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Pessimists are the people who have no hope for themselves or for others. Pessimists are also people who think the human race is beneath their notice, that they're better than other human beings.

-James Baldwin

No good deed goes unpunished.

-Clare Boothe Luce

The most prolific period of pessimism comes at twenty-one or thereabouts, when the first attempt is made to translate dreams into reality.

-Heywood Broun

Pessimists are not boring. Pessimists are right. Pessimists are superfluous.

-Elias Canetti

If you pray for rain, don't be surprised if you're struck by lightning.

-Damien Cannon

Only one endowed with restless vitality is susceptible to pessimism. You become a pessimist --a demonic, elemental, bestial pessimist --only when life has been defeated

many times in its fight against depression.

-E. M. Cioran

Pessimism is an excuse for not trying and a guarantee to a personal failure.

-Bill Clinton

It is a quite remarkable fact that the great religions of the most civilized peoples are more deeply fraught with sadness than the simpler beliefs of earlier societies. This certainly does not mean that the current of pessimism is eventually to submerge the other, but it proves that it does not lose ground and that it does not seem destined to disappear.

-Emile Durkheim

I don't believe in pessimism. If something doesn't come up the way you want, forge ahead. If you think it's going to rain, it will.

-Clint Eastwood

Pessimism never won any battle.

-Dwight D. Eisenhower

It is wisdom in prosperity, when all is as thou wouldn't have it, to fear and suspect the worst.

-Desiderius Erasmus

Man, at least when educated, is a pessimist. He believes it safer not to reflect on his achievements; Jove is known to strike such people down.

-John Kenneth Galbraith

We all agree that pessimism is a mark of superior intellect.

-John Kenneth Galbraith

I guess I just prefer to see the dark side of things. The glass is always half-empty. And cracked. And I just cut my lip on it. And chipped a tooth.

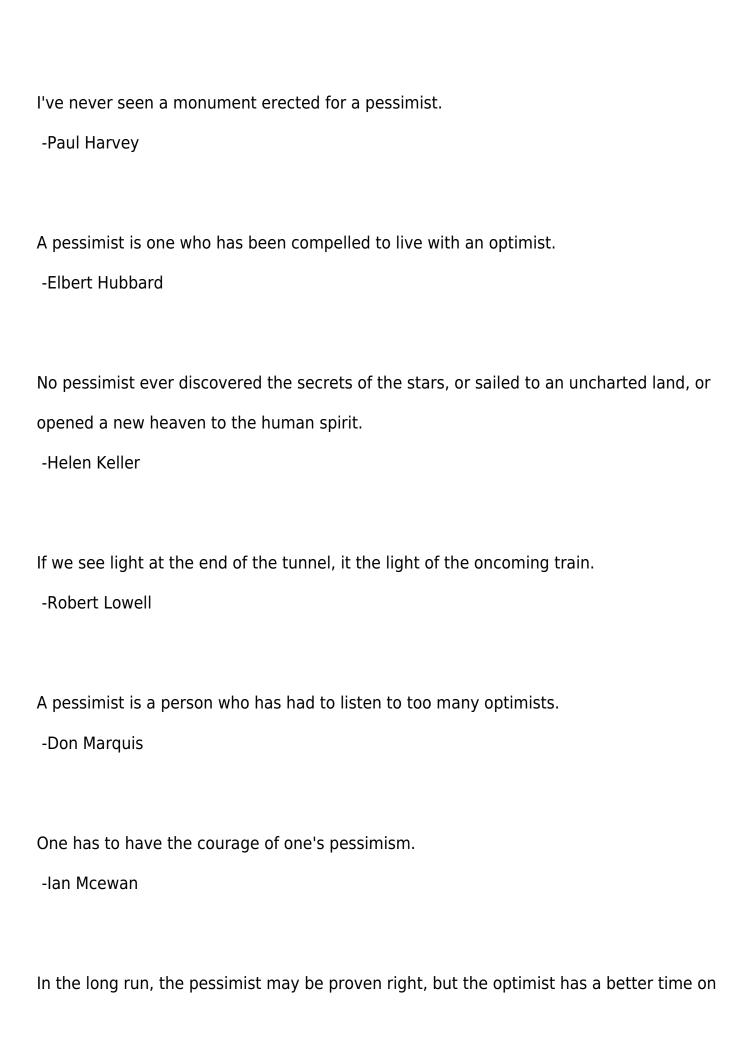
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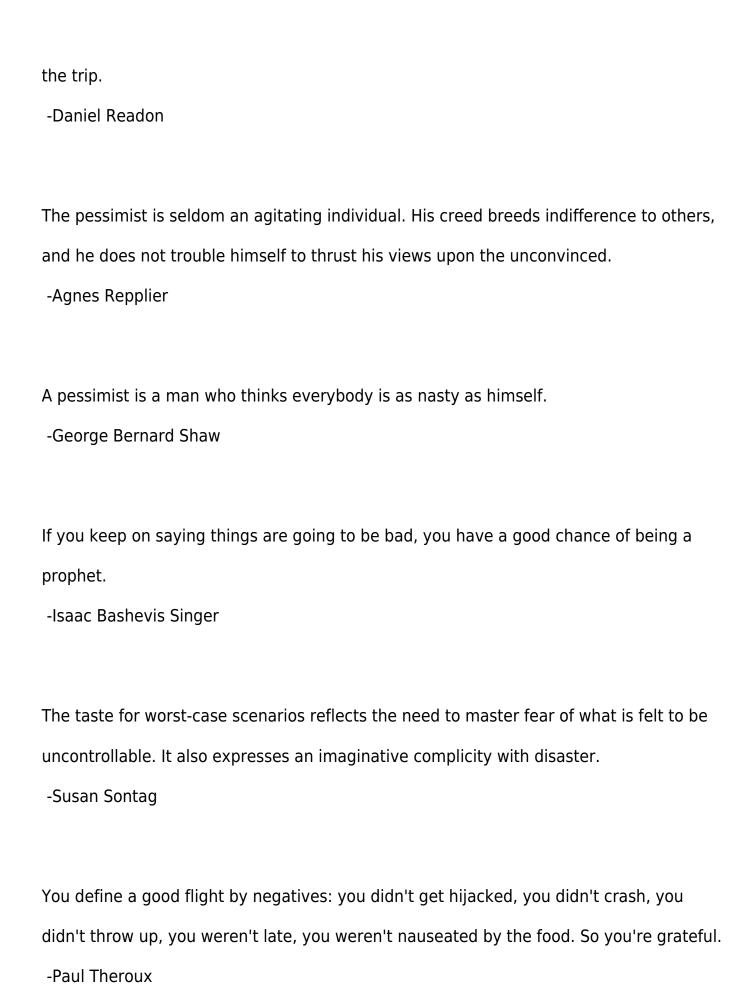
You've got to take the bitter with the sour.

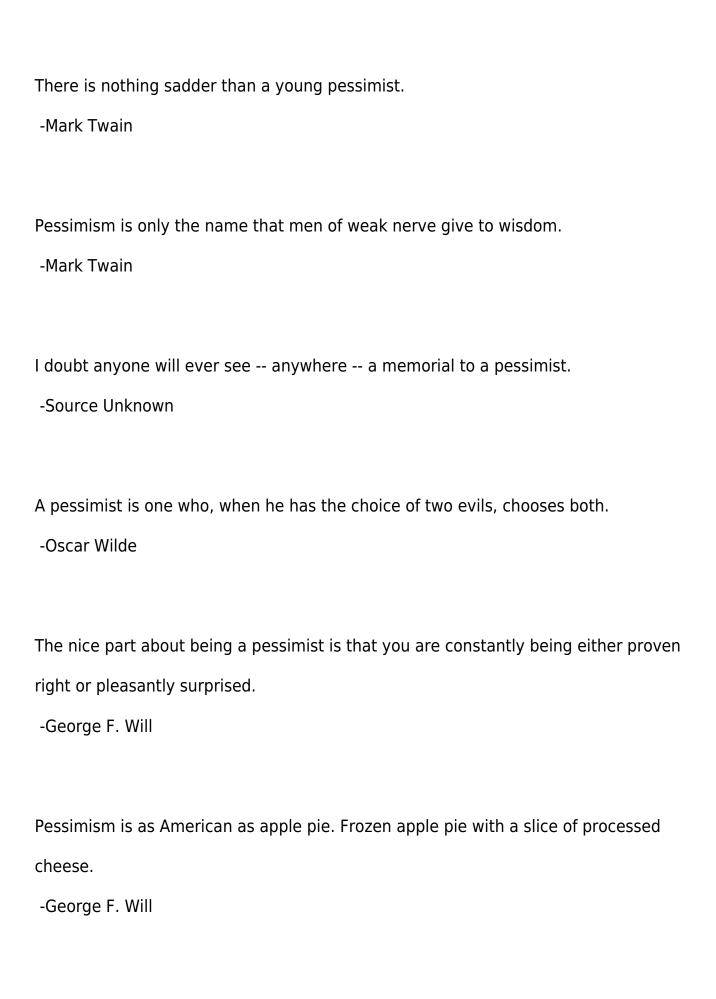
-Samuel Goldwyn

Pessimism is, in brief, playing the sure game. You cannot lose at it; you may gain. It is the only view of life in which you can never be disappointed. Having reckoned what to do in the worst possible circumstances, when better arise, as they may, life becomes child's play.

-Thomas Hardy







A pessimist is one who builds dungeons in the air.

-Walter Winchell

