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There are three things extremely hard: steel, a diamond, and to know one's self.

- Franklin, Benjamin

Observe all men, thyself most.

- Franklin, Benjamin

Be studious in your profession, and you will be learned. Be industrious and frugal, and you will be rich. Be sober and temperate, and you will be healthy. Be in general virtuous, and you will be happy. At least you will, by such conduct, stand the best chance for such consequences.

- Franklin, Benjamin

Glass, china, and reputation are easily cracked, and never mended well.

- Franklin, Benjamin

Work as if you were to live a hundred years. Pray as if you were to die tomorrow.

- Franklin, Benjamin

Absurdity. A statement or belief manifestly inconsistent with one's own opinion.

- Bierce, Ambrose

Age. That period of life in which we compound for the vices that remain by reviling those we have no longer the vigor to commit.

- Bierce, Ambrose

Divorce. A resumption of diplomatic relations and rectification of boundaries.

- Bierce, Ambrose

Opiate. An unlocked door in the prison of Identity. It leads into the jail yard.

- Bierce, Ambrose

Faith. Belief without evidence in what is told by one who speaks without knowledge, of things without parallel.

- Bierce, Ambrose

Fidelity. A virtue peculiar to those who are about to be betrayed.

- Bierce, Ambrose

Edible. Good to eat and wholesome to digest, as a worm to a toad, a toad to a snake, a snake to a pig, a pig to a man, and a man to a worm.

- Bierce, Ambrose

To apologize is to lay the foundation for a future offense.

- Bierce, Ambrose

An account, mostly false, of events, mostly unimportant, which are brought about by rulers, mostly knaves, and soldiers, mostly fools.

- Bierce, Ambrose

The love of liberty is the love of others; the love of power is the love of ourselves. We cannot force love.

- Hazlitt, William

Sure I love Goldie. How could you not love Goldie? Everyone loves Goldie. I love her, and I hope our love will continue, but I don't want to give an I-love-Goldie-Hawn interview.

- Russell, Kurt

How like a winter hath my absence been. From thee, the pleasure of the fleeting year! What freezings have I felt, what dark days seen, What old December's bareness everywhere!

- Shakespeare, William

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