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To laugh is to risk appearing the fool. To weep is to risk appearing sentimental. To reach for another is to risk involvement. To expose your feelings is to risk exposing your true self. To place your ideas, your dreams before a crowd is to risk their loss. To love is to risk not being loved in return. To live is to risk dying. To believe is to risk despair. To try is to risk failure. But risks must be taken, because the greatest hazard in life is to risk nothing. The person who risks nothing does nothing, has nothing, is nothing. They may avoid suffering an d sorrow, but they cannot learn, feel, change, grow, love, live. Chained by their attitudes they are slaves; they have forfeited their freedom. Only a person who risks is free.

- Ward, William A.

Before you speak, listen. Before you write, think. Before you spend, earn. Before you invest, investigate. Before you criticize, wait. Before you pray, forgive. Before you quit, try. Before you retire, save. Before you die, give.

- Ward, William A.

Every great person has first learned how to obey, whom to obey, and when to obey.

- Ward, William A.

Blessed is he who has learned to admire but not envy, to follow but not imitate, to praise but not flatter, and to lead but not manipulate.

- Ward, William A.

Nature makes us poor only when we want necessaries, but custom gives the name of poverty to the want of superfluities.

- Johnson, Samuel

A politician's words reveal less about what he thinks about his subject than what he thinks about his audience.

- Will, George F.

A politician is a man who understands government and it takes a politician to run a government. A statesman is a politician who's been dead for fifteen years.

- Truman, Harry S

In politics we presume that everyone who knows how to get votes knows how to administer a city or a state. When we are ill... we do not ask for the handsomest physician, or the most eloquent one.

- Plato

If you can't stand a little sacrifice and you can't stand a trip across the desert with limited water, we're never going to straighten this country out.

- Perot, H. Ross

Although he's regularly asked to do so, God does not take sides in American politics.

- Mitchell, George J.

As in private life one differentiates between what a man thinks and says of himself and what he really is and does, so in historical struggles one must still more distinguish the language and the imaginary aspirations of parties from their real organism and their real interests, their conception of themselves from their reality.

- Marx, Karl

Successful democratic politicians are insecure and intimidated men. They advance politically only as they placate, appease, bribe, seduce, bamboozle, or otherwise manage to manipulate the demanding and threatening elements in their constituencies. The decisive consideration is not whether the proposition is good but whether it is popular -- not whether it will work well and prove itself but whether the active talking constituents like it immediately. Politicians rationalize this servitude by saying that in a democracy public men are the servants of the people.

- Lippmann, Walter

The ordinary politician has a very low estimate of human nature. In his daily life he comes into contact chiefly with persons who want to get something or to avoid something. Beyond this circle of seekers after privileges, individuals and organized minorities, he is aware of a large unorganized, indifferent mass of citizens who ask nothing in particular and rarely complain. The politician comes after a while to think that the art of politics is to satisfy the seekers after favors and to mollify the inchoate mass with noble sentiments and patriotic phrases.

- Lippmann, Walter

Ninety percent of politics is deciding whom to blame.

- Greenfield, Meg

The world is weary of statesmen whom democracy has degraded into politicians.

- Disraeli, Benjamin

A politician thinks of the next election. A statesman, of the next generation.

- Clarke, James Freeman

The problem with political jokes is they get elected.

- Cate, Henry

The history of American politics is littered with bodies of people who took so pure a position that they had no clout at all.

- Bradlee, Ben C.

Politics are usually the executive expression of human immaturity.

- Brittain, Vera

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

- Maugham, W. Somerset

You can observe a lot by just watching.

- Berra, Yogi

Night is a dead monotonous period under a roof; but in the open world it passes lightly, with its stars and dews and perfumes, and the hours are marked by changes in the face of Nature. What seems a kind of temporal death to people choked between walls and curtains, is only a light and living slumber to the man who sleeps afield.

- Stevenson, Robert Louis

I cannot walk through the suburbs in the solitude of the night without thinking that the night pleases us because it suppresses idle details, just as our memory does.

- Borges, Jorge Luis

A strong nation, like a strong person, can afford to be gentle, firm, thoughtful, and restrained. It can afford to extend a helping hand to others. It's a weak nation, like a weak person, that must behave with bluster and boasting and rashness and other signs of insecurity.

- Carter, Jimmy

The beginning of wisdom is to call things by their right names.

- Proverb, Chinese

In its purest sense, nicknaming is an elitist ritual practiced by those who cherish hierarchy. For preppies it's a smoke signal that allows Bunny to tell Pooky that they belong to the same tribe, while among the good old boys it serves the cause of masculine dominance by identifying Bear and Wrecker as Alpha males.

- King, Florence

Any child can tell you that the sole purpose of a middle name is so he can tell when he's really in trouble.

- Frakes, Dennis

Miss: A title with which we brand unmarried women to indicate that they are in the market. Miss, Misses (Mrs.) and Mister (Mr.) are the three most distinctly disagreeable words in the language, in sound and sense. Two are corruptions of Mistress, the other of Master. If we must have them, let us be consistent and give one to the unmarried man. I venture to suggest Mush, abbreviated to MH.

- Bierce, Ambrose

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

- Einstein, Albert

It is the nature of every person to error, but only the fool perseveres in error.

- Cicero, Marcus T.

Since nothing we intend is ever faultless, and nothing we attempt ever without error, and

nothing we achieve without some measure of finitude and fallibility we call humanness, we are saved by forgiveness.

- Augsburger, David

Where all think alike, no one thinks very much

- Walter Lippmann

Man's unique agony as a species consists in his perpetual conflict between the desire to stand out and the need to blend in.

- J. Harris, Sidney

Nobody can be exactly like me. Sometimes even I have trouble doing it.

- Bankhead, Tallulah

In an expanding universe, time is on the side of the outcast. Those who once inhabited the suburbs of human contempt find that without changing their address they eventually live in the metropolis.

- Crisp, Quentin

ORIGINALITY is unexplored territory. You get there by carrying a canoe -- you can't take a taxi.

- Alda, Alan

Meditation brings wisdom; lack of mediation leaves ignorance. Know well what leads you forward and what hold you back, and choose the path that leads to wisdom.

- Buddha

Still your mind in me, still yourself in me, and without a doubt you shall be united with me, Lord of Love, dwelling in your heart.

- Bhagavad Gita

The search is what anyone would undertake if he were not sunk in the everydayness of his own life. To become aware of the possibility of the search is to be onto something. Not to be onto something is to be in despair.

- Percy, Walker

Maturity: Be able to stick with a job until it is finished. Be able to bear an injustice without having to get even. Be able to carry money without spending it. Do your duty without being supervised.

- Landers, Ann

Ah, but I was so much older then, I'm younger than that now.

- Dylan, Bob

Madness is something rare in individuals -- but in groups, parties, peoples, ages it is the rule.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

In treat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God. [Ruth 1:16]

- Bible

No one worth possessing can be quite possessed.

- Teasdale, Sara

To love yourself is the beginning of a lifelong affair.

- Bana, Mervyn

The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes.

- Proust, Marcel

In times like these, it helps to recall that there have always been times like these.

- Harvey, Paul

What's so remarkable about Love at first sight? It's when people have been looking at each other for years that it becomes remarkable.

- Unknown, Source

If we are to judge of love by its consequences, it more nearly resembles hatred than friendship.

- La Rochefoucauld, Francois De

Love is often nothing but a favorable exchange between two people who get the most of what they can expect, considering their value on the personality market.

- Fromm, Erich

Every day I live I am more convinced that the waste of life lies in the love we have not given, the powers we have not used, the selfish prudence that will risk nothing and which, shirking pain, misses happiness as well.

- Cholmondeley, Mary

Love without attachment is light.

- Brown, Norman O.

To fall in love is to create a religion that has a fallible god.

- Borges, Jorge Luis

Well-ordered self-love is right and natural.

- Aquinas, St. Thomas

In real love you want the other person's good. In romantic love, you want the other

person.

- Anderson, Margaret

Men are apt to mistake the strength of their feeling for the strength of their argument. The heated mind resents the chill touch and relentless scrutiny of logic.

- Gladstone, William E.

Man is not logical and his intellectual history is a record of mental reserves and compromises. He hangs on to what he can in his old beliefs even when he is compelled to surrender their logical basis.

- Dewey, John

Never let formal education get in the way of your learning.

- Twain, Mark

Those people who develop the ability to continuously acquire new and better forms of knowledge that they can apply to their work and to their lives will be the movers and shakers in our society for the indefinite future.

- Tracy, Brian

You can learn new things at any time in your life if you're willing to be a beginner. If you actually learn to like being a beginner, the whole world opens up to you.

- Sher, Barbara

You aren't learning anything when you're talking.

- Johnson, Lyndon B.

A person without a sense of humor is like a wagon without springs-jolted by every pebble in the road.

- Beecher, Henry Ward

Comedy is a tragedy plus time.

- Burnett, Carol

Habit is stronger than reason.

- Santayana, George

Of all God's gifts to the sighted man, color is holiest, the most divine, the most solemn.

- Ruskin, John

There's a side of ourselves that goes out trying to change the world to our own image, and there's another side of ourselves trying to find our image in the outside world.

- Cohen, John

Love is a fire. But whether it is going to warm your hearth or burn down your house, you can never tell.

- Crawford, Joan

If you wish to strengthen a lie, mix a little truth in with it.

- Zohar

When you rationalize, you do just that. You make rational lies.

- Unknown, Source

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

- Twain, Mark

You know, a long time ago being crazy meant something. Nowadays everybody's crazy.

- Manson, Charles

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

A man should not strive to eliminate his complexes, but to get into accord with them; they are legitimately what directs his conduct in the world.

- Freud, Sigmund

Insanity is often the logic of an accurate mind overtasked.

- Holmes, Oliver Wendell

Insanity in individuals is something rare -- but in groups, parties, nations, and epochs it is the rule.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

I doubt if a single individual could be found from the whole of mankind free from some form of insanity. The only difference is one of degree. A man who sees a gourd and takes it for his wife is called insane because this happens to very few people.

- Erasmus, Desiderius

Life is the art of drawing without an eraser.

- Unknown, Source

Theology: There is a heaven, for ever, day by day/ The upward longing of my soul doth tell me so./ There is a hell, I'm quite as sure; for pray,/ If there were not, where would my neighbors go? --Paul Laurence Dunbar

- Dunbar, Paul Laurence

It's better to have loved and lost than to live with the psycho the rest of your life.

- Unknown, Source

I wish they would pass a law where all Democrats and Republicans had to wear Nascar racing suits, because if you look at the Nascar drivers, it tells who their sponsors are. And if they do that, we could then become informed voters, because we would know who owns them.

- Ventura, Jesse

And all that believed were together, and had all things in common; 45 And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need.

- The Bible

When we're in the grasp of certain emotions such as fear, anger, or jealousy, our world becomes very small.

- Salzburg, Susan

When reason is against a man, he will soon turn against reason.

- Hume, David

Eloquence, at its highest pitch, leaves little room for reason or reflection, but addresses itself entirely to the desires and affections, captivating the willing hearers, and subduing their understanding.

- Hume, David

When anger grips the mind, it dissipates the mind's repository of spiritual power.

- Wallace, B. Alan

What we attend to becomes our experienced reality, so if we attend to other's faults we will dwell in a world filled with disagreeable people.

- Wallace, B. Allen

There is no where you can go and be only with people who are like you. Give it up.

-Bernice Johnson Reagon

- Reagon, Bernice Johnson

There is more music in me singing than crimes against my soul.

- Barnwell, Ysaye

The tragedy of life is not that it ends so soon, but that we wait so long to begin it.

- Lewis, William Mather

Today the world is the victim of propaganda because people are not intellectually competent. More than anything the United States needs effective citizens competent to do their own thinking.

- Lewis, William Mather

The things you think about determine the quality of your mind. Your soul takes on the color of your thoughts.

- Aurelius, Marcus

The suppression of doubt is the secret seed of fanaticism in all its forms

- Jung, Carl

The song that lies silent in the heart of a mother sings upon this lips of her child. --

- Gibran, Kahlil

The secret of life is enjoying the passing of time.

- Taylor, James

The heaviest thing you can carry in this life is a grudge.

- Unknown, Source

The dominant religion in this country in this century is not Christianity, but romantic love. We celebrate it with a fervor once reserved for religious devotion: you are my everything, our love is perfect and eternal, etc. We expect romantic love to bring us the sort of trnascendental bliss that other cultures associate only with deap spiritual existence.

- Leyland, Winston

Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad? Job knows that God is the God of Good and Evil, light and darkness, harmony and discord.

- Simmons, Philip

Psychological or spiritual development always requires a greater capacity for anxiety and ambiguity.

- Jung, Carl

Patriotism means supporting your country all the time and your government when it deserves it.

- Unknown, Source

Most of our suffering lies in retrospection or anticipation; pain itself is very brief.

- Durant, William J.

In order to tell the truth, there must be some detachment from one's immediate environment; from the opinions of neighbors; from ambition, money, power, fame, comfort, security, and ease.

- Montgomery, Robert

In order to love yourself, you must behave in ways that you admire.

- Yalom, Irving

Humor is what occurs when we are told the truth more quickly zand more dcirectlythan we ar used to.

- Saunders, George

Happiness does not notice the passing of time.

- Chinese Proverb

God created a flawed universe in order to give every creature a role in its resotration.

- Frankel, Este;;e

For those who have come to grow, the whole world is a garden. For those who have come to learn, the whole world is a university. For those who have come to know God, the whole world is a prayer mat. -

- Muhauyaddan, Gawa

Feelings are much slower learners than thought.

- Dowrick, Stephanie

Don't believe everything you think.

- Unknown, Source

To speak when there is nothing to be said: this is imprudence. To be silent when there is something to be said: this is deception. To speak without paying attention to the expression on the person's face: this is called blindness.

- Milton, John

Some characteristics of compulsiveness are…virtues. Sociologists have speculated that

compulsiveness in the human species survived because it was a competitive advantage our ancestors' tribes to contain one or two members who were responsible and vigilant in the extreme.

- Kramer, Peter

Anger keeps us from hearing properly.

- Gelleh

As with the fantasy of romantic love, perhaps the idealized family fails because we ask too much of it.

- Jung, Carl

In our moments of highest realization, we stand so empty as to have merged with our source, and in that state no words are necessary. We have returned to the great silence from which we came.

- Simmons, Philip

It is only when you are lost in your smaller selves that you seek the sky which you call God. Would that you might find paths into your vast selves.

- Gibran, Kahlil

Many cultural manifestations of religiosity are surreptitious efforts to avoid actual religious experence of God…Fundamentalism spends its anxious time trying to defend the secondary minutae of historic claims.

- Jung, Carl

Not those who soar, but those who plod/ their rugged way to God, unhelped, are heroes/…Tis they whose backs have felt the rod/Whose feet have pressed the path unshod/ May smile upon defeated care/Not they who soar.

- Dunbar, Paul Laurence

Security is a form of bondage. Both security and bondage entail a loss of freedom.

- Church, Forrest

Self-knowledge leads away from self-absorption and towards the luxury of being able to forget yourself.

- Chodron, Pema

Solitude is the companion of sorrow as well as the companion of spiritual exaltation.

- Gibran, Kahlil

We are called to achieve our particular ideosyncracies as our gift to the collective.

- Jung, Carl

Your daily life is your temple and religion.

- Gibran, Kahlil

It's not what happens to us, but our response to what happens to us that hurts us.

- Covey, Stephen R.

Keep before me the moments of my high resolve, that in fair weather or foul, in good times or in tempests…I may not forget that to which my life is committed.

- Thurman, Howard

Make peace with your past so it won't screw up your future.

- Brett, Regina

The sun that shines across the sea, the wind that whispers in the tree, the lark that carols in the sky, the fleecy clouds a-sailing by. O, I'm as rich as rich can be, for all these things belong to me. The raindrops which refresh the earth, the springtime mantle of rebirth, the summer days when all things grow, the autumn mist and winter snow, O I'm as rich as rich can be, for all these things belong to me. The task well done, the fun of play, the wise who guide me on my way, the balm of sleep when each day ends, the joy of family and friends, O, I'm as rich as rich can be, for all these things belong to me.

- Bortniansky, Dimitri

We have wintered enough, mourned enough, oppressed ourselves enough. Our souls are too long cold and buried, our dreams all but forgotten, our hopes unheard…We awaken to the power so abundant, so holy, that returns each year through sun and sky. We will find our hearts again, and our good spirits. We will love, and believe, and give and wonder, and feel again the eternal powers. The flow of life moves ever onward

through one faithful spring, and another, and now another. May we be forever grateful.

- Rzepka, Jane

Tis late to hearken, late to smile/But better late than never/ I shall have lived a little while/Before I die forever.

- Housman, A. E.

The stars have not dealt me the worst they could do/My pleasures are plenty, my troubles are two/ But oh my two troubles they reave me of rest/ The brains in my head the the heart in my breast.

- Housman, A. E.

Never does hatred cease by hating in return; Only through love can hate come to an end.

- Buddha

You could have golden treasure buried beneath you feet, and walk over it again and again, yet never find it because you don't realize it's there. Just so, all beings live every moment in the city of the Divine, but never find the Divine because it is hidden by the veil of illusion. -

- Chandogya Upanishad.

As a person becomes more and more defensive, he becomes less and less able to perceive accurately the motives, values, and emotions of the sender.

- Gibb, Jack

I bid you pleasure and I bid you cheer/ From a heathen and a pagan/On the side of the rebel Jesus.

- Browne, Jackson

We must ask not only if it is profitable, but is it right?

- Obama, Barack

A wise man, whom the arguments of true philosophy have convinced of the existence of a supreme deity, is much more impressed by a natural event whose connections with the whole he can partly discern, than by a miracle.

- Mendellsohn, Moses

Simplicity, simplicity, simplicity!

- Thoreau, Henry David

The conception of life without angst suggests a lack of spirit only to be admired in sheep. Where there is spirit there are sparks. It is not the end of everything, it is more likely the REAL beginning....

- Herbert, A.P.

Driven on by a heart of stone, We could find that we're all alone in the dream of the proud.

- floyd, pink

We can easily reduce our detractors to absurdity and show them their hostility is groundless. But what does this prove? That their hatred is REAL. When every slander has been rebutted, every misconception cleared up, every false opinion about us overcome, intolerance itself will remain finally irrefutable.

- Goldstein, Moritz

I cannot believe in a God who wants to be praised all the time.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

A truly creative person rids him or herself of all self-imposed limitations.

- Jampolsky, Gerald G.

There are three steps in the revelation of any truth: in the first it is ridiculed; in the second, resisted; in the third it is considered self-evident.

- Schopenhauer, Arthur

We are witness to the birth cries of a new America, and for every one of us who embraces and celebrates that, who looks forward to the opportunity and inclusiveness it promises, there is another who grapples with a crippling sense of dislocation and loss, who wonders who and what she will be in the nation now being born.

- Pitts, Leonard

To be neat in a culture that prizes neatness may bespeak a very different, less aberrant biological state than the same behavior in a culture that has adopted different values. Whether a particular behavioral style like perfectionism is deviant is very much a matter of cultural expections.

- Kramer, Peter

This, this it is to be accursed indeed; For if we mortals love, or if we sing/We count our joys not by the things we have/But by what kept us from the perfect thing.

- Dunbar, Paul Laurence

Authentic freedom places demands on us.

- Epictetus

He who deliberates fully before taking a step will spend his entire life on one leg.

- Chinese Proverb

Everyone is entitled to their own opinion, but not to their own facts.

- Moynihan, Daniel

All the bloodshed, all the anger, all the weapons, all the greed/All the armies, all the missiles, all the symbols of our fear/There is a deeper wave than this rising in the world/There is a deeper wave than this nothing will withstand/I say love is the seventh wave.

- Sting

This is my song, O God of all the nations/A song of peace for lands afar and mine./This is my home, the country where my heart is,/here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;/but other hearts in other lands are beating with hope and dreams as true and high as mine.

- Stone, Lloyd

The US spends more on military weapons than the next 15 countries combined. So why don't we try spending only as much as the next 8 countries combined and see if any one invades us?

- Maher, Bill

He who dines with the devil had best bring a long spoon.

- Berger, Peter

Kids need to think that somebody cares before they care what somebody thinks.

- Unknown, Source

South Carolina is too small for a republic, and too large for an insane asylum.

- Pettigru, James

I'd rather have a bottle in front of me than a frontal lobotomy.

- Parker, Dorothy

You're never really old until you've lost all your marvels.

- Unknown, Source

War is the greatest of all crimes, yet there is no agressor who does not color his crime with the pretext of justice.

- Voltaire

We do not want a thing because we have found reasons for it; we find reasons for it because we want it. We even elaborate philosophies and religions to cloak our desires. The intellect may seem to lead the will, but only as a guide leads his master.

- Schopenhauer, Arthur

The object of science is the universal that contains many particulars; the object of art is the particular that contains the universal.

- Schopenhauer, Arthur

Truth generally lies in the coordination of antagonistic opinions.

- Spencer, Herbert

War strengthens the central power and subordinates all interests to those of the state. Progress depends on the cessation of war.

- Spencer, Herbert

As capital become international, international peace becomes a necessity.

- Spencer, Herbert

Truth is, everybody is going to hurt you; you just gotta find the ones worth suffering for.

- Marley, Bob

I confidently expect that the present generation will see Unitarianism become the general religion of the United States.

- Jefferson, Thomas

Reward direction, not perfection.

- Krumboltz, J. D.

Children are like wet cement. Whatever falls on them makes an impression.

- Ginnott, Haim

Success makes a fool seem wise.

- Bohn, H.G.

Write injuries in sand, but benefits in marble.

- Unknown, Source

Important principles may and must be flexible.

- Lincoln, Abraham

Impossiblities recede as experience advances.

- Unknown, Source

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

- Ballou, Hosea

The anguish of the neurotic individual is the same as that of the saint. The neurotic, the saint are engaged in the same battle. Their blood flows from similar wounds. But the first one gasps and the other one gives.

- Bataille, Georges

Good will should be taken in partial payment.

- Unknown, Source

I believe in the sun even when it is not shining. I believe in love even when not feeling it. I believe in God even when he is silent.

- Unknown, Source

For nonconformity, the world whips you with its displeasure.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

At 18 our convictions are hills from which we look; at 45 they are caves in which we hide.

- Fitzgerald, F. Scott

He understood that men were forever strangers to one another, that no one ever comes really to know any one, that imprisoned in the dark womb of our mother, we come to life without having seen her face, that we are given to her arms a stranger, and that, caught in that insoluble prison of being, we escape it never, no matter what arms may clasp us, what mouth may kiss us, what heart may warm us. Never, never, never, never, never.

- Wolfe, Thomas

Boredom becomes loneliness when you know what you're missing.

- McWilliams, Peter

Be patient, heart, for there are paper stars and phantom dreams I still must chase.

- Flavia

I burnish bright the mirror of my heart until at last, reflected for my rapture, the Self's eternal beauty appears.

- Rumi, Jalal-Uddin

I died a mineral, and became a plant. I died a plant and rose an animal. I died an animal

and I was man. Why should I fear? When was I less by dying?

- Rumi, Jalal-Uddin

He who knows does not speak; he who speaks does not know.

- Lao-Tzu

I hope that when I die, people say about me, 'Boy, that guy sure owed me a lot of money.'

Jack Handey, Deep Thoughts

(1949 -)

- Handey, Jack

All my life, I always wanted to be somebody. Now I see that I should have been more specific.

- Wagner, Jane

My dear, when anything touches or enters your body, never say it is not God, for He and I are just trying to get close to you.God and I are rushing from every corner of existence, needing to say, "We are yours".

- Hafiz

Many people never really grow up; they just learn how to act in public.

- White, Bryan

To be nobody but yourself in a world which is doing its best, night and day, to make you everybody else means to fight the hardest battle which any human being can fight; and never stop fighting.

- Cummings, E.E. (Edward. E.)

At least the Pilgrim Fathers used to shoot Indians: the Pilgrim Children merely punch time clocks.

- Cummings, E.E. (Edward. E.)

I think the best way of doing good to the poor, is not making them easy in poverty, but leading or driving them out of it. In my youth I travelled much, and I observed in different countries, that the more public provisions were made for the poor the less they provided for themselves, and of course became poorer. And, on the contrary, the less was done for them, the more they did for themselves, and became richer.

- Franklin, Benjamin

Lying in a campaign is a crime against democracy.

- Garfield, Bob

We have evolved (or devolved, I guess) into a “culture that thrives on the false principle that ‘all opinions are equal,’ even those without a shred of factual data, documentation, or reasoned methodology.

- trent, brian

Virtue is doing great things while maintaining a very small sense of self as the doer. It is accumulating merit without attracting attention to oneself... As soon as pride overwhelms us, the merit of our meditation and good deeds is drained away.

- buddhadharma.com

Sex can lead to nasty things like herpes, gonorrhea, and something called relationships.

- Ali G.

With men and women, does you believe that men should marry only one woman? Does you believe in mahogany?

- Ali G.

Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind.

- Geisel, Theodor (Dr Seuss)

YOU WILL ONLY BECOME WHAT YOU ARE BECOMING RIGHT NOW. Though you cannot go back and make a brand new start, my friend, anyone can start from now and make a brand new end.

- Maxwell, John C.

Do not despise the bottom rings in your ascent to greatness.

- yourdailymotivation.com

Everything is still in the process of being created. There is no creation that has reached its completion.

- Hicks, Esther

Glory be to God for dappled things. For skies of couple-color as a brindles cow. For roso-moles that all in stipple upon trout that swim. Fresh fire-coal chestnut falls; finches' wings. Landscape plotted and pieced--fold fallow and plough; And all trades, their gear and tackle and trim.

- Hopkins, Gerard Manley

And for all this, nature is never spent. There lives the dearest freshness deep down things. And though the last nights off the black West went/Oh, morning, at the brown brink eastward , springs--/Because the Holy Ghost over the bent World broods with warm breast and Ah! bright wings.

- Hopkins, Gerard Manley

The world is charged with the grandeur of God. It will flame out like shook foil. It gathers to greatness like ooze of oil. Crushed.

- Hopkins, Gerard Manley

Nothing is so beautiful as spring -- when weeds, in wheels, shoot long and lovely and lush; Thrush's eggs look little low heavens, and thrush through the echoing timber does so

rinse and wring the ear, it strikes like lightning to hear him sing.

- Hopkins, Gerard Manley

All things counter, original, spare, strange; Whatever is fickle, freckled (who knows how?)
With swift, slow; sweet, sour; adazzle, dim; He fathers-forth whose beauty is past changed: Praise Him.

- Hopkins, Gerard Manley

You can safely assume you've created God in your own image when it turns out he hates all the same people you do.

- Anne Lamott

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