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Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.

- Twain, Mark

The American Dream has run out of gas. The car has stopped. It no longer supplies the world with its images, its dreams, its fantasies. No more. It's over. It supplies the world with its nightmares now: the Kennedy assassination, Watergate, Vietnam...

- Ballard, J. G.

America is an adorable woman chewing tobacco.

- Bartholdi, Frederic Auguste

Father Time is not always a hard parent, and, though he tarries for none of his children, often lays his hand lightly upon those who have used him well; making them old men and women inexorably enough, but leaving their hearts and spirits young and in full vigor. With such people the gray head is but the impression of the old fellow's hand in giving them his blessing, and every wrinkle but a notch in the quiet calendar of a well-spent life.

- Dickens, Charles

When you're a married man, Samivel, you'll understand a good many things as you don't understand now; but whether it's worth while, going through so much, to learn so little, as the charity-boy said when he got to the end of the alphabet, is a matter o taste.

- Dickens, Charles

Dollars! All their cares, hopes, joys, affections, virtues, and associations seemed to be melted down into dollars. Whatever the chance contributions that fell into the slow cauldron of their talk, they made the gruel thick and slab with dollars. Men were weighed by their dollars, measures were gauged by their dollars; life was auctioned, appraised, put up, and knocked down for its dollars. The next respectable thing to dollars was any venture having their attainment for its end. The more of that worthless ballast, honor and fair-dealing, which any man cast overboard from the ship of his Good Nature and Good Intent, the more ample stowage-room he had for dollars. Make commerce one huge lie and mighty theft. Deface the banner of the nation for an idle rag; pollute it star by star; and cut out stripe by stripe as from the arm of a degraded soldier. Do anything for dollars! What is a flag to them!

- Dickens, Charles

Here's to the crazy ones. The misfits. The rebels. The trouble-makers. The round heads in the square holes. The ones who see things differently. They're not fond of rules. And they have no respect for the status-quo. You can quote them. Disagree with them. Glorify, or vilify them. But the only thing you can't do is ignore them. Because they change things. They push the human race forward. And while some may see them as the crazy ones, we see genius. Because the people who are crazy enough

to think they can change the world

Are the ones who do.

- Apple Computer

Americans, unhappily, have the most remarkable ability to alchemize all bitter truths into an innocuous but piquant confection and to transform their moral contradictions, or public discussion of such contradictions, into a proud decoration, such as are given for heroism on the battle field.

- Baldwin, James

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

Every thing secret degenerates, even the administration of justice; nothing is safe that does not show how it can bear discussion and publicity.

- Acton, Lord

Bad laws are the worst form of tyranny.

- Burke, Edmund

There is but one law for all, namely that law which governs all law, the law of our Creator, the law of humanity, justice, equity -- the law of nature and of nations.

- Burke, Edmund

An unjust law is itself a species of violence. Arrest for its breach is more so.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

The pioneers of a warless world are the young men and women who refuse military service.

- Einstein, Albert

Every gun that is fired, every warship launched, every rocket fired, signifies, in the final sense, a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed. The world in arms is not spending money alone. It is spending the sweat of its laborers, the genius of its scientists, the hopes of its children.

- Eisenhower, Dwight D.

What vast additions to the conveniences and comforts of living might mankind have acquired, if the money spent in wars had been employed in works of public utility; what an extension of agriculture even to the tops of our mountains; what rivers rendered navigable, or joined by canals; what bridges, aqueducts, new roads, and other public works, edifices, and improvements might not have been obtained by spending those millions in doing good, which in the last war have been spent in doing mischief.

- Franklin, Benjamin

Morality is contraband in war.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Those who are at war with others are not at peace with themselves.

- Hazlitt, William

A democracy which makes or even effectively prepares for modern, scientific war must necessarily cease to be democratic. No country can be really well prepared for modern war unless it is governed by a tyrant, at the head of a highly trained and perfectly obedient bureaucracy.

- Huxley, Aldous

Mankind must put an end to war, or war will put an end to mankind. War will exist until that distant day when the conscientious objector enjoys the same reputation and prestige that the warrior does today.

- Kennedy, John F.

How is the world ruled and led to war? Diplomats lie to journalists and believe these lies when they see them in print.

- Kraus, Karl

Hence that general is skilful in attack whose opponent does not know what to defend; and he is skilful in defense whose opponent does not know what to attack.

- Sun Tzu

The supreme art of war is to subdue the enemy without fighting.

- Sun Tzu

When I despair, I remember that all through history the way of truth and love has always won. There have been tyrants and murderers and for a time they seem invincible but in the end, they always fall -- think of it, ALWAYS.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Faith is not something to grasp, it is a state to grow into.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

The moment the slave resolves that he will no longer be a slave. His fetters fall... freedom and slavery are mental states.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

The good man is the friend of all living things.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

It is easy enough to be friendly to one's friends. But to befriend the one who regards himself as your enemy is the quintessence of true religion. The other is mere business.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Non-violence is not a garment to be put on and off at will. Its seat is in the heart, and it must be an inseparable part of our very being.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Be the change you want to see in the world.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Your capacity to keep your vow will depend on the purity of your life.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

There is nothing that wastes the body like worry, and one who has any faith in God should be ashamed to worry about anything whatsoever.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

The ultimate Path is without difficulty. Just avoid picking and choosing.

- Seng-Ts'an

Banking establishments are more dangerous than standing armies.

- Jefferson, Thomas

The way is not in the sky. The way is in the heart.

- Buddha

All that we are is the result of what we have thought. The mind is everything. What we think, we become.

- Buddha

The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of his country; but he that stands it NOW deserves the love and thanks of man and woman.

- Paine, Thomas

It is error only, and not truth, that shrinks from inquiry.

- Paine, Thomas

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.

- Aesop

The unhappy derive comfort from the misfortunes of others.

- Aesop

To be conscious that you are ignorant is a great step to knowledge.

- Disraeli, Benjamin

Justice is truth in action.

- Disraeli, Benjamin

Before you embark on a journey of revenge, dig two graves.

- Confucius

Surviving well is your finest revenge.

- Nito, Morgan

They fail, and they alone, who have not striven.

- Aldrich, Thomas B.

Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.

- Confucius

I have not failed. I've just found 10, 000 ways that won't work.

- Edison, Thomas A.

We must expect to fail... but fail in a learning posture, determined no to repeat the mistakes, and to maximize the benefits from what is learned in the process.

- Engstrom, Ted W.

No man is a failure who is enjoying life.

- Feather, William

Let go over a cliff, die completely, and then come back to life -- after that you cannot be deceived.

- Saying, Zen

Mirth is the sweet wine of human life. It should be offered sparkling with zestful life unto God.

- Beecher, Henry Ward

Forbid a man to think for himself or to act for himself and you may add the joy of piracy and the zest of smuggling to his life.

- Hubbard, Elbert

Zeal is like fire: it needs both feeding and watching.

- Proverb

Zealous men are ever displaying to you the strength of their belief. while judicious men are showing you the grounds of it.

- Shenstone, William

Proverbs are mental gems gathered in the diamond fields of the mind.

- Alger, William R.

The wealth of a soul is measured by how much it can feel; its poverty by how little.

- Alger, William R.

Words of love, are works of love.

- Alger, William R.

Three things in human life are important. The first is to be kind. The second is to be kind. And the third is to be kind.

- James, Henry

Where there is no vision, the people perish. [Proverbs 29:18]

- Bible

This instant is the only time there is.

- A Course In Miracles

Government is the great fiction, through which everybody endeavors to live at the expense of everybody else.

- Bastiat, Frederic

A government, for protecting business only, is but a carcass, and soon falls by its own corruption and decay.

- Alcott, Amos Bronson

The point to remember is what government gives it must first take away

- Caldwell, John S.

Remember that a government big enough to give you everything you want is also big enough to take away everything you have.

- Crockett, Davy

The constitution is not neutral. It was designed to take the government off the backs of people.

- Douglas, William O.

Many people want the government to protect the consumer. A much more urgent problem is to protect the consumer from the government.

- Friedman, Milton

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

- Heinlein, Robert

My reading of history convinces me that most bad government results from too much government.

- Jefferson, Thomas

Government is actually the worst failure of civilized man. There has never been a really good one, and even those that are most tolerable are arbitrary, cruel, grasping and unintelligent.

- Mencken, H. L.

Society in every state is a blessing, but Government, even in its best state, is but a necessary evil; in its worst state, an intolerable one.

- Paine, Thomas

In quiet and untroubled times it seems to every administrator that it is only by his efforts that the whole population under his rule is kept going, and in this consciousness of being indispensable every administrator finds the chief reward of his labor and efforts. While the sea of history remains calm the ruler-administrator in his frail bark, holding on with a boat hook to the ship of the people and himself moving, naturally imagines that his efforts move the ship he is holding on to. But as soon as a storm arises and the sea begins to heave and the ship to move, such a delusion is no longer possible. The ship moves independently with its own enormous motion, the boat hook no longer reaches the moving vessel, and suddenly the administrator, instead of appearing a ruler and a source of power, becomes an insignificant, useless, feeble man.

- Tolstoy, Count Leo

On one issue at least, men and women agree; they both distrust women.

- Mencken, H. L.

The whole aim of practical politics is to keep the populace alarmed [and Hence Clamorous To Be Led To Safety] by an endless series of hobgoblins.

- Mencken, H. L.

The urge to save humanity is almost always only a false face for the urge to rule it.

- Mencken, H. L.

The public, with its mob yearning to be instructed, edified and pulled by the nose, demands certainties; it must be told definitely and a bit raucously that this is true and that is false. But there are no certainties.

- Mencken, H. L.

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

- Mencken, H. L.

Unquestionably, there is progress. The average American now pays twice as much in taxes as he formerly got in wages.

- Mencken, H. L.

I believe that it is better to tell the truth than a lie. I believe it is better to be free than to be a slave. And I believe it is better to know than to be ignorant.

- Mencken, H. L.

A church is a place in which gentlemen who have never been to heaven brag about it to persons who will never get there.

- Mencken, H. L.

Peace, commerce and honest friendship with all nations; entangling alliances with none.

- Jefferson, Thomas

Experience demands that man is the only animal which devours his own kind, for I can apply no milder term to the general prey of the rich on the poor.

- Jefferson, Thomas

Honesty is the first chapter of the book of wisdom.

- Jefferson, Thomas

Nothing can stop the man with the right mental attitude from achieving his goal; nothing on earth can help the man with the wrong mental attitude.

- Jefferson, Thomas

In matters of principle, stand like a rock; in matters of taste, swim with the current.

- Jefferson, Thomas

I hold it that a little rebellion, now and then, is a good thing, and as necessary in the political world as storms in the physical. It is a medicine necessary for the sound health of government.

- Jefferson, Thomas

Traveling makes a man wiser, but less happy.

- Jefferson, Thomas

For here we are not afraid to follow truth wherever it may lead...

- Jefferson, Thomas

Resistance to tyrants is obedience to God.

- Jefferson, Thomas

Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty.

- Jefferson, Thomas

If there be one principle more deeply rooted than any other in the mind of every American, it is that we should have nothing to do with conquest.

- Jefferson, Thomas

Nothing gives a person so much advantage over another as to remain always cool and unruffled under all circumstances.

- Jefferson, Thomas

What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul

- Bible

Let judges secretly despair of justice: their verdicts will be more acute. Let generals secretly despair of triumph; killing will be defamed. Let priests secretly despair of faith: their compassion will be true.

- Cohen, Leonard

Heaven lies about us in our infancy! Shades of the prison-house begin to close upon the growing boy.

- Wordsworth, William

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

- Abbey, Edward

A patriot must always be ready to defend his country against his government.

- Abbey, Edward

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

Half the vices which the world condemns most loudly have seeds of good in them and require moderated use rather than total abstinence.

- Butler, Samuel

I have not a particle of confidence in a man who has no redeeming vices.

- Twain, Mark

The amount of eccentricity in a society has generally been proportional to the amount of genius, mental vigor, and moral courage it contained. That so few now dare to be eccentric marks the chief danger of the time.

- Mill, John Stuart

Work joyfully and peacefully, knowing that right thoughts and right efforts will inevitably bring about right results.

- Allen, James

Wicked thoughts and worthless efforts gradually set their mark on the face, especially the eyes.

- Schopenhauer, Arthur

Every truth passes through three stages before it is recognized. In the first it is ridiculed, in the second it is opposed, in the third it is regarded as self evident.

- Schopenhauer, Arthur

Certain is it that there is no kind of affection so purely angelic as of a father to a daughter. In love to our wives there is desire; to our sons, ambition; but to our daughters there is something which there are no words to express.

- Addison, Joseph

Inflation is determined by money supply growth.

- Bootle, Roger

Next to inflation, majority rule is the most ingenious scheme ever contrived by government. Most people have never dared to question the basic morality or logic in the assumption that the majority should have power over the minority. A majority of the people in the South once believed in black slavery. Did that make it moral? A lynch mob is majority rule stripped of its fancy trappings and its facade of respectability. In a community where homosexuals outnumber heterosexuals, should the majority have the right to outlaw sex between married partners of the opposite sex? In a community where atheists outnumber non- atheists, should the majority have the right to outlaw the practice of religion? ... a dictatorship allows only a small number of people to interfere with the rights of others, a democracy makes it possible for great numbers of people to impose their will on others -- through the force of government. Is an act of aggression more right if carried out by the majority than by a dictator? Since approximately half the eligible voters vote this means that approximately 75% of the people are ruled by 25% of the people.

- Ringer, Robert J.

Government is the only institution that can take a valuable commodity like paper, and make it worthless by applying ink.

- Mises, Ludwig Von

There is no education like adversity.

- Disraeli, Benjamin

In a broken nest there are few whole eggs.

- Proverb, Chinese

The family is the nucleus of civilization.

- Durant, William J.

Family is the most important thing in the world.

- Diana, Princess of Wales

The law was made for one thing alone, for the exploitation of those who don't understand it, or are prevented by naked misery from obeying it.

- Brecht, Bertolt

The first thing we do, lets kill the lawyers. [Henry Iv]

- Shakespeare, William

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

- Rand, Ayn

The common good of a collective -- a race, a class, a state -- was the claim and justification of every tyranny ever established over men. Every major horror of history was committed in the name of an altruistic motive. Has any act of selfishness ever equaled the carnage perpetrated by disciples of altruism? Does the fault lie in men's hypocrisy or in the nature of the principle? The most dreadful butchers were the most sincere. The believed in the perfect society reached through the guillotine and the firing squad. Nobody questioned their right to murder since they were murdering for an altruistic purpose. It was accepted that man must be sacrificed for other men. Actors change, but the course of the tragedy remains the same. A humanitarian who starts with the declarations of love for mankind and ends with a sea of blood. It goes on and will go on so long as men believe that an action is good if it is unselfish. That permits the altruist to act and forces his victims to bear it. The leaders of collectivist movements ask nothing of themselves. But observe the results.

- Rand, Ayn

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

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

- Burke, Edmund

Never open the door to a lesser evil, for other ones invariably slink in after it.

- Gracian, Baltasar

Nothing baffles the schemes of evil people so much as the calm composure of great souls.

- Mirabeau, Gabriel Riqueti

Of two evils, choose neither.

- Spurgeon, Charles Haddon

Laws and institutions, like clocks, must occasionally be cleaned, wound up, and set to true time.

- Beecher, Henry Ward

The state calls its own violence law, but that of the individual crime.

- Stirner, Max

A human being is part of the whole, called by us 'universe,' a part limited in time and space. He experiences himself, his thoughts and feelings, as something separate from the

rest -- a kind of optical delusion of consciousness. This delusion is a kind of prison for us, restricting us to our personal desires and to affection for a few persons nearest to us. Our task must be to free ourselves from this prison by widening our circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature in its beauty.

- Einstein, Albert

The ideals which have always shone before me and filled me with the joy of living are goodness, beauty, and truth.

- Einstein, Albert

The world is a dangerous place to live; not because of the people who are evil, but because of the people who don't do anything about it.

- Einstein, Albert

He who joyfully marches to music in rank and file has already earned my contempt. He has been given a large brain by mistake, since for him the spinal cord would fully suffice. This disgrace to civilization should be done away with at once. Heroism at command, senseless brutality, deplorable love-of-country stance, how violently I hate all this, how despicable and ignoble war is; I would rather be torn to shreds than be a part of so base an action! It is my conviction that killing under the cloak of war is nothing but an act of murder.

- Einstein, Albert

Great spirits have always found violent opposition from mediocrities. The latter cannot

understand it when a man does not thoughtlessly submit to hereditary prejudices, but honestly and courageously uses his intelligence.

- Einstein, Albert

When you are courting a nice girl an hour seems like a second. When you sit on a red-hot cinder a second seems like an hour. That's relativity.

- Einstein, Albert

Formal symbolic representation of qualitative entities is doomed to its rightful place of minor significance in a world where flowers and beautiful women abound.

- Einstein, Albert

There are thousands hacking at the branches of evil to one who is striking at the root.

- Thoreau, Henry David

Liberty is one of the most precious gifts which heaven has bestowed on man; with it we cannot compare the treasures which the earth contains or the sea conceals; for liberty, as for honor, we can and ought to risk our lives; and, on for the other hand, captivity is the greatest evil that can befall man.

- Cervantes, Miguel De

You can protect your liberties in this world only by protecting the other man's freedom. You can be free only if I am free.

- Darrow, Clarence

He who dares not (reason), is a slave.

- Drummond, William

History does not long entrust the care of freedom to the weak or the timid.

- Eisenhower, Dwight D.

Freedom is the most contagious virus known to man.

- Humphrey, Hubert H.

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.

Freedom and love go together. Love is not a reaction. If I love you because you love me, that is mere trade, a thing to be bought in the market; it is not love. To love is not to ask anything in return, not even to feel that you are giving something- and it is only such love that can know freedom.

- Krishnamurti, Jiddu

We, and all others who believe in freedom as deeply as we do, would rather die on our feet than live on our knees.

- Roosevelt, Franklin D.

He who is brave is free.

- Seneca

The law will never make men free, it is men that have to make the law free.

- Thoreau, Henry David

It is my right to be uncommon. For I do not choose to be a common man, If I can, I seek opportunity. I do not wish to be a kept citizen, humbled and dulled by having the government look after me. I choose to take the calculated risk, to dream, to build, to fail or succeed. I choose not to barter incentive for a dole, I prefer the challenges of life to a guaranteed existence, the thrill of fulfillment to the state calm of Utopia. I will not trade my freedom for beneficence nor my dignity for a handout.

- Unknown, Source

In Germany they came first for the Communist, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Communist. Then they came for the Jews, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Jew. Then they came for the trade unionists, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a trade unionist. Then they came for the Catholics, and I didn't speak up because I was a Protestant. Then they came for me, and by that time no one was left to speak up.

- Niemoeller, Martin

The United States is a nation of laws: badly written and randomly enforced.

- Zappa, Frank

The right to be let alone is indeed the beginning of all freedom.

- Douglas, William O.

We must realize that todays Establishment is the new George III. Whether it will continue to adhere to his tactics, we do not know. If it does, the redress, honored in tradition, is also revolution.

- Douglas, William O.

Gonzo journalism is a style of reporting based on William Faulkner's idea that the best fiction is far more true than any kind of journalism -- and the best journalists have always known this. True gonzo reporting needs the talents of a master journalist, the eye of an artist/photographer and the heavy balls of an actor. Because the writer must be a participant in the scene, while he's writing it -- or at least taping it, or even sketching it. Or all three. Probably the closest analogy to the ideal would be a film director/producer who writes his own scripts, does his own camera work and somehow manages to film himself in action, as the protagonist or at least a main character.

- Thompson, Hunter S.

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

- Thompson, Hunter S.

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

- Thompson, Hunter S.

Beware when the great God lets loose a thinker on this planet.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

Hypocrisy in anything whatever may deceive the cleverest and most penetrating man, but the least wide-awake of children recognizes it, and is revolted by it, however ingeniously it may be disguised.

- Tolstoy, Count Leo

The best way to destroy the capitalist system is to debauch the currency. By a continuing process of inflation governments can confiscate, secretly and unobserved, an important part of the wealth of their citizens.

- Keynes, John Maynard

There is no record in history of a happy philosopher.

- Mencken, H. L.

Nothing is so well calculated to produce a death-like torpor in the country as an extended system of taxation and a great national debt.

- Cobbett, William

If a thousand men were not to pay their tax-bills this year, that would not be a violent and bloody measure, as it would be to pay them, and enable the State to commit violence and shed innocent blood. This is, in fact, the definition of a peaceable revolution, if any such is possible.

- Thoreau, Henry David

It is getting harder and harder to support the government in the style to which it has become accustomed.

- Unknown, Source

Of all our natural resources, the first one to be exhausted may be the taxpayer.

- Unknown, Source

A wise man learns more from his enemies than a fool from his friends.

- Gracian, Baltasar

Never contend with a man who has nothing to lose.

- Gracian, Baltasar

I would remind you that extremism in the defense of liberty is no vice. And let me remind you also that moderation in pursuit of justice is no virtue.

- Goldwater, Barry

Victorious warriors win first and then go to war, while defeated warriors go to war first and then seek to win.

- Sun Tzu

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