobilize... we seize, in the act of perception, something which outruns perception itself.

- Bergson, Henri L.

If the doors of perception were cleansed everything would appear to man as it is, infinite. For man has closed himself up, till he sees all things thru chinks of his cavern.

- Blake, William

Nothing exists until or unless it is observed. An artist is making something exist by observing it. And his hope for other people is that they will also make it exist by observing it. I call it creative observation. Creative viewing.

- Burroughs, William S.

Popular art is the dream of society; it does not examine itself.

- Atwood, Margaret

The bastard form of mass culture is humiliated repetition... always new books, new programs, new films, news items, but always the same meaning.

- Barthes, Roland

Popular culture is the new Babylon, into which so much art and intellect now flow. It is our imperial sex theater, supreme temple of the western eye. We live in the age of idols. The pagan past, never dead, flames again in our mystic hierarchies of stardom.

- Paglia, Camille

Given that external reality is a fiction, the writer's role is almost superfluous. He does not need to invent the fiction because it is already there.

- Ballard, J. G.

The very definition of the real becomes: that of which it is possible to give an equivalent reproduction. The real is not only what can be reproduced, but that which is always already reproduced. The hyper real.

- Baudrillard, Jean

Fear not what is not real, never was and never will be. What is real, always was and cannot be destroyed.

- Bhagavad Gita

This sort of adoration of the real is but a heightening of the beau ideal.

- Byron, Lord

Realism should only be the means of expression of religious genius... or, at the other extreme, the artistic expressions of monkeys which are quite satisfied with mere imitation. In fact, art is never realistic though sometimes it is tempted to be. To be really realistic a

description would have to be endless.

- Camus, Albert

How hard it is, sometimes, to trust the evidence of one's senses! How reluctantly the mind consents to reality.

- Douglas, Norman

Reality is merely an illusion, albeit a very persistent one.

- Einstein, Albert

To be realistic today is to be visionary. To be realistic is to be starry-eyed.

- Humphrey, Hubert H.

The supreme reality of our time is the vulnerability of this planet.

- Kennedy, John F.

Reality leaves a lot to the imagination.

- Lennon, John

The shadow is what we think of it; the tree is the real thing.

- Lincoln, Abraham

You too must not count too much on your reality as you feel it today, since like yesterday,

it may prove an illusion for you tomorrow.

- Pirandello, Luigi

Whatever is a reality today, whatever you touch and believe in and that seems real for you today, is going to be -- like the reality of yesterday -- an illusion tomorrow.

- Pirandello, Luigi

I wouldn't recommend sex, drugs or insanity for everyone, but they've always worked for me.

- Thompson, Hunter S.

Thank Heaven! the crisis --The danger, is past, and the lingering illness, is over at last --, and the fever called Living is conquered at last.

- Poe, Edgar Allan

All that we see or seem, is but a dream within a dream.

- Poe, Edgar Allan

I became insane, with long intervals of horrible sanity.

- Poe, Edgar Allan

Imagination, the supreme delight of the immortal and the immature, should be limited. In order to enjoy life, we should not enjoy it too much.

- Nabokov, Vladimir

To live is the rarest thing in the world. Most people exist, that is all.

- Wilde, Oscar

In order to be irreplaceable one must always be different.

- Chanel, Coco

Moderation is a fatal thing. Nothing succeeds like excess.

- Wilde, Oscar

It is only the modern that ever becomes old-fashioned.

- Wilde, Oscar

Love the art in yourself and not yourself in the art.

- Stanislavisky, Konstantin

I have three phobias which, could I mute them, would make my life as slick as a sonnet, but as dull as ditch water: I hate to go to bed, I hate to get up, and I hate to be alone.

- Bankhead, Tallulah

Everything great in the world comes from neurotics. They alone have founded our religions and composed our masterpieces.

- Proust, Marcel

Everything great that we know has come from neurotics never will the world be aware of how much it owes to them, nor above all what they have suffered in order to bestow their gifts on it.

- Proust, Marcel

Take me, I am the drug; take me, I am hallucinogenic.

- Dali, Salvador

We are able to find everything in our memory, which is like a dispensary or chemical laboratory in which chance steers our hand sometimes to a soothing drug and sometimes to a dangerous poison.

- Proust, Marcel

If we could sniff or swallow something that would, for five or six hours each day, abolish our solitude as individuals, atone us with our fellows in a glowing exaltation of affection and make life in all its aspects seem not only worth living, but divinely beautiful and significant, and if this heavenly, world-transfiguring drug were of such a kind that we could wake up next morning with a clear head and an undamaged constitution -- then, it seems to me, all our problems (and not merely the one small problem of discovering a novel pleasure) would be wholly solved and earth would become paradise.

- Huxley, Aldous

Nobody can be exactly like me. Sometimes even I have trouble doing it.

- Bankhead, Tallulah

Art is never chaste. It ought to be forbidden to ignorant innocents, never allowed into contact with those not sufficiently prepared. Yes, art is dangerous. Where it is chaste, it is not art.

- Picasso, Pablo

One should either be a work of art, or wear a work of art.

- Wilde, Oscar

The stage is not merely the meeting place of all the arts, but is also the return of art to life.

- Wilde, Oscar

Society often forgives the criminal; it never forgives the dreamer.

- Wilde, Oscar

A dreamer is one who can only find his way by moonlight, and his punishment is that he sees the dawn before the rest of the world.

- Wilde, Oscar

I can believe anything provided it is incredible.

- Wilde, Oscar

The public is wonderfully tolerant. It forgives everything except genius.

- Wilde, Oscar

Alas, I am dying beyond my means.

- Wilde, Oscar

Dullness is the coming of age of seriousness.

- Wilde, Oscar

Where there is no extravagance there is no love, and where there is no love there is no understanding.

- Wilde, Oscar

Fashion is a form of ugliness so intolerable that we have to alter it every six months.

- Wilde, Oscar

Fashion, by which what is really fantastic becomes for a moment the universal.

- Wilde, Oscar

Only dull people are brilliant at breakfast.

- Wilde, Oscar

America is the only country that went from barbarism to decadence without civilization in between.

- Wilde, Oscar

If you pretend to be good, the world takes you very seriously. If you pretend to be bad, it doesn't. Such is the astounding stupidity of optimism.

- Wilde, Oscar

To be good, according to the vulgar standard of goodness, is obviously quite easy. It merely requires a certain amount of sordid terror, a certain lack of imaginative thought, and a certain low passion for middle-class respectability.

- Wilde, Oscar

Modern man must descend the spiral of his own absurdity to the lowest point; only then can he look beyond it. It is obviously impossible to get around it, jump over it, or simply avoid it.

- Havel, Vaclav

The only thing that one really knows about human nature is that it changes. Change is the one quality we can predicate of it. The systems that fail are those that rely on the permanency of human nature, and not on its growth and development. The error of Louis XIV was that he thought human nature would always be the same. The result of his error was the French Revolution. It was an admirable result.

- Wilde, Oscar

How clever you are, my dear! You never mean a single word you say.

- Wilde, Oscar

To do nothing at all is the most difficult thing in the world, the most difficult and the most intellectual.

- Wilde, Oscar

Nothing looks so like innocence as an indiscretion.

- Wilde, Oscar

The intellect is not a serious thing, and never has been. It is an instrument on which one plays, that is all.

- Wilde, Oscar

It is only shallow people who do not judge by appearances. The true mystery of the world is the visible, not the invisible.

- Wilde, Oscar

If you are not too long, I will wait here for you all my life.

- Wilde, Oscar

My experience is that as soon as people are old enough to know better, they don't know anything at all.

- Wilde, Oscar

What is mind but motion in the intellectual sphere?

- Wilde, Oscar

We live in an age when unnecessary things are our only necessities.

- Wilde, Oscar

The way of paradoxes is the way of truth. To test Reality we must see it on the tight-rope. When the Verities become acrobats we can judge them.

- Wilde, Oscar

The condition of perfection is idleness: the aim of perfection is youth.

- Wilde, Oscar

The world is a stage, but the play is badly cast.

- Wilde, Oscar

No great artist ever sees things as they really are, if he did he would cease to be an artist.

- Wilde, Oscar

Seriousness is the only refuge of the shallow.

- Wilde, Oscar

Popularity is the crown of laurel which the world puts on bad art. Whatever is popular is wrong.

- Wilde, Oscar

The irrationality of a thing is no argument against its existence, rather a condition of it.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

What if everything is an illusion and nothing exists? In that case, I definitely overpaid for my carpet.

- Allen, Woody

What if nothing exists and we're all in somebody's dream? Or what's worse, what if only that fat guy in the third row exists?

- Allen, Woody

I don't respond well to mellow, you know what I mean, I have a tendency to... if I get too mellow, I ripen and then rot.

- Allen, Woody

Life is divided up into the horrible and the miserable.

- Allen, Woody

Of all the wonders of nature, a tree in summer is perhaps the most remarkable; with the possible exception of a moose singing Embraceable You in spats.

- Allen, Woody

Sex alleviates tension. Love causes it.

- Allen, Woody

Man consists of two parts, his mind and his body, only the body has more fun.

- Allen, Woody

I'd never join a club that would allow a person like me to become a member.

- Allen, Woody

I think being funny is not anyone's first choice.

- Allen, Woody

In the consciousness of the truth he has perceived, man now sees everywhere only the awfulness or the absurdity of existence and loathing seizes him.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Whatever is done for love always occurs beyond good and evil.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

The invalid is a parasite on society. In a certain state it is indecent to go on living. To vegetate on in cowardly dependence on physicians and medicaments after the meaning of life, the right to life, has been lost ought to entail the profound contempt of society.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

One must learn to love oneself with a wholesome and healthy love, so that one can bear to be with oneself and need not roam.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Believe me! The secret of reaping the greatest fruitfulness and the greatest enjoyment from life is to live dangerously!

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Experience, as a desire for experience, does not come off. We must not study ourselves while having an experience.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

There are no facts, only interpretations.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

There are no eternal facts, as there are no absolute truths.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

It says nothing against the ripeness of a spirit that it has a few worms.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

If one considers how much reason every person has for anxiety and timid self-concealment, and how three-quarters of his energy and goodwill can be paralyzed and made unfruitful by it, one has to be very grateful to fashion, insofar as it sets that three-quarters free and communicates self-confidence and mutual cheerful agreeableness to those who know they are subject to its law.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Fear is the mother of morality.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

He who fights with monsters might take care lest he thereby become a monster. And if you gaze for long into an abyss, the abyss gazes also into you.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

A matter that becomes clear ceases to concern us.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

And if your friend does evil to you, say to him, I forgive you for what you did to me, but

how can I forgive you for what you did to yourself?

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

The strongest knowledge (that of the total freedom of the human will) is nonetheless the poorest in successes: for it always has the strongest opponent, human vanity.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

I assess the power of a will by how much resistance, pain, torture it endures and knows how to turn to its advantage.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

For art to exist, for any sort of aesthetic activity or perception to exist, a certain physiological precondition is indispensable: intoxication.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

I fear we are not getting rid of God because we still believe in grammar.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Is man one of God's blunders or is God one of man's blunders?

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

What is good? All that heightens the feeling of power, the will to power, power itself in man.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

In Heaven all the interesting people are missing.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Man is no longer an artist, he has become a work of art.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

We operate with nothing but things which do not exist, with lines, planes, bodies, atoms, divisible time, divisible space -- how should explanation even be possible when we first make everything into an image, into our own image!

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

You have your way. I have my way. As for the right way, the correct way, and the only way, it does not exist.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

One receives as reward for much ennui, despondency, boredom --such as a solitude without friends, books, duties, passions must bring with it --those quarter-hours of profoundest contemplation within oneself and nature. He who completely entrenches himself against boredom also entrenches himself against himself: he will never get to drink the strongest refreshing draught from his own innermost fountain.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

We have no organ at all for knowledge, for truth: we know (or believe or imagine) precisely as much as may be useful in the interest of the human herd, the species: and even what is here called usefulness is in the end only a belief, something imagined and perhaps precisely that most fatal piece of stupidity by which we shall one day perish.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Our treasure lies in the beehive of our knowledge. We are perpetually on the way thither, being by nature winged insects and honey gatherers of the mind.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

The significance of language for the evolution of culture lies in this, that mankind set up in language a separate world beside the other world, a place it took to be so firmly set that, standing upon it, it could lift the rest of the world off its hinges and make itself master of it. To the extent that man has for long ages believed in the concepts and names of things as in aeternae veritates he has appropriated to himself that pride by which he raised himself above the animal: he really thought that in language he possessed knowledge of the world.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Not by wrath does one kill, but by laughter.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

The most common lie is that which one lies to himself; lying to others is relatively an

exception.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

The lie is a condition of life.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

One may sometimes tell a lie, but the grimace that accompanies it tells the truth.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

If you believed more in life you would fling yourself less to the moment.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

I fear animals regard man as a creature of their own kind which has in a highly dangerous fashion lost its healthy animal reason -- as the mad animal, as the laughing animal, as the weeping animal, as the unhappy animal.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

The architect represents neither a Dionysian nor an Apollinian condition: here it is the mighty act of will, the will which moves mountains, the intoxication of the strong will, which demands artistic expression. The most powerful men have always inspired the architects; the architect has always been influenced by power.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

One often contradicts an opinion when what is uncongenial is really the tone in which it was conveyed.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Love is a state in which a man sees things most decidedly as they are not.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Madness is something rare in individuals -- but in groups, parties, peoples, ages it is the rule.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

The advantage of a bad memory is that one enjoys several times the same good things for the first time.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

The true man wants two things: danger and play. For that reason he wants woman, as the most dangerous plaything.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Arrogance on the part of the meritorious is even more offensive to us than the arrogance of those without merit: for merit itself is offensive.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Only sick music makes money today.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Without music, life would be a mistake.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Let us beware of saying there are laws in nature. There are only necessities: there is no one to command, no one to obey, no one to transgress. When you realize there are no goals or objectives, then you realize, too, that there is no chance: for only in a world of objectives does the word chance have any meaning.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Necessity is not an established fact, but rather an interpretation.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Not when truth is dirty, but when it is shallow, does the enlightened man dislike to wade into its waters.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

We would not let ourselves be burned to death for our opinions: we are not sure enough of them for that. But perhaps for the right to have our opinions and to change them.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Everyone who has ever built anywhere a new heaven first found the power thereto in his own hell.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

The philosopher believes that the value of his philosophy lies in the whole, in the building: posterity discovers it in the bricks with which he built and which are then often used again for better building: in the fact, that is to say, that building can be destroyed and nonetheless possess value as material.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Every philosophy is the philosophy of some stage of life.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

We must be physicists in order to be creative since so far codes of values and ideals have been constructed in ignorance of physics or even in contradiction to physics.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Art raises its head where creeds relax.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Art is not merely an imitation of the reality of nature, but in truth a metaphysical supplement to the reality of nature, placed alongside thereof for its conquest.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

We have art in order not to die of the truth.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Not necessity, not desire --no, the love of power is the demon of men. Let them have everything --health, food, a place to live, entertainment --they are and remain unhappy and low-spirited: for the demon waits and waits and will be satisfied.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Undeserved praise causes more pangs of conscience later than undeserved blame, but probably only for this reason, that our power of judgment are more completely exposed by being over praised than by being unjustly underestimated.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

To forget one's purpose is the commonest form of stupidity.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

He who has a strong enough why can bear almost any how.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

You gave him an opportunity of showing greatness of character and he did not seize it. He will never forgive you for that.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

He who despises himself nevertheless esteems himself as a self-despiser.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Reason is the cause of our falsification of the evidence of the senses. In so far as the senses show becoming, passing away, change, they do not lie.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Great intellects are skeptical.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

To give style to one's character -- a great and rare art! He exercises it who surveys all that his nature presents in strength and weakness and then moulds it to an artistic plan until everything appears as art and reason, and even the weaknesses delight the eye.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

As regards the celebrated struggle for life, it seems to me for the present to have been rather asserted than proved. It does occur, but as the exception; the general aspect of life is not hunger and distress, but rather wealth, luxury, even absurd prodigality -- where there is a struggle it is a struggle for power.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Success has always been a great liar.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

What really raises one's indignation against suffering is not suffering intrinsically, but the senselessness of suffering.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Nothing is beautiful, only man: on this piece of naivete rests all aesthetics, it is the first truth of aesthetics. Let us immediately add its second: nothing is ugly but degenerate man -- the domain of aesthetic judgment is therewith defined.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

In the beautiful, man sets himself up as the standard of perfection; in select cases he worships himself in it. Man believes that the world itself is filled with beauty --he forgets that it is he who has created it. He alone has bestowed beauty upon the world --alas! only a very human, an all too human, beauty.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Most of us are about as eager to be changed as we were to be born, and go through our changes in a similar state of shock.

- Baldwin, James

Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced.

- Baldwin, James

The great person is ahead of their time, the smart make something out of it, and the blockhead, sets themselves against it.

- Baudrillard, Jean

Change your life today. Don't gamble on the future, act now, without delay.

- Beauvoir, Simone De

To exist is to change, to change is to mature, to mature is to go on creating oneself endlessly

- Bergson, Henri L.

There has never been a time when you and I have not existed, nor will there be a time when we will cease to exist. As the same person inhabits the body through childhood, youth, and old age, so too at the time of death he attains another body. The wise are not deluded by these changes.

- Bhagavad Gita

Never despair, but if you do, work on in despair.

- Burke, Edmund

Under the pressure of the cares and sorrows of our mortal condition, men have at all times, and in all countries, called in some physical aid to their moral consolations -- wine,

beer, opium, brandy, or tobacco.

- Burke, Edmund

When the leaders choose to make themselves bidders at an auction of popularity, their talents, in the construction of the state, will be of no service. They will become flatterers instead of legislators; the instruments, not the guides, of the people.

- Burke, Edmund

The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.

- Burke, Edmund

It is the nature of all greatness not to be exact.

- Burke, Edmund

No passion so effectually robs the mind of all its powers of acting and reasoning as fear.

- Burke, Edmund

As for freedom, it will soon cease to exist in any shape or form. Living will depend upon absolute obedience to a strict set of arrangements, which it will no longer be possible to transgress. The air traveler is not free. In the future, life's passengers will be even less so: they will travel through their lives fastened to their (corporate) seats.

- Baudrillard, Jean

So free we seem, so fettered we are!

- Browning, Robert

Freedom is nothing else but a chance to be better.

- Camus, Albert

America is the country where you can buy a lifetime supply of aspirin For one dollar and use it up in two weeks.

- Barrymore, John

What you have to do is enter the fiction of America, enter America as fiction. It is, indeed, on this fictive basis that it dominates the world.

- Baudrillard, Jean

The most important American addition to the World Experience was the simple surprising fact of America. We have helped prepare mankind for all its later surprises.

- Boorstin, Daniel J.

America is the best half-educated country in the world.

- Butler, Nicholas

America is a mistake, a giant mistake.

- Freud, Sigmund

America is the most grandiose experiment the world has seen, but, I am afraid, it is not going to be a success.

- Freud, Sigmund

As a man is, so he sees. As the eye is formed, such are its powers.

- Blake, William

The farther backward you can look, the farther forward you are likely to see.

- Churchill, Winston

The best vision is insight.

- Forbes, Malcolm S.

Only he who can see the invisible can do the impossible.

- Gaines, Frank

You have to see the pattern, understand the order and experience the vision.

- Gerber, Michael E.

Your vision will become clear only when you can look into your own heart. Who looks outside, dreams; who looks inside, awakens.

- Jung, Carl

It is a terrible thing to see and have no vision.

- Keller, Helen

One eye sees, the other feels.

- Klee, Paul

If I have seen further... it is by standing upon the shoulders of giants.

- Newton, Sir Isaac

If only we could pull out our brain and use only our eyes.

- Picasso, Pablo

Vision without action is a daydream. Action without vision is a nightmare.

- Proverb, Japanese

Throughout the centuries there were men who took first steps, down new roads, armed with nothing but their own vision.

- Rand, Ayn

Everyone takes the limits of his own vision for the limits of the world.

- Schopenhauer, Arthur

Vision is the art of seeing things invisible.

- Swift, Jonathan

When I think of vision, I have in mind the ability to see above and beyond the majority.

- Swindoll, Charles

The eyes indicate the antiquity of the soul.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

The eye of the master will do more work than both his hands.

- Franklin, Benjamin

One's eyes are what one is, one's mouth is what one becomes.

- Galsworthy, John

What we learn only through the ears makes less impression upon our minds than what is presented to the trustworthy eye.

- Horace

Of all the senses, sight must be the most delightful.

- Keller, Helen

Do everything as in the eye of another.

- Seneca

The eyes are not responsible when the mind does the seeing.

- Syrus, Publilius

The eye is the jewel of the body.

- Thoreau, Henry David

Eyes lie if you ever look into them for the character of the person.

- Wonder, Stevie

Whereas the Greeks gave to will the boundaries of reason, we have come to put the will's impulse in the very center of reason, which has, as a result, become deadly.

- Camus, Albert

Without friends no one would choose to live.

- Aristotle

A true friend is one soul in two bodies.

- Aristotle

Friendship is composed of a single soul inhabiting two bodies.

- Aristotle

Keep a fair-sized cemetery in your back yard, in which to bury the faults of your friends.

- Beecher, Henry Ward

Being taken for granted can be a compliment. It means you've become a comfortable, trusted element in another person's life.

- Brothers, Dr. Joyce

The rule of friendship means there should be mutual sympathy between them, each supplying what the other lacks and trying to benefit the other, always using friendly and sincere words.

- Buddha

A good friend who points out mistakes and imperfections and rebukes evil is to be respected as if he reveals a secret of hidden treasure.

- Buddha

Don't walk in front of me, I may not follow; Don't walk behind me, I may not lead; Walk beside me, and just be my friend.

- Camus, Albert

Friendship is a pretty full-time occupation if you really are friendly with somebody. You can't have too many friends because then you're just not really friends.

- Capote, Truman

Best friend, my well-spring in the wilderness!

- Eliot, George

I was nauseous and tingly all over. I was either in love or I had smallpox.

- Allen, Woody

I've never been an intellectual but I have this look.

- Allen, Woody

I was thrown out of N.Y.U. my freshman year for cheating on my metaphysics final. You know, I looked within the soul of the boy sitting next to me.

- Allen, Woody

There is love of course. And then there's life, its enemy.

- Anouilh, Jean

Love is composed of a single soul inhabiting two bodies.

- Aristotle

Love is the beauty of the soul.

- Augustine, St.

Love, and do what you like.

- Augustine, St.

The sweetest joy, the wildest woe is love.

- Bailey, Pearl

The motto of chivalry is also the motto of wisdom; to serve all, but love only one.

- Balzac, Honore De

What the world really needs is more love and less paper work.

- Bailey, Pearl

We say that the hour of death cannot be forecast, but when we say this we imagine that hour as placed in an obscure and distant future. It never occurs to us that it has any connection with the day already begun or that death could arrive this same afternoon, this afternoon which is so certain and which has every hour filled in advance.

- Proust, Marcel

Impelled by a state of mind which is destined not to last, we make our irrevocable

decisions

- Proust, Marcel

If a little dreaming is dangerous, the cure for it is not to dream less but to dream more, to dream all the time.

- Proust, Marcel

The regularity of a habit is generally in proportion to its absurdity.

- Proust, Marcel

Let us be grateful to people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom.

- Proust, Marcel

Often it is just lack of imagination that keeps a man from suffering very much.

- Proust, Marcel

Our intellect is not the most subtle, the most powerful, the most appropriate, instrument for revealing the truth. It is life that, little by little, example by example, permits us to see that what is most important to our heart, or to our mind, is learned not by reasoning but through other agencies. Then it is that the intellect, observing their superiority, abdicates its control to them upon reasoned grounds and agrees to become their collaborator and lackey.

- Proust, Marcel

In all life one should comfort the afflicted, but verily, also, one should afflict the comfortable, and especially when they are comfortably, contentedly, even happily wrong.

- Galbraith, John Kenneth

They believe that nothing will happen because they have closed their doors.

- Maeterlinck, Maurice

I cannot help fearing that men may reach a point where they look on every new theory as a danger, every innovation as a toilsome trouble, every social advance as a first step toward revolution, and that they may absolutely refuse to move at all for fear of being carried off their feet. The prospect really does frighten me that they may finally become so engrossed in a cowardly love of immediate pleasures that their interest in their own future and in that of their descendants may vanish, and that they will prefer tamely to follow the course of their destiny rather than make a sudden energetic effort necessary to set things right.

- Tocqueville, Alexis De

It will be found, in fact, that the ingenious are always fanciful, and the truly imaginative never otherwise than analytic.

- Poe, Edgar Allan

We now demand the light artillery of the intellect; we need the curt, the condensed, the pointed, the readily diffused -- in place of the verbose, the detailed, the voluminous, the

inaccessible. On the other hand, the lightness of the artillery should not degenerate into pop-gunnery -- by which term we may designate the character of the greater portion of the newspaper press -- their sole legitimate object being the discussion of ephemeral matters in an ephemeral manner.

- Poe, Edgar Allan

After reading all that has been written, and after thinking all that can be thought, on the topics of God and the soul, the man who has a right to say that he thinks at all, will find himself face to face with the conclusion that, on these topics, the most profound thought is that which can be the least easily distinguished from the most superficial sentiment.

- Poe, Edgar Allan

Mournful and Never-ending Remembrance.

- Poe, Edgar Allan

I have no faith in human perfectibility. I think that human exertion will have no appreciable effect upon humanity. Man is now only more active --not more happy --nor more wise, than he was 6000 years ago.

- Poe, Edgar Allan

With me poetry has not been a purpose, but a passion.

- Poe, Edgar Allan

Were I called on to define, very briefly, the term Art, I should call it the reproduction of

what the Senses perceive in Nature through the veil of the soul. The mere imitation, however accurate, of what is in Nature, entitles no man to the sacred name of Artist.

- Poe, Edgar Allan

To vilify a great man is the readiest way in which a little man can himself attain greatness.

- Poe, Edgar Allan

I have great faith in fools; My friends call it self-confidence.

- Poe, Edgar Allan

Beauty of whatever kind, in its supreme development, invariably excites the sensitive soul to tears.

- Poe, Edgar Allan

That pleasure which is at once the most pure, the most elevating and the most intense, is derived, I maintain, from the contemplation of the beautiful.

- Poe, Edgar Allan

That man is not truly brave who is afraid either to seem or to be, when it suits him, a coward.

- Poe, Edgar Allan

In criticism I will be bold, and as sternly, absolutely just with friend and foe. From this

purpose nothing shall turn me.

- Poe, Edgar Allan

Yet I am not more sure that my soul lives, than I am that perverseness is one of the primitive impulses of the human heartone of the indivisible primary faculties, or sentiments, which give direction to the character of Man.

- Poe, Edgar Allan

What is a face, really? Its own photo? Its make-up? Or is it a face as painted by such or such painter? That which is in front? Inside? Behind? And the rest? Doesn't everyone look at himself in his own particular way? Deformations simply do not exist.

- Picasso, Pablo

Now there is fame! Of all -- hunger, misery, the incomprehension by the public -- fame is by far the worst. It is the castigation of God by the artist. It is sad. It is true.

- Picasso, Pablo

It is personality with a penny's worth of talent. Error which chances to rise above the commonplace.

- Picasso, Pablo

Everything you can imagine is real.

- Picasso, Pablo

To copy others is necessary, but to copy oneself is pathetic.

- Picasso, Pablo

Never permit a dichotomy to rule your life, a dichotomy in which you hate what you do so you can have pleasure in your spare time. Look for a situation in which your work will give you as much happiness as your spare time.

- Picasso, Pablo

The artist is a receptacle for emotions that come from all over the place: from the sky, from the earth, from a scrap of paper, from a passing shape, from a spider's web.

- Picasso, Pablo

Museums are just a lot of lies, and the people who make art their business are mostly imposters. We have infected the pictures in museums with all our stupidities, all our mistakes, all our poverty of spirit. We have turned them into petty and ridiculous things.

- Picasso, Pablo

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