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Every situation, every moment -- is of infinite worth; for it is the representative of a whole eternity.

- Goethe, Johann Wolfgang Von

He who enjoys doing and enjoys what he has done is happy.

- Goethe, Johann Wolfgang Von

All the knowledge I possess everyone else can acquire, but my heart is all my own.

- Goethe, Johann Wolfgang Von

How can we know ourselves? Never by reflection, but only through action. Begin at once to do your duty and immediately you will know what is inside you.

- Goethe, Johann Wolfgang Von

Dream no small dreams for they have no power to move the hearts of men.

- Goethe, Johann Wolfgang Von

Only your mind can produce fear.

- A Course In Miracles

I have always felt that although someone may defeat me, and I strike out in a ball game, the pitcher on the particular day was the best player. But I know when I see him again, I'm going to be ready for his curve ball. Failure is a part of success. There is no such thing as a bed of roses all your life. But failure will never stand in the way of success if you learn from it.

- Aaron, Hank

Growth for the sake of growth is the ideology of the cancer cell.

- Abbey, Edward

I don't want to get to the end of my life and find that I have just lived the length of it. I want to have lived the width of it as well.

- Ackerman, Diane

There are two things which cannot be attacked in front: ignorance and narrow-mindedness. They can only be shaken by the simple development of the contrary qualities. They will not bear discussion.

- Acton, Lord

He felt that his whole life was some kind of dream and he sometimes wondered whose it was and whether they were enjoying it.

- Adams, Douglas

They know enough who know how to learn.

- Adams, Henry Brooks

Elections are won by men and women chiefly because most people vote against somebody rather than for somebody.

- Adams, Franklin P.

Remember, democracy never lasts long. It soon wastes, exhausts, and murders itself. There never was a democracy yet that did not commit suicide.

- Adams, John

Patience and perseverance have a magical effect before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish.

- Adams, John Quincy

He who would pass his declining years with honor and comfort, should, when young, consider that he may one day become old, and remember when he is old, that he has once been young.

- Addison, Joseph

A friend who is near and dear may in time become as useless as a relative.

- Ade, George

Exaggerated sensitiveness is an expression of the feeling of inferiority.

- Adler, Alfred

It is easy when we are in prosperity to give advice to the afflicted.

- Aeschylus

Never trust the advice of a man in difficulties.

- Aesop

Ultraliberalism today translates into a whimpering isolationism in foreign policy, a mulish obstructionism in domestic policy, and a pusillanimous pussyfooting on the critical issue of law and order.

- Agnew, Spiro T.

True wisdom is less presuming than folly. The wise man doubteth often, and changeth his mind; the fool is obstinate, and doubteth not; he knoweth all things but his own ignorance.

- Akhenaton

While one finds company in himself and his pursuits, he cannot feel old, no matter what his years may be.

- Alcott, Amos Bronson

Life is my college. May I graduate well, and earn some honors.

- Alcott, Louisa May

I figured that if I said it enough, I would convince the world that I really was the greatest.

- Ali, Muhammad

To desire is to obtain; to aspire is to achieve.

- Allen, James

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

- Allen, Woody

To know how to grow old is the master work of wisdom, and one of the most difficult chapters in the great art of living.

- Amiel, Henri Frederic

From the very fountain of enchantment there arises a taste of bitterness to spread anguish amongst the flowers.

- Lucretius

The drops of rain make a hole in the stone, not by violence, but by oft falling.

- Lucretius

Pleasant it is, when over a great sea the winds trouble the waters, to gaze from shore upon another's great tribulation; not because any man's troubles are a delectable joy, but because to perceive you are free of them yourself is pleasant.

- Lucretius

Pleasant it to behold great encounters of warfare arrayed over the plains, with no part of yours in peril.

- Lucretius

What is food to one man is bitter poison to others.

- Lucretius

It is great wealth to a soul to live frugally with a contented mind.

- Lucretius

In the midst of the fountain of wit there arises something bitter, which stings in the very flowers.

- Lucretius

Though the dungeon, the scourge, and the executioner be absent, the guilty mind can apply the goad and scorch with blows.

- Lucretius

The greatest wealth is to live content with little, for there is never want where the mind is satisfied.

- Lucretius

Difficult times always create opportunities for you to experience more love in your life.

- Angelis, Barbara De

We may encounter many defeats but we must not be defeated.

- Angelou, Maya

Since the Bible and the church are obviously mistaken in telling us where we came from, how can we trust them to tell us where we are going?

- Anonymous

An ugly sight, a man who is afraid.

- Anouilh, Jean

Economic growth may one day turn out to be a curse rather than a good, and under no conditions can it either lead into freedom or constitute a proof for its existence.

- Arendt, Hannah

The two qualities which chiefly inspire regard and affection [Are] that a thing is

your own and that it is your only one.

- Aristotle

Because thou must not dream, thou need not despair.

- Arnold, Matthew

There are souls that are incurable and lost to the rest of society. Deprive them of one means of folly, they will invent ten thousand others. They will create subtler, wilder methods, methods that are absolutely DESPERATE. Nature herself is fundamentally antisocial, it is only by a usurpation of powers that the organized body of society opposes the natural inclination of humanity.

- Artaud, Antonin

The class distinctions proper to a democratic society are not those of rank or money, still less, as is apt to happen when these are abandoned, of race, but of age.

- Auden, W. H.

Complete abstinence is easier than perfect moderation.

- Augustine, St.

Nothing happens to any man that he is not formed by nature to bear.

- Aurelius, Marcus

In nine cases out of ten, a woman had better show more affection than she feels.

- Austen, Jane

Unquiet souls. In the dark fermentation of earth, in the never idle workshop of nature, in the eternal movement, yea shall find yourselves again.

- Arnold, Matthew

Listen to what you know instead of what you fear.

- Bach, Richard

Man is a creation of desire, not a creation of need.

- Bachelard, Gaston

There is as much difference between the counsel that a friend giveth, and that a man giveth himself, as there is between the counsel of a friend and of a flatterer. For there is no such flatterer as is a man's self.

- Bacon, Francis

So long as war is the main business of nations, temporary despotism -- despotism during the campaign -- is indispensable.

- Bagehot, Walter

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

We live in a world ruled by fictions of every kind -- mass merchandising, advertising, politics conducted as a branch of advertising, the instant translation of science and technology into popular imagery, the increasing blurring and intermingling of identities within the realm of consumer goods, the preempting of any free or original imaginative response to experience by the television screen. We live inside an enormous novel. For the writer in particular it is less and less necessary for him to invent the fictional content of his novel. The fiction is already there. The writer's task is to invent the reality.

- Ballard, J. G.

Doubt is the incentive to truth and inquiry leads the way.

- Ballou, Hosea

All humanity is passion; without passion, religion, history, novels, art would be ineffectual.

- Balzac, Honore De

The best part of beauty is that which no picture can express.

- Bacon, Francis

Dreams do come true, if we only wish hard enough, You can have anything in life if you will sacrifice everything else for it.

- Barrie, Sir James M.

Other countries drink to get drunk, and this is accepted by everyone; in France, drunkenness is a consequence, never an intention. A drink is felt as the spinning out of a pleasure, not as the necessary cause of an effect which is sought: wine is not only a philter, it is also the leisurely act of drinking.

- Barthes, Roland

I will never be an old man. To me, old age is always 15 years older than I am.

- Baruch, Bernard M.

Intellectual despair results in neither weakness nor dreams, but in violence. It is only a matter of knowing how to give vent to one's rage; whether one only wants to wander like madmen around prisons, or whether one wants to overturn them.

- Bataille, Georges

Evil is done without effort, naturally, it is the working of fate; good is always the product of an art.

- Baudelaire, Charles

Democracy is the menopause of Western society, the Grand Climacteric of the body social. Fascism is its middle-aged lust.

- Baudrillard, Jean

Death is the great adventure beside which moon landings and space trips pale into insignificance.

- Bayly, Joseph

That the greatest security of the people, against the encroachments and usurpations of their superiors, is to keep the Spirit of Liberty constantly awake, is an undeniable truth.

- Burke, Edmund

We lose our hair, our teeth! Our bloom, our ideals.

- Beckett, Samuel

Interest works night and day in fair weather and in foul. It gnaws at a man's substance with invisible teeth.

- Beecher, Henry Ward

As threshing separates the wheat from the chaff, so does affliction purify virtue.

- Burton, Sir Richard

Counsel woven into the fabric of real life is wisdom.

- Benjamin, Walter

It is easier to go down a hill than up, but the view is from the top.

- Bennett, Arnold

The mystic purchases a moment of exhilaration with a lifetime of confusion; and the confusion is infectious and destructive. It is confusing and destructive to try and explain anything in terms of anything else, poetry in terms of psychology.

- Bunting, Basil

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

When you think of the huge uninterrupted success of a book like Don Quixote, you're bound to realize that if humankind have not yet finished being revenged, by sheer laughter, for being let down in their greatest hope, it is because that hope was cherished so long and lay so deep!

- Bernanos, Georges

When you come to a fork in the road, take it.

- Berra, Yogi

Neither in this world nor elsewhere is there any happiness in store for him who always doubts.

- Bhagavad Gita

The intellectual is a middle-class product; if he is not born into the class he must soon insert himself into it, in order to exist. He is the fine nervous flower of the bourgeoisie.

- Bogan, Louise

A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. [Luke 12:15]

- Bible

Abstainer. A weak man who yields to the temptation of denying himself a pleasure.

- Bierce, Ambrose

Advice is like castor oil, easy to give, but dreadful to take.

- Billings, Josh

He who desires but does not act, breeds pestilence.

- Blake, William

Every great work of art has two faces, one toward its own time and one toward the future, toward eternity.

- Barenboim, Daniel

We are on the other end of our own leash

- Blum, Donald

Nothing is more difficult, and therefore more precious, than to be able to decide.

- Bonaparte, Napoleon

We read advertisements to discover and enlarge our desires. We are always ready -- even eager -- to discover, from the announcement of a new product, what we have all along wanted without really knowing it.

- Boorstin, Daniel J.

That is true culture which helps us to work for the social betterment of all.

- Beecher, Henry Ward

Affliction, like the iron-smith, shapes as it smites.

- Bovee, Christian Nevell

The professors laugh at themselves, they laugh at life; they long ago abjured the bitch-goddess Success, and the best of them will fight for his scholastic ideals with a courage and persistence that would shame a soldier. The professor is not afraid of words like truth; in fact he is not afraid of words at all.

- Bowen, Catherine Drinker

It is not our exalted feelings, it is our sentiments that build the necessary home.

- Bowen, Elizabeth

some people sell their soul for something as little as ice water and don't even drink it

- BPBEE

The man who has ceased to fear has ceased to care.

- Bradley, Francis H.

From the cradle to the coffin underwear comes first.

- Brecht, Bertolt

Witticism. A sharp and clever remark, usually quoted and seldom noted; what the Philistine is pleased to call a joke.

- Bierce, Ambrose

No one who has lived even for a fleeting moment for something other than life in its conventional sense and has experienced the exaltation that this feeling produces can then renounce his new freedom so easily.

- Breton, Andre

These repetitive words and phrases are merely methods of convincing the subconscious mind.

- Bristol, Claude M.

The surest defense against Evil is extreme individualism, originality of thinking, whimsicality, even -- if you will -- eccentricity. That is, something that can't be feigned, faked, imitated; something even a seasoned imposter couldn't be happy with.

- Brodsky, Joseph

There is no comparison between that which is lost by not succeeding and that which is lost by not trying.

- Bacon, Francis

The hand is the cutting edge of the mind.

- Bronowski, Jacob

To me, being an intellectual doesn't mean knowing about intellectual issues; it means taking pleasure in them.

- Bronowski, Jacob

Has there ever been a society which has died of dissent? Several have died of conformity in our lifetime.

- Bronowski, Jacob

Man masters nature not by force but by understanding. This is why science has

succeeded where magic failed: because it has looked for no spell to cast over nature.

- Bronowski, Jacob

Power is the by-product of understanding.

- Bronowski, Jacob

That is the essence of science: ask an impertinent question, and you are on the way to a pertinent answer.

- Bronowski, Jacob

No science is immune to the infection of politics and the corruption of power.

- Bronowski, Jacob

Science has nothing to be ashamed of even in the ruins of Nagasaki. The shame is theirs who appeal to other values than the human imaginative values which science has evolved.

- Bronowski, Jacob

The world is full of people who never quite get into the first team and who just miss the prizes at the flower show.

- Bronowski, Jacob

The world can only be grasped by action, not by contemplation. The hand is the cutting

edge of the mind.

- Bronowski, Jacob

We gain our ends only with the laws of nature; we control her only by understanding her laws.

- Bronowski, Jacob

Feeling without judgment is a washy draught indeed; but judgment untempered by feeling is too bitter and husky a morsel for human deglutition.

- Bronte, Charlotte

If we would build on a sure foundation in friendship, we must love friends for their sake rather than for our own.

- Bronte, Charlotte

You -- poor and obscure, and small and plain as you are -- I entreat to accept me as a husband.

- Bronte, Charlotte

Conventionality is not morality. Self-righteousness is not religion. To attack the first is not to assail the last. To pluck the mask from the face of the Pharisee is not to lift an impious hand to the Crown of Thorns.

- Bronte, Charlotte

You had no right to be born; for you make no use of life. Instead of living for, in, and with yourself, as a reasonable being ought, you seek only to fasten your feebleness on some other person's strength.

- Bronte, Charlotte

Prejudices, it is well known, are most difficult to eradicate from the heart whose soil has never been loosened or fertilized by education; they grow there, firm as weeds among stones.

- Bronte, Charlotte

Reason sits firm and holds the reins, and she will not let the feelings burst away and hurry her to wild chasms. The passions may rage furiously, like true heathens, as they are; and the desires may imagine all sorts of vain things: but judgment shall still have the last word in every argument, and the casting vote in every decision.

- Bronte, Charlotte

Look twice before you leap.

- Bronte, Charlotte

It is vain to say human beings ought to be satisfied with tranquillity: they must have action; and they will make it if they cannot find it.

- Bronte, Charlotte

Something of vengeance I had tasted for the first time; as aromatic wine it seemed, on swallowing, warm and racy: its after-flavor, metallic and corroding, gave me a sensation as if I had been poisoned.

- Bronte, Charlotte

Consistency, madam, is the first of Christian duties.

- Bronte, Charlotte

She was a handsome woman of forty-five and would remain so for many years.

- Brookner, Anita

Writing novels preserves you in a state of innocence -- a lot passes you by -- simply because your attention is otherwise diverted.

- Brookner, Anita

Accountability in friendship is the equivalent of love without strategy.

- Brookner, Anita

All good fortune is a gift of the gods, and you don't win the favor of the ancient gods by being good, but by being bold.

- Brookner, Anita

What is interesting about self-analysis is that it leads nowhere -- it is an art form in itself.

- Brookner, Anita

You can never betray the people who are dead, so you go on being a public Jew; the dead can't answer slurs, but I'm here. I would love to think that Jesus wants me for a sunbeam, but he doesn't.

- Brookner, Anita

Real love is a pilgrimage. It happens when there is no strategy, but it is very rare because most people are strategists.

- Brookner, Anita

A man can go from being a lover to being a stranger in three moves flat but a woman under the guise of friendship will engage in acts of duplicity which come to light very much later. There are different species of self-justification.

- Brookner, Anita

Existentialism is about being a saint without God; being your own hero, without all the sanction and support of religion or society.

- Brookner, Anita

The essence of romantic love is that wonderful beginning, after which sadness and impossibility may become the rule.

- Brookner, Anita

The lessons taught in great books are misleading. The commerce in life is rarely so simple and never so just.

- Brookner, Anita

Romanticism is not just a mode; it literally eats into every life. Women will never get rid of just waiting for the right man.

- Brookner, Anita

A man of such obvious and exemplary charm must be a liar.

- Brookner, Anita

Like many rich men, he thought in anecdotes; like many simple women, she thought in terms of biography.

- Brookner, Anita

A complete woman is probably not a very admirable creature. She is manipulative, uses other people to get her own way, and works within whatever system she is in.

- Brookner, Anita

Good women always think it is their fault when someone else is being offensive. Bad women never take the blame for anything.

- Brookner, Anita

It will be a pity if women in the more conventional mould are to be phased out, for there will never be anyone to go home to.

- Brookner, Anita

Great writers are the saints for the godless.

- Brookner, Anita

No blame should attach to telling the truth. But it does, it does.

- Brookner, Anita

Time misspent in youth is sometimes all the freedom one ever has.

- Brookner, Anita

You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.

- Brown, Les

If you do not develop the hunger and courage to pursue your goal, you will lose your nerve and you will give up on your dream.

- Brown, Les

Be determined to handle any challenge in a way that will make you grow.

- Brown, Les

You have the courage and power to live your dreams.

- Brown, Les

Help others achieve their dreams and you will achieve yours.

- Brown, Les

Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss it you will land among the stars.

- Brown, Les

One of the most essential things you need to do for yourself is to choose a goal that is important to you. Perfection does not exist -- you can always do better and you can always grow.

- Brown, Les

You must think of failure and defeat as the springboards to new achievements or to the next level of accomplishment.

- Brown, Les

Fear does not have any special power unless you empower it by submitting to it.

- Brown, Les

Too many of us are not living our dreams because we are living our fears.

- Brown, Les

When you face your fear, most of the time you will discover that it was not really such a big threat after all. We all need some form of deeply rooted, powerful motivation -- it empowers us to overcome obstacles so we can live our dreams.

- Brown, Les

You must remain focused on your journey to greatness.

- Brown, Les

Forgive those who have hurt you.

- Brown, Les

Forgive yourself for your faults and your mistakes and move on.

- Brown, Les

As you reach your goals, set new ones. That is how you grow and become a more powerful person.

- Brown, Les

Choosing goals that are important to you is one of the most essential things you can do in order to live your dreams.

- Brown, Les

Goals are not dreamy, pie-in-the-sky ideals. They have every day practical applications and they should be practical.

- Brown, Les

If you set goals and go after them with all the determination you can muster, your gifts will take you places that will amaze you.

- Brown, Les

Your goals are the road maps that guide you and show you what is possible for your life.

- Brown, Les

In the end, it is the person you become, not the things you have achieved, that is the most important.

- Brown, Les

Wanting something is not enough. You must hunger for it. Your motivation must be absolutely compelling in order to overcome the obstacles that will invariably come your way.

- Brown, Les

Live out of your imagination instead of out of your memory.

- Brown, Les

I believe that life is a journey, often difficult and sometimes incredibly cruel, but we are well equipped for it if only we tap into our talents and gifts and allow them to blossom.

- Brown, Les

Life takes on meaning when you become motivated, set goals and charge after them in an unstoppable manner.

- Brown, Les

If you view all the things that happen to you, both good and bad, as opportunities, then you operate out of a higher level of consciousness.

- Brown, Les

If you are carrying strong feelings about something that happened in your past, they may hinder your ability to live in the present.

- Brown, Les

When life knocks you down, try to land on your back. Because if you can look up, you can get up. Let your reason get you back up.

- Brown, Les

Life has no limitations, except the ones you make.

- Brown, Les

As a man thinks in his heart, so is he. [Proverbs 23:7]

- Bible

Let age, not envy, draw wrinkles on thy cheeks.

- Browne, Sir Thomas

It is the common wonder of all men, how among so many million faces, there should be none alike.

- Browne, Sir Thomas

To believe only possibilities is not faith, but mere philosophy.

- Browne, Sir Thomas

Forcible ways make not an end of evil, but leave hatred and malice behind them.

- Browne, Sir Thomas

All things are artificial, for nature is the art of God.

- Browne, Sir Thomas

Men live by intervals of reason under the sovereignty of humor and passion.

- Browne, Sir Thomas

Rough diamonds may sometimes be mistaken for worthless pebbles.

- Browne, Sir Thomas

I could be content that we might procreate like trees, without conjunction, or that there were any way to perpetuate the world without this trivial and vulgar way of coition.

- Browne, Sir Thomas

As reason is a rebel to faith, so passion is a rebel to reason.

- Browne, Sir Thomas

Come, fair repentance, daughter of the skies! Soft harbinger of soon returning virtue; The weeping messenger of grace from heaven.

- Browne, Sir Thomas

We term sleep a death by which we may be literally said to die daily; in fine, so like death, I dare not trust it without my prayers.

- Browne, Sir Thomas

Charity But how shall we expect charity towards others, when we are uncharitable to ourselves? Charity begins at home, is the voice of the world; yet is every man his greatest enemy, and, as it were, his own executioner.

- Browne, Sir Thomas

A man may be in as just possession of truth as of a city, and yet be forced to surrender.

- Browne, Sir Thomas

Though it be in the power of the weakest arm to take away life, it is not in the strongest to deprive us of death.

- Browne, Sir Thomas

Man is a noble animal, splendid in ashes, and pompous in the grave.

- Browne, Sir Thomas

We all labor against our own cure, for death is the cure of all diseases.

- Browne, Sir Thomas

A woman's always younger than a man at equal years.

- Browning, Elizabeth Barrett

The devil's most devilish when respectable.

- Browning, Elizabeth Barrett

At painful times, when composition is impossible and reading is not enough, grammars and dictionaries are excellent for distraction.

- Browning, Elizabeth Barrett

Girls blush, sometimes, because they are alive, half wishing they were dead to save the shame. The sudden blush devours them, neck and brow; They have drawn too near the fire of life, like gnats, and flare up bodily, wings and all. What then? Who's sorry for a gnat or girl?

- Browning, Elizabeth Barrett

Experience, like a pale musician, holds a dulcimer of patience in his hand.

- Browning, Elizabeth Barrett

If you desire faith, then you have faith enough.

- Browning, Elizabeth Barrett

What is genius but the power of expressing a new individuality?

- Browning, Elizabeth Barrett

Since when was genius found respectable?

- Browning, Elizabeth Barrett

We all have known good critics, who have stamped out poet's hopes; Good statesmen, who pulled ruin on the state; Good patriots, who, for a theory, risked a cause; Good kings, who disemboweled for a tax; Good Popes, who brought all good to jeopardy; Good Christians, who sat still in easy-chairs; And damned the general world for standing up.

Now, may the good God pardon all good men!

- Browning, Elizabeth Barrett

This race is never grateful: from the first, One fills their cup at supper with pure wine, Which back they give at cross-time on a sponge, In bitter vinegar.

- Browning, Elizabeth Barrett

I tell you, hopeless grief is passionless.

- Browning, Elizabeth Barrett

The Greeks said grandly in their tragic phrase, Let no one be called happy till his death; to which I would add, Let no one, till his death be called unhappy.

- Browning, Elizabeth Barrett

What is art but life upon the larger scale, the higher. When, graduating up in a spiral line of still expanding and ascending gyres, it pushes toward the intense significance of all things, hungry for the infinite?

- Browning, Elizabeth Barrett

Who so loves believes the impossible.

- Browning, Elizabeth Barrett

How do I love thee? Let me count the ways. I love thee to the depth and breadth and

height my soul can reach.

- Browning, Elizabeth Barrett

It is not merely the likeness which is precious... but the association and the sense of nearness involved in the thing... the fact of the very shadow of the person lying there fixed forever! It is the very sanctification of portraits I think -- and it is not at all monstrous in me to say that I would rather have such a memorial of one I dearly loved, than the noblest Artist's work ever produced.

- Browning, Elizabeth Barrett

God answers sharp and sudden on some prayers and thrust the thing we have prayed for in our face, like a gauntlet with a gift in it.

- Browning, Elizabeth Barrett

The beautiful seems right by force of beauty, and the feeble wrong because of weakness.

- Browning, Elizabeth Barrett

Books succeed, and lives fail.

- Browning, Elizabeth Barrett

But the child's sob curses deeper in the silence than the strong man in his wrath!

- Browning, Elizabeth Barrett

Let no one till his death be called unhappy. Measure not the work until the day's out and the labor done.

- Browning, Elizabeth Barrett

The world's male chivalry has perished out, but women are knights-errant to the last; and, if Cervantes had been greater still, he had made his Don a Donna.

- Browning, Elizabeth Barrett

For 'Tis not in mere death that men die most.

- Browning, Elizabeth Barrett

Happy are all free peoples, too strong to be dispossessed. But blessed are those among nations who dare to be strong for the rest!

- Browning, Elizabeth Barrett

Never let the other fellow set the agenda.

- Baker, James

As favor and riches forsake a man, we discover in him the foolishness they concealed, and which no one perceived before.

- Bruyere, Jean De La

Perhaps one has to be very old before one learns to be amused rather than shocked.

- Buck, Pearl S.

Fashion your life as a garland of beautiful deeds.

- Buddha

There seems to be some perverse human characteristic that likes to make easy things difficult.

- Buffett, Warren

And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up. [New Test.]

- Bible

It is not by the gray of the hair that one knows the age of the heart.

- Bulwer-Lytton, Edward G.

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

Desperation is the raw material of drastic change. Only those who can leave behind everything they have ever believed in can hope to escape.

- Burroughs, William S.

There couldn't be a society of people who didn't dream. They'd be dead in two weeks.

- Burroughs, William S.

The face of evil is always the face of total need.

- Burroughs, William S.

Intelligence and war are games, perhaps the only meaningful games left. If any player becomes too proficient, the game is threatened with termination.

- Burroughs, William S.

I think there are innumerable gods. What we on earth call God is a little tribal God who has made an awful mess. Certainly forces operating through human consciousness control events.

- Burroughs, William S.

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.

This is a war universe. War all the time. That is its nature. There may be other universes based on all sorts of other principles, but ours seems to be based on war and games.

- Burroughs, William S.

Virtue is simply happiness, and happiness is a by-product of function. You are happy when you are functioning.

- Burroughs, William S.

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

- Barthes, Roland

I believe that you control your destiny, that you can be what you want to be. You can also

stop and say, No, I won't do it, I won't behave his way anymore. I'm lonely and I need people around me, maybe I have to change my methods of behaving and then you do it

- Buscaglia, Leo

A single rose can be my garden... a single friend, my world.

- Buscaglia, Leo

What you are is God's gift to you, what you do with yourself is your gift to God.

- Buscaglia, Leo

The easiest thing to be in the world is you. The most difficult thing to be is what other people want you to be. Don't let them put you in that position.

- Buscaglia, Leo

Life is uncharted territory. It reveals its story one moment at a time.

- Buscaglia, Leo

I have a very strong feeling that the opposite of love is not hate -- it's apathy. It's not giving a damn.

- Buscaglia, Leo

Love is life. And if you miss love, you miss life.

- Buscaglia, Leo

Love can never grow old. Locks may lose their brown and gold. Cheeks may fade and hollow grow. But the hearts that love will know, never winter's frost and chill, summer's warmth is in them still.

- Buscaglia, Leo

Don't smother each other. No one can grow in the shade.

- Buscaglia, Leo

Don't hold to anger, hurt or pain. They steal your energy and keep you from love.

- Buscaglia, Leo

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.

- Buscaglia, Leo

Each of our acts makes a statement as to our purpose.

- Buscaglia, Leo

Change is the end result of all true learning. Change involves three things: First, a dissatisfaction with self -- a felt void or need; second, a decision to change to fill the void or need; and third, a conscious dedication to the process of growth and change -- the

willful act of making the change, doing something.

- Buscaglia, Leo

Your talent is God's gift to you; what you do with it is your gift to God.

- Buscaglia, Leo

Time has no meaning in itself unless we choose to give it significance.

- Buscaglia, Leo

A wonderful realization will be the day you realize that you are unique in all the world. There is nothing that is an accident. You are a special combination for a purpose-and don't let them tell you otherwise, even if they tell you that purpose is an illusion. (Live an illusion if you have to). You are that combination so that you can do what is essential for you to do. Don't ever believe that you have nothing to contribute. The world is an incredible unfulfilled tapestry. And only you can fulfill that tiny space that is yours.

- Buscaglia, Leo

What we call the secret of happiness is no more a secret than our willingness to choose life.

- Buscaglia, Leo

True life is lived when tiny changes occur.

- Tolstoy, Count Leo

When the wish for peace is genuine, the means for finding it is giving in a form each mind that seeks for it in honesty can understand.

- Schucman, Helen

In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life. It goes on.

- Frost, Robert

Clouds come floating into my life, no longer to carry rain or usher storm, but to add color to my sunset sky.

- Tagore, Rabindranath

Only when the last tree has been cut down; Only when the last river has been poisoned; Only when the last fish has been caught; Only then will you find that money cannot be eaten.

- Proverb, American Indian

Teach only love for that is what you are.

- A Course In Miracles

Everyone admits that love is wonderful and necessary, yet no one agrees on just what it is.

- Ackerman, Diane

There is a law that man should love his neighbor as himself. In a few hundred years it should be as natural to mankind as breathing or the upright gait; but if he does not learn it he must perish.

- Adler, Alfred

Love is a great beautifier.

- Alcott, Louisa May

The Impossible Generalized Man today is the critic who believes in loving those unworthy of love as well as those worthy --yet believes this only insofar as no personal risk is entailed. Meaning he loves no one, worthy or no. This is what makes him impossible.

- Algren, Nelson

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

- Allen, Woody

Sex alleviates tension. Love causes it.

- Allen, Woody

Women wish to be loved not because they are pretty, or good, or well bred, or graceful, or intelligent, but because they are themselves.

- Amiel, Henri Frederic

In real love you want the other person's good. In romantic love, you want the other person.

- Anderson, Margaret

The more connections you and your lover make, not just between your bodies, but between your minds, your hearts, and your souls, the more you will strengthen the fabric of your relationship, and the more real moments you will experience together.

- Angelis, Barbara De

Love is a force more formidable than any other. It is invisible -- it cannot be seen or measured, yet it is powerful enough to transform you in a moment, and offer you more joy than any material possession could.

- Angelis, Barbara De

Love's greatest gift is its ability to make everything it touches sacred.

- Angelis, Barbara De

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

- Anouilh, Jean

Love is made by two people, in different kinds of solitude. It can be in a crowd, but in an oblivious crowd.

- Aragon, Louis

Oh, love is real enough; you will find it someday, but it has one archenemy -- and that is life.

- Ardele, Jean Anouilh

Love is, above all, the gift of oneself.

- Ardele, Jean Anouilh

Love, by its very nature, is unworldly, and it is for this reason rather than its rarity that it is not only apolitical but anti-political, perhaps the most powerful of all anti-political human forces.

- Arendt, Hannah

Wicked men obey from fear; good men, from love.

- Aristotle

Love is composed of a single soul inhabiting two bodies.

- Aristotle

In a great romance, each person plays a part the other really likes.

- Ashley, Elizabeth

We must love one another or die.

- Auden, W. H.

We are not commanded (or forbidden) to love our mates, our children, our friends, our country because such affections come naturally to us and are good in themselves, although we may corrupt them. We are commanded to love our neighbor because our natural attitude toward the other is one of either indifference or hostility.

- Auden, W. H.

A false enchantment can all too easily last a lifetime.

- Auden, W. H.

What I needed most was to love and to be loved, eager to be caught. Happily I wrapped those painful bonds around me; and sure enough, I would be lashed with the red-hot pokers or jealousy, by suspicions and fear, by burst of anger and quarrels.

- Augustine, St.

What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like.

- Augustine, St.

God loves each of us as if there were only one of us.

- Augustine, St.

Love is the beauty of the soul.

- Augustine, St.

Accept the things to which fate binds you, and love the people with whom fate brings you together, but do so with all your heart.

- Aurelius, Marcus

Not all of us have to possess earthshaking talent. Just common sense and love will do.

- Auvil, Myrtle

Real love stories never have endings.

- Bach, Richard

For a crowd is not company; and faces are but a gallery of pictures; and talk but a tinkling cymbal, where there is no love.

- Bacon, Francis

Nuptial love makes mankind; friendly love perfects it; but wanton love corrupts and debases it.

- Bacon, Francis

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

- Balzac, Honore De

Love is just a system for getting someone to call you darling after sex.

- Barnes, Julian

To an ordinary human being, love means nothing if it does not mean loving some people more than others.

- Orwell, George

It is from the womb of art that criticism was born.

- Baudelaire, Charles

Journeys, like artists, are born and not made. A thousand differing circumstances contribute to them, few of them willed or determined by the will --whatever we may think.

- Durrell, Lawrence

Like all great travelers, I have seen more than I remember and remember more than I have seen.

- Disraeli, Benjamin

The passion of hatred is so long lived and so obstinate a malady that the surest sign of death in a sick person is their desire for reconciliation.

- La Bruyere, Jean De

Self-denial is the shining sore on the leprous body of Christianity.

- Wilde, Oscar

Art is not to be taught in Academies. It is what one looks at, not what one listens to, that makes the artist. The real schools should be the streets.

- Wilde, Oscar

The only thing to do with good advice is to pass it on. It is never of any use to oneself.

- Wilde, Oscar

One can survive everything nowadays, except death, and live down anything except a good reputation.

- Wilde, Oscar

For he who lives more lives than one: More deaths than one must die.

- Wilde, Oscar

Democracy means simply the bludgeoning of the people by the people for the people.

- Wilde, Oscar

Through our sunless lanes creeps Poverty with her hungry eyes, and Sin with his sodden face follows close behind her. Misery wakes us in the morning and Shame sits with us at

night.

- Wilde, Oscar

There are three kinds of despots. There is the despot who tyrannizes over the body. There is the despot who tyrannizes over the soul. There is the despot who tyrannizes over the soul and body alike. The first is called the Prince. The second is called the Pope. The third is called the People.

- Wilde, Oscar

Despotism is unjust to everybody, including the despot, who was probably made for better things.

- Wilde, Oscar

Better the rule of One, whom all obey, than to let clamorous demagogues betray our freedom with the kiss of anarchy.

- Wilde, Oscar

Every great man nowadays has his disciples, and it is usually Judas who writes the biography.

- Wilde, Oscar

Discontent is the first step in the progress of a man or a nation.

- 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

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

- Wilde, Oscar

Dullness is the coming of age of seriousness.

- Wilde, Oscar

The first duty of life is to be as artificial as possible. What the second duty is no one as yet discovered.

- Wilde, Oscar

Oh, duty is what one expects from others, it is not what one does oneself.

- Wilde, Oscar

Education is an admirable thing, but it is well to remember from time to time that nothing that is worth knowing can be taught.

- Wilde, Oscar

The advantage of the emotions is that they lead us astray.

- Wilde, Oscar

A man cannot be too careful in the choice of his enemies.

- Wilde, Oscar

No artist has ethical sympathies. An ethical sympathy in an artist is an unpardonable mannerism of style.

- Wilde, Oscar

Nothing makes one so vain as being told that one is a sinner.

- Wilde, Oscar

The great events of life often leave one unmoved; they pass out of consciousness, and, when one thinks of them, become unreal. Even the scarlet flowers of passion seem to grow in the same meadow as the poppies of oblivion.

- Wilde, Oscar

I have the simplest tastes. I am always satisfied with the best.

- Wilde, Oscar

Experience is one thing you can't get for nothing.

- Wilde, Oscar

We can have in life but one great experience at best, and the secret of life is to reproduce that experience as often as possible.

- Wilde, Oscar

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

- Wilde, Oscar

A man's face is his autobiography. A woman's face is her work of fiction.

- Wilde, Oscar

Misfortunes one can endure -- they come from outside, they are accidents. But to suffer for one's own faults -- Ah! there is the sting of life.

- Wilde, Oscar

I can believe anything provided it is incredible.

- Wilde, Oscar

The affections are like lightning: you cannot tell where they will strike till they have fallen.

- Lacordaire, Jean Baptiste

Every man alone is sincere. At the entrance of a second person, hypocrisy begins.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

Living with a saint is more grueling than being one.

- Neville, Robert

Be open to your happiness and sadness as they arise.

- Thomas, John M.

You must regulate your life by the standards you admire when you are at your best.

- Thomas, John M.

We love because it's the only true adventure.

- Giovanni, Nikki

Mistakes are a fact of life it is the response to error that counts.

- Giovanni, Nikki

There're two people in the world that are not likeable: a master and a slave.

- Giovanni, Nikki

If you don't understand yourself you don't understand anybody else.

- Giovanni, Nikki

The one who prosperity takes too much delight in will be the most shocked by reverses.

- Horace

Adversity reveals genius, prosperity conceals it.

- Horace

As a rule, adversity reveals genius and prosperity hides it.

- Horace

Happiness never lays its finger on its pulse.

- Smith, Adam

What can be added to the happiness of a man who is in health, out of debt, and has a clear conscience?

- Smith, Adam

Resentment seems to have been given us by nature for a defense, and for a defense only! It is the safeguard of justice and the security of innocence.

- Smith, Adam

Humanity is the virtue of a woman, generosity that of a man.

- Smith, Adam

Mankind are animals that makes bargains, no other animal does this.

- Smith, Adam

The mind is so rarely disturbed, but that the company of friend will restore it to some degree of tranquility and sedateness.

- Smith, Adam

Science is the great antidote to the poison of enthusiasm and superstition.

- Smith, Adam

It is not from the benevolence of the butcher, the brewer, or the baker, that we expect our dinner, but from their regard to their own interest. We address ourselves, not to their humanity but to their self-love, and never talk to them of our necessities but of their advantages.

- Smith, Adam

People of the same trade seldom meet together, even for merriment and diversion, but the conversation ends in a conspiracy against the public, or in some contrivance to raise prices.

- Smith, Adam

Virtue is more to be feared than vice, because its excesses are not subject to the regulation of conscience.

- Smith, Adam

Our problems are man-made, therefore they may be solved by man. No problem of human destiny is beyond human beings.

- Kennedy, John F.

People have not been horrified by war to a sufficient extent... War will exist until that distant day when the conscientious objector enjoys the same reputation and prestige as the warrior does today.

- Kennedy, John F.

Let us think of education as the means of developing our greatest abilities, because in each of us there is a private hope and dream which, fulfilled, can be translated into benefit for everyone and greater strength for our nation.

- Kennedy, John F.

Our progress as a nation can be no swifter than our progress in education. The human mind is our fundamental resource.

- Kennedy, John F.

Efforts and courage are not enough without purpose and direction.

- Kennedy, John F.

In the past, those who foolishly sought power by riding on the back of the tiger ended up inside.

- Kennedy, John F.

Forgive your enemies, but never forget their names.

- Kennedy, John F.

Our growing softness, our increasing lack of physical fitness, is a menace to our security.

- Kennedy, John F.

Once you say you're going to settle for second, that's what happens to you in life.

- Kennedy, John F.

Let us never negotiate out of fear but let us never fear to negotiate.

- Kennedy, John F.

In the long history of the world, only a few generations have been granted the role of defending freedom in its hour of maximum danger. I do not shrink from this responsibility -- I welcome it.

- Kennedy, John F.

The unity of freedom has never relied on uniformity of opinion.

- Kennedy, John F.

The cost of freedom is always high, but Americans have always paid it. And one path we shall never choose, and that is the path of surrender, or submission.

- Kennedy, John F.

Every American ought to have the right to be treated as he would wish to be treated, as one would wish his children to be treated. this is not the case.

- Kennedy, John F.

True happiness is the full use of your powers along lines of excellence in a life affording scope.

- Kennedy, John F.

It is time for a new generation of leadership, to cope with new problems and new opportunities. For there is a new world to be won.

- Kennedy, John F.

We would like to live as we once lived, but history will not permit it.

- Kennedy, John F.

We dare not tempt them with weakness. For only when our arms are sufficient beyond doubt can we be certain beyond doubt that they will never be employed.

- Kennedy, John F.

The human mind is our fundamental resource.

- Kennedy, John F.

It is an unfortunate fact that we can secure peace only by preparing for war.

- Kennedy, John F.

The end of wisdom is to dream high enough to lose the dream in the seeking of it.

- Faulkner, William

Facts and truth really don't have much to do with each other.

- Faulkner, William

All of us failed to match our dreams of perfection. So I rate us on the basis of our splendid failure to do the impossible.

- Faulkner, William

Maybe the only thing worse than having to give gratitude constantly is having to accept it.

- Faulkner, William

I believe that man will not merely endure; he will prevail.

- Faulkner, William

An artist is a creature driven by demons. He doesn't know why they choose him and he's usually too busy to wonder why.

- Faulkner, William

A mule will labor ten years willingly and patiently for you, for the privilege of kicking you once.

- Faulkner, William

The last sound on the worthless earth will be two human beings trying to launch a homemade spaceship and already quarreling about where they are going next.

- Faulkner, William

The salvation of the world is in man's suffering.

- Faulkner, William

The man who removes a mountain begins by carrying away small stones.

- Faulkner, William

If I had not existed, someone else would have written me, Hemingway, Dostoevski, all of us.

- Faulkner, William

I never know what I think about something until I read what I've written on it.

- Faulkner, William

If a writer has to rob his mother, he will not hesitate; the Ode on a Grecian Urn is worth any number of old ladies.

- Faulkner, William

A man's moral conscience is the curse he had to accept from the gods in order to gain from them the right to dream.

- Faulkner, William

Maybe it was because like not only finds like; it can't even escape from being found by its like. Even when it's just like in one thing, because even them two with the same like was different.

- Faulkner, William

It is not he who gains the exact point in dispute who scores most in controversy -- but he who has shown the better temper.

- Butler, Samuel

A skilful leech is better far, than half a hundred men of war.

- Butler, Samuel

He has spent his life best who has enjoyed it most. God will take care that we do not enjoy it any more than is good for us.

- Butler, Samuel

Evil is like water, it abounds, is cheap, soon fouls, but runs itself clear of taint.

- Butler, Samuel

All progress is based upon a universal innate desire on the part of every organism to live beyond its income.

- Butler, Samuel

Don't learn to do, but learn in doing. Let your falls not be on a prepared ground, but let them be bona fide falls in the rough and tumble of the world.

- Butler, Samuel

The public do not know enough to be experts, but know enough to decide between them.

- Butler, Samuel

What is faith but a kind of betting or speculation after all? It should be, I bet that my Redeemer liveth.

- Butler, Samuel

You can do very little with faith, but you can do nothing without it.

- Butler, Samuel

Those who have never had a father can at any rate never know the sweets of losing one. To most men the death of his father is a new lease of life.

- Butler, Samuel

Eating is touch carried to the bitter end.

- Butler, Samuel

The healthy stomach is nothing if it is not conservative. Few radicals have good digestions.

- Butler, Samuel

There are more fools than knaves in the world, else the knaves would not have enough to live upon.

- Butler, Samuel

We all like to forgive, and love best not those who offend us least, nor who have done most for us, but those who make it most easy for us to forgive them.

- Butler, Samuel

Friendship is like money, easier made than kept.

- Butler, Samuel

He that complies against his will is of his own opinion still.

- Butler, Samuel

It is immoral to get drunk because the headache comes after the drinking, but if the headache came first and the drunkenness afterwards, it would be moral to get drunk.

- Butler, Samuel

Union may be strength, but it is mere blind brute strength unless wisely directed.

- Butler, Samuel

When the righteous man truth away from his righteousness that he hath committed and doeth that which is neither quite lawful nor quite right, he will generally be found to have gained in amiability what he has lost in holiness.

- Butler, Samuel

If God wants us to do a thing, he should make his wishes sufficiently clear. Sensible people will wait till he has done this before paying much attention to him.

- Butler, Samuel

God cannot alter the past, but historians can.

- Butler, Samuel

An empty house is like a stray dog or a body from which life has departed.

- Butler, Samuel

Man is God's highest present development. He is the latest thing in God.

- Butler, Samuel

Such as take lodgings in a head that's to be let unfurnished.

- Butler, Samuel

To himself everyone is an immortal. He may know that he is going to die, but he can never know that he is dead.

- Butler, Samuel

Neither have they hearts to stay, nor wit enough to run away.

- Butler, Samuel

From a worldly point of view, there is no mistake so great as that of being always right.

- Butler, Samuel

Justice is my being allowed to do whatever I like. Injustice is whatever prevents my doing so.

- Butler, Samuel

In law, nothing is certain but the expense.

- Butler, Samuel

Any fool can tell the truth, but it requires a man of some sense to know how to lie well.

- Butler, Samuel

The best liar is he who makes the smallest amount of lying go the longest way.

- Butler, Samuel

I do not mind lying, but I hate inaccuracy.

- Butler, Samuel

Where no counsel is, the people fall; but in the multitude of counselors there is safety. [Proverbs 11:14]

- Bible

A fool think he needs no advice, but a wise man listens to others. [Proverbs 12:15]

- Bible

Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. [Colossians 3:2]

- Bible

Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. [2 Corinthians 4:16]

- Bible

While we look not a that things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal. [2 Corinthians 4:18]

- Bible

With the ancient is wisdom; and in length of days understanding. [Job 12:12]

- Bible

Where there is no counsel, the people perish; but in the multitude of counselors there is safety. [Proverbs 29:18; 11:14]

- Bible

The desire of the lazy kill him; for his hands refuse to labor. [Proverbs 21:25]

- Bible

The desire of our soul is to thy name, and to the remembrance of thee. [Isaiah 26:8]

- Bible

And desire shall fail: because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets. [Ecclesiastes 12:5]

- Bible

The desire accomplished is sweet to the soul. [Proverbs 13:19]

- Bible

I am doing a great work and I cannot come down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and come down to you? [Nehemiah 6:3]

- Bible

So we built the wall and the whole wall was joined together to half its height; for the people had a mind to work. [Nehemiah 4:6]

- Bible

Thy word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path. [Psalm 119:105]

- Bible

Who then is the man who fears the Lord? He will instruct him in the way chosen for him. [Psalm 25:12]

- Bible

I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you should go. I will counsel you with my eye upon you. [Psalm 25:12]

- Bible

For such is God our God, forever and ever. He will guide us until death. [Psalm 48:14]

- Bible

Ask for the old paths, where the way is good, and walk in it.

- Bible

The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame. [Proverbs 29:15]

- Bible

Who so regardeth dreams is like him that catcheth at a shadow, and followeth after the wind. [Ecclesiasticus 34:2]

- Bible

Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old he will not depart from it. [Proverbs 22:6]

- Bible

The race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favor to men of skill; but time and chance happeneth to them all. [Ecclesiastes 9:11]

- Bible

Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you. [Matthew]

- Bible

There is nothing better for a man, than that he should eat and drink, and that he should make his soul enjoy good in his labor. [Ecclesiastes 2:24]

- Bible

Envy and wrath shorten the life. [Ecclesiasticus]

- Bible

Overcome evil with good. [St. Paul]]

- Bible

No evil shall happen to the just.

- Bible

Whoever rewards evil for good, evil will not depart from their house.

- Bible

If someone takes your coat, give him your cloak as well; if he makes you go a mile with him, go with him two. [Mathew]

- Bible

The eyes of the lord are in every place seeing the evil and the good.

- Bible

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. [Hebrews 11:1]

- Bible

All things are possible to him who believes. [Mark 9:23]

- Bible

According to your faith; be it done unto you.

- Bible

And without faith it is impossible to please him, for he who comes to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of those who seek him. [Hebrews 11:6]

- Bible

If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. [Mark 9:23]

- Bible

For verily I say unto you, that whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

- Bible

Be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you. [Peter 3:15]

- Bible

For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made... [Romans 1:20]

- Bible

Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. [Hebrews 11:1]

- Bible

A modern democracy is a tyranny whose borders are undefined; one discovers how far one can go only by traveling in a straight line until one is stopped.

- Mailer, Norman

The desire for success lubricates secret prostitution's in the soul.

- Mailer, Norman

Because there is very little honor left in American life, there is a certain built-in tendency to destroy masculinity in American men.

- Mailer, Norman

In America few people will trust you unless you are irreverent.

- Mailer, Norman

Left-wingers are incapable of conspiring because they are all egomaniacs.

- Mailer, Norman

Once a newspaper touches a story the facts are lost forever, even to the protagonists.

- Mailer, Norman

Giving a camera to Diane Arbus is like putting a live grenade in the hands of a child.

- Mailer, Norman

The final purpose of art is to intensify, even, if necessary, to exacerbate, the moral consciousness of people.

- Mailer, Norman

I think it's bad to talk about one's present work, for it spoils something at the root of the creative act. It discharges the tension.

- Mailer, Norman

There was that law of life, so cruel and so just, that one must grow or else pay more for remaining the same.

- Mailer, Norman

I will not by the noise of bloody wars and the dethroning of kings advance you to glory: but by the gentle ways of peace and love.

- Traherne, Thomas

Love is the true means by which the world is enjoyed: our love to others, and others love to us.

- Traherne, Thomas

Happiness was not made to be boasted, but enjoyed. Therefore tho others count me miserable, I will not believe them if I know and feel myself to be happy; nor fear them.

- Traherne, Thomas

You never enjoy the world aright, till the sea itself floweth in your veins, till you are clothed with the heavens and crowned with the stars.

- Traherne, Thomas

This moment exhibits infinite space, but there is a space also wherein all moments are infinitely exhibited, and the everlasting duration of infinite space is another region and room of joys.

- Traherne, Thomas

Certainly Adam in Paradise had not more sweet and curious apprehensions of the world, than I when I was a child.

- Traherne, Thomas

To love one person with a private love is poor and miserable: to love all is glorious.

- Traherne, Thomas

You never know yourself till you know more than your body.

- Traherne, Thomas

Is it not strange, that an infant should be heir of the whole world, and see those mysteries which the books of the learned never unfold?

- Traherne, Thomas

The soul is made for action, and cannot rest till it be employed. Idleness is its rust. Unless it will up and think and taste and see, all is in vain.

- Traherne, Thomas

More company increases happiness, but does not lighten or diminish misery.

- Traherne, Thomas

Had we not loved ourselves at all, we could never have been obliged to love anything. So that self-love is the basis of all love.

- Traherne, Thomas

Freedom is hammered out on the anvil of discussion, dissent, and debate.

- Humphrey, Hubert H.

It is not enough to merely defend democracy. To defend it may be to lose it; to extend it is to strengthen it. Democracy is not property; it is an idea.

- Humphrey, Hubert H.

This, then, is the test we must set for ourselves; not to march alone but to march in such a way that others will wish to join us.

- Humphrey, Hubert H.

Freedom is the most contagious virus known to man.

- Humphrey, Hubert H.

The greatest healing therapy is friendship and love.

- Humphrey, Hubert H.

The difference between heresy and prophecy is often one of sequence. Heresy often turns out to have been prophecy -- when properly aged.

- Humphrey, Hubert H.

There are incalculable resources in the human spirit, once it has been set free.

- Humphrey, Hubert H.

Leadership in today's world requires far more than a large stock of gunboats and a hard fist at the conference table.

- Humphrey, Hubert H.

Liberalism, above all, means emancipation -- emancipation from one's fears, his inadequacies, from prejudice, from discrimination... from poverty.

- Humphrey, Hubert H.

The right to be heard does not automatically include the right to be taken seriously.

- Humphrey, Hubert H.

Behind every successful man is a proud wife and a surprised mother-in-law.

- Humphrey, Hubert H.

In real life, unlike in Shakespeare, the sweetness of the rose depends upon the name it bears. Things are not only what they are. They are, in very important respects, what they seem to be.

- Humphrey, Hubert H.

For the first time in the history of mankind, one generation literally has the power to destroy the past, the present and the future, the power to bring time to an end.

- Humphrey, Hubert H.

The pursuit of peace resembles the building of a great cathedral. It is the work of a generation. In concept it requires a master-architect; in execution, the labors of many.

- Humphrey, Hubert H.

The essence of statesmanship is not a rigid adherence to the past, but a prudent and probing concern for the future.

- Humphrey, Hubert H.

A politician never forgets the precarious nature of elective life. We have never established a practice of tenure in public office.

- Humphrey, Hubert H.

Unfortunately, our affluent society has also been an effluent society.

- Humphrey, Hubert H.

Profit and morality are a hard combination to beat.

- Humphrey, Hubert H.

Propaganda, to be effective, must be believed. To be believed, it must be credible. To be credible, it must be true.

- Humphrey, Hubert H.

American public opinion is like an ocean -- it cannot be stirred by a teaspoon.

- Humphrey, Hubert H.

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

- Humphrey, Hubert H.

Oh, my friend, it's not what they take away from you that counts -- it's what you do with what you have left.

- Humphrey, Hubert H.

Each child is an adventure into a better life --an opportunity to change the old pattern and make it new.

- Humphrey, Hubert H.

There are those who say to you -- we are rushing this issue of civil rights. I say we are 172 years late.

- Humphrey, Hubert H.

Friendship is a strong and habitual inclination in two persons to promote the good and happiness of one another. -

- Budgell, Eustace

But fantasy kills imagination, pornography is death to art.

- Murdoch, Iris

Being good is just a matter of temperament in the end.

- Murdoch, Iris

Happiness is a matter of one's most ordinary everyday mode of consciousness being busy and lively and unconcerned with self. To be damned is for one's ordinary everyday mode of consciousness to be unremitting agonizing preoccupation with self.

- Murdoch, Iris

People from a planet without flowers would think we must be mad with joy the whole time to have such things about us.

- Murdoch, Iris

A good man often appears gauche simply because he does not take advantage of the myriad mean little chances of making himself look stylish. Preferring truth to form, he is not constantly at work upon the fa?ade of his appearance.

- Murdoch, Iris

Literature could be said to be a sort of disciplined technique for arousing certain emotions.

- Murdoch, Iris

No love is entirely without worth, even when the frivolous calls to the frivolous and the base to the base.

- Murdoch, Iris

Falling out of love is chiefly a matter of forgetting how charming someone is.

- Murdoch, Iris

Moralistic is not moral. And as for truth -- well, it's like brown -- it's not in the spectrum. Truth is so generic.

- Murdoch, Iris

Art is the final cunning of the human soul which would rather do anything than face the gods.

- Murdoch, Iris

We shall be better prepared for the future if we see how terrible, how doomed the present is.

- Murdoch, Iris

The sin of pride may be a small or a great thing in someone's life, and hurt vanity a passing pinprick, or a self-destroying or ever murderous obsession.

- Murdoch, Iris

There is no substitute for the comfort supplied by the utterly taken-for-granted relationship.

- Murdoch, Iris

He was a sociologist; he had got into an intellectual muddle early on in life and never managed to get out.

- Murdoch, Iris

Bereavement is a darkness impenetrable to the imagination of the unbereaved.

- Murdoch, Iris

Perhaps misguided moral passion is better than confused indifference.

- Murdoch, Iris

The notion that one will not survive a particular catastrophe is, in general terms, a comfort

since it is equivalent to abolishing the catastrophe.

- Murdoch, Iris

Possibly, more people kill themselves and others out of hurt vanity than out of envy, jealousy, malice or desire for revenge.

- Murdoch, Iris

All art is a struggle to be, in a particular sort of way, virtuous.

- Murdoch, Iris

The priesthood is a marriage. People often start by falling in love, and they go on for years without realizing that love must change into some other love which is so unlike it that it can hardly be recognized as love at all.

- Murdoch, Iris

A bad review is even less important than whether it is raining in Patagonia.

- Murdoch, Iris

If you have a dream, give it a chance to happen.

- DeVos, Richard M.

Life... It tends to respond to our outlook, to shape itself to meet our expectations.

- DeVos, Richard M.

Money cannot buy peace of mind. It cannot heal ruptured relationships, or build meaning into a life that has none.

- DeVos, Richard M.

If I had to select one quality, one personal characteristic that I regard as being most highly correlated with success, whatever the field, I would pick the trait of persistence. Determination. The will to endure to the end, to get knocked down seventy times and get up off the floor saying, Here comes number seventy-one!

- DeVos, Richard M.

The riches of life, the love and joy and exhilaration of life can be found only with an upward look. This is an exciting world. It's cram-packed with opportunity. Great moments wait around every corner.

- DeVos, Richard M.

Few things in the world are more powerful than a positive push. A smile. A world of optimism and hope. A you can do it when things are tough.

- DeVos, Richard M.

The only thing that stands between a man and what he wants from life is often merely the will to try it and the faith to believe that it is possible.

- DeVos, Richard M.

The easiest thing to find on God's green earth is someone to tell you all the things you cannot do.

- DeVos, Richard M.

It is impossible to win the race unless you venture to run, impossible to win the victory unless you dare to battle.

- DeVos, Richard M.

Without discipline, there is no life at all.

- Hepburn, Katharine

If you always do what interests you, at least one person is pleased.

- Hepburn, Katharine

Why slap them on the wrist with feather when you can belt them over the head with a sledgehammer.

- Hepburn, Katharine

The average Hollywood film star's ambition is to be admired by an American, courted by an Italian, married to an Englishman and have a French boyfriend.

- Hepburn, Katharine

Life is to be lived. If you have to support yourself, you had bloody well better find some way that is going to be interesting. And you don't do that by sitting around.

- Hepburn, Katharine

Only the really plain people know about love --the very fascinating ones try so hard to create an impression that they very soon exhaust their talents.

- Hepburn, Katharine

If you want to sacrifice the admiration of many men for the criticism of one, go ahead, get married.

- Hepburn, Katharine

Acting is the perfect idiot's profession.

- Hepburn, Katharine

The most minor gifts and not a very high class way to earn a living. After all, Shirley Temple could do it at the age of four.

- Hepburn, Katharine

If you give an audience a chance they will do half your acting for you.

- Hepburn, Katharine

I have many regrets, and I'm sure everyone does. The stupid things you do, you regret if

you have any sense, and if you don't regret them, maybe you're stupid.

- Hepburn, Katharine

If you obey all the rules, you miss all the fun.

- Hepburn, Katharine

To keep your character intact you cannot stoop to filthy acts. It makes it easier to stoop the next time.

- Hepburn, Katharine

As for me, prizes are nothing. My prize is my work.

- Hepburn, Katharine

My greatest strength is... common sense. I'm really a standard brand -- like Campbell's tomato soup or Baker's chocolate.

- Hepburn, Katharine

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