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Do not tell a friend anything you would conceal from an enemy.

- Proverb, Arabian

Broken friendships can be soldered, but never sound.

- Proverb

The young do not know enough to be prudent, and therefore they attempt the impossible

- -- and achieve it, generation after generation.
- Buck, Pearl S.

He that is good for making excuses is seldom good for anything else.

- Franklin, Benjamin

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

I did not enter the labor Party forty-seven years ago to have our manifesto written by Dr. Mori, Dr. Gallup and Mr. Harris.

- Benn, Tony

It's the same each time with progress. First they ignore you, then they say you're mad, then dangerous, then there's a pause and then you can't find anyone who disagrees with you.

- Benn, Tony

A faith is something you die for, a doctrine is something you kill for. There is all the difference in the world.

- Benn, Tony

The world has become uglier since it began to look into a mirror every day; so let us settle for the mirror image and do without an inspection of the original.

- Kraus, Karl

If the reporter has killed our imagination with his truth, he threatens our life with his lies.

- Kraus, Karl

Nature abhors a vacuum. When a head lacks brains, nature fills it with conceit.

- Unknown, Source

Don't mind criticism. If it is untrue, disregard it; if unfair, keep from irritation; if it is ignorant, smile; if it is justified it is not criticism, learn from it.

- Unknown, Source

The government is becoming the family of last resort.

- Brown, Jerry

Prisons don't rehabilitate, they don't punish, they don't protect, so what the hell do they do?

- Brown, Jerry

Proverbs are short sentences drawn from long experience.

- Cervantes, Miguel De

Good and bad men are less than they seem.

- Coleridge, Samuel Taylor

Our culture has become something that is completely and utterly in love with its parent. It's become a notion of boredom that is bought and sold, where nothing will happen except that people will become more and more terrified of tomorrow, because the new continues to look old, and the old will always look cute.

- Mclaren, Malcolm

Rock and roll doesn't necessarily mean a band. It doesn't mean a singer, and it doesn't mean a lyric, really. It's that question of trying to be immortal.

- Mclaren, Malcolm

Eclecticism is the degree zero of contemporary general culture: one listens to reggae, watches a western, eats McDonald's food for lunch and local cuisine for dinner, wears Paris perfume in Tokyo and retro clothes in Hong Kong; knowledge is a matter for TV games. It is easy to find a public for eclectic works.

- Lyotard, Jean Francois

Knowledge in the form of an informational commodity indispensable to productive power is already, and will continue to be, a major --perhaps the major --stake in the worldwide competition for power. It is conceivable that the nation-states will one day fight for control of information, just as they battled in the past for control over territory, and afterwards for control over access to and exploitation of raw materials and cheap labor.

- Lyotard, Jean Francois

Boys, I may not know much, but I know chicken shit from chicken salad.

- Johnson, Lyndon B.

I am going to build the kind of nation that President Roosevelt hoped for, President Truman worked for, and President Kennedy died for.

- Johnson, Lyndon B.

A solitary traveler can sleep from state to state, from day to night, from day to day, in the long womb of its controlled interior. It is the cradle that never stops rocking after the lullaby is over. It is the biggest sleeping tablet in the world, and no one need ever swallow the pill, for it swallows them.

- Teran, Lisa St. Aubin De

Travelling is like flirting with life. It's like saying, I would stay and love you, but I have to go; this is my station.

- Teran, Lisa St. Aubin De

I have been a stranger in a strange land.

- Bible

To be a tourist is to escape accountability. Errors and failings don't cling to you the way they do back home. You're able to drift across continents and languages, suspending the operation of sound thought. Tourism is the march of stupidity. You're expected to be stupid. The entire mechanism of the host country is geared to travelers acting stupidly. You walk around dazed, squinting into fold-out maps. You don't know how to talk to people, how to get anywhere, what the money means, what time it is, what to eat or how to eat it. Being stupid is the pattern, the level and the norm. You can exist on this level for weeks and months without reprimand or dire consequence. Together with thousands, you are granted immunities and broad freedoms. You are an army of fools, wearing bright polyesters, riding camels, taking pictures of each other, haggard, dysenteric, thirsty. There

is nothing to think about but the next shapeless event.
- Delillo, Don
Not all who wander are lost
- Tolkien, J. R.
Drawing on my fine command of the language, I said nothing.
- Benchley, Robert
The biggest obstacle to professional writing is the necessity for changing a typewriter
ribbon.
- Benchley, Robert
Except for an occasional heart attack I feel as young as I ever did.
- Benchley, Robert
A dog teaches a boy fidelity, perseverance, and to turn around three times before lying
down Benchley, Robert
Girls who put out are tramps. Girls who don't are ladies. This is, however, a rather archaic
usage of the word. Should one of you boys happen upon a girl who doesn't put out, do not
jump to the conclusion that you have found a lady. What you have probably found is a

- Lebowitz, Fran
You can't go around hoping that most people have sterling moral characters. The most you can hope for is that people will pretend that they do. - Lebowitz, Fran
Contrary to popular opinion, the hustle is not a new dance step it is an old business procedure. - Lebowitz, Fran
When I was fourteen, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have him around. When I got to be twenty-one, I was astonished at how much he had learned in seven years. - Twain, Mark
Don't part with your illusions. When they are gone you may still exist, but you have ceased to live. - Twain, Mark
I refused to attend his funeral. But I wrote a very nice letter explaining that I approved of it Twain, Mark

lesbian.

Satire is a sort of glass, wherein beholders do generally discover everybody's face but their own; which is the chief reason for that kind of reception it meets in the world, and that so very few are offended with it.

- Swift, Jonathan

Argument, as usually managed, is the worst sort of conversation, as in books it is generally the worst sort of reading.

- Swift, Jonathan

But you think that it is time for me to have done with the world, and so I would if I could get into a better before I was called into the best, and not die here in a rage, like a poisoned rat in a hole.

- Swift, Jonathan

Wars are won oin winter

- Bonaparte, Napoleon

The future destiny of the child is always the work of the mother.

- Bonaparte, Napoleon

Joys are our wings, sorrows our spurs.

- Paul, Jean

Woman is not born: she is made. In the making, her humanity is destroyed. She becomes symbol of this, symbol of that: mother of the earth, slut of the universe; but she never becomes herself because it is forbidden for her to do so.

- Dworkin, Andrea

I live in company with a body, a silent companion, exacting and eternal. He it is who notes that individuality which is the seal of the weakness of our race. My soul has wings, but the brutal jailer is strict.

- Delacroix, Eugene

What makes men of genius, or rather, what they make, is not new ideas, it is that idea -possessing them -- that what has been said has still not been said enough.

- Delacroix, Eugene

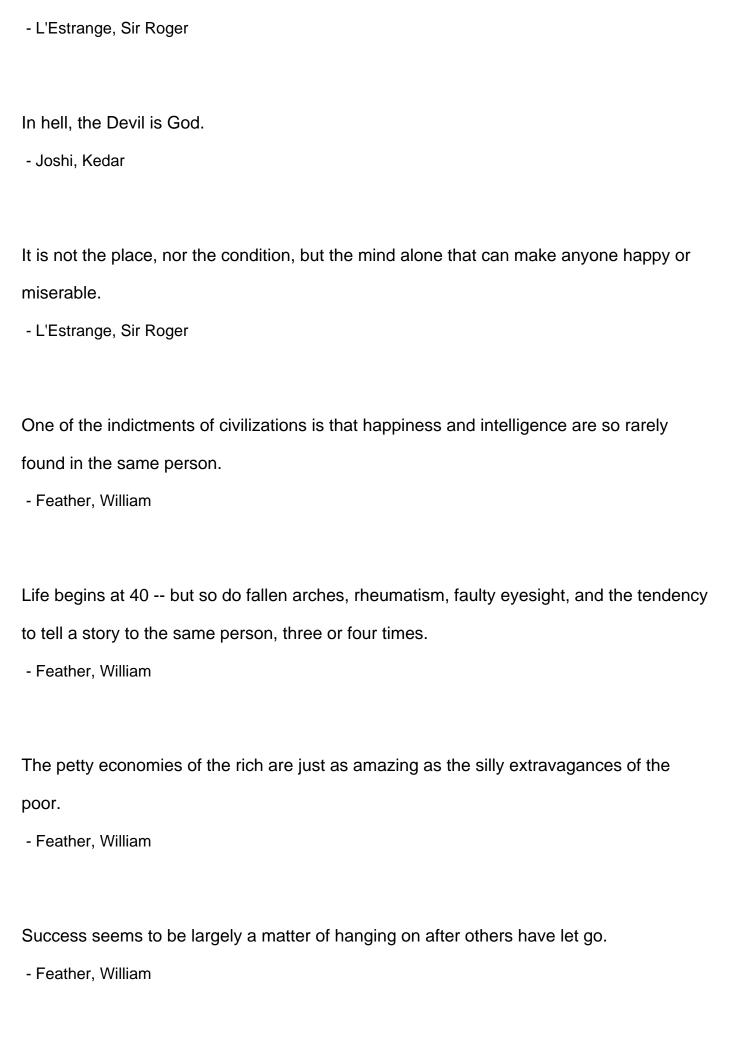
I don't like people who have never fallen or stumbled. Their virtue is lifeless and it isn't of much value. Life hasn't revealed its beauty to them.

- Pasternak, Boris

No cord nor cable can so forcibly draw, or hold so fast, as love can do with a twined thread.

- Burton, Robert

The devil helps his servants for a season; but when they get into a pinch; he leaves them in the lurch.



Methuselah lived to be 969 years old. You boys and girls will see more in the next fifty years than Methuselah saw in his whole lifetime.

- Twain, Mark

I get no respect. The way my luck is running, if I was a politician I would be honest.

- Dangerfield, Rodney

When I was a kid my parents moved a lot, but I always found them.

- Dangerfield, Rodney

When I consider how little of a rarity children are -- that every street and blind alley swarms with them -- that the poorest people commonly have them in most abundance -- that there are few marriages that are not blest with at least one of these bargains -- how often they turn out ill, and defeat the fond hopes of their parents, taking to vicious courses, which end in poverty, disgrace, the gallows, etc. -- I cannot for my life tell what cause for pride there can possibly be in having them.

- Lamb, Charles

The teller of a mirthful tale has latitude allowed him. We are content with less than absolute truth.

- Lamb, Charles

- Lamb, Charles
Being contented ought to mean in English, as it does in French, being pleased. Being
content with an attic ought not to mean being unable to move from it and resigned to living
in it; it ought to mean appreciating all there is in such a position.
- Chesterton, Gilbert K.
Clean your finger before you point at my spots.
- Franklin, Benjamin
Character is much ession kept then recovered
Character is much easier kept than recovered.
- Paine, Thomas
What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly; it is dearness only that gives everything
its value.
- Paine, Thomas
We cannot despair of humanity, since we ourselves are human beings.
- Einstein, Albert
They are ill discoverers that think there is no land when they see nothing but sea.
- Bacon, Francis

My motto is: Contented with little, yet wishing for more.

The worst solitude is to have no real friendships. - Bacon, Francis But just as delicate fare does not stop you from craving for saveloys, so tried and exquisite friendship does not take away your taste for something new and dubious. - Colette, Sidonie Gabrielle Can it be that chance has made me one of those women so immersed in one man that, whether they are barren or not, they carry with them to the grave the shriveled innocence of an old maid? - Colette, Sidonie Gabrielle Intolerance is a form of egotism, and to condemn egotism intolerantly is to share it. - Santayana, George By nature's kindly disposition most questions which it is beyond a man's power to answer

do not occur to him at all.

It is not the answer that enlightens, but the question.

- Santayana, George

- Decouvertes

No question is so difficult to answer as that which the answer is obvious.
- Shaw, George Bernard
I learned very early in my life in Whitehall, the acid test of any political question is; What is
the Alternative?
- Trent, Lord
All great truths begin as blasphemies.
- Shaw, George Bernard
It is always good policy to tell the truth unless of course you are an exceptionally good liar
Jerome K. Jerome It is a puzzling thing. The truth knocks on the door and you say, go
away, I'm looking for the truth. and so it goes away. Puzzling.
- Pirsig, Robert M.
Metaphysics is a restaurant where they give you a thirty thousand page menu, and no
food.
- Pirsig, Robert M.
Four thousand volumes of metaphysics will not teach us what the soul is. - Voltaire
To the living we owe respect, but to the dead we owe only the truth.

- Voltaire
Doctors are men who prescribe medicines of which they know little, to cure diseases of
which they know less, in human beings of whom they know nothing.
- Voltaire
Men who are occupied in the restoration of health to other men, by the joint exertion of
skill and humanity, are above all the great of the earth. They even partake of divinity,
since to preserve and renew is almost as noble as to create.
- Voltaire
I know of nothing more laughable than a doctor who does not die of old age.
- Voltaire
In my life, I have prayed but one prayer: oh Lord, make my enemies ridiculous. And God
granted it.
- Voltaire
The best is the enemy of the good.
- Voltaire
What a heavy burden is a name that has become famous too soon.
- Voltaire

It is fancy rather than taste which produces so many new fashions.
- Voltaire
Chance is a word void of sense; nothing can exist without a cause.
- Voltaire
It is hard to free fools from the chains they revere.
- Voltaire
Liberty, then, about which so many volumes have been written is, when accurately
defined, only the power of acting.
- Voltaire
I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it.
- Voltaire
May God defend me from my friends; I can defend myself from my enemies.
- Voltaire
Every man is the creature of the age in which he lives; very few are able to raise
themselves above the ideas of the time.
- Voltaire

Do well and you will have no need for ancestors Voltaire
If God did not exist, it would be necessary to invent Him Voltaire
Governments need to have both shepherds and butchers Voltaire
It is dangerous to be right when the government is wrong Voltaire
The best government is a benevolent tyranny tempered by an occasional assassination Voltaire
History is nothing but a pack of tricks that we play upon the dead Voltaire
Men hate the individual whom they call avaricious only because nothing can be gained from him. - Voltaire

History is just the portrayal of crimes and misfortunes. - Voltaire
Shun idleness is the rust that attaches itself to the most brilliant metals. - Voltaire
I believe that there never was a creator of a philosophical system who did not confess at the end of his life that he had wasted his time. It must be admitted that the inventors of the mechanical arts have been much more useful to men that the inventors of syllogisms. He who imagined a ship towers considerably above him who imagined innate ideas. - Voltaire
I was never ruined but twice; once when I lost a lawsuit and once when I won one. - Voltaire
I should like to lie at your feet and die in your arms Voltaire
We never live; we are always in the expectation of living Voltaire
Animals have these advantages over man: They have no theologians to instruct them,

their funerals cost them nothing, and no one starts lawsuits over their wills. - Voltaire
By appreciation, we make excellence in others our own property. - Voltaire
A long dispute means that both parties are wrong - Voltaire
Men argue, nature acts Voltaire
Weakness on both sides is, the motto of all quarrels. - Voltaire
In this country it's a good thing to kill an admiral now and then to encourage the others. - Voltaire
Marriage is the only adventure open to the cowardly. - Voltaire
The art of medicine consists of amusing the patient while nature cures the disease. - Voltaire

When he to whom a person speaks does not understand, and he who speaks does not understand himself, that is metaphysics. - Voltaire
When it is a question of money, everybody is of the same religion. - Voltaire
If there were only one religion in England there would be danger of despotism, if there were two, they would cut each other's throats, but there are thirty, and they live in peace and happiness. - Voltaire
In the case of news, we should always wait for the sacrament of confirmation. - Voltaire
The history of human opinion is scarcely anything more than the history of human errors. - Voltaire
Originality is nothing but judicious plagiarism. - Voltaire
Anyone who seeks to destroy the passions instead of controlling them is trying to play the

angel.
- Voltaire
Perfection is attained by slow degrees; she requires the hand of time. - Voltaire
The public is a ferocious beast. One must either chain it up or flee from it. - Voltaire
When he who hears does not know what he who speaks means, and when he who speaks does not know what he himself means, that is philosophy. - Voltaire
Prejudices are what fools use for reason. - Voltaire
The infinitely little have a pride infinitely great. - Voltaire
No problem can withstand the assault of sustained thinking. - Voltaire
The punishment of criminals should serve a purpose. When a man is hanged he is

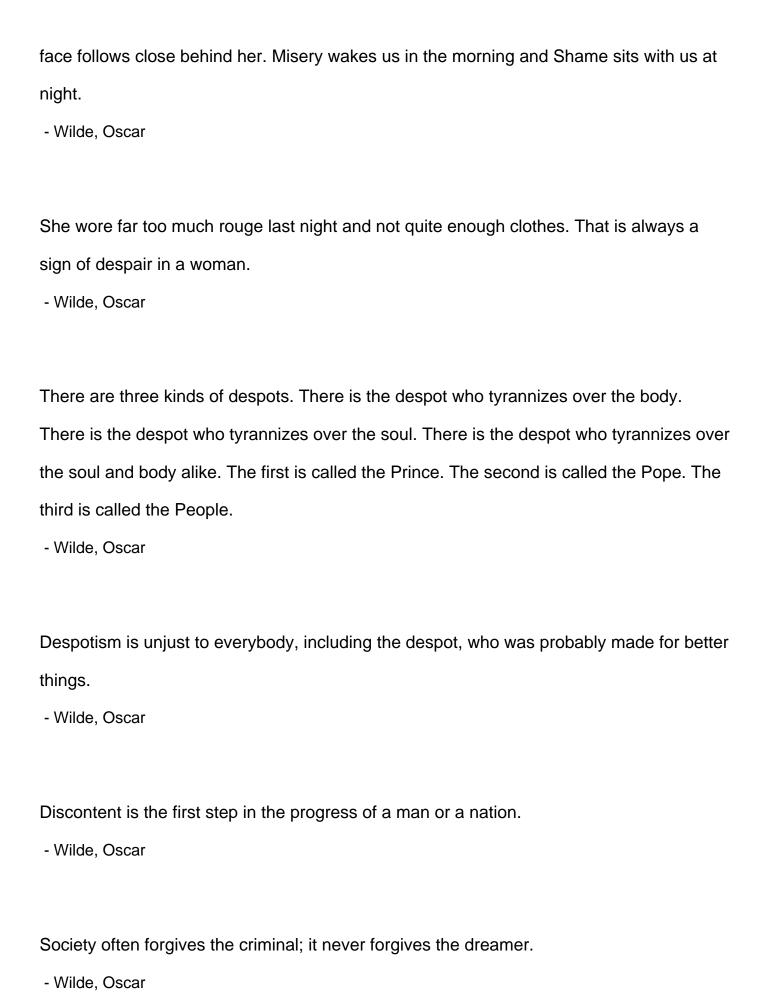
useless.
- Voltaire
Judge a person by their questions, rather than their answers.
- Voltaire
He must be very ignorant for he answers every question he is asked.
- Voltaire
Many are destined to reason wrongly; others, not to reason at all; and others, to persecute
those who do reason.
- Voltaire
The true triumph of reason is that it enables us to get along with those who do not
possess it.
- Voltaire
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Every abuse ought to be reformed, unless the reform is more dangerous than the abuse
itself.
- Voltaire
I advise you to go on living solely to enrage those who are paying your annuities. It is the
only pleasure I have left.

- Voltaire
I know of no great man except those who have rendered great services to the human race. - Voltaire
Anything that is too stupid to be spoken is sung Voltaire
A witty saying proves nothing Voltaire
He who doesn't have the spirit of his time, has all its misery Voltaire
It is far better to be silent than merely to increase the quantity of bad books Voltaire
Doubt is not a pleasant mental state, but certainty is a ridiculous one Voltaire
The only way to compel men to speak good of us is to do it Voltaire

Superstition sets the whole world in flames; philosophy quenches them. - Voltaire
The husband who decides to surprise his wife is often very much surprised himself. - Voltaire
In general, the art of government consists in taking as much money as possible from one party of the citizens to give to the other. - Voltaire
To announce truths is an infallible receipt for being persecuted. - Voltaire
Truth is a fruit which should not be plucked until it is ripe. - Voltaire
It is an infantile superstition of the human spirit that virginity would be thought a virtue and not the barrier that separates ignorance from knowledge. - Voltaire
He is a hard man who is only just, and a sad one who is only wise. - Voltaire

You can never correct your work well until you have forgotten it.						
- Voltaire						
If we do not find anything very pleasant, at least we shall find something new. - Voltaire						
The Pope is an idol whose hands are tied and whose feet are kissed. - Voltaire						
Common sense is not so common.						
- Voltaire						
Our wretched species is so made that those who walk on the well-trodden path always						
throw stones at those who are showing a new road. - Voltaire						
He who dies before many witnesses always does so with courage.						
- Voltaire						
To succeed in the world it is not enough to be stupid, you must also be well-mannered. - Voltaire						

The world embarrasses me, and I cannot dream that this watch exists and has no
watchmaker.
- Voltaire
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



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

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

- 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

The whole theory of modern education is radically unsound. Fortunately in England, at any rate, education produces no effect whatsoever. If it did, it would prove a serious danger to the upper classes, and probably lead to acts of violence.

- 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

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

- 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

