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To design the future effectively, you must first let go of your past.

- Givens, Charles J.

Do everything with a mind that lets go. Do not expect praise or reward.

- Chah, Achaan

My hopes are not always realized, but I always hope.

- Ovid

Fear cannot be without hope nor hope without fear.

- Spinoza, Baruch (Benedict de)

Of all the forces that make for a better world, none is so indispensable, none so powerful, as hope. Without hope men are only half alive. With hope they dream and think and work.

- Sawyer, Charles

The natural flights of the human mind are not from pleasure to pleasure, but from hope to hope.

- Johnson, Samuel

Sings. Hope in every sphere of life is a privilege that attaches to action. No action, no hope.

- Levi, Peter

Hope is the best possession. None are completely wretched but those who are without hope. Few are reduced so low as that.

- Hazlitt, William

Hope is the companion of power, and mother of success; for who so hopes strongly has within him the gift of miracles.

- Smiles, Samuel

Though you are disappointed is hope; never let hope fail you! Though one door is shut, there are thousands still open to you.

- Ruckett

There are two kinds of adventurers: those who go truly hoping to find adventure and those who go secretly hoping they won t.

- Trogdon, William

To love means loving the unlovable. To forgive means pardoning the unpardonable. Faith means believing the unbelievable. Hope means hoping when everything seems hopeless.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

Just as there is no loss of basic energy in the universe, so no thought or action is without its effects, present or ultimate, seen or unseen, felt or unfelt.

- Cousins, Norman

There's as much risk in doing nothing as in doing something.

- Crow, Trammell

Many are called but few get up.

- Herford, Oliver

Nothing else so destroys the power to stand alone as the habit of leaning upon others. If you lean, you will never be strong or original. Stand alone or bury your ambition to be somebody in the world.

- Marden, Orison Swett

How long will they kill our prophets while we stand aside and look?

- Marley, Bob

To sit back hoping that someday, some way, someone will make things right is to go on feeding the crocodile, hoping he will eat you last -- but eat you he will.

- Reagan, Ronald

Sitting quietly, doing nothing, spring comes and the grass grows by itself.

- Saying, Zen

Doing nothing is the most tiresome job in the world because you cannot quit and rest.

- Unknown, Source

It is following the line of least resistance that makes men and rivers crooked.

- Unknown, Source

Seeing the light is a choice, not seeing the light is no choice.

- Horton, Doug

The more thou dost advance, the more thy feet pitfalls will meet. The Path that leadeth on is lighted by one fire -- the light of daring burning in the heart. The more one dares, the more he shall obtain. The more he fears, the more that light shall pale

- Blavatsky, Helena Petrova

Sometimes our light goes out but is blown into flame by another human being. Each of us owes deepest thanks to those who have rekindled this light.

- Schweitzer, Albert

The energy, the faith, the devotion which we bring this endeavor will light our bounty and

all who serve it, and the glow from that fire can truly light the world.

- Kennedy, John F.

Solitude, though it may be silent as light, is like light, the mightiest of agencies; for solitude is essential to man. All men come into this world alone and leave it alone.

- Quincey, Thomas De

Nations, like stars, are entitled to eclipse. All is well, provided the light returns and the eclipse does not become endless night. Dawn and resurrection are synonymous. The reappearance of the light is the same as the survival of the soul.

- Hugo, Victor

What is to give light must endure the burning.

- Frankl, Viktor E.

Give light and people will find their own way.

- Unknown, Source

Grief is light that is capable of counsel.

- Proverb

To be doing good deeds is man's most glorious task.

- Sophocles

Kindness gives birth to kindness.

- Sophocles

One who knows how to show and to accept kindness will be a friend better than any possession.

- Sophocles

Look and you will find it -- what is unsought will go undetected.

- Sophocles

There is no success without hardship.

- Sophocles

Truth is always the strongest argument.

- Sophocles

Wisdom is the supreme part of happiness.

- Sophocles

Heaven never helps the men who will not act.

- Sophocles

If I tell you that I would be disobeying the god and on that account it is impossible for me to keep quiet, you won't be persuaded by me, taking it that I am ionizing. And if I tell you that it is the greatest good for a human being to have discussions every day about virtue and the other things you hear me talking about, examining myself and others, and that the unexamined life is not livable for a human being, you will be even less persuaded.

- Socrates

Whom do I call educated? First, those who manage well the circumstances they encounter day by day. Next, those who are decent and honorable in their intercourse with all men, bearing easily and good naturedly what is offensive in others and being as agreeable and reasonable to their associates as is humanly possible to be... those who hold their pleasures always under control and are not ultimately overcome by their misfortunes... those who are not spoiled by their successes, who do not desert their true selves but hold their ground steadfastly as wise and sober -- minded men.

- Socrates

Thousands of candles can be lighted from a single candle, and the life of the candle will not be shortened. Happiness never decreases by being shared.

- Buddha

If you have knowledge, let others light their candles with it.

- Churchill, Winston

It is better to light one small candle than to curse the darkness.

- Confucius

Just as despair can come to one only from other human beings, hope, too, can be given to one only by other human beings.

- Wiesel, Elie

Only one enemy is worse than despair: indifference. In every area of human creativity, indifference is the enemy; indifference of evil is worse than evil, because it is also sterile.

- Wiesel, Elie

The opposite of love is not hate, it's indifference. The opposite of art is not ugliness, it's indifference. The opposite of faith is not heresy, it's indifference. And the opposite of life is not death, it's indifference.

- Wiesel, Elie

Peace is our gift to each other.

- Wiesel, Elie

Peace is not God's gift to his creatures. It is our gift to each other.

- Wiesel, Elie

No human race is superior; no religious faith is inferior. All collective judgments are wrong.

Only racists make them.

- Wiesel, Elie

In every adversity there lies the seed of an equivalent advantage. In every defeat is a lesson showing you how to win the victory next time.

- Collier, Robert

There are three modes of bearing the ills of life, by indifference, by philosophy, and by religion.

- Colton, Charles Caleb

The best remedy for those who are afraid, lonely or unhappy is to go outside, somewhere where they can be quiet, alone with the heavens, nature and God. Because only then does one feel that all is as it should be and that God wishes to see people happy, amidst the simple beauty of nature. As long as this exists, and it certainly always will, I know that then there will always be comfort for every sorrow, whatever the circumstances may be. And I firmly believe that nature brings solace in all troubles.

- Frank, Anne

And finally I twist my heart round again, so that the bad is on the outside and the good is on the inside, and keep on trying to find a way of becoming what I would so like to be, and could be, if there weren't any other people living in the world.

- Frank, Anne

I don't believe that the big men, the politicians and the capitalists alone are guilty of the war. Oh, no, the little man is just as keen, otherwise the people of the world would have risen in revolt long ago! There is an urge and rage in people to destroy, to kill, to murder, and until all mankind, without exception, undergoes a great change, wars will be waged, everything that has been built up, cultivated and grown, will be destroyed and disfigured, after which mankind will have to begin all over again.

- Frank, Anne

Aim above morality. Be not simply good, be good for something.

- Thoreau, Henry David

Live your life, do your work, then take your hat.

- Thoreau, Henry David

The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.

- King Jr. Martin Luther

Everybody can be great... because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. you only need a heart full of grace. a soul generated by love.

- King Jr. Martin Luther

The hottest place in Hell is reserved for those who remain neutral in times of great moral

conflict.

- King Jr. Martin Luther

We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope.

- King Jr. Martin Luther

Mankind must evolve for all human conflict a method which rejects revenge, aggression, and retaliation. The foundation of such a method is love.

- King Jr. Martin Luther

Nothing in the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity.

- King Jr. Martin Luther

Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.

- King Jr. Martin Luther

We must combine the toughness of the serpent with the softness of the dove, a tough mind and a tender heart.

- King Jr. Martin Luther

Peace is not merely a distant goal that we seek, but a means by which we arrive at that goal.

- King Jr. Martin Luther

I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality. That is why right, temporarily defeated, is stronger than evil triumphant.

- King Jr. Martin Luther

In this Revolution no plans have been written for retreat.

- King Jr. Martin Luther

Life's most persistent and urgent question is: What are you doing for others? Living is a form of not being sure, not knowing what next or how. The moment you know how, you begin to die a little.

- King Jr. Martin Luther

We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools.

- King Jr. Martin Luther

Pity may represent little more than the impersonal concern which prompts the mailing of a check, but true sympathy is the personal concern which demands the giving of one's soul.

- King Jr. Martin Luther

We must use time creatively -- and forever realize that the time is always hope to do great things.

- King Jr. Martin Luther

The time is always right to do what is right.

- King Jr. Martin Luther

If a man hasn't discovered something that he will die for, he isn't fit to live.

- King Jr. Martin Luther

Occasionally in life there are those moments of unutterable fulfillment which cannot be completely explained by those symbols called words. Their meaning can only be articulated by the inaudible language of the heart. Such is the moment I am presently experiencing. I experience this high and joyous moment not for myself alone but for those devotees of nonviolence who have moved so courageously against the ramparts of racial injustice and who in the process have acquired a new estimate of their own human worth. Many of them are young and cultured. Others are middle aged and middle class. The majority are poor and untutored. But they are all united in the quiet conviction that it is better to suffer in dignity than to accept segregation in humiliation. These are the real heroes of the freedom struggle: they are the noble people for whom I accept the Nobel Peace Prize.

- King Jr. Martin Luther

The mark of solitude is silence, as speech is the mark of community. Silence and speech have the same inner correspondence and difference as do solitude and community. One does not exist without the other. Right speech comes out of silence, and right silence

comes out of speech.

- Bonhoeffer, Dietrich

History shows that the majority of people that have done anything great have passed their youth in seclusion.

- Carlyle, Thomas

Solitude shows us what should be; society shows us what we are.

- Cecil, Robert

Solitary trees, if they grow at all, grow strong.

- Churchill, Winston

Alone, even doing nothing, you do not waste your time. You do, almost always, in company. No encounter with yourself can be altogether sterile: Something necessarily emerges, even if only the hope of some day meeting yourself again.

- Cioran, E. M.

The best thinking has been done in solitude.

- Edison, Thomas A.

It is easy in the world to live after the world's opinions; it is easy in solitude to live after your own; but the great man is he who in the midst of the crowd keeps with perfect

sweetness the independence of solitude.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

Conversation enriches the understanding; but solitude is the school of genius.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

Solitude is impractical and yet society is fatal.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

The good and the wise lead quiet lives.

- Euripides

By all means use sometimes to be alone. Salute thyself: see what thy soul doth wear. Dare to look in thy chest; for 'Tis thine own: And tumble up and down what thou findst there. Who cannot rest till he good fellows find, he breaks up house, turns out of doors his mind.

- Herbert, George

True solitude is a din of birdsong, seething leaves, whirling colors, or a clamor of tracks in the snow.

- Hoagland, Edward

The more powerful and original a mind, the more it will incline towards the religion of

solitude.

- Huxley, Aldous

Though the most beautiful creature were waiting for me at the end of a journey or a walk; though the carpet were of silk, the curtains of the morning clouds; the chairs and sofa stuffed with cygnet's down; the food manna, the wine beyond claret, the window opening on Winander Mere, I should not feel --or rather my happiness would not be so fine, as my solitude is sublime.

- Keats, John

There is convincing evidence that the search for solitude is not a luxury but a biological need. Just as humans posses a herding instinct that keeps us close to others most of the time, we also have a conflicting drive to seek out solitude. If the distance between ourselves and others becomes too great, we experience isolation and alienation, yet if the proximity to others becomes too close, we feel smothered and trapped.

- Kottler, Jeffrey

Solitude: a sweet absence of looks.

- Kundera, Milan

A solitude is the audience-chamber of God.

- Landor, Walter Savage

To have a quiet mind is to possess one's mind wholly; to have a calm spirit is to possess

one's self.

- Mabie, Hamilton

Solitude gives birth to the original in us, to beauty unfamiliar and perilous- to poetry. But also, it gives birth to the opposite: to the perverse, the illicit, the absurd.

- Mann, Thomas

In the world a man lives in his own age; in solitude in all ages.

- Mathews, William

Well has he lived who has lived well in obscurity.

- Ovid

One hour of thoughtful solitude may nerve the heart for days of conflict -- girding up its armor to meet the most insidious foe.

- Percival, Lord

If you are afraid of being lonely, don't try to be right.

- Renard, Jules

Shakespeare, Leonardo Da Vinci, Benjamin Franklin, and Lincoln never saw a movie, heard a radio, or looked at a TV They had loneliness and knew what to do with it. They were not afraid of being lonely because they knew that was when the creative mood in

them would mark.

- Sa, Carl

The strong man is strongest when alone.

- Schiller, Johann Friedrich Von

A man can be himself only so long as he is alone.

- Schopenhauer, Arthur

Solitude cherishes great virtues and destroys little ones.

- Smith, Sydney

In solitude the mind gains strength and learns to lean upon itself.

- Sterne, Laurence

I find it wholesome to be alone the greater part of time. To be in company, even with the best, is soon wearisome and dissipating. I love to be alone, I never found the companionable as solitude.

- Thoreau, Henry David

In solitude we are in the presence of mere matter (even the sky, the stars, the moon, trees in blossom), things of less value (perhaps) than a human spirit. Its value lies in the greater possibility of attention.

- Weil, Simone

Self-trust is the first secret to success.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

Self-trust is the essence of heroism.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

Luck can often mean simple taking advantage of a situation at the right moment, It is possible to make your luck by being always prepared.

- Korda, Michael

The power to do good is also the power to do harm.

- Friedman, Milton

Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely.

- Acton, Lord

A friend in power is a friend lost.

- Adams, Henry Brooks

The price of power is responsibility for the public good.

- Aldrich, Withrop

Power is not only what you have but what the enemy thinks you have.

- Alinsky, Saul

Our duty is to be useful, not according to our desires, but according to our powers.

- Amiel, Henri Frederic

Power tires only those who do not have it.

- Andreotti, Giulio

Be not curious in unnecessary matters: for more things are shrewd unto thee than men understand.

- Bible

The first and simplest emotion which we discover in the human mind, is curiosity.

- Burke, Edmund

It is a shameful thing to be weary of inquiry when what we search for is excellent.

- Cicero, Marcus T.

Curiosity ... endows the people who have it with a generosity in argument and a serenity in their own mode of life which springs from their cheerful willingness to let life take the form it will.

- Cooke, Alistair

Creatures whose mainspring is curiosity enjoy the accumulating of facts far more than the pausing at times to reflect on those facts.

- Day, Clarence

The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing. One cannot help but be in awe when he contemplates the mysteries of eternity, of life, of the marvelous structure of reality. It is enough if one tries merely to comprehend a little of this mystery everyday. Never lose a holy curiosity.

- Einstein, Albert

Curiosity is the lust of the mind.

- Hobbes, Thomas

Desire to know why, and how -- curiosity, which is a lust of the mind, that a perseverance of delight in the continued and indefatigable generation of knowledge -- exceedeth the short vehemence of any carnal pleasure.

- Hobbes, Thomas

Curiosity is one of the forms of feminine bravery.

- Hugo, Victor

Curiosity is one of the permanent and certain characteristics of a vigorous mind.

- Johnson, Samuel

Curiosity is, in great and generous minds, the first passion and the last.

- Johnson, Samuel

A word after a word after a word is power.

- Atwood, Margaret

If you are distressed by anything external, the pain is not due to the thing itself but to your own estimate of it; and this you have the power to revoke at any moment.

- Aurelius, Marcus

It is a strange desire, to seek power, and to lose liberty; or to seek power over others, and to lose power over a man's self.

- Bacon, Francis

But the relationship of morality and power is a very subtle one. Because ultimately power without morality is no longer power.

- Baldwin, James

Power is not revealed by striking hard or often, but by striking true.

- Balzac, Honore De

The purpose of getting power is to be able to give it away.

- Bevan, Aneurin

The Lord giveth and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord. [Job 1:21]

- Bible

A wise man has great power, and a man of knowledge increases strength. [Proverbs 24:5]

- Bible

What doth it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul?

- Bible

Ten persons who speak make more noise than ten thousand who are silent.

- Bonaparte, Napoleon

Power is the by-product of understanding.

- Bronowski, Jacob

Power is so characteristically calm, that calmness in itself has the aspect of strength.

- Bulwer-Lytton, Edward G.

I know of nothing sublime which is not some modification of power.

- Burke, Edmund

Power intoxicates men. When a man is intoxicated by alcohol, he can recover, but when intoxicated by power, he seldom recovers.

- Byrnes, James F.

Immense power is acquired by assuring yourself in your secret reveries that you were born to control affairs.

- Carnegie, Andrew

To those who despair of everything reason cannot provide a faith, but only passion, and in this case it must be the same passion that lay at the root of the despair, namely humiliation and hatred.

- Camus, Albert

You will never be happy if you continue to search for what happiness consists of. You will never live if you are looking for the meaning of life.

- Camus, Albert

Man is the only creature who refuses to be what he is.

- Camus, Albert

Alas after a certain age, every man is responsible for his own face.

- Camus, Albert

We all carry within us our places of exile, our crimes, and our ravages. But our task is not to unleash them on the world; it is to fight them in ourselves and in others.

- Camus, Albert

Freedom is nothing else but a chance to be better.

- Camus, Albert

Faith has to do with things that are not seen, and hope with things that are not in hand.

- Acquinas, Saint Thomas

In faith and hope the world will disagree, But all mankind's concern is charity.

- Alexander The Great

May it not be that, just as we have to have faith in Him, God has to have faith in us and, considering the history of the human race so far, may it not be that faith is even more difficult for Him than it is for us?

- Auden, W. H.

In order to be a realist you must believe in miracles.

- Bailey, Henry Christopher

Faith is to believe what we do not see; and the reward of this faith is to see what we believe.

- Augustine, St.

Faith is a higher faculty than reason.

- Bailey, Henry Christopher

Faith without works is like a bird without wings; though she may hop with her companions on earth, yet she will never fly with them to heaven.

- Beaumont, Francis

Firm, faithful, and devoted, full of energy and zeal, and truth, he labors for his race; he clears their painful way to improvement; he hews down like a giant the prejudices of creed and caste that encumber it. He may be stern; he may be exacting; he may be ambitious yet; but his is the sternness of the warrior Greatheart, who guards his pilgrim convoy from the onslaught of Apollyon. His is the exaction of the apostle, who speaks but for Christ, when he says, Whosoever will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. His is the ambition of the high master-spirit, which aims to fill a place in the first rank of those who are redeemed from the earth -- who stand without fault before the throne of God, who share the last mighty victories of the Lamb, who are called, and chosen, and faithful.

- 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

All colors will agree in the dark.

- Bacon, Francis

It is just as impossible to help reform by conciliating prejudice as it is by buying votes. Prejudice is the enemy. Whoever is not for you is against you.

- Chapman, John Jay

America owes most of its social prejudices to the exaggerated religious opinions of the different sects which were so instrumental in establishing the colonies.

- Cooper, James F.

Dream the impossible dream, Fight the unbeatable foe, Strive with your last ounce of courage, to reach the unreachable star.

- Darion, Joe

Reach high, for stars lie hidden in your soul. Dream deep, for every dream precedes the goal.

- Starr, Pamela Vaull

The only way around is through.

- Frost, Robert

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

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

Cats exercise... a magic influence upon highly developed men of intellect. This is why these long-tailed Graces of the animal kingdom, these adorable, scintillating electric batteries have been the favorite animal of a Mohammed, Cardinal Richlieu, Crebillon, Rousseau, Wieland.

- Sacher-Masoch, Leopold Von

Service is the rent we pay for being. It is the very purpose of life, and not something you do in your spare time.

- Edelman, Marian Wright

Service is the rent we pay for the privilege of living on this earth.

- Chisholm, Shirley Anita

To give real service you must add something which cannot be bought or measured with

money, and that is sincerity and integrity.

- Adams, Douglas

If we do not lay out ourselves in the service of mankind whom should we serve?

- Adams, John

You were placed on this earth to create, not to compete.

- Anthony, Dr. Robert

Keep doing good deeds long enough, and you'll probably turn out a good man in spite of yourself.

- Auchincloss, Louis

We are here on earth to do good to others. What the others are here for, I don't know.

- Auden, W. H.

He who helps in the saving of others, Saves himself as well.

- Aue, Hartmann Von

Find out how much God has given you and from it take what you need; the remainder is needed by others.

- Augustine, St.

One's life has value so long as one attributes value to the life of others, by means of love, friendship, indignation and compassion.

- Beauvoir, Simone De

Living creatures are nourished by food, and food is nourished by rain; rain itself is the water of life, which comes from selfless worship and service.

- Bhagavad Gita

The more you learn what to do with yourself, and the more you do for others, the more you will learn to enjoy the abundant life.

- Boetcker, William

To serve is beautiful, but only if it is done with joy and a whole heart and a free mind.

- Buck, Pearl S.

How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because some day in life you will have been all these.

- Carver, George Washington

No man is more than another unless he does more than another.

- Cervantes, Miguel De

A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.

[Luke 12:15]

- Bible

My only fear is that I may live too long. This would be a subject of dread to me.

- Jefferson, Thomas

I like the dreams of the future better than the history of the past.

- Jefferson, Thomas

The world is indebted for all triumphs which have been gained by reason and humanity over error and oppression.

- Jefferson, Thomas

Never spend your money before you have earned it.

- Jefferson, Thomas

Enlighten the people generally, and tyranny and oppressions of body and mind will vanish like evil spirits at the dawn of day.

- Jefferson, Thomas

We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty,

and the pursuit of happiness

- Jefferson, Thomas

Walking is the best possible exercise. Habituate yourself to walk very fast.

- Jefferson, Thomas

The whole secret of existence is to have no fear. Never fear what will become of you, depend on no one. Only the moment you reject all help are you freed.

- Vivekananda, Swami

When one has the feeling of dislike for evil, when one feels tranquil, one finds pleasure in listening to good teachings; when one has these feelings and appreciates them, one is free of fear.

- Buddha

I reached in experience the nirvana which is unborn, unrivalled, secure from attachment, undecaying and unstained. This condition is indeed reached by me which is deep, difficult to see, difficult to understand, tranquil, excellent, beyond the reach of mere logic, subtle, and to be realized only by the wise.

- Buddha

Endurance is one of the most difficult disciplines, but it is to the one who endures that the final victory comes.

- Buddha

Perseverance is the hard work you do after you get tired of doing the hard work you already did.

- Gingrich, Newt

The young do not know enough to be prudent, and therefore they attempt the impossible -- and achieve it, generation after generation.

- Buck, Pearl S.

An angry man opens his mouth and shuts his eyes.

- Cato The Elder

There was never an angry man that thought his anger unjust.

- Francis De Sales, St.

Pain and death are a part of life. To reject them is to reject life itself.

- Ellis, Havelock

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

Speech is external thought, and thought internal speech.

- Rivarol, Antoine

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

- Tagore, Rabindranath

God give me the serenity to accept things which cannot be changed;Give me courage to change things which must be changed;And the wisdom to distinguish one from the other.

- Niebuhr, Reinhold

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.

- Niebuhr, Reinhold

A wise man doesn't just wait for the right opportunity, He creates the right opportunity.

- Unknown, Source

Why are there so many people who never miss an opportunity to miss an opportunity?

- Unknown, Source

Opportunity rarely knocks on your door. Knock rather on opportunity's door if you ardently wish to enter.

- Forbes, B. C.

Grammar and logic free language from being at the mercy of the tone of voice. Grammar protects us against misunderstanding the sound of an uttered name; logic protects us against what we say have double meaning.

- Huessy, Rosenstock

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

- Browning, Elizabeth Barrett

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

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Like everything metaphysical the harmony between thought and reality is to be found in the grammar of the language.

- Wittgenstein, Ludwig

The violent illiteracies of the graffiti, the clenched silence of the adolescent, the nonsense cries from the stage-happening, are resolutely strategic. The insurgent and the freak-out have broken off discourse with a cultural system which they despise as a cruel, antiquated fraud. They will not bandy words with it. Accept, even momentarily, the conventions of literate linguistic exchange, and you are caught in the net of the old values, of the grammars that can condescend or enslave.

- Steiner, George

When I hear the hypercritical quarreling about grammar and style, the position of the particles, etc., etc., stretching or contracting every speaker to certain rules of theirs. I see that they forget that the first requisite and rule is that expression shall be vital and natural, as much as the voice of a brute or an interjection: first of all, mother tongue; and last of all, artificial or father tongue. Essentially your truest poetic sentence is as free and lawless as a lamb's bleat.

- Thoreau, Henry David

Self-sacrifice is the real miracle out of which all the reported miracles grow.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

Laughter is the closest thing to the grace of God.

- Barth, Karl

Nobody ever died of laughter.

- Beerbohm, Sir Max

Laughter is the shortest distance between two people.

- Borge, Victor

Laughter is not at all a bad beginning for a friendship, and it is far the best ending for one.

- Wilde, Oscar

The average man votes below himself; he votes with half a mind or a hundredth part of one. A man ought to vote with the whole of himself, as he worships or gets married. A man ought to vote with his head and heart, his soul and stomach, his eye for faces and his ear for music; also (when sufficiently provoked) with his hands and feet. If he has ever seen a fine sunset, the crimson color of it should creep into his vote. The question is not so much whether only a minority of the electorate votes. The point is that only a minority of the voter votes.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

We just did a survey that showed.... something like 65 percent of the [American] people couldn't vote for the First Amendment if it was up for a vote today.

- Prichard, Peter

I talk democracy to these men and women. I tell them that they have the vote, and that theirs is the kingdom and the power and the glory. I say to them You are supreme: exercise your power. They say, That's right: tell us what to do; and I tell them. I say Exercise our vote intelligently by voting for me. And they do. That's democracy; and a splendid thing it is too for putting the right men in the right place.

- Shaw, George Bernard

A man without a vote is man without protection.

- Johnson, Lyndon B.

Bad officials are elected by good citizens who do not vote.

- Nathan, George Jean

The universe is not rich enough to buy the vote of an honest man.

- Gregory The Great, St.

The right of voting for representatives is the primary right by which other rights are protected. To take away this right is to reduce a man to slavery, for slavery consists in being subject to the will of another, and he that has not a vote in the election of representatives is in this case.

- Paine, Thomas

Half of the American people never read a newspaper. Half never voted for President. One hopes it is the same half.

- Vidal, Gore

You can milk a cow the wrong way once and still be a farmer, but vote the wrong way on a water tower and you can be in trouble.

- Kennedy, John F.

The idea that you can merchandise candidates for high office like breakfast cereal -- that

you can gather votes like box tops -- is, I think, the ultimate indignity to the democratic process.

- Stevenson, Adlai E.

I have just received the following wire from my generous Daddy. It says, Dear Jack: Don't buy a single vote more than is necessary. I'll be damned if I am going to pay for a landslide.

- Kennedy, John F.

As societies grow decadent, the language grows decadent, too. Words are used to disguise, not to illuminate, action: you liberate a city by destroying it. Words are to confuse, so that at election time people will solemnly vote against their own interests

- Vidal, Gore

You need to know that a member of Congress who refuses to allow the minimum wage to come up for a vote made more money during last year's one-month government shutdown than a minimum wage worker makes in an entire year.

- Clinton, Bill

The future of this republic is in the hands of the American voter.

- Eisenhower, Dwight D.

The ballot is stronger than the bullet.

- Lincoln, Abraham

Grammar is a piano I play by ear. All I know about grammar is its power.

- Didion, Joan

Grammar, which can govern even Kings.

- Moliere

Writing is an act of faith, not a trick of grammar.

- White, Elwyn Brooks

Social criticism begins with grammar and the re-establishing of meanings.

- Paz, Octavio

It takes more time and effort and delicacy to learn the silence of a people than to learn its sounds. Some people have a special gift for this. Perhaps this explains why some missionaries, notwithstanding their efforts, never come to speak properly, to communicate delicately through silences. Although they speak with the accent of natives they remain forever thousands of miles away. The learning of the grammar of silence is an art much more difficult to learn than the grammar of sounds.

- Illich, Ivan

I don't know the rules of grammar. If you're trying to persuade people to do something, or buy something, it seems to me you should use their language.

- Ogilvy, David

Commas in The New Yorker fall with the precision of knives in a circus act, outlining the victim.

- White, Elwyn Brooks

The writer who neglects punctuation, or mispunctuates, is liable to be misunderstood for the want of merely a comma, it often occurs that an axiom appears a paradox, or that a sarcasm is converted into a sermonoid.

- Poe, Edgar Allan

I didn't have to think up so much as a comma or a semicolon; it was all given, straight from the celestial recording room. Weary, I would beg for a break, an intermission, time enough, let's say, to go to the toilet or take a breath of fresh air on the balcony. Nothing doing!

- Miller, Henry

My attitude toward punctuation is that it ought to be as conventional as possible. The game of golf would lose a good deal if croquet mallets and billiard cues were allowed on the putting green. You ought to be able to show that you can do it a good deal better than anyone else with the regular tools before you have a license to bring in your own improvements.

- Hemingway, Ernest

No man is great enough or wise enough for any of us to surrender our destiny to. The only way in which anyone can lead us is to restore to us the belief in our own guidance.

- Miller, Henry

A person will be called to account on Judgment Day for every permissible thing he might have enjoyed but did not.

- Talmud, The

Every blade of grass has its angel that bends over it and whispers, grow, grow.

- Talmud, The

Love life and life will love you back. Love people and they will love you back.

- Rubinstein, Arthur

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

One does not fall in love; one grows into love, and love grows in him.

- Menninger, Karl A.

Loving can cost a lot but not loving always costs more, and those who fear to love often find that want of love is an emptiness that robs the joy from life.

- Shan, Merle

Hatred paralyzes life; love releases it. Hatred confuses life; love harmonizes it. Hatred darkens life; love illuminates it.

- King Jr. Martin Luther

There are risks and costs to a program of action, but they are far less than the long-range risks and costs of comfortable inaction.

- Kennedy, John F.

People are like stained -- glass windows. They sparkle and shine when the sun is out, but when the darkness sets in, their true beauty is revealed only if there is a light from within

- Ross, Elizabeth Kubler

Love is life. All, everything that I understand, I understand only because I love. Everything is, everything exists, only because I love. Everything is united by it alone. Love is God, and to die means that I, a particle of love, shall return to the general and eternal source.

- Tolstoy, Count Leo

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