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The goal of every culture is to decay through over-civilization; the factors of decadence, -- luxury, skepticism, weariness and superstition, -- are constant. The civilization of one epoch becomes the manure of the next.

- Connolly, Cyril

Idleness is only a coarse name for my infinite capacity for living in the present.

- Connolly, Cyril

We must select the Illusion which appeals to our temperament and embrace it with passion, if we want to be happy.

- Connolly, Cyril

It's just a job. Grass grows, birds fly, waves pound the sand. I beat people up.

- Ali, Muhammad

The person who is master of their passions is reason's slave.

- Connolly, Cyril

No city should be too large for a man to walk out of in a morning.

- Connolly, Cyril

Slums may well be breeding-grounds of crime, but middle-class suburbs are incubators of apathy and delirium.

- Connolly, Cyril

Every adversity, every failure, every heartache carries with it the seed of an equal or greater benefit.

- Hill, Napoleon

Education comes from within; you get it by struggle and effort and thought.

- Hill, Napoleon

It takes but one positive thought when given a chance to survive and thrive to overpower an entire army of negative thoughts.

- Schuller, Robert H.

Serious people have few ideas. People with ideas are never serious.

- Valery, Paul

To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else is the greatest accomplishment.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

For a man to achieve all that is demanded of him he must regard himself as greater than he is.

- Goethe, Johann Wolfgang Von

To acquire immunity to eloquence is of the utmost importance to the citizens of a democracy.

- Russell, Bertrand

It is normal to give away a little of one's life in order not to lose it all.

- Camus, Albert

Work is nothing but the slow trek to rediscover, through the detours of art, those two or three great images in whose presence [His Or Her] heart first opened.

- Camus, Albert

Melancholy has ceased to be an individual phenomenon, an exception. It has become the class privilege of the wage earner, a mass state of mind that finds its cause wherever life is governed by production quotas.

- Grass, Gunther

Life begins on the other side of despair.

- Sartre, Jean-Paul

In a real dark night of the soul it is always three o clock in the morning, day after day.

- Unknown, Source

A woman's guess is much more accurate than a man's certainty.

- Kipling, Rudyard

It is the dull man who is always sure, and the sure man who is always dull.

- Mencken, H. L.

Convictions are more dangerous enemies of truth than lies.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

He who is certain he knows the ending of things when he is only beginning them is either extremely wise or extremely foolish; no matter which is true, he is certainly an unhappy man, for he has put a knife in the heart of wonder.

- Williams, Tad

Society is like a stew. If you don't stir it up every once in a while then a layer of scum floats to the top.

- Abbey, Edward

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