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The purpose of life is to be defeated by greater and greater things

- Rilke, Rainer Maria

For one human being to love another: that is perhaps the most difficult of all our tasks, the ultimate, the last test and proof, the work for which all other work is but preparation.

- Rilke, Rainer Maria

This is the miracle that happens every time to those who really love; the more they give, the more they possess.

- Rilke, Rainer Maria

The great renewal of the world will perhaps consist in this, that man and maid, freed of all false feelings and reluctances, will seek each other not as opposites, but as brother and sister, as neighbors, and will come together as human beings.

- Rilke, Rainer Maria

Physical pleasure is a sensual experience no different from pure seeing or the pure sensation with which a fine fruit fills the tongue; it is a great unending experience, which is given us, a knowing of the world, the fullness and the glory of all knowing. And not our acceptance of it is bad; the bad thing is that most people misuse and squander this

experience and apply it as a stimulant at the tired spots of their lives and as distraction instead of a rallying toward exalted moments.

- Rilke, Rainer Maria

Do not assume that she who seeks to comfort you now, lives untroubled among the simple and quiet words that sometimes do you good. Her life may also have much sadness and difficulty, that remains far beyond yours. Were it otherwise, she would never have been able to find these words.

- Rilke, Rainer Maria

From THE SONNETS TO ORPHEUS

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Oh this is the animal that never was.
They hadn't seen one; but just the same, they loved
its graceful movements, and the way it stood
looking at them calmly, with clear eyes.

It had not been. But for them, it appeared
in all its purity. They left space enough.
And in the space hollowed out by their love
it stood up all at once and didn't need

existence. They nourished it, not with grain,

but with the mere possibility of being.

And finally this gave it so much power

that from its forehead a horn grew. One horn.

It drew near to a virgin, white, gleaming -

an was, inside the mirror and in her.

- Rilke, Rainer Maria

Among my most prized possessions are words that I have never spoken.

- Card, Orson Scott

Ninety-nine percent of the failures come from people who have the habit of making excuses.

- Carver, George Washington

Rest breeds rust.

- Proverb, German

The fundamental impulse of the movement is neither masturbatory nor concretely lesbian -- although it of course offers warm house to both these possibilities; it is an impulse to maidenhood -- to that condition in which a woman might pretend to a false fear or loathing of the penis in order to escape from any responsibility for the pleasure and well-being of the man who possesses it.

- Decter, Midge

The people I'm furious with are the Women's Liberationists. They keep getting up on soapboxes and proclaiming women are brighter than men. That's true, but it should be kept quiet or it ruins the whole racket.

- Loos, Anita

People think that at the top there isn't much room. They tend to think of it as an Everest. My message is that there is tons of room at the top.

- Thatcher, Margaret

Many people think that if they were only in some other place, or had some other job, they would be happy. Well, that is doubtful. So get as much happiness out of what you are doing as you can and don't put off being happy until some future date.

- Carnegie, Dale

When one pays a visit it is for the purpose of wasting other people's time, not one's own.

- Wilde, Oscar

Some pray to marry the man they love, my prayer will somewhat vary; I humbly pray to Heaven above that I love the man I marry.

- Stokes, Rose Pastor

During the last century, and part of the one before, it was widely held that there was an unreconcilable conflict between knowledge and belief.

- Einstein, Albert

I know quite certainly that I myself have no special talent; curiosity, obsession and dogged endurance, combined with self-criticism have brought me to my ideas.

- Einstein, Albert

Suddenly is the soul oned to God when it is truly peaced in itself: for in Him is found no wrath. And thus I saw when we are all in peace and in love, we find no contrariness, nor no manner of letting through that contrariness which is now in us.

- Norwich, Julian of

The day the child realizes that all adults are imperfect, he becomes an adolescent; the day he forgives them, he becomes an adult; the day he forgives himself, he becomes wise

- Nowlan, Alden

And the high destiny of the individual is to serve rather than to rule, or to impose himself in any other way.

- Einstein, Albert

In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity.

- Einstein, Albert

It should be possible to explain the laws of physics to a barmaid.

- Einstein, Albert

It is our American habit if we find the foundations of our educational structure unsatisfactory to add another story or wing. We find it easier to add a new study or course or kind of school than to recognize existing conditions so as to meet the need. strangled the holy curious of inquiry. It is a very grave mistake to think that the enjoyment of seeing and searching can be promoted by means of coercion and a sense of duty.

- Einstein, Albert

According to this conception, the sole function of education was to open the way to thinking and knowing, and the school, as the outstanding organ for the people's education, must serve that end exclusively.

- Einstein, Albert

The only source of knowledge is experience.

- Einstein, Albert

If the facts don't fit the theory, change the facts.

- Einstein, Albert

I can't believe that God plays dice with the universe.

- Einstein, Albert

God is clever, but not dishonest.

- Einstein, Albert

God is subtle, but He is not malicious. I cannot believe that God plays dice with the world.

- Einstein, Albert

Two things are infinite: the universe and human stupidity; and I'm not sure about the universe.

- Einstein, Albert

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

They come into being not through demonstration but through revelation, through the medium of powerful personalities.

- Einstein, Albert

To know is nothing at all; to imagine is everything.

- Einstein, Albert

Imagination is everything. It is the preview of life's coming attractions.

- Einstein, Albert

Imagination is more important than knowledge. For knowledge is limited to all we now know and understand, while imagination embraces the entire world, and all there ever will be to know and understand.

- Einstein, Albert

Intellectuals solve problems; geniuses prevent them.

- Einstein, Albert

The difference between what the most and the least learned people know is inexpressibly trivial in relation to that which is unknown.

- 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

Love is a better teacher than duty.

- Einstein, Albert

To the Master's honor all must turn, each in its track, without a sound, forever tracing Newton's ground.

- Einstein, Albert

As far as the laws of mathematics refer to reality, they are not certain, and as far as they are certain, they do not refer to reality.

- Einstein, Albert

It is a miracle that curiosity survives formal education.

- Einstein, Albert

A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new.

- 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

The most beautiful emotion we can experience is the mysterious. It is the power of all true art and science. He to whom this emotion is a stranger, who can no longer wonder and stand rapt in awe, is as good as dead. To know that what is impenetrable to us really exists, manifesting itself as the highest wisdom and the most radiant beauty, which our dull faculties can comprehend only in their most primitive forms -- this knowledge, this feeling, is at the center of true religiousness. In this sense, and in this sense only, I belong to the rank of devoutly religious men.

- Einstein, Albert

Few people are capable of expressing with equanimity opinions which differ from the prejudices of their social environment. Most people are even incapable of forming such opinions.

- Einstein, Albert

The opinion prevailed among advanced minds that it was time that belief should be replaced increasingly by knowledge; belief that did not itself rest on knowledge was superstition, and as such had to be opposed.

- Einstein, Albert

The distinction between the past, present and future is only a stubbornly persistent illusion.

- Einstein, Albert

The significant problems we face today cannot be solved at the same level of thinking we were at when we created them.

- Einstein, Albert

The formulation of a problem is often more essential than its solution, which may be merely a matter of mathematical or experimental skill.

- Einstein, Albert

If my theory of relativity is proven successful, Germany will claim me as a German and France will declare that I am a citizen of the world. Should my theory prove untrue, France will say that I am a German and Germany will declare that I am a Jew.

- 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

My religion consists of a humble admiration of the unlimitable superior who reveals Himself in the slight details we are able to perceive with our frail and feeble minds. That deeply emotional conviction of the presence of a superior reasoning power, which is revealed in the incomprehensible universe, forms my idea of God.

- Einstein, Albert

If we knew what we were doing it wouldn't be research.

- Einstein, Albert

A man should look for what is, and not for what he thinks should be.

- Einstein, Albert

The man of science is a poor philosopher.

- Einstein, Albert

Science without religion is lame, religion without science is blind.

- Einstein, Albert

The whole of science is nothing more than a refinement of everyday thinking.

- Einstein, Albert

Only a life lived in the service to others is worth living.

- Einstein, Albert

When the solution is simple, God is answering.

- Einstein, Albert

The grand aim of all science is to cover the greatest number of empirical facts by logical deduction from the smallest number of hypotheses or axioms.

- Einstein, Albert

All meaningful and lasting change starts first in your imagination and then works its way out. Imagination is more important than knowledge.

- Einstein, Albert

Creating a new theory is not like destroying an old barn and erecting a skyscraper in its place. It is rather like climbing a mountain, gaining new and wider views, discovering unexpected connections between our starting points and its rich environment. But the point from which we started out still exists and can be seen, although it appears smaller and forms a tiny part of our broad view gained by the mastery of the obstacles on our adventurous way up.

- Einstein, Albert

A theory is the more impressive the greater is the simplicity of its premises, the more different are the kinds of things it relates and the more extended the range of its applicability.

- Einstein, Albert

All these constructions and the laws connecting them can be arrived at by the principle of looking for the mathematically simplest concepts and the link between them.

- Einstein, Albert

Anyone who doesn't take truth seriously in small matters cannot be trusted in large ones either.

- Einstein, Albert

If you are out to describe the truth, leave elegance to the tailor.

- Einstein, Albert

The battle that never ends is the battle of belief against unbelief.

- Carlyle, Thomas

Words are alive; cut them and they bleed.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

God's finger touched him and he slept.

- Tennyson, Lord Alfred

Her eyes are homes of silent prayers.

- Tennyson, Lord Alfred

Faith lives in honest doubt.

- Tennyson, Lord Alfred

Knowledge comes, but wisdom lingers.

- Tennyson, Lord Alfred

I hold it true, whatever befall; I feel it, when I sorrow most; 'Tis better to have loved and lost Than never to have loved at all.

- Tennyson, Lord Alfred

My strength has the strength of ten because my heart is pure.

- Tennyson, Lord Alfred

Theirs is not to make reply: Theirs is not to reason why: Theirs is but to do and die.

- Tennyson, Lord Alfred

There are two kinds of people: Those who do the work and those who take the credit. Try to be in the first group because there is less competition there.

- Gandhi, Indira

Martyrdom does not end something, it only a beginning.

- Gandhi, Indira

Common sense is the collection of prejudices acquired by age eighteen.

- Einstein, Albert

Never do anything against conscience even if the state demands it.

- Einstein, Albert

How strange is the lot of us mortals! Each of us is here for a brief sojourn; for what purpose he knows not, though he senses it. But without deeper reflection one knows from daily life that one exists for other people.

- Einstein, Albert

The ideas that have lighted my way and, time after time, have given me new courage to face life cheerfully have been Kindness, Beauty, and Truth.

- Einstein, Albert

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

He who can no longer pause to wonder and stand rapt in awe is as good as dead; his eyes are closed.

- Einstein, Albert

A man's ethical behavior should be based effectually on sympathy, education, and social ties; no religious basis is necessary. Man would indeed be in a poor way if he had to be restrained by fear of punishment and hope of reward after death.

- Einstein, Albert

There is no logical way to the discovery of these elemental laws. There is only the way of intuition, which is helped by a feeling for the order lying behind the appearance.

- Einstein, Albert

To the living we owe respect, but to the dead we owe only the truth.

- Voltaire

Divorce is probably of nearly the same date as marriage. I believe, however, that marriage is some weeks the more ancient.

- 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

In my life, I have prayed but one prayer: oh Lord, make my enemies ridiculous. And God granted it.

- Voltaire

As long as people believe in absurdities they will continue to commit atrocities.

- Voltaire

The best is the enemy of the good.

- Voltaire

Chance is a word void of sense; nothing can exist without a cause.

- Voltaire

We are all full of weakness and errors; let us mutually pardon each other our follies it is the first law of nature.

- Voltaire

It is hard to free fools from the chains they revere.

- 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

If God did not exist, it would be necessary to invent Him.

- 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

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

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

Love is a canvas furnished by Nature and embroidered by imagination.

- Voltaire

The art of medicine consists of amusing the patient while nature cures the disease.

- 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

The superfluous is very necessary.

- Voltaire

In the case of news, we should always wait for the sacrament of confirmation.

- 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

The pursuit of what is true and the practice of what is good are the two most important objects of philosophy.

- Voltaire

Pleasure is the object, duty and the goal of all rational creatures.

- Voltaire

Work is often the father of pleasure.

- Voltaire

Verses which do not teach men new and moving truths do not deserve to be read.

- Voltaire

Prejudices are what fools use for reason.

- 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

Many are destined to reason wrongly; others, not to reason at all; and others, to persecute those who do reason.

- Voltaire

It is not love that should be depicted as blind, but self-love.

- 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

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 is to religion what astrology is to astronomy; the mad daughter of a wise mother.

- Voltaire

Truth is a fruit which should not be plucked until it is ripe.

- Voltaire

Time, which alone makes the reputation of men, ends by making their defects respectable.

- 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

Work keeps at bay, three great evils -- boredom, vice and need.

- Voltaire

Work banishes those three great evils: boredom, vice and poverty.

- Voltaire

Common sense is not so common.

- Voltaire

To succeed in the world it is not enough to be stupid, you must also be well-mannered.

- Voltaire

A fanatic is one who can't change his mind and won't change the subject.

- Churchill, Winston

The journey is the reward.

- Proverb, Chinese

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

- 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

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

- 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

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

- 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

An ordinary man away from home giving advice.

- Wilde, Oscar

A lovely thing about Christmas is that it's compulsory, like a thunderstorm, and we all go through it together.

- Keillor, Garrison

One day Donald Trump will discover that he is owned by Lutheran Brotherhood and must re negotiate his debt load with a committee of silent Norwegians who don't understand why anyone would pay more than $120.00 for a suit.

- Keillor, Garrison

The funniest line in English is Get it? When you say that, everyone chortles.

- Keillor, Garrison

Cats are intended to teach us that not everything in nature has a purpose.

- Keillor, Garrison

Nothing you do for children is ever wasted. They seem not to notice us, hovering, averting our eyes, and they seldom offer thanks, but what we do for them is never wasted.

- Keillor, Garrison

There is something to that old saying that hate injures the hater, not the hated.

- Pilgrim, Peace

To attain inner peace you must actually give your life, not just your possessions. When you at last give your life -- bringing into alignment your beliefs and the way you live then, and only then, can you begin to find inner peace.

- Pilgrim, Peace

Pure love is a willingness to give without a thought of receiving anything in return.

- Pilgrim, Peace

You're in a much better position to talk with people when they approach you than when you approach them.

- Pilgrim, Peace

Unnecessary possessions are unnecessary burdens. If you have them, you have to take care of them! There is great freedom in simplicity of living. It is those who have enough

but not too much who are the happiest.

- Pilgrim, Peace

The purpose of problems is to push you toward obedience to God's laws, which are exact and cannot be changed. We have the free will to obey them or disobey them. Obedience will bring harmony, disobedience will bring you more problems.

- Pilgrim, Peace

A pilgrim is a wanderer with purpose.

- Pilgrim, Peace

As I lived up to the highest light I had, higher and higher light came to me.

- Pilgrim, Peace

Worry is a useless mulling over of things we cannot change.

- Pilgrim, Peace

Never let your zeal outrun your charity. The former is but human, the latter is divine.

- Ballou, Hosea

Through zeal, knowledge is gotten; through lack of zeal, knowledge is lost.

- Buddha

Zeal without knowledge is the sister of folly.

- Davies, Sir John

Zeal without knowledge is fire without light.

- Fuller, Thomas

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

Zeal is fit for wise men, but flourishes chiefly among fools.

- Tillotson, John

In making our decisions, we must use the brains that God has given us. But we must also use our hearts which He also gave us. A man who has not learned to say, No --who is not resolved that he will take God's way, in spite of every dog that can bay or bark at him, in spite of every silvery choice that woos him aside--will be a weak and a wretched man till he dies.

- Maclaren, Alexander

In heaven after ages of ages of growing glory, we shall have to say, as each new wave of the shoreless, sunlit sea bears us onward, It doth not yet appear what we shall be.

- Maclaren, Alexander

Man's course begins in a garden, but it ends in a city.

- Maclaren, Alexander

Death is but a passage. It is not a house, it is only a vestibule. The grave has a door on its inner side.

- Maclaren, Alexander

The simple lack of her is more to me than others presence.

- Thomas, Edward

The past is the only dead thing that smells sweet.

- Thomas, Edward

Experience comprises illusions lost, rather than wisdom gained.

- Roux, Joseph

Poetry is the exquisite expression of exquisite expressions.

- Roux, Joseph

A fine quotation is a diamond in the hand of a man of wit and a pebble in the hand of a fool.

- Roux, Joseph

Science is for those who learn, poetry is for those who know.

- Roux, Joseph

Say nothing good of yourself, you will be distrusted; say nothing bad of yourself, you will be taken at your word.

- Roux, Joseph

There are people who laugh to show their fine teeth; and there are those who cry to show their good hearts.

- Roux, Joseph

There cannot be a personal God without a pessimistic religion. As soon as there is a personal God he is a disappointing God.

- Connolly, Cyril

Idleness is only a coarse name for my infinite capacity for living in the present.

- Connolly, Cyril

We love but once, for once only are we perfectly equipped for loving.

- Connolly, Cyril

There is no pain equal to that which two lovers can inflict on one another. This should be made clear to all who contemplate such a union. The avoidance of this pain is the beginning of wisdom, for it is strong enough to contaminate the rest of our lives.

- Connolly, Cyril

Except for poverty, incompatibility, opposition of parents, absence of love on one side and of desire to marry on both, nothing stands in the way of our happy union.

- Connolly, Cyril

The dread of loneliness is greater than the fear of bondage, so we get married.

- Connolly, Cyril

In the sex war, thoughtlessness is the weapon of the male, vindictiveness of the female.

- Connolly, Cyril

The person who is master of their passions is reason's slave.

- Connolly, Cyril

Today the function of the artist is to bring imagination to science and science to imagination, where they meet, in the myth.

- Connolly, Cyril

Those of us who were brought up as Christians and have lost our faith have retained the sense of sin without the saving belief in redemption. This poisons our thought and so paralyses us in action.

- Connolly, Cyril

There are many who dare not kill themselves for fear of what the neighbors will say.

- Connolly, Cyril

All charming people have something to conceal, usually their total dependence on the appreciation of others.

- Connolly, Cyril

Whom the gods wish to destroy they first call promising.

- Connolly, Cyril

No one over thirty-five is worth meeting who has not something to teach us, --something more than we could learn for ourselves, from a book.

- Connolly, Cyril

Youth is a period of missed opportunities.

- Connolly, Cyril

Slums may well be breeding-grounds of crime, but middle-class suburbs are incubators of apathy and delirium.

- Connolly, Cyril

I base my calculations on the expectation that luck will be against me

- Bonaparte, Napoleon

Depend on the rabbit's foot if you will, but remember it didn't work for the rabbit.

- Shay, R. E.

It is better to be feared than loved, if you cannot be both.

- Machiavelli, Niccolo

Ambition is so powerful a passion in the human breast, that however high we reach we are never satisfied.

- Machiavelli, Niccolo

Hatred is gained as much by good works as by evil.

- Machiavelli, Niccolo

Men nearly always follow the tracks made by others and proceed in their affairs by imitation, even though they cannot entirely keep to the tracks of others or emulate the prowess of their models. So a prudent man should always follow in the footsteps of great

men and imitate those who have been outstanding. If his own prowess fails to compare with theirs, at least it has an air of greatness about it. He should behave like those archers who, if they are skilful, when the target seems too distant, know the capabilities of their bow and aim a good deal higher than their objective, not in order to shoot so high but so that by aiming high they can reach the target.

- Machiavelli, Niccolo

There are three kinds of intelligence: one kind understands things for itself, the other appreciates what others can understand, the third understands neither for itself nor through others. This first kind is excellent, the second good, and the third kind useless.

- Machiavelli, Niccolo

Men in general judge more by the sense of sight than by the sense of touch, because everyone can see, but only a few can test by feeling. Everyone sees what you seem to be, few know what you really are, and those few do not dare take a stand against the general opinion.

- Machiavelli, Niccolo

Men are more apt to be mistaken in their generalizations than in their particular observations.

- Machiavelli, Niccolo

There is nothing more difficult to take in hand, more perilous to conduct, or more uncertain in its success than to take the lead in the introduction of a new order of things.

- Machiavelli, Niccolo

Men shrink less from offending one who inspires love than one who inspires fear.

- Machiavelli, Niccolo

A prince never lacks legitimate reasons to break his promise.

- Machiavelli, Niccolo

I consider it a mark of great prudence in a man to abstain from threats or any contemptuous expressions, for neither of these weaken the enemy, but threats make him more cautious, and the other excites his hatred, and a desire to revenge himself.

- Machiavelli, Niccolo

Since it is difficult to join them together, it is safer to be feared than to be loved when one of the two must be lacking.

- Machiavelli, Niccolo

There is no avoiding war; it can only be postponed to the advantage of others.

- Machiavelli, Niccolo

The main foundations of every state, new states as well as ancient or composite ones, are good laws and good arms you cannot have good laws without good arms, and where there are good arms, good laws inevitably follow.

- Machiavelli, Niccolo

God is not willing to do everything, and thus take away our free will and that share of glory which belongs to us.

- Machiavelli, Niccolo

A wise man will see to it that his acts always seem voluntary and not done by compulsion, however much he may be compelled by necessity.

- Machiavelli, Niccolo

Because just as good morals, if they are to be maintained, have need of the laws, so the laws, if they are to be observed, have need of good morals.

- Machiavelli, Niccolo

It is not titles that honor men, but men that honor titles.

- Machiavelli, Niccolo

I never met a man I didn't like.

- Rogers, Will

Every time a woman leaves off something she looks better, but every time a man leaves off something he looks worse.

- Rogers, Will

An economist's guess is liable to be as good as anybody else s.

- Rogers, Will

There is nothing so stupid as an educated man, if you get him off the thing he was educated in.

- Rogers, Will

Strangers are just friends I haven't met yet.

- Rogers, Will

My ancestors didn't come over on the Mayflower, but they were there to meet the boat.

- Rogers, Will

So live that you wouldn't be ashamed to sell the family parrot to the town gossip.

- Rogers, Will

I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts.

- Rogers, Will

Be thankful we're not getting all the government we're paying for.

- Rogers, Will

We can't all be heroes, because somebody has to sit on the curb and clap as they go by.

- Rogers, Will

Everything is funny as long as it is happening to somebody else.

- Rogers, Will

People are getting smarter nowadays; they are letting lawyers, instead of their conscience, be their guide.

- Rogers, Will

A man can learn only two ways, one by reading, and the other by association with smarter people.

- Rogers, Will

Liberty doesn't work as well in practice as it does in speeches.

- Rogers, Will

In the early days of the Indian Territory, there were no such things as birth certificates. You being there was certificate enough.

- Rogers, Will

The short memories of American voters is what keeps our politicians in office.

- Rogers, Will

You never know how much a man can't remember until he is called as a witness.

- Rogers, Will

A woman past forty should make up her mind to be young; not her face.

- Burke, Billie

Age is something that doesn't matter, unless you are a cheese

- Burke, Billie

Why is it that we rejoice at birth and grieve at a funeral? It is because we are not the person involved.

- Twain, Mark

Whoever has lived long enough to find out what life is, knows how deep a debt of gratitude we owe to Adam, the first great benefactor of our race. He brought death into the world.

- Twain, Mark

Denial ain't just a river in Egypt.

- Frank, Al

I have been faithful to thee, Cynara, in my fashion.

- Dowson, Ernest

They are not long, the days of wine and roses:Out of a misty dreamOur path emerges for a while, then closesWithin a dream.

- Dowson, Ernest

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

- Augustine, St.

Tact is the art of making guests feel at home when that's really where you wish they were.

- Bergman, George E.

God may not play dice with the universe, but something strange is going on with the prime numbers.

- Erdos, Paul

Our dignity is not in what we do, but what we understand.

- Santayana, George

The great difficulty in education is to get experience out of ideas.

- Santayana, George

The young man who has not wept is a savage, and the old man who will not laugh is a fool.

- Santayana, George

Fanaticism consists in redoubling your efforts when you have forgotten your aim.

- Santayana, George

There is nothing to which men, while they have food and drink, cannot reconcile themselves.

- Santayana, George

A man is morally free when, in full possession of his living humanity, he judges the world, and judges other men, with uncompromising sincerity.

- Santayana, George

Fun is a good thing but only when it spoils nothing better.

- Santayana, George

Habit is stronger than reason.

- Santayana, George

Knowledge of what is possible is the beginning of happiness.

- Santayana, George

History is always written wrong, and so always needs to be rewritten.

- Santayana, George

The Difficult is that which can be done immediately; the Impossible that which takes a little longer.

- Santayana, George

Love is blind -- marriage is the eye-opener.

- Thomason, Pauline

A man is a god in ruins.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

We do not count a man's years until he has nothing else to count.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

Nature is full of freaks, and now puts an old head on young shoulders, and then takes a young heart heating under fourscore winters.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

There is nothing capricious in nature and the implanting of a desire indicates that its gratification is in the constitution of the creature that feel it.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

Can anything be so elegant as to have few wants, and to serve them one's self?

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

Sow a thought and you reap an action; sow an act and you reap a habit; sow a habit and you reap a character; sow a character and you reap a destiny.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

When it is dark enough, you can see the stars.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

There are always difficulties arising that tempt you to believe your critics are right.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

Can anybody remember when the times were not hard, and money not scarce?

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

Bad times have a scientific value. These are occasions a good learner would not miss.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

Self-command is the main discipline.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

All diseases run into one. Old age.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

There are three wants which never can be satisfied: that of the rich, who wants something more; that of the sick, who wants something different; and that of the traveler, who says, Anywhere but here.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

Do that which is assigned to you and you cannot hope too much or dare too much.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

I pay the schoolmaster, but it is the school boys who educate my son.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

The secret in education lies in respecting the student.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

We are shut up in schools and college recitation rooms for ten or fifteen years, and come out at last with a belly-full of words and do not know a thing. The things taught in schools and colleges are not an education, but the means of education.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

The pest of society are the egotist, they are dull and bright, sacred and profane, course and fine. It is a disease that like the flu falls on all constitutions.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

Most people would rather give than get affection.

- Aristotle

Dignity consists not in possessing honors, but in the consciousness that we deserve them.

- Aristotle

What it lies in our power to do, it lies in our power not to do.

- Aristotle

Education is the best provision for old age.

- Aristotle

The educated differ from the uneducated as much as the living from the dead.

- Aristotle

Those who educate children well are more to be honored than they who produce them; for these only gave them life, those the art of living well.

- Aristotle

All who have meditated on the art of governing mankind have been convinced that the fate of empires depends on the education of youth.

- Aristotle

Equality consists in the same treatment of similar persons.

- Aristotle

The worst form of inequality is to try to make unequal things equal.

- Aristotle

Democracy arose from men's thinking that if they are equal in any respect, they are equal absolutely.

- Aristotle

Without friends, no one would want to live, even if he had all other goods.

- Aristotle

Wishing to be friends is quick work, but friendship is a slow-ripening fruit.

- Aristotle

A true friend is one soul in two bodies.

- Aristotle

To the query, What is a friend? his reply was A single soul dwelling in two bodies.

- Aristotle

In poverty and other misfortunes of life, true friends are a sure refuge. The young they keep out of mischief; to the old they are a comfort and aid in their weakness, and those in the prime of life they incite to noble deeds.

- Aristotle

There is no great genius without a mixture of madness.

- Aristotle

For what is the best choice, for each individual is the highest it is possible for him to achieve.

- Aristotle

First, have a definite, clear practical ideal; a goal, an objective. Second, have the necessary means to achieve your ends; wisdom, money, materials, and methods. Third, adjust all your means to that end.

- Aristotle

It is easy to perform a good action, but not easy to acquire a settled habit of performing such actions.

- Aristotle

We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit.

- Aristotle

It is well to be up before daybreak, for such habits contribute to health, wealth, and wisdom.

- Aristotle

Hope is a waking dream.

- Aristotle

In this theater of man's life, it is reserved only for God and angels to be lookers-on.

- Pythagoras

All change is not growth; all movement is not forward.

- Glasgow, Ellen

It's a little like wrestling a gorilla. You don't quit when you're tired, you quit when the gorilla is tired.

- Strauss, Robert

Bear in mind, if you are going to amount to anything, that your success does not depend upon the brilliance and the impetuosity with which you take hold, but upon the ever lasting and sanctified bull doggedness with which you hang on after you have taken hold.

- Meldrum, Dr. A. B.

Age does not depend upon years, but upon temperament and health. Some men are born old, and some never grow up.

- Edwards, Tryon

Some men are born old, and some men never seem so. If we keep well and cheerful, we are always young and at last die in youth even when in years would count as old.

- Edwards, Tryon

Thoughts lead on to purposes; purposes go forth in action; actions form habits; habits decide character; and character fixes our destiny.

- Edwards, Tryon

Doubt, indulged and cherished, is in danger of becoming denial; but if honest, and bent on thorough investigation, it may soon lead to full establishment of the truth.

- Edwards, Tryon

To waken interest and kindle enthusiasm is the sure way to teach easily and successfully.

- Edwards, Tryon

Science has sometimes been said to be opposed to faith, and inconsistent with it. But all science, in fact, rests on a basis of faith, for it assumes the permanence and uniformity of natural laws -- a thing which can never be demonstrated.

- Edwards, Tryon

Right actions in the future are the best apologies for bad actions in the past.

- Edwards, Tryon

Accuracy of statement is one of the first elements of truth; inaccuracy is a near kin to falsehood.

- Edwards, Tryon

Facts are God's arguments; we should be careful never to misunderstand or pervert them.

- Edwards, Tryon

Any act often repeated soon forms a habit; and habit allowed, steady gains in strength, At first it may be but as a spider's web, easily broken through, but if not resisted it soon binds us with chains of steel.

- Edwards, Tryon

Happiness is like manna; it is to be gathered in grains, and enjoyed every day. It will not keep; it cannot be accumulated; nor have we got to go out of ourselves or into remote places to gather it, since it has rained down from a Heaven, at our very door

- Edwards, Tryon

To rule one's anger is well; to prevent it is better.

- Edwards, Tryon

Anxiety is the poison of human life; the parent of many sins and of more miseries. In a world where everything is doubtful, and where we may be disappointed, and be blessed in disappointment, why this restless stir and commotion of mind? Can it alter the cause, or unravel the mystery of human events?

- Edwards, Tryon

He that never changes his opinion never corrects mistakes and will never be wiser on the morrow than he is today.

- Edwards, Tryon

Sinful and forbidden pleasures are like poisoned bread; they may satisfy appetite for the moment, but there is death in them at the end.

- Edwards, Tryon

People never improve unless they look to some standard or example higher or better than themselves.

- Edwards, Tryon

We should be as careful of the books we read, as of the company we keep. The dead very often have more power than the living.

- Edwards, Tryon

Never be so brief as to become obscure.

- Edwards, Tryon

Between two evils, choose neither; between two goods, choose both.

- Edwards, Tryon

Compromise is but the sacrifice of one right or good in the hope of retaining another -- too often ending in the loss of both.

- Edwards, Tryon

To rejoice in another's prosperity is to give content to your lot; to mitigate another's grief is to alleviate or dispel your own.

- Edwards, Tryon

Credulity is belief in slight evidence, with no evidence, or against evidence.

- Edwards, Tryon

Most of our censure of others is only oblique praise of self, uttered to show the wisdom and superiority of the speaker. It has all the invidiousness of self-praise, and all the ill-desert of falsehood.

- Edwards, Tryon

Hell is truth seen too lateduty neglected in its season.

- Edwards, Tryon

If you would know anything thoroughly, teach it to others.

- Edwards, Tryon

The first step to improvement, whether mental, moral, or religious, is to know ourselves--our weakness,errors, deficiencies, and sins, that, by divine grace, we may overcome and turn from them all.

- Edwards, Tryon

He who trims himself to suit everyone will soon whittle himself away.

- Hull, Raymond

Security... it's simply the recognition that changes will take place and the knowledge that you're willing to deal with whatever happens.

- Browne, Harry

When you know that you're capable of dealing with whatever comes, you have the only security the world has to offer.

- Browne, Harry

You don't need an explanation for everything, Recognize that there are such things as miracles -- events for which there are no ready explanations. Later knowledge may explain those events quite easily.

- Browne, Harry

You are where you are today because you've chosen to be there.

- Browne, Harry

Character is like a tree and reputation like its shadow. The shadow is what we think of it; the tree is the real thing.

- Lincoln, Abraham

It is well for the world that in most of us, by the age of thirty, the character has set like plaster, and will never soften again.

- James, William

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

- Horace

Adversity has the effect of eliciting talents, which in prosperous circumstances would have lain dormant.

- Horace

A good scare is worth more than good advice.

- Horace

He who has made it a practice to lie and deceive his father, will be the most daring in deceiving others.

- Horace

How great, my friends, is the virtue of living upon a little!

- Horace

What we learn only through the ears makes less impression upon our minds than what is presented to the trustworthy eye.

- Horace

Mix a little foolishness with your serious plans. It is lovely to be silly at the right moment.

- Horace

Fortune makes a fool of those she favors too much.

- Horace

Who then is free? The one who wisely is lord of themselves, who neither poverty, death or captivity terrify, who is strong to resist his appetites and shun honors, and is complete in themselves smooth and round like a globe.

- Horace

Who then is free? The wise man who can govern himself.

- Horace

He gains everyone's approval who mixes the pleasant with the useful.

- Horace

Help a man against his will and you do the same as murder him.

- Horace

Begin, be bold and venture to be wise.

- Horace

Gold will be slave or master.

- Horace

To have a great man for a friend seems pleasant to those who have never tried it; those who have, fear it.

- Horace

A jest often decides matters of importance more effectual and happily than seriousness.

- Horace

Undeservedly you will atone for the sins of your fathers.

- Horace

A good and faithful judge ever prefers the honorable to the expedient.

- Horace

Knowledge without education is but armed injustice.

- Horace

He has not lived badly whose birth and death has been unnoticed by the world.

- Horace

Anger is a momentary madness, so control your passion or it will control you.

- Horace

Why harass with eternal purposes a mind to weak to grasp them?

- Horace

The man is either mad, or he is making verses.

- Horace

No poems can please for long or live that are written by water-drinkers.

- Horace

A picture is a poem without words.

- Horace

Seize the day.

- Horace

The power of daring anything their fancy suggest, as always been conceded to the painter and the poet.

- Horace

He who has begun has half done. Dare to be wise; begin.

- Horace

Many heroes lived before Agamemnon; but all are unknown and unwept, extinguished in everlasting night, because they have no spirited chronicler.

- Horace

I strive to be brief, and I become obscure.

- Horace

Those who cross the sea change only the climate, not their character.

- Horace

Wisdom is not wisdom when it is derived from books alone.

- Horace

A word once uttered can never be recalled.

- Horace

Let your literary compositions be kept from the public eye for nine years.

- Horace

I shall not wholly die, and a great part of me will escape the grave.

- Horace

Pale death with an impartial foot knocks at the hovels of the poor and the palaces of king.

- Horace

The poets aim is either to profit or to please, or to blend in one the delightful and the useful. Whatever the lesson you would convey, be brief, that your hearers may catch quickly what is said and faithfully retain it. Every superfluous word is spilled from the too-full memory.

- Horace

Death may be the greatest of all human blessings.

- Socrates

The hour of departure has arrived and we go our ways; I to die, and you to live. Which is better? Only God knows.

- Socrates

To fear death, my friends, is only to think ourselves wise, without being wise: for it is to think that we know what we do not know. For anything that men can tell, death may be the greatest good that can happen to them: but they fear it as if they knew quite well that it was the greatest of evils. And what is this but that shameful ignorance of thinking that we know what we do not know?

- Socrates

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

Life contains but two tragedies. One is not to get your heart's desire; the other is to get it.

- Socrates

The fewer our wants the more we resemble the Gods.

- Socrates

Crito, I owe a cock to Asclepius; will you remember to pay the debt?

- Socrates

Once made equal to man, woman becomes his superior.

- Socrates

Worthless people love only to eat and drink; people of worth eat and drink only to live.

- Socrates

Be slow to fall into friendship; but when thou art in, continue firm and constant.

- Socrates

No man undertakes a trade he has not learned, even the meanest; yet everyone thinks himself sufficiently qualified for the hardest of all trades, that of government.

- Socrates

The unexamined life is not worth living.

- Socrates

Call no man unhappy until he is married.

- Socrates

I am not an Athenian, nor a Greek, but a citizen of the world.

- Socrates

Let him that would move the world, first move himself.

- Socrates

The comic and the tragic lie inseparably close, like light and shadow.

- Socrates

One thing only I know, and that is that I know nothing.

- Socrates

The end of life is to be like God, and the soul following God will be like Him.

- Socrates

An unexamined life is not worth living.

- Socrates

In childhood be modest, in youth temperate, in adulthood just, and in old age prudent.

- Socrates

Nature has given us two ears, two eyes, and but one tongue-to the end that we should hear and see more than we speak.

- Socrates

By all means marry. If you get a good wife you will become happy, and if you get a bad one you will become a philosopher.

- Socrates

See one promontory, one mountain, one sea, one river and see all.

- Socrates

I only wish that ordinary people had an unlimited capacity for doing harm; then they might have an unlimited power for doing good.

- Socrates

Our prayers should be for blessings in general, for God knows best what is good for us.

- Socrates

Know thyself.

- Socrates

True wisdom comes to each of us when we realize how little we understand about life, ourselves, and the world around us.

- Socrates

The children now love luxury; they have bad manners, contempt for authority; they show disrespect for elders and love chatter in place of exercise. Children are now tyrants, not the servants of their households. They no longer rise when elders enter the room. They contradict their parents, chatter before company, gobble up dainties at the table, cross their legs, and tyrannize their teachers.

- Socrates

Do not be angry with me if I tell you the truth

- Socrates

Naturam rerum cognoscere primum. "First know the nature of things" or "Get your facts straight first".

- Socrates

You are the music while the music lasts.

- Eliot, T. S.

City people try to buy time as a rule, when they can, whereas country people are prepared to kill time, although both try to cherish in their mind's eye the notion of a better life ahead.

- Hoagland, Edward

So much of our time is spent in preparation, so much in routine, and so much in retrospect, that the amount of each person's genius is confined to a very few hours.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

One of the illusions of life is that the present hour is not the critical, decisive hour. Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year. No man has learned anything rightly, until he knows that every day is Doomsday.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

Leadership is not a position. You are not a leader because you have the title of manager. Leadership is something that we earn from followers on a day to day basis.

- The EMS Manager Newsletter

Humility leads to strength and not to weakness. It is the highest form of self-respect to admit mistakes and to make amends for them.

- Mccloy, John (Jay)

The first test of a truly great man is his humility. By humility I don't mean doubt of his powers or hesitation in speaking his opinion, but merely an understanding of the relationship of what he can say and what he can do.

- Ruskin, John

Management is doing things right; leadership is doing the right things.

- Drucker, Peter F.

You do not lead by hitting people over the head -- that's assault, not leadership.

- Eisenhower, Dwight D.

Love is rarer than genius itself. And friendship is rarer than love.

- Peguy, Charles

We grow neither better or worse as we get old, but more like ourselves.

- Becker, May L.

The poetry of heroism appeals irresistibly to those who don't go to a war, and even more to those whom the war is making enormously wealthy. It's always so.

- Celine, Louis-Ferdinand

To hell with reality! I want to die in music, not in reason or in prose. People don't deserve

the restraint we show by not going into delirium in front of them. To hell with them!

- Celine, Louis-Ferdinand

People seldom do what they believe in. They do what is convenient, then repent.

- Dylan, Bob

O sleep, O gentle sleep, nature's soft nurse, how have I frightened thee, that thou no more wilt weigh my eye-lids down and steep my senses in forgetfulness?

- Shakespeare, William

Come, let's have one other gaudy night. Call to me. All my sad captains. Fill our bowls once more. Let's mock the midnight bell.

- Shakespeare, William

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

- Camus, Albert

We get into the habit of living before acquiring the habit of thinking. In that race which daily hastens us towards death, the body maintains its irreparable lead.

- Camus, Albert

Life begins on the other side of despair.

- Sartre, Jean-Paul

Freedom is what you do with what's been done to you.

- Sartre, Jean-Paul

If you are lonely when you are alone, you are in bad company.

- Sartre, Jean-Paul

Hearty laughter is a good way to jog internally without having to go outdoors.

- Cousins, Norman

A library is the delivery room for the birth of ideas, a place where history comes to life.

- Cousins, Norman

The eternal quest of the human being is to shatter his loneliness.

- Cousins, Norman

The sense of paralysis proceeds not so much out of the mammoth size of the problem but out of the puniness of the purpose.

- Cousins, Norman

The capacity for hope is the most significant fact of life. It provides human beings with a sense of destination and the energy to get started.

- Cousins, Norman

It makes little difference how many university courses or degrees a person may own. If he cannot use words to move an idea from one point to another, his education is incomplete.

- Cousins, Norman

We in America have everything we need except the most important thing of all-time to think and the habit of thought.

- Cousins, Norman

Man is not imprisoned by habit. Great changes in him can be wrought by crisis -- once that crisis can be recognized and understood.

- Cousins, Norman

War is an invention of the human mind. The human mind can invent peace with justice.

- Cousins, Norman

If you've seen one redwood, you've seen them all.

- Reagan, Ronald

I recently learned something quite interesting about video games. Many young people have developed incredible hand, eye, and brain coordination in playing these games. The air force believes these kids will be our outstanding pilots should they fly our jets.

- Reagan, Ronald

Government is like a baby. An alimentary canal with a big appetite at one end and no sense of responsibility at the other.

- Reagan, Ronald

Governments tend not to solve problems, only to rearrange them.

- Reagan, Ronald

Today, if you invent a better mousetrap, the government comes along with a better mouse.

- Reagan, Ronald

If we love our country, we should also love our countrymen.

- Reagan, Ronald

Surround yourself with the best people you can find, delegate authority, and don't interfere.

- Reagan, Ronald

Abortion is advocated only by persons who have themselves been born.

- Reagan, Ronald

Politics is supposed to be the second oldest profession. I have come to realize that it

bears a very close resemblance to the first.

- Reagan, Ronald

Approximately 80 % of our air pollution stems from hydrocarbons released by vegetation, so let's not go overboard in setting and enforcing tough emission standards from man-made sources.

- Reagan, Ronald

What we have found in this country, and maybe we're more aware of it now, is one problem that we've had, even in the best of times, and that is the people who are sleeping on the grates, the homeless, you might say, by choice.

- Reagan, Ronald

Recession is when a neighbor loses his job. Depression is when you lose yours.

- Reagan, Ronald

Status quo, you know, that is Latin for the mess we're in.

- Reagan, Ronald

No government ever voluntarily reduces itself in size. Government programs, once launched, never disappear. Actually, a government bureau is the nearest thing to eternal life we'll ever see on this earth!

- Reagan, Ronald

Unemployment insurance is a pre-paid vacation for freeloaders.

- Reagan, Ronald

It's true hard work never killed anybody, but I figure, why take the chance?

- Reagan, Ronald

It is better to be unfaithful than faithful without wanting to be.

- Bardot, Brigitte

If there is a wrong way to do something, then someone will do it.

- Murphy's Law, (Edward A. Murphy, Jr.)

A man is happy so long as he chooses to be happy and nothing can stop him.

- Solzhenitsyn, Alexander

Not everything has a name. Some things lead us into a realm beyond words.

- Solzhenitsyn, Alexander

You only have power over people so long as you don't take everything away from them. But when you've robbed a man of everything he's no longer in your power -- he's free again.

- Solzhenitsyn, Alexander

It is important to our friends to believe that we are unreservedly frank with them, and important to friendship that we are not.

- McLaughlin, Mignon

Life is partly what we make it, and partly what it is made by the friends we choose.

- Hsieh, Tehyi

When all is said and done, friendship is the only trustworthy fabric of the affections. So-called love is a delirious inhuman state of mind: when hot it substitutes indulgence for fair play; when cold it is cruel, but friendship is warmth in cold, firm ground in a bog.

- Franklin, Miles

One friend in a lifetime is much, two are many, three are hardly possible. Friendship needs a certain parallelism of life, a community of thought, a rivalry of aim.

- Adams, Henry Brooks

The secret of happiness is to admire without desiring.

- Bradley, Francis H.

The only way God could impose peace on the world would be to robotize our wills and rob every human being of the power of choice. He has not chosen to do that. He has given every person a free will.

- Haggai, John

When the sword of rebellion is drawn, the sheath should be thrown away.

- Proverb, English

By trying we can easily learn to endure adversity. Another man's, I mean.

- Twain, Mark

We owe a deep debt of gratitude to Adam, the first great benefactor of the human race: he brought death into the world.

- Twain, Mark

The rule is perfect: in all matters of opinion our adversaries are insane.

- Twain, Mark

He has been a doctor a year now and has had two patients, no, three, I think -- yes, it was three; I attended their funerals.

- Twain, Mark

Do something every day that you don't want to do. This is the golden rule for acquiring the habit of doing your duty without pain.

- Twain, Mark

I have never let my schooling interfere with my education.

- Twain, Mark

I believe that our Heavenly Father invented man because he was disappointed in the monkey.

- Twain, Mark

I have never taken any exercise except sleeping and resting.

- Twain, Mark

We should be careful to get out of an experience only the wisdom that is in it -- and stop there; lest we be like the cat that sits down on a hot stove-lid. She will never sit down on a hot stove-lid again -- and that is well; but also she will never sit down on a cold one anymore.

- Twain, Mark

Get your facts first, and then you can distort them as much as you please.

- Twain, Mark

Faith is believing what you know ain't so.

- Twain, Mark

Familiarity breeds contempt; and children.

- Twain, Mark

Adam was the luckiest man; he had no mother-in-law.

- Twain, Mark

I was young and foolish then; now I am old and foolisher.

- Twain, Mark

It is better to keep your mouth closed and let people think you are a fool than to open it and remove all doubt.

- Twain, Mark

Forget and forgive. This is not difficult when properly understood. It means forget inconvenient duties, then forgive yourself for forgetting. By rigid practice and stern determination, it comes easy.

- Twain, Mark

Forgiveness is the fragrance the violet sheds on the heel that has crushed it.

- Twain, Mark

Fortune knocks at every man's door once in a life, but in a good many cases the man is in a neighboring saloon and does not hear her.

- Twain, Mark

It is by the goodness of God that in our country we have those three unspeakably precious things: freedom of speech, freedom of conscience, and the prudence never to practice either.

- Twain, Mark

Good friends, good books and a sleepy conscience: this is the ideal life. The conviction of the rich that the poor are happier is no more foolish than the conviction of the poor that the rich are.

- Twain, Mark

Grief can take care of itself; but to get the full value of a joy you must have somebody to divide it with.

- Twain, Mark

The holy passion of friendship is of so sweet and steady and loyal and enduring a nature that it will last through a whole lifetime, if not asked to lend money.

- Twain, Mark

Where a blood relation sobs, an intimate friend should choke up, a distant acquaintance should sigh, a stranger should merely fumble sympathetically with his handkerchief.

- Twain, Mark

I did not attend his funeral; but I wrote a nice letter saying I approved of it. [About a politician who had recently died]

- Twain, Mark

Let us not be too particular; it is better to have old secondhand diamonds than none at all.

- Twain, Mark

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

The older we grow the greater becomes our wonder at how much ignorance one can contain without bursting one's clothes.

- Twain, Mark

When your friends begin to flatter you on how young you look, it's a sure sign you're getting old.

- Twain, Mark

A man cannot be made comfortable without his own approval.

- Twain, Mark

Water, taken in moderation, cannot hurt anybody.

- Twain, Mark

Keep away from small people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can become great.

- Twain, Mark

In Boston they ask, How much does he know? In New York, How much is he worth? In Philadelphia, Who were his parents?

- Twain, Mark

Good breeding consists in concealing how much we think of ourselves and how little we think of the other person.

- Twain, Mark

We have the best government that money can buy.

- Twain, Mark

Damn the subjunctive. It brings all our writers to shame.

- Twain, Mark

If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous, he will not bite you; that is the principal difference between a dog and a man.

- Twain, Mark

A habit cannot be tossed out the window; it must be coaxed down the stairs a step at a time.

- Twain, Mark

Habit is habit, and not to be flung out of the window by any man, but coaxed downstairs a step at a time.

- Twain, Mark

Happiness ain't a thing in itself --it's only a contrast with something that ain't pleasant. And so, as soon as the novelty is over and the force of the contrast dulled, it ain't happiness any longer, and you have to get something fresh.

- Twain, Mark

Be careful about reading health books. You may die of a misprint.

- Twain, Mark

Heaven goes by favor; if it went by merit, you would stay out and your dog would go in.

- Twain, Mark

History is strewn thick with evidence that a truth is not hard to kill, but a lie, well told, is immortal.

- Twain, Mark

There is a great deal of human nature in people.

- Twain, Mark

Man is a creature made at the end of the week's work when God was tired.

- Twain, Mark

The secret source of humor itself is not joy but sorrow. There is no humor in heaven.

- Twain, Mark

Humor must not professedly teach and it must not professedly preach, but it must do both if it would live forever.

- Twain, Mark

A crank is someone with a new idea -- until it catches on.

- Twain, Mark

In the first place God made idiots. This was for practice. Then he made School Boards.

- Twain, Mark

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

Let us consider that we are all partially insane. It will explain us to each other; it will unriddle many riddles; it will make clear and simple many things which are involved in haunting and harassing difficulties and obscurities now.

- Twain, Mark

When we remember that we are all mad, the mysteries disappear and life stands explained.

- Twain, Mark

Monarchies, aristocracies, and religions are all based upon that large defect in your race -- the individual's distrust of his neighbor, and his desire, for safety's or comfort's sake, to stand well in his neighbor's eye. These institutions will always remain, and always flourish, and always oppress you, affront you, and degrade you, because you will always be and remain slaves of minorities. There was never a country where the majority of the people were in their secret hearts loyal to any of these institutions.

- Twain, Mark

The fact that man knows right from wrong proves his intellectual superiority to the other creatures; but the fact that he can do wrong proves his moral inferiority to any creatures that cannot.

- Twain, Mark

Accident is the name of the greatest of all inventors.

- Twain, Mark

True irreverence is disrespect for another man's god.

- Twain, Mark

In the real world, nothing happens at the right place at the right time. It is the job of journalists and historians to correct that.

- Twain, Mark

We have not the reverent feeling for the rainbow that a savage has, because we know how it is made. We have lost as much as we gained by prying into that matter.

- Twain, Mark

The trouble with the world is not that people know too little, but that they know so many things that ain't so.

- Twain, Mark

A man who carries a cat by the tail learns something he can learn in no other way.

- Twain, Mark

That which is so universal as death must be a benefit.

- Schiller, Johann Friedrich Von

Happy he who learns to bear what he cannot change.

- Schiller, Johann Friedrich Von

Of all the possessions of this life fame is the noblest; when the body has sunk into the dust the great name still lives.

- Schiller, Johann Friedrich Von

Where there is much freedom there is much error.

- Schiller, Johann Friedrich Von

Friends show me what I can do, foes teach me what I should do.

- Schiller, Johann Friedrich Von

The future comes slowly, the present flies and the past stands still forever.

- Schiller, Johann Friedrich Von

The lamp of genius burns quicker than the lamp of life.

- Schiller, Johann Friedrich Von

While the womanly god demands our veneration, the godlike woman kindles our love; but while we allow ourselves to melt in the celestial loveliness, the celestial self-sufficiency holds us back in awe.

- Schiller, Johann Friedrich Von

Grace is the beauty of form under the influence of freedom.

- Schiller, Johann Friedrich Von

Historians are prophets with their face turned backward.

- Schiller, Johann Friedrich Von

There is room in the smallest cottage for a happy loving pair.

- Schiller, Johann Friedrich Von

Mankind is made great or little by its own will.

- Schiller, Johann Friedrich Von

Posterity weaves no garlands for imitators.

- Schiller, Johann Friedrich Von

The jest loses its point when he who makes it is the first to laugh.

- Schiller, Johann Friedrich Von

The average estimate themselves by what they do, the above average by what they are.

- Schiller, Johann Friedrich Von

The voice of the majority is no proof of justice.

- Schiller, Johann Friedrich Von

Opposition always enflames the enthusiast, never converts him.

- Schiller, Johann Friedrich Von

Only those who have the patience to do simple things perfectly will acquire the skill to do difficult things easily.

- Schiller, Johann Friedrich Von

Measure not by the scale of perfection the meager product of reality.

- Schiller, Johann Friedrich Von

He who considers too much will perform little.

- Schiller, Johann Friedrich Von

The brave person thinks of themselves last of all.

- Schiller, Johann Friedrich Von

To succeed in the other trades, capacity must be shown; in the law, concealment of it will do.

- Twain, Mark

We have a criminal jury system which is superior to any in the world; and its efficiency is only marred by the difficulty of finding twelve men every day who don't know anything and can't read.

- Twain, Mark

A lie can run around the world six times while the truth is still trying to put on its pants.

- Twain, Mark

I have a higher and grander standard of principle than George Washington. He could not lie; I can, but I won t.

- Twain, Mark

One of the striking differences between a cat and a lie is that the cat has only nine lives.

- Twain, Mark

When angry, count four; when very angry, swear.

- Twain, Mark

Nothing that grieves us can be called little: by the eternal laws of proportion a child's loss of a doll and a king's loss of a crown are events of the same size.

- Twain, Mark

Whenever you find that you are on the side of the majority, it is time to reform.

- Twain, Mark

The highest perfection of politeness is only a beautiful edifice, built, from the base to the dome, of ungraceful and gilded forms of charitable and unselfish lying.

- Twain, Mark

Both marriage and death ought to be welcome: The one promises happiness, doubtless the other assures it.

- Twain, Mark

Martyrdom covers a multitude of sins.

- Twain, Mark

Any so-called material thing that you want is merely a symbol: you want it not for itself, but because it will content your spirit for the moment.

- Twain, Mark

When I was younger, I could remember anything, whether it had happened or not.

- Twain, Mark

If you are speaking the truth you don't have to remember anything.

- Twain, Mark

Temperate temperance is best; intemperate temperance injures the cause of temperance.

- Twain, Mark

The man who is ostentatious of his modesty is twin to the statue that wears a fig-leaf.

- Twain, Mark

The lack of money is the root of all evils.

- Twain, Mark

His money is twice tainted: taint yours and taint mine.

- Twain, Mark

My mother had a great deal of trouble with me, but I think she enjoyed it.

- Twain, Mark

France has neither winter nor summer nor morals. Apart from these drawbacks it is a fine country.

- Twain, Mark

Switzerland is simply a large, lumpy, solid rock with a thin skin of grass stretched over it.

- Twain, Mark

Warm summer sun, shine kindly here. Warm southern wind, blow softly here. Green sod above, lie light, lie light. Good night, dear Heart, Good night, good night.

- Twain, Mark

Obscurity and competence: That is the life that is worth living.

- Twain, Mark

There is no sadder sight than a young pessimist, except an old optimist.

- Twain, Mark

What a good thing Adam had. When he said a good thing, he knew nobody had said it before.

- Twain, Mark

A soiled baby, with a neglected nose, cannot be conscientiously regarded as a thing of beauty.

- Twain, Mark

A banker is a fellow who lends his umbrella when the sun is shining and wants it back the minute it begins to rain.

- Twain, Mark

He liked to like people, therefore people liked him.

- Twain, Mark

Under certain circumstances, profanity provides a relief denied even to prayer.

- Twain, Mark

You can't pray a lie.

- Twain, Mark

Few sinners are saved after the first twenty minutes of a sermon.

- Twain, Mark

To do something, say something, see something, before anybody else -- these are things that confer a pleasure compared with which other pleasures are tame and commonplace, other ecstasies cheap and trivial.

- Twain, Mark

I find that principles have no real force except when one is well fed.

- Twain, Mark

Never put off until tomorrow what you can do the day after tomorrow.

- Twain, Mark

When you ascend the hill of prosperity, may you not meet a friend.

- Twain, Mark

Nothing so needs reforming as other people's habits.

- Twain, Mark

It is a good and gentle religion, but inconvenient.

- Twain, Mark

Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest.

- Twain, Mark

It is a good idea to obey all the rules when you're young just so you'll have the strength to break them when you're old.

- Twain, Mark

Everyone is like a moon, and has a dark side which he never shows to anybody.

- Twain, Mark

Wrinkles should merely indicate where smiles have been.

- Twain, Mark

If you have nothing to say, say nothing.

- Twain, Mark

There are two times in a man's life when he should not speculate: when he can't afford it, and when he can.

- Twain, Mark

There are lies, damned lies, and statistics.

- Twain, Mark

We need not worry so much about what man descends from; it's what he descends to that shames the human race.

- Twain, Mark

There was never yet an uninteresting life. Such a thing is an impossibility. Inside of the dullest exterior there is a drama, a comedy, and a tragedy.

- Twain, Mark

Write on my gravestone: Infidel, Traitor.--infidel to every church that compromises with wrong; traitor to every government that oppresses the people.

- Phillips, Wendell

Christianity is a battle not a dream.

- Phillips, Wendell

Many know how to flatter, few know how to praise.

- Phillips, Wendell

The best education in the world is that got by struggling to get a living.

- Phillips, Wendell

The advice of the elders to young men is very apt to be as unreal as a list of the hundred best books.

- Holmes, Oliver Wendell

To be seventy years young is sometimes far more cheerful and hopeful than to be forty years old.

- Holmes, Oliver Wendell

A person is always startled when he hears himself called old for the first time.

- Holmes, Oliver Wendell

To have doubted one's own first principles is the mark of a civilized man.

- Holmes, Oliver Wendell

Even the wisest woman you talk to is ignorant of something you may know, but an elegant woman never forgets her elegance.

- Holmes, Oliver Wendell

Apology is only egotism wrong side out.

- Holmes, Oliver Wendell

The greatest act of faith is when a man understands he is not God.

- Holmes, Oliver Wendell

Don't flatter yourself that friendship authorizes you to say disagreeable things to your intimates. The nearer you come into relation with a person, the more necessary do tact and courtesy become.

- Holmes, Oliver Wendell

The world is always ready to receive talent with open arms. Very often it does not know what to do with genius.

- Holmes, Oliver Wendell

Experience is a good teacher, but she sends in terrific bills.

- Antrim, Minna

Between flattery and admiration there often flows a river of contempt.

- Antrim, Minna

The Green-eyed Monster causes much woe, but the absence of this ugly serpent argues the presence of a corpse whose name is Eros.

- Antrim, Minna

An epigram is a flashlight of a truth; a witticism, truth laughing at itself.

- Antrim, Minna

When a woman is very, very bad, she is awful, but when a man is correspondingly good, he is weird.

- Antrim, Minna

Man forgives women anything save the wit to outwit him.

- Antrim, Minna

A homely face and no figure have aided many women heavenward.

- Antrim, Minna

Many might go to Heaven with half the labor they go to hell.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

I only go out to get me a fresh appetite for being alone.

- Byron, Lord

An enormous part of our mature experience cannot not be expressed in words.

- Whitehead, Alfred North

Familiar things happen, and mankind does not bother about them. It requires a very unusual mind to undertake the analysis of the obvious.

- Whitehead, Alfred North

The vitality of thought is in adventure. Ideas won't keep. Something must be done about them. When the idea is new, its custodians have fervor, live for it, and if need be, die for it.

- Whitehead, Alfred North

Intelligence is quickness to apprehend as distinct form ability, which is capacity to act wisely on the thing apprehended.

- Whitehead, Alfred North

Philosophy is the product of wonder.

- Whitehead, Alfred North

Seek simplicity but distrust it.

- Whitehead, Alfred North

We think in generalities, but we live in detail.

- Whitehead, Alfred North

What is morality in any given time or place? It is what the majority then and there happen to like, and immorality is what they dislike.

- Whitehead, Alfred North

The deepest definition of youth is life as yet untouched by tragedy.

- Whitehead, Alfred North

Without adventure civilization is in full decay.

- Whitehead, Alfred North

Common sense is genius in homespun.

- Whitehead, Alfred North

Simple solutions seldom are. It takes a very unusual mind to undertake analysis of the obvious.

- Whitehead, Alfred North

The worst thing that happens to you may be the best thing for you if you don't let it get the best of you.

- Rogers, Will

One ad is worth more to a paper than forty editorials.

- Rogers, Will

Don't gamble; take all your savings and buy some good stock and hold it till it goes up. If it don't go up, don't buy it.

- Rogers, Will

He that gives good advice, builds with one hand; he that gives good counsel and example, builds with both; but he that gives good admonition and bad example, builds with one hand and pulls down with the other.

- Bacon, Francis

Old wood best to burn, old wine to drink, old friends to trust, and old authors to read.

- Bacon, Francis

The desire of excessive power caused the angels to fall; the desire of knowledge caused men to fall.

- Bacon, Francis

In contemplation, if a man begins with certainties he shall end in doubts; but if he be content to begin with doubts, he shall end in certainties.

- Bacon, Francis

Philosophy when superficially studied, excites doubt, when thoroughly explored, it dispels

it.

- Bacon, Francis

Men fear death as children fear to go in the dark; and as that natural fear in children is increased with tales, so is the other.

- Bacon, Francis

This is certain, that a man that studieth revenge keeps his wounds green, which otherwise would heal and do well.

- Bacon, Francis

Without friends the world is but a wilderness. There is no man that imparteth his joys to his friends, but he joyeth the more; and no man that imparteth his grieves to his friend, but he grieveth the less.

- Bacon, Francis

The worst solitude is to have no real friendships.

- Bacon, Francis

God almighty first planted a garden: and, indeed, it is the purest of human pleasure.

- Bacon, Francis

Houses are built to live in, and not to look on: therefore let use be preferred before

uniformity.

- Bacon, Francis

Hope is a good breakfast but a bad supper.

- Bacon, Francis

Our humanity is a poor thing, except for the divinity that stirs within us.

- Bacon, Francis

Imagination was given man to compensate for what he is not, and a sense of humor to console him for what he is.

- Bacon, Francis

As the births of living creatures, at first, are ill-shapen: so are all Innovations, which are the births of time.

- Bacon, Francis

God has placed no limits to the exercise of the intellect he has given us, on this side of the grave.

- Bacon, Francis

Next to religion, let your care be to promote justice.

- Bacon, Francis

Knowledge is power.

- Bacon, Francis

Knowledge and human power are synonymous.

- Bacon, Francis

Anger makes dull men witty -- but it keeps them poor.

- Bacon, Francis

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

Wives are young men's mistresses; companions for middle age, and old men's nurses.

- Bacon, Francis

Money makes a good servant, but a bad master.

- Bacon, Francis

Money is like muck, not good except it be spread.

- Bacon, Francis

Be not penny-wise. Riches have wings. Sometimes they fly away of themselves, and sometimes they must be set flying to bring in more.

- Bacon, Francis

The French are wiser than they seem, and the Spaniards seem wiser than they are.

- Bacon, Francis

A fanatic is a man that does what he thinks the Lord would do if He knew the facts of the case.

- Dunne, Finley Peter

Alcohol is necessary for a man so that he can have a good opinion of himself, undisturbed be the facts.

- Dunne, Finley Peter

A lie with a purpose is one of the worst kind, and the most profitable.

- Dunne, Finley Peter

Comfort the afflicted, and afflict the comfortable.

- Dunne, Finley Peter

The past always looks better than it was because it isn't here.

- Dunne, Finley Peter

One of the strangest things about life is that the poor, who need the money the most, are the ones that never have it.

- Dunne, Finley Peter

Trust everybody, but cut the cards.

- Dunne, Finley Peter

Vice is a creature of such hideous mien... that the more you see it the better you like it.

- Dunne, Finley Peter

Don't jump on a man unless he is down.

- Dunne, Finley Peter

No, sir, th dimmycratic party aint on speakin terms with itsilf. Whin ye see two men with white neckties go into a sthreet car an set in opposite corners while wan mutthers Thraiter an th other hisses Miscreent ye can bet theyre two dimmycratic leaders thryin to reunite th gran ol party.

- Dunne, Finley Peter

A rayformer thinks he was ilicted because he was a rayformer, whin th thruth iv th matther is he was ilicted because no wan knew him.

- Dunne, Finley Peter

The joys of parents are secret, and so are their grieves and fears.

- Bacon, Francis

How do you know so much about everything? was asked of a very wise and intelligent man; and the answer was By never being afraid or ashamed to ask questions as to anything of which I was ignorant.

- Abbott, John

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction. [King Solomon]

- Bible

Knowledge is the small part of ignorance that we arrange and classify.

- Bierce, Ambrose

I honestly believe it is better to know nothing than to know what ain't so.

- Billings, Josh

The shortest and surest way of arriving at real knowledge is to unlearn the lessons we have been taught, to mount the first principles, and take nobody's word about them.

- Bolingbroke, Henry

Some people drink deeply from the fountain of knowledge. Others just gargle.

- Bright, Grant M.

Never mistake knowledge for wisdom. One helps you make a living; the other helps you make a life.

- Carey, Sandara

I think I could, if I only knew how to begin. For, you see, so many out-of-the-way things had happened lately that Alice had begun to think that very few things indeed were really impossible.

- Carroll, Lewis

There's a theory, one I find persuasive, that the quest for knowledge is, at bottom, the search for the answer to the question: Where was I before I was born. In the beginning was what? Perhaps, in the beginning, there was a curious room, a room like this one, crammed with wonders; and now the room and all it contains are forbidden you, although it was made just for you, had been prepared for you since time began, and you will spend all your life trying to remember it.

- Carter, Angela

Knowledge which is divorced from justice, may be called cunning rather than wisdom.

- Cicero, Marcus T.

We own almost all our knowledge not to those who have agreed but to those who have differed.

- Colton, Charles Caleb

To know is to know that you know nothing. That is the meaning of true knowledge.

- Confucius

When you know a thing, to hold that you know it; and when you do not know a thing, to allow that you do not know it--this is knowledge.

- Confucius

You can't know too much, but you can say too much.

- Coolidge, Calvin

To know all is not to forgive all. It is to despise everybody.

- Crisp, Quentin

You have to believe in God before you can say there are things that man was not meant to know. I don't think there's anything man wasn't meant to know. There are just some stupid things that people shouldn't do.

- Cronenberg, David

Knowledge of what is does not open the door directly to what should be.

- Einstein, Albert

I would have the studies elective. Scholarship is to be created not by compulsion, but by awakening a pure interest in knowledge. The wise instructor accomplishes this by opening to his pupils precisely the attractions the study has for himself. The marking is a system for schools, not for the college; for boys, not for men; and it is an ungracious work to put on a professor.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

Knowledge is a process of piling up facts; wisdom lies in their simplification.

- Fischer, Martin H.

No man can reveal to you nothing but that which already lies half-asleep in the dawning of your knowledge.

- Gibran, Kahlil

A little knowledge that acts is worth infinitely more than much knowledge that is idle.

- Gibran, Kahlil

The greater the knowledge, the greater the doubt.

- Goethe, Johann Wolfgang Von

The man who is too old to learn was probably always too old to learn.

- Haskins, Caryl

The next best thing to knowing something is knowing where to find it.

- Johnson, Samuel

More knowledge may be gained of a man's real character by a short conversation with one of his servants than from a formal and studied narrative, begun with his pedigree and ended with his funeral.

- Johnson, Samuel

The greater our knowledge increases, the greater our ignorance unfolds.

- Kennedy, John F.

He who knows only his own side of the case, knows little of that.

- Mill, John Stuart

Sin, guilt, neurosis --they are one and the same, the fruit of the tree of knowledge.

- Miller, Henry

Those who think they know it all are very annoying to those of us who do.

- Mueller, Robert K.

Far better is it to know everything of a little than a little of everything.

- Pickering

Who knows most believes least.

- Proverb

It is nothing for one to know something unless another knows you know it.

- Proverb, Persian

The less you know, the more you think you know, because you don't know you don't know.

- Stevens, Ray

I wish I knew what I know now before.

- Stewart, Rod

To know that we know what we know, and that we do not know what we do not know, that is true knowledge.

- Thoreau, Henry David

Only a fool knows everything. A wise man knows how little he knows.

- Unknown, Source

We live on an island surrounded by a sea of ignorance. As our island of knowledge grows, so does the shore of our ignorance.

- Wheeler, John Archibald

There are only two kinds of people who are really fascinating --people who know absolutely everything, and people who know absolutely nothing.

- Wilde, Oscar

You don't know how much you know until you know how much you don't know.

- Unknown

An expert is someone who knows some of the worst mistakes, which can be made, in a very narrow field.

- Bohr, Niels

Prediction is very difficult, especially about the future.

- Bohr, Niels

If anybody says he can think about quantum physics without getting giddy, that only shows he has not understood the first thing about them.

- Bohr, Niels

Technology has advanced more in the last thirty years than in the previous two thousand. The exponential increase in advancement will only continue. Anthropological Commentary The opposite of a trivial truth is false; the opposite of a great truth is also true.

- Bohr, Niels

The opposite of a correct statement is a false statement. But the opposite of a profound truth may well be another profound truth.

- Bohr, Niels

There are trivial truths and the great truths. The opposite of a trivial truth is plainly false. The opposite of a great truth is also true.

- Bohr, Niels

A true friend is someone who thinks that you are a good egg even though he knows that you are slightly cracked.

- Meltzer, Bernard

Blessed are those who give without remembering. And blessed are those who take without forgetting.

- Meltzer, Bernard

We may give without loving, but we cannot love without giving

- Meltzer, Bernard

Happiness is like a kiss. You must share it to enjoy it.

- Meltzer, Bernard

Before you speak ask yourself if what you are going to say is true, is kind, is necessary, is helpful. If the answer is no, maybe what you are about to say should be left unsaid.

- Meltzer, Bernard

Use those talents you have. You will make it. You will give joy to the world. Take this tip from nature: The woods would be a very silent place if no birds sang except those who sang best.

- Meltzer, Bernard

All marriages are happy it's living together afterwards that causes all the problems.

- Hull, Raymond

She wore far too much rouge last night and not quite enough clothes. That is always a sign of despair in a woman.

- Wilde, Oscar

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

- Wilde, Oscar

A diplomat is a man who always remembers a woman's birthday but never remembers her age.

- Frost, Robert

And were an epitaph to be my story I'd have a short one ready for my own. I would have written of me on my stone: I had a lover's quarrel with the world.

- Frost, Robert

And nothing to look backward to with pride, and nothing to look forward to with hope.

- Frost, Robert

The greatest thing in family life is to take a hint when a hint is intended -- and not to take a hint when a hint isn't intended.

- Frost, Robert

There is the fear that we shan't prove worthy in the eyes of someone who knows us at least as well as we know ourselves. That is the fear of God. And there is the fear of Man --fear that men won't understand us and we shall be cut of from them.

- Frost, Robert

A mother takes twenty years to make a man of her boy, and another woman makes a fool

of him in twenty minutes.

- Frost, Robert

The only way around is through.

- Frost, Robert

Forgive, O Lord, my little jokes on Thee and I'll forgive Thy great big one on me.

- Frost, Robert

You can be a little ungrammatical if you come from the right part of the country.

- Frost, Robert

There never was any heart truly great and generous, that was not also tender and compassionate.

- Frost, Robert

I hold it to be the inalienable right of anybody to go to hell in his own way.

- Frost, Robert

Heaven gives its glimpses only to those not in position to look too close.

- Frost, Robert

The best things and best people rise out of their separateness; I'm against a homogenized

society because I want the cream to rise.

- Frost, Robert

The jury consist of twelve persons chosen to decide who has the better lawyer.

- Frost, Robert

Love is an irresistible desire to be irresistibly desired.

- Frost, Robert

Two such as you with such a master speed cannot be parted nor be swept away from one another once you are agreed that life is only life forevermore together wing to wing and oar to oar.

- Frost, Robert

Americans are like a rich father who wishes he knew how to give his son the hardships that made him rich.

- Frost, Robert

You don't have to deserve your mother's love. You have to deserve your father s. He's more particular. The father is always a Republican towards his son, and his mother's always a Democrat.

- Frost, Robert

A poem begins as a lump in the throat, a sense of wrong, a homesickness, a lovesickness. It finds the thought and the thought finds the words.

- Frost, Robert

A poem begins in delight and ends in wisdom.

- Frost, Robert

I often say of George Washington that he was one of the few in the whole history of the world who was not carried away by power.

- Frost, Robert

What is this talked-of mystery of birth but being mounted bareback on the earth?

- Frost, Robert

No memory of having starred atones for later disregard, or keeps the end from being hard.

- Frost, Robert

Most of the change we think we see in life is due to truths being in and out of favor.

- Frost, Robert

Time and tide wait for no man, but time always stands still for a woman of 30.

- Frost, Robert

Why abandon a belief merely because it ceases to be true? Cling to it long enough and... it will turn true again, for so it goes. Most of the change we think we see in life is due to truths being in and out of favor.

- Frost, Robert

The first thing I do in the morning is to make my bed and while I am making up my bed I am making up my mind as to what kind of a day I am going to have.

- Frost, Robert

Half the world is composed of people who have something to say and can't, and the other half who have nothing to say and keep on saying it.

- Frost, Robert

I'm not confused, I'm just well mixed.

- Frost, Robert

A liberal is a man too broadminded to take his own side in a quarrel.

- Frost, Robert

Diplomats are useful only in fair weather. As soon as it rains, they drown in every drop.

- Gaulle, Charles De

When I am right, I get angry. Churchill gets angry when he is wrong. So we were often

angry at each other.

- Gaulle, Charles De

In order to become the master, the politician poses as the servant.

- Gaulle, Charles De

How can you govern a country with two hundred and forty six varieties of cheese?

- Gaulle, Charles De

Since a politician never believes what he says, he is surprised when others believe him.

- Gaulle, Charles De

I have come to the conclusion that politics is too serious a matter to be left to the politicians.

- Gaulle, Charles De

I have not placed reading before praying because I regard it more important, but because, in order to pray aright, we must understand what we are praying for.

- Grimke, Angelina

We are commanded to love God with all our minds, as well as with all our hearts, and we commit a great sin if we forbid or prevent that cultivation of the mind in others which would enable them to perform this duty.

- Grimke, Angelina

You can lead a boy to college, but you cannot make him to think.

- Hubbard, Elbert

Hatred is the madness of the heart.

- Byron, Lord

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