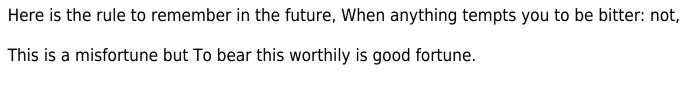
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-Marcus Aurelius

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.

-George Orwell

It's not the tragedies that kill us, it's the messes.

-Dorothy Parker

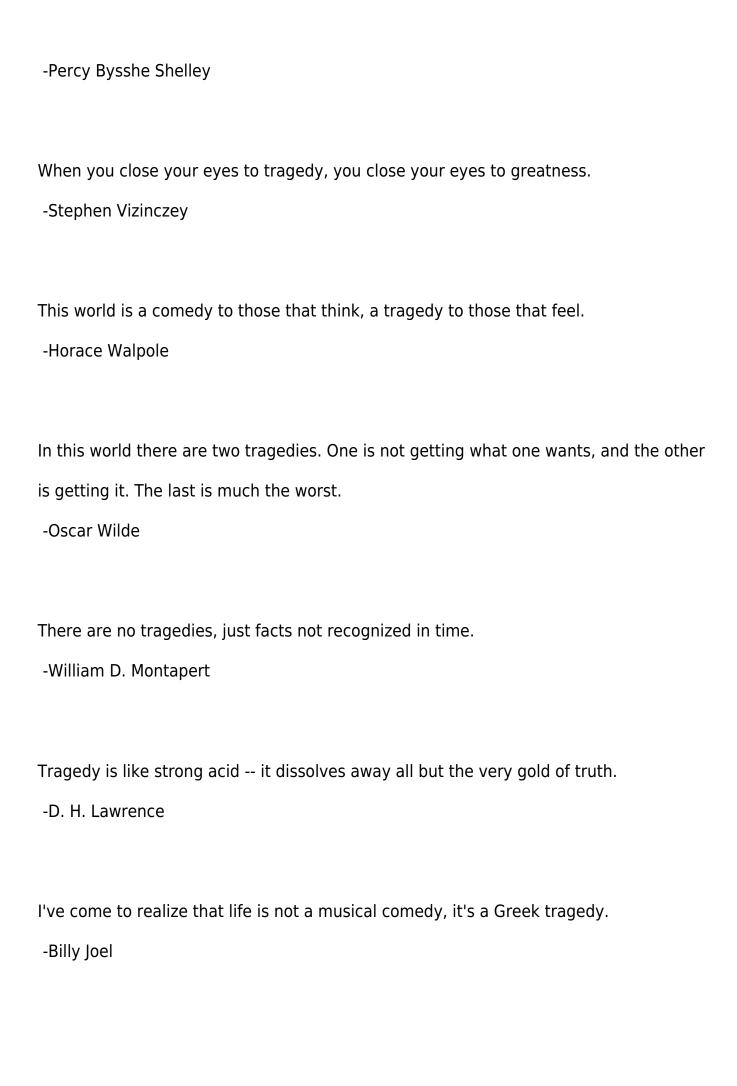
Laughter is ever young, whereas tragedy, except the very highest of all, quickly becomes haggard.

-Margaret Sackville

There are two tragedies in life. One is not to get your heart's desire. The other is to get it.

-George Bernard Shaw

Tragedy delights by affording a shadow of the pleasure which exists in pain.



Without alienation, there can be no politics. -Arthur Miller He's not the finest character that ever lived. But he's a human being, and a terrible thing is happening to him. So attention must be paid. -Arthur Miller Maybe all one can do is hope to end up with the right regrets. -Arthur Miller The closer a man approaches tragedy the more intense is his concentration of emotion upon the fixed point of his commitment, which is to say the closer he approaches what in life we call fanaticism. -Arthur Miller Only a great mind that is overthrown yields tragedy.

I've never thought of my characters as being sad. On the contrary, they are full of life.

They didn't choose tragedy. Tragedy chose them.

-Juliette Binoche

-Jacques Barzun

One of the most tragic things I know about human nature is that all of us tend to put off living. We are all dreaming of some magical rose garden over the horizon--instead of enjoying the roses that are blooming outside our windows today.

-Dale Carnegie

The tragedy of life is in what dies inside a man while he lives -- the death of genuine feeling, the death of inspired response, the awareness that makes it possible to feel the pain or the glory of other men in yourself.

-Norman Cousins

It often happens that the real tragedies of life occur in such an inartistic manner that they hurt us by their crude violence, their absolute incoherence, their absurd want of meaning, their entire lack of style.

-Oscar Wilde

Truth is not beautiful, neither is ugly, Why should it be either? Truth is Truth.

-Owen C. Middleton

An aphorism can never be the whole truth; it is either a half-truth or a truth-and-a-half.

-Karl Kraus

Truthful words are not beautiful; beautiful words are not truthful. Good words are not persuasive; persuasive words are not good.

-Lao-Tzu

The truth is often a terrible weapon of aggression. It is possible to lie, and even to murder, for the truth.

-Alfred Adler

Some lies are so well disguised to resemble truth, that we should be poor judges of the truth not to believe them.

-Source Unknown

Moralistic is not moral. And as for truth -- well, it's like brown -- it's not in the spectrum.

Truth is so generic.

-Iris Murdoch

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

-Niels Bohr

The truth simply is that's all. It doesn't need reasons: it doesn't have to be right: it's just

the truth. Period.

-Frederick (Carl) Frieseke

The truth is always the strongest argument. Sophocles Truth is a thing immortal and perpetual, and it gives to us a beauty that fades not away in time.

-(Frederick II) Frederick The Great

It is not the truth that a man possesses, or believes that he possesses, but the earnest effort which he puts forward to reach the truth, which constitutes the worth of a man. For it is not by the possession, but the search after truth that he enlarges his power, wherein alone consists his ever-increasing perfection.

-Gotthold Lessing

Truth, naked, unblushing truth, the first virtue of all serious history, must be the sole recommendation of this personal narrative.

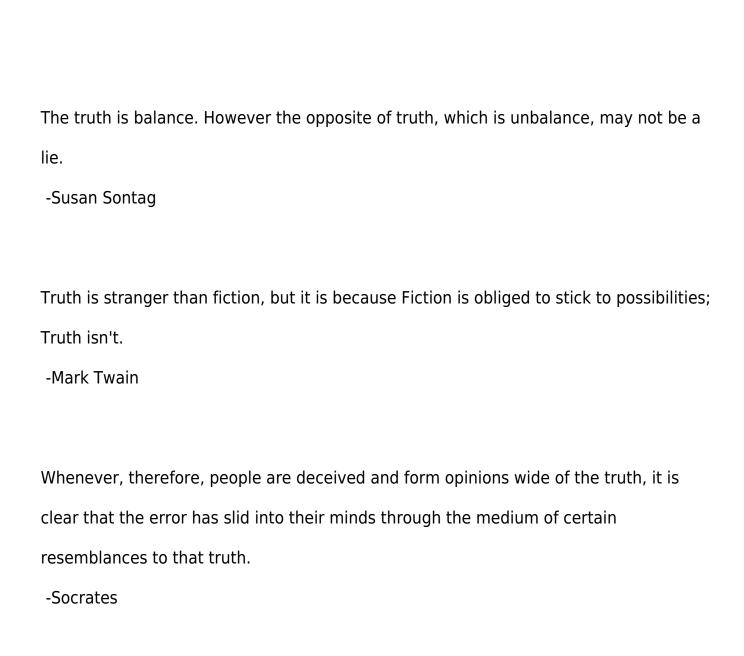
-Edward Gibbon

Everyone wishes to have truth on his side, but not everyone wishes to be on the side of truth.

-Richard Whately

Just because you can laugh doesn't mean you can't tell the truth. Truth is often the

jester.
-Source Unknown
Everything you add to the truth subtracts from the truth.
-Alexander Solzhenitsyn
Truth does not contradict truth.
-Elizer Zvi Zweifel
The truth has a million faces, but there is only one truth.
-Hermann Hesse
Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you mad.
-Aldous Huxley
Truth will always be truth, regardless of lack of understanding, disbelief or ignorance.
-W. Clement Stone
An epigram is a flashlight of a truth; a witticism, truth laughing at itself.
-Minna Antrim



The wise man sees in the misfortune of others what he should avoid.

-Marcus Aurelius

Like warmed-up cabbage served at each repast, The repetition kills the wretch at last.

-(Decimus Junius Juvenalis) Juvenal

I do not mind what language an opera is sung in so long as it is an language I do not understand.

-Sir Edward Appleton Never resist a sentence you like, in which language takes its own pleasure and in which, after having abused it for so long, you are stupefied by its innocence. -Jean Baudrillard I am always sorry when any language is lost, because languages are the pedigrees of nations. -Samuel Johnson To have another language is to possess a second soul. -Charlemagne Might, could, would --they are contemptible auxiliaries. -George Eliot The finest language is mostly made up of simple unimposing words. -George Eliot Language is the archives of history. -Ralph Waldo Emerson

Language is the blood of the soul into which thoughts run and out of which they grow.

-Oliver Wendell Holmes

The language of truth is unadorned and always simple.

-Marcellinus Ammianus

What we call the secret of happiness is no more a secret than our willingness to choose life.

-Leo Buscaglia

The secret of language is the secret of sympathy and its full charm is possible only to the gentle.

-John Ruskin

Grace is always natural, though that does not prevent its being often used to hide a lie. The rude shocks and uncomfortably constraining influences of life disappear among graceful women and poetical men; they are the most deceptive beings in creation; distrust and doubt cannot stand before them; they create what they imagine; if they do not lie to others, they do to their own hearts; for illusion is their element, fiction their vocation, and pleasures in appearance their happiness. Beware of grace in woman, and poetry in man -- weapons the more dangerous because the least dreaded!

-Marquis De Custine

We stand now where two roads diverge. But unlike the roads in Robert Frost's familiar poem, they are not equally fair. The road we have long been traveling is deceptively easy, a smooth superhighway on which we progress with great speed, but at its end lies disaster. The other fork of the road -- the one less traveled by -- offers our last, our only chance to reach a destination that assures the preservation of the earth.

-Rachel Carson

Life, as the most ancient of all metaphors insists, is a journey; and the travel book, in its deceptive simulation of the journey's fits and starts, rehearses life's own fragmentation.

More even than the novel, it embraces the contingency of things.

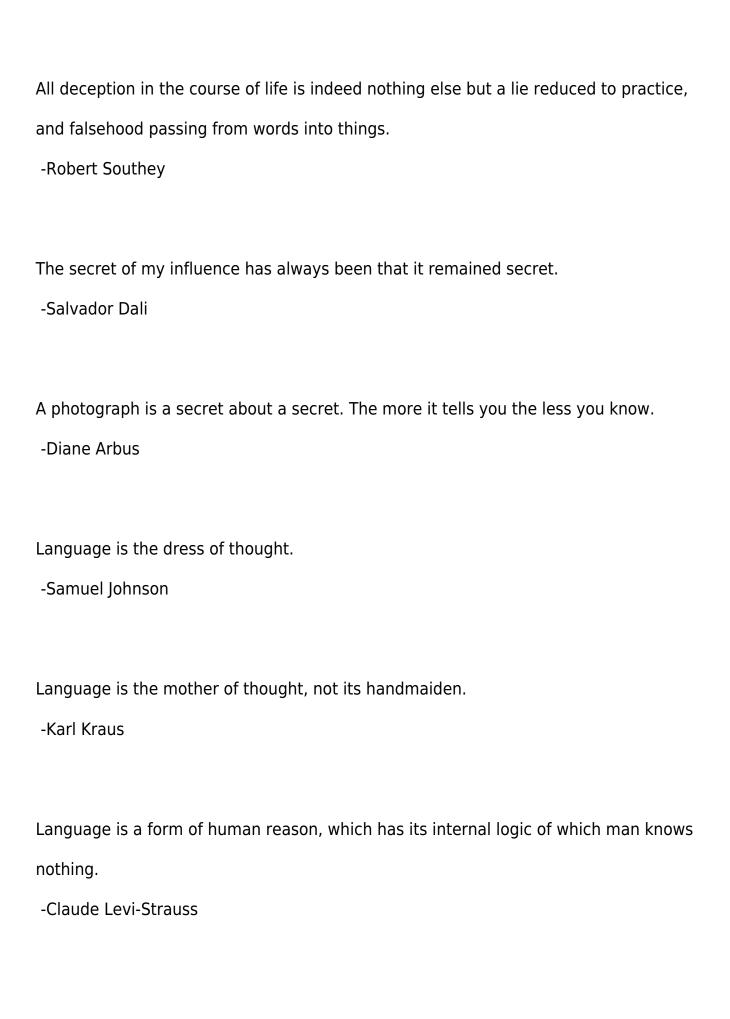
-Jonathan Raban

A just war is hospitable to every self-deception on the part of those waging it, none more than the certainty of virtue, under whose shelter every abomination can be committed with a clear conscience.

-Alexander Cockburn

Now I believe I can hear the philosophers protesting that it can only be misery to live in folly, illusion, deception and ignorance, but it isn't --it's human.

-Desiderius Erasmus



If you are pained by external things, it is not they that disturb you, but your own judgment of them. And it is in your power to wipe out that judgment now.

-Marcus Aurelius

The art of living is more like that of wrestling than of dancing; the main thing is to stand firm and be ready for an unseen attack.

-Marcus Aurelius

Your life is what your thoughts make it.

-Marcus Aurelius

How much more grievous are the consequences of anger than the causes of it.

-Marcus Aurelius

How much time he saves who does not look to see what his neighbor says or does or thinks.

-Marcus Aurelius

Remember that what pulls the strings is the force hidden within; there lies the power to persuade, there the life -- there, if one must speak out, the real man.

-Marcus Aurelius

If you are distressed by anything external, the pain is not due to the thing itself but to your own estimate of it; and this you have the power to revoke at any moment.

-Marcus Aurelius

Nothing has such power to broaden the mind as the ability to investigate systematically and truly all that comes under thy observation in life.

-Marcus Aurelius

Reject your sense of injury and the injury itself disappears.

-Marcus Aurelius

Life is neither good or evil, but only a place for good and evil.

-Marcus Aurelius

Everything that exists is in a manner the seed of that which will be.

-Marcus Aurelius

Syntax and vocabulary are overwhelming constraints --the rules that run us. Language is using us to talk --we think we're using the language, but language is doing the thinking, we're its slavish agents.

-Harry Mathews

The significance of language for the evolution of culture lies in this, that mankind set up in language a separate world beside the other world, a place it took to be so firmly set that, standing upon it, it could lift the rest of the world off its hinges and make itself master of it. To the extent that man has for long ages believed in the concepts and names of things as in aeternae veritates he has appropriated to himself that pride by which he raised himself above the animal: he really thought that in language he possessed knowledge of the world.

-Friedrich Nietzsche

Man, even man debased by the neocapitalism and pseudosocialism of our time, is a marvelous being because he sometimes speaks. Language is the mark, the sign, not of his fall but of his original innocence. Through the Word we may regain the lost kingdom and recover powers we possessed in the far-distant past.

-Octavio Paz

Some people swallow the universe like a pill; they travel on through the world, like smiling images pushed from behind.

-Robert Louis Stevenson

At the beginning of every act of faith, there is often a seed of fear. For great acts of faith are seldom born out of calm calculation.

-Max L. Lucado

Thy fate is the common fate of all; Into each life some rain must fall.

-Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Accept the things to which fate binds you, and love the people with whom fate brings you together, but do so with all your heart.

-Marcus Aurelius

Whatever the universal nature assigns to any man at any time is for the good of that man at that time.

-Marcus Aurelius

To understand the true quality of people, you must look into their minds, and examine their pursuits and aversions.

-Marcus Aurelius

