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The warrior fights not because he hates what is in front of him, but because he loves what is behind him.

- Chesterton, G. K.

You cannot run away from weakness; you must some time fight it out or perish; and if that be so, why not now, and where you stand?

- Stevenson, Robert Louis

If you kill enough of them, they stop fighting.

- LeMay, Curtis

Age is not important unless you're a cheese.

- Hayes, Helen

Bad taste is a species of bad morals.

- Bovee, Christian Nevell

Media is just a word that has come to mean bad journalism.

- Greene, Graham

A petty reason perhaps why novelists more and more try to keep a distance from journalists is that novelists are trying to write the truth and journalists are trying to write fiction.

- Greene, Graham

Point me out the happy man and I will point you out either egotism, selfishness, evil --or else an absolute ignorance.

- Greene, Graham

Unprovided with original learning, unformed in the habits of thinking, unskilled in the arts of composition, I resolved-to write a book.

- Gibbon, Edward

No; we have been as usual asking the wrong question. It does not matter a hoot what the mockingbird on the chimney is singing. The real and proper question is: Why is it beautiful?

- Dillard, Annie

I am a frayed and nibbled survivor in a fallen world, and I am getting along. I am aging and eaten and have done my share of eating too. I am not washed and beautiful, in control of a shining world in which everything fits, but instead am wondering awed about on a splintered wreck I've come to care for, whose gnawed trees breathe a delicate air, whose bloodied and scarred creatures are my dearest companions, and whose beauty

bats and shines not in its imperfections but overwhelmingly in spite of them...

- Dillard, Annie

I don't know what it is about fecundity that so appalls. I suppose it is the teeming evidence that birth and growth, which we value, are ubiquitous and blind, that life itself is so astonishingly cheap, that nature is as careless as it is bountiful, and that with extravagance goes a crushing waste that will one day include our own cheap lives.

- Dillard, Annie

It could be that our faithlessness is a cowering cowardice born of our very smallness, a massive failure of imagination. If we were to judge nature by common sense or likelihood, we wouldn't believe the world existed.

- Dillard, Annie

Truth can be a dangerous thing. It is quite patient and relentless.

- Richards, R. Scott

Faith must be enforced by reason. When faith becomes blind it dies.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

The words of the world want to make sentences.

- Bachelard, Gaston

They have given us into the hand of new unhappy lords. Lords without anger and honor, who dare not carry their swords. They fight by shuffling papers; they have bright dead alien eyes; They look at our labor and laughter as a tired man looks at flies.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

O, had I but followed the arts!

- Shakespeare, William

Heat cannot be separated from fire, or beauty from the eternal.

- Dante Alighieri

Consider your breed; you were not made to live like beasts, but to follow virtue and knowledge.

- Dante Alighieri

The human mind is inspired enough when it comes to inventing horrors; it is when it tries to invent a Heaven that it shows itself cloddish.

- Waugh, Evelyn

Almost all crime is due to the repressed desire for aesthetic expression.

- Waugh, Evelyn

What is youth except a man or a woman before it is ready or fit to be seen.

- Waugh, Evelyn

Saints are simply men and women who have fulfilled their natural obligation which is to approach God.

- Waugh, Evelyn

Don't give your opinions about Art and the Purpose of Life. They are of little interest and, anyway, you can't express them. Don't analyze yourself. Give the relevant facts and let your readers make their own judgments. Stick to your story. It is not the most important subject in history but it is one about which you are uniquely qualified to speak.

- Waugh, Evelyn

An artist must be a reactionary. He has to stand out against the tenor of the age and not go flopping along.

- Waugh, Evelyn

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

O, but man, proud man! Drest in a little brief authority; Most ingorant of what he's most assur'd, His glassy essence,-like an angry ape, Plays such fantastic tricks before high heaven, As make the angels weep;

- Shakespeare, William

God left the world unfinished for man to work his skill upon. He left the electricity still in the cloud, the oil still in the earth. How often we look upon God as our last and feeblest resource! We go to Him because we have nowhere else to go. And then we learn that the storms of life have driven us, not upon the rocks, but into the desired haven.

- Macdonald, George

Things are not always what they seem; the first appearance deceives many; the intelligence of a few perceives what has been carefully hidden.

- Phaedrus

You know lots of criticism is written by characters who are very academic and think it is a sign you are worthless if you make jokes or kid or even clown. I wouldn't kid Our Lord if he was on the cross. But I would attempt a joke with him if I ran into him chasing the money changers out of the temple.

- Hemingway, Ernest

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

- Hemingway, Ernest

Eschew the monumental. Shun the Epic. All the guys who can paint great big pictures can paint great small ones.

- Hemingway, Ernest

As you get older it is harder to have heroes, but it is sort of necessary.

- Hemingway, Ernest

The problem is not that there are problems. The problem is expecting otherwise and thinking that having problems is a problem.

- Rubin, Theodore I.

It is never safe to look into the future with eyes of fear.

- Harriman, Edward H.

Perhaps you say, Why are the wicked joyous? Why do they live in luxury? Why do they not toil with me? It is because they who have not put down their names to strive for the crown are not bound to undergo the labors of the contest. They who have not gone down into the race-course do not annoint themselves with oil nor get covered with dust. For those whom glory awaits trouble is at hand. The perfumed spectators are wont to look on, not to join in the struggle, nor to endure the sun, the heat, the dust, and the showers ...

- Saint Ambrose of Milan

There is no time of life past learning something.

- Ambrose, St.

All humans are hypocrites; the biggest hypocrite of all is the one who claims to detest hypocrisy.

- Wastholm, Peter

Don't bother about being modern. Unfortunately it is the one thing that, whatever you do, you cannot avoid.

- Dali, Salvador

The only difference between me and a madman is that I am not mad.

- Dali, Salvador

We are all hungry and thirsty for concrete images. Abstract art will have been good for one thing: to restore its exact virginity to figurative art.

- Dali, Salvador

There is a remedy for everything; it is called death.

- Proverb, Portuguese

Stumbling is not falling.

- Proverb, Portuguese

The truth only irritates those it enlightens, but does not convert.

- Quesnel, Pasquier

Yet who would have thought the old man to have had so much blood in him?

- Shakespeare, William

Weak minds sink under prosperity as well as adversity; but strong and deep ones have two high tides.

- Hare, David

No one but a fool is always right.

- Hare, David

The reason for the sadness of this modern age and the men who live in it is that it looks for the truth in everything and finds it.

- Goncourt, Edmond and Jules De

Creative activity could be described as a type of learning process where teacher and pupil are located in the same individual.

- Koestler, Arthur

The most persistent sound which reverberates through man's history is the beating of war

drums.

- Koestler, Arthur

Life's greatest happiness is to be convinced we are loved.

- Hugo, Victor

It is not enough for us to prostrate ourselves under the tree which is Creation, and to contemplate its tremendous branches filled with stars. We have a duty to perform, to work upon the human soul, to defend the mystery against the miracle, to worship the incomprehensible while rejecting the absurd; to accept, in the inexplicable, only what is necessary; to dispel the superstitions that surround religion --to rid God of His Maggots.

- Hugo, Victor

The Christian's chief occupational hazards are depression and discouragement.

- Stott, John R.

Faith is a reasoning trust, a trust which reckons thoughtfully and confidently upon the trustworthiness of God.

- Stott, John R.

We pay when old for the excesses of youth.

- Proverb

Faith makes a Christian. Life proves a Christian. Trial confirms a Christian. Death crowns a Christian.

- Unknown, Source

The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult; and left untried.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

Focus on competition has always been a formula for mediocrity.

- Burrus, Daniel

Why grab possessions like thieves, or divide them like socialists when you can ignore them like wise men?

- Barney, Natalie Clifford

The loveliest faces are to be seen by moonlight, when one sees half with the eye and half with the fancy.

- Proverb, Persian

He that speaks much, is much mistaken.

- Franklin, Benjamin

A just cause is not ruined by a few mistakes.

- Dostoevsky, Fyodor

Fine art, that exists for itself alone, is art in a final state of impotence. If nobody, including the artist, acknowledges art as a means of knowing the world, then art is relegated to a kind of rumpus room of the mind and the irresponsibility of the artist and the irrelevance of art to actual living becomes part and parcel of the practice of art.

- Carter, Angela

The most natural beauty in the world is honesty and moral truth. For all beauty is truth. True features make the beauty of the face; true proportions, the beauty of architecture; true measures, the beauty of harmony and music.

- Shaftesbury, Lord

Love bears it out even to the edge of doom.

- Shakespeare, William

Fear only two: God, and the man who has no fear of God.

- Proverb, Hasidic

One person with a belief is equal to a force of ninety-nine who have only interests.

- Mill, John Stuart

The worth of a State, in the long run, is the worth of the individuals composing it -- a State

which dwarfs its men, in order that they may be more docile instruments in its hands even for beneficial purposes -- will find that with small men no great thing can really be accomplished.

- Mill, John Stuart

What ever crushes individuality is despotism, no matter what name it is called.

- Mill, John Stuart

That so few now dare to be eccentric, marks the chief danger of the time.

- Mill, John Stuart

Industry is fortunes right hand, and frugality its left.

- Ray, John

A tragic situation exists precisely when virtue does not triumph but when it is still felt that man is nobler than the forces which destroy him.

- Orwell, George

To summarize the summary, people are a problem.

- Adams, Douglas

The acknowledgment of our weakness is the first step in repairing our loss.

- Kempis, Thomas

Intelligence must follow faith, never precede it. and never destroy it.

- Kempis, Thomas

Whatever you do, do it with intelligence, and keep the end in view.

- Kempis, Thomas

The enemy is more easily overcome if he be not suffered to enter the door of our hearts, but be resisted without the gate at his first knock.

- Kempis, Thomas

Activate yourself to duty by remembering your position, who you are, and what you have obliged yourself to be.

- Kempis, Thomas

To become Christ-like is the only thing in the whole world worth caring for, the thing before which every ambition of man is folly and all lower achievement vain.

- Drummond, Henry

Making a decision to have a child -- it's momentous. It is to decide forever to have your heart go walking around outside your body.

- Stone, Elizabeth

Faith is the vision of the heart; it sees God in the dark as well as in the day.

- Unknown, Source

A day spent without the sight or sound of beauty, the contemplation of mystery, or the search of truth or perfection is a poverty-stricken day; and a succession of such days is fatal to human life.

- Mumford, Lewis

As a well-spent day brings happy sleep, so a life well spent brings happy death.

- Da Vinci, Leonardo

Joy has this in common with pain, that it robs people of reason.

- Platen

Events will take their course, it is no good of being angry at them; he is happiest who wisely turns them to the best account.

- Euripides

One sword keeps another in the sheath.

- Herbert, George

Prayer does not change God, but changes him who prays.

- Kierkegaard, SÃ¸ren

The only argument against losing faith is that you also lose hope – and generally charity.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

The purpose of fighting is to win. There is no possible victory in defense. The sword is more important than the shield and skill is more important than either. The final weapon is the brain. All else is supplemental.

- Steinbeck, John

Even while I protest the assembly-line production of our food, our songs, our language, and eventually our souls, I know that it was a rare home that baked good bread in the old days. Mother's cooking was with rare exceptions poor, that good unpasteurized milk touched only by flies and bits of manure crawled with bacteria, the healthy old-time life was riddled with aches, sudden death from unknown causes, and that sweet local speech I mourn was the child of illiteracy and ignorance. It is the nature of a man as he grows older, a small bridge in time, to protest against change, particularly change for the better.

- Steinbeck, John

Read not to contradict and confute; nor to believe and take for granted; nor to find talk and discourse; but to weigh and consider.

- Bacon, Francis

Hope, the best comfort of our imperfect condition.

- Gibbon, Edward

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

- Roux, Joseph

Reason guides but a small part of man, and the rest obeys feeling, true or false, and passion, good or bad.

- Roux, Joseph

War is an ugly thing, but not the ugliest of things: the decayed and degraded state of moral and patriotic feeling which thinks nothing worth a war, is worse. A war to protect other human beings against tyrannical injustice; a war to give victory to their own ideas of right and good, and which is their own war, carried on for an honest purpose by their own free choice -- is often the means of their regeneration.

- Mill, John Stuart

There is much to be said in favor of modern journalism. By giving us the opinions of the uneducated, it keeps us in touch with the ignorance of the community. By carefully chronicling the current events of contemporary life, it shows us of what very little importance such events really are. By invariably discussing the unnecessary, it makes us understand what things are requisite for culture, and what are not.

- Wilde, Oscar

Through our sunless lanes creeps Poverty with her hungry eyes, and Sin with his sodden

face follows close behind her. Misery wakes us in the morning and Shame sits with us at night.

- Wilde, Oscar

The problem is not Republican principles. The problem is unprincipled Republicans.

- Rachel, Alfonzo

Americanism means the virtues of courage, honor, justice, truth, sincerity, and hardihoodthe virtues that made America. The things that will destroy America are prosperity-at-any-price, peace-at-any-price, safety-first instead of duty-first, the love of soft living and the get-rich-quick theory of life.

- Roosevelt, Theodore

Reconciliation should be accompanied by justice, otherwise it will not last. While we all hope for peace it shouldn't be peace at any cost but peace based on principle, on justice.

- Aquino, Maria Corazon

Peace if possible, but truth at any rate.

- Luther, Martin

If everyone is thinking alike then somebody isn't thinking.

- Patton, George S.

Despair is the only genuine atheism.

- Paul, Jean

People sleep peaceably in their beds at night only because rough men stand ready to do violence on their behalf.

- Orwell, George

The greatest pleasure is to vanquish your enemies and chase them before you, to rob them of their wealth and see those dear to them bathed in tears, to ride their horses and clasp to your bosom their wives and daughters.

- Khan, Genghis

As long as men still feel they are nothing without a call to duty, they will look for a place in the world where they find themselves excellent at something. One of those places is, and has always been, battle.

- Owen, Walter

The world has never had a good definition of the word liberty, and the American people, just now, are much in want of one. We all declare for liberty; but in using the same word we do not all mean the same thing. With some the word liberty may mean for each man to do as he pleases with himself, and the product of his labor; while with others the same word may mean for some men to do as they please with other men, and the product of other mens labor. Here are two, not only different, but incompatable things, called by the same nameliberty. And it follows that each of the things is, by the respective parties,

called by two different and incompatable namesliberty and tyranny.

- Lincoln, Abraham

A cheese may disappoint. It may be dull, it may be naive, it may be oversophisticated. Yet it remains cheese, milk's leap toward immortality.

- Fadiman, Clifton

He who begins by loving Christianity better than truth, will proceed by loving his own sect or church better than Christianity, and end in loving himself better than all.

- Coleridge, Samuel Taylor

Contempt is not a thing to be despised.

- Burke, Edmund

Education is the cheap defence of nations.

- Burke, Edmund

It is a general popular error to suppose the loudest complainers for the public to be the most anxious for its welfare.

- Burke, Edmund

I believe in Christianity as I believe in the rising sun; not because I see it, but by it I can see all else.

- Lewis, C. S.

The young leading the young, is like the blind leading the blind; they will both fall into the ditch.

- Stanhope, Philip Dormer

Like all weak men he laid an exaggerated stress on not changing one's mind.

- Maugham, W. Somerset

Stupidity is a force unto itself.

- Proverb, Latin

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