

## E Quotations 11-27-2020

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“So often times it happens that we live our lives in chains  
And we never even know we have the key.”  
The Eagles, lyrics

**Eagleman, David:** Livewired: The Inside Story of the Ever-Changing Brain

Epigraph: Every man is born as many men and dies as a single one.—Martin Heidegger

a trick that Mother Nature discovered: don't entirely pre-script the brain; instead, just set it up with the basic building blocks and get it into the world.  
Every fond memory it possesses, every lesson it learns, every drop of information it drinks—all these fashion its circuits to develop something that was never pre-planned, but instead reflects the world around  
our brains invite the world to shape them—

a simple principle: don't build inflexible hardware; build a system that adapts to the world around it.

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because hardware is fragile. Liveware endures.

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The thrill of life is not about who we are but about who we are in the process of becoming.

Chapter 2: Just Add World

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rats from the deprived environments were poor learners and had abnormally shrunken neurons.

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for humans at birth, the brain is remarkably unfinished, and interaction with the world is necessary to complete it.

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The strategy of interaction with the world allows the colossal machinery of the brain to take shape from a relatively small set of instructions. It's

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a brain requires the rich soil of social and sensory interaction.

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the brain leverages its environment to shape itself.

Chapter 3: The Inside Mirrors the Outside

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in an adult, like Lord Nelson, the system has less flexibility to rewrite its manifest. Deep

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brain matter is not like hardware, but instead dynamically reallocates.

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neurons that fire together, wire together. 13 In the young neighborhood

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The older the brain, the less flexible it is for redeployment,

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and we'll come to understand how the brain is always sprung like a mousetrap to implement rapid change.

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We suggest that dreaming exists to keep the visual cortex from being taken over by neighboring areas. After

Chapter 9: Why Is It Harder to Teach Old Dogs New Tricks?

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human babies are born with few built-

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skills and a great deal of plasticity, while adults have mastered specific tasks at the expense of flexibility.

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you possess only a single life, what you devote yourself to sends you down particular roads, while the other paths will forever remain

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untrodden by you.

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Martin Heidegger: "Every man is born as many men and dies as a single one." From the point

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with time, the practiced pathways become difficult to exit. Unused paths become thinned

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adult brain changes only little bits at a time. It keeps most of its connections locked into place, to hold on to what has been learned, and only small areas are made flexible via a combination lock of the right neurotransmitters. 2 An

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when we are highly engaged and paying attention, we are like babies again.

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As Aristotle noted twenty-four hundred years ago, "The habits we form from childhood make no small difference, but rather they make all the difference."

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Sensitive periods are different for different tasks of the brain. Not all brain regions are equally plastic in terms of how flexibly they begin and how long they retain their adaptability.

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some aspects are, but I suggest a new hypothesis: the degree of plasticity in a brain region reflects how much its data change (or are likely to change) in the outside world.

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the incoming data are unwavering, the system hardens around them. If the data are constantly changing, the system remains flexible. As a result, stable data solidify first. Take information

Plasticity declines with age, but across the brain it declines differently, steeply or shallowly, depending on its function.

In 1984, at the age of thirty-five, the physicist Alan Lightman wrote a short essay in The New York Times titled "Elapsed Expectations" in which he lamented the perceived stiffening of his mind:

that brain changes are driven by the difference between the internal model and what happens in the world. Thus, brains shift only when something is unpredicted. As you age and figure out the rules

older memories are more stable than newer memories. 1

words: fire together, wire together.

memories need to be protected. Not against the ravages of time,

but against the invasion of other memories.

neuromodulators can carefully control the plasticity of synapses—

hippocampus must reactivate the trace several times to lock the memory into the cortex.

Some years ago, the writer Stewart Brand proposed that to understand a civilization, you need to look at multiple layers functioning simultaneously at different speeds.

Consider instincts—the inborn behaviors we don't have to learn. 26 These come about via plasticity on a longer timescale: the Darwinian plasticity of species. By natural selection over millennia, those with instincts that favor survival and reproduction tend to multiply.

in the pace layers model, slow layers provide a framework for the fast layers. As a result, early experience becomes foundational. It develops into the architecture upon which everything subsequent is built. Everything new is understood through the filter of the old.

inability to forget the trivial. As Honoré de Balzac once said, "Memories beautify life, but only forgetting makes it bearable.")

synesthesia reflects ... "sticky plasticity."

with each new thing you learn, the better you're able to absorb the next related fact.

The moment we solder circuitry into place, we immediately doom it with an expiration date.

...capitalize on the principles of liveware.

Brand S (1999), The Clock of the Long Now: Time and Responsibility (New York: Basic Books). The idea of pace layering has a history. Brand first created the healthy-civilization diagram with Brian Eno at his studio in London  
end Eagleman?

"In 1859 God died. The pile of dirt upon his grave has been increased continuously since that time."

Harvey Eagleson, Cal Tech, quoted by John Lilly - 1859 Origin of Species published; Freud born.

"What matters is not how affluent a nation may be but how unequal it is...The fond belief that economic growth brings prosperity for everyone has been unmasked as a myth."

"Marx himself...was a critic of rigid dogma, military terror, political suppression and arbitrary state power. ...He insisted on free speech and civil liberties."

Market socialism does away with private property, social classes and exploitation."

Feudalism was fated to give birth to capitalism, and capitalism will inevitably give way to socialism."

...once capitalism has definitely failed, working people will have no reason not to take it over and every reason to do so...They will recognize that it is in their interests to change the system, and that, being a majority, they also have the power to do so."

...capitalism cannot survive without constant expansion."

...to have socialism, you must first have capitalism...only capitalism is capable of developing the productive forces...to provide a sufficiency for all."

Marx ... was a sworn enemy of uniformity."

True wealth ... is the absolute working-out of human creative potentialities

Marx was a materialist ... He was brutally dismissive of religion.

People who feel content with their condition are not likely to launch revolutions...neither are people who feel bereft of hope."

The result of a wholesale implosion of the system...is more likely to be barbarism than socialism

The dictatorship of the proletariat meant simply rule by the majority."

[Marx]...would have been in the forefront of the environmentalist movement were he alive today...he speaks of capitalism as 'squandering the vitality of the soil'."

Capitalism is the sorcerer-s apprentice: it has summoned up powers which have spun wildly out of control and now threaten to destroy us. The task of socialism is not to spur on those powers but to bring them under rational human control."

[Marx] ...saw socialism as a deepening of democracy, not as the enemy of it. His model of the good life was based on the idea of artistic self-expression....His ideal was leisure, not labor."

[Marx] ... saw socialism as the inheritor of its great legacies of liberty, civil rights and material prosperity. His views on Nature and the environment were for the most part startlingly in advance of his time.

There has been no more staunch champion of women's emancipation, world peace, the fight against fascism or the struggle for colonial freedom than the political movement to which his work gave birth."

Terry Eagleton

Eames

Earle, Sylvia:

"The ocean is where the action is; 97% of the earth's water is in the ocean. It's where 95% of the biosphere is. If I were an evil alien wishing to alter the nature of life on earth, I would change the temperature of the ocean, I would change the chemistry. That is exactly what we are doing: excess carbon dioxide in the atmosphere becomes excess carbon dioxide in the ocean that becomes carbonic acid. The ocean is becoming more acidic. That changes everything."

"How much of your heart do you want to protect?" referring to saving the oceans.

...it's only hopeless when you give up.

"The work expanded. People were arrested illegally, right or wrong. I considered it evil eating evil."

Kaing Guek Eav (Duch), NYT obit

"When all else fails,  
men turn to reason."

Abba Eban

"...every year I've got less and less, and every year I'm a happier man. ...Shaving down one's pack weight ... is a process of sloughing off one's fears. ...Each object a person carries represents a particular fear: of injury, of discomfort, of boredom, of attack."

M J Eberhart via Robert Moor

"...fantasy and allegory are natural outlets for writers raised under political dictatorship."  
Fernanda Eberstadt

"Men go and come, but earth abides."

Ecclesiastes, 1, 4 quoted by George R Stewart, Earth Abides, 1949

"The eye is not satisfied with seeing."

Ecclesiastes 1:8

Solomon says: Where there is no governor, the people shall fall. 4:9

"What better way to convince others of that which is false than to believe that your argument is true?"

Paul Eckman

"When men stop believing in God, it isn't that they believe in nothing: they believe in everything."

Umberto Eco

"Ur-Fascism, Eternal Fascism, 14 ways to allow fascism to coagulate around them:

Distrust of the intellectual world...

disagreement is treason...

the natural fear of difference...racist by definition...

the appeal to as frustrated middle class...

the obsession with a plot, possibly an international one...

Fascist hero tends to play with weapons - doing so becomes an ersatz phallic exercise....

Wherever a politician casts doubt upon the legitimacy of a parliament because it no longer represents the Voice of the People, we can smell ... Fascism...

FDR quote on racism."

Umberto Eco

Eco defines ideology as "everything what the receiver of the message knows and the social group to which he or she belongs to"

economics quotes:

[http://www.goodreads.com/quotes/show\\_tag?name=economics](http://www.goodreads.com/quotes/show_tag?name=economics)

**Economist:**

"...people don't like to be at the bottom...those who earned just a bit more than the minimum wage were the most resistant to increasing it. ... Poverty may be miserable. But being able to feel a bit better-off than someone else makes it a bit more bearable."

The Economist (NBER Tax) 8-2011

"Ideology has come to prevail over evidence; blind faith has triumphed over reason."

"...the best way to make progress is to consider fresh new ideas, test them and accept the lessons learned, no matter how unsettling they may be."

[We need] a willingness to deal with the world as it is, not as we would like it to be."

The Economist, 12-31-2011, p. 3.

"Ideology has come to prevail over evidence; blind faith has triumphed over reason."

The Economist 12-2011

"Nothing inflames the present like the past."

The Economist 4-18-2015

"...complexity creates loopholes that the shrewd can abuse with impunity...

Complexity costs money...

rules need to be much simpler...

lay down broad goals and prescribe only what is strictly necessary to achieve them. Legislators should pass simple rules, and leave regulators to enforce them."

"...poorly written laws...were at the heart of America's regulatory woes..."

The Economist 2-18-2012

unless the American people are willing to actually do something to stop the next massacre of toddlers from happening, we should shut up and quit blubbering. It's our fault, and until we evince

some remorse for our actions or intention to reform ourselves, the idea that we consider ourselves entitled to "mourn" the victims of our own barbaric policies is frankly disgusting.  
The Economist Dec. 17, 2012

"When history is turned into scripture and men into deities, truth is the victim."  
The Economist Lexington 9-25-2010

"Despite all the scientific advances of the past two centuries, magical thinking and the cultural inheritance of Christianity remain endemic."  
The Economist 10-30-2010 p. 90

"These days university presidents are a hopelessly anodyne bunch. They mouth politically-correct platitudes, make nice comments to potential benefactors and, in general, do their utmost to avoid saying anything that might be misconstrued as either interesting or original."

The Economist, Jan 5, 2002, p. 27

"The average new car sold in Britain now does 52.5 mpg, up from 40.6 mpg ten years ago."  
The Economist, 12-10-2011

"...the periodic table is a supreme example of nature's poetry."  
The Economist 3-2-2019

6-19-2021:

"two cultures...one of optimistic problem-solving and another of pessimistic problem-wallowing... inventing the future [versus]... purging the sins of the past...fighting about the past because they have no purchase on the future..."Bagehot

"There's no graver vice than cowardice."  
via Anastasia Edel

"Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work."  
In Periods of Profound Change, The Most Dangerous Thing Is to Incrementalize Yourself Into The Future."

Thomas Edison

"Books will soon be obsolete in the schools. It is possible to teach every branch of human knowledge through the motion picture. Our school system will be completely changed in the next ten years."

Thomas Edison, 1913, right after inventing the Kinetophone,  
which synchronized sound and film.

"CAFE mpg still comes from the original pair of tests that are now widely viewed as bad predictors of real-world mpg. The 34.1 mpg CAFE target for 2016 is actually equal to only 26 mpg on a window sticker. The talked-about 2025 CAFE standard — usually described as 54.5 mpg — amounts to a figure of 36 mpg combined [highway and city driving] on a window sticker,"

Dan Edmunds, director of vehicle testing at [Edmunds.com](https://www.edmunds.com), on the company's [detailed CAFE explainer](#).

"Wealth, according to Durkheim, deceives us into believing that we depend on ourselves only. Reducing the resistance we encounter from objects, it suggests the possibility of unlimited success against them. The less limited one feels, the more intolerable all limitation appears....  
Trump's status and wealth have allowed him to ignore limits, norms, rules and regulations and have created a vicious circle — as violations of customary norms go unpunished, such violations become ever more widespread."

what prepares the ground for totalitarian movements is a metaphysical mass loneliness and absence of purpose. via Berkowitz

Thomas Edsall

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"Did you ever expect a corporation to have a conscience when it has no soul to be damned and no body to be kicked."

Edward, First Baron Thurlow

"These folks were shocked, literally shocked, to see that kind of thing going on. They basically said we're going to conclude our visit early because we're just not interested in being in a place that has this kind of issue."

Jeff Edwards economic development Utah air quality solar

"...members of Congress raise their hands ... and take that oath while fully aware that they have already violated it, having committed their loyalty to others and to other agendas."

Mickey Edwards

"...confusion of fantasy and reality is the definition of psychosis...  
Literature, like democracy, is built of a plurality of ideas."

Jennifer Egan PEN

### **Egan Timothy:**

Amnesia, in regard to unpleasant science, is the guiding principle for a political party that has an even chance of winning everything that matters this year.

Nature makes a mockery of our vanity.

the skeptics now running the Republican Party deny the obvious, in large part because they are paid to deny the obvious.

"Nature makes a mockery of our vanity."

Climate change is to the Republican base what leprosy once was to healthy humans -  
untouchable and unmentionable.

Nature bats last.

"...it came down to -- what? Nothing. The Seinfeld Shutdown."

Timothy Egan

"To be original, you need messiness and magic, serendipity and insanity."

"Two-thirds of Republicans think people can be possessed by demons. We don't need a new Congress. We need an exorcist."

"...activist judges - thy names are Clarence Thomas, Antonin Scalia, Samuel Alioto, Anthony Kennedy and John Roberts ... created the notion of corporate personhood...  
a corporation will never truly be a citizen until you can execute one in Texas."

Timothy Egan

"...the Homestead Act was the Dream Act of today..."

The great nation-shaping accomplishments of Lincoln's day happened only because the South, always with an eye on protecting slavery and an estate-owning aristocracy, had left the union - ridding Congress of the naysayers....Today, the South is solidly Republican and solidly obstructionist. The party is also solidly white."

Timothy Egan on 150th anniversary of Lincoln's death.

"...his secret to happiness. He said slow down. Take time off. Live and let live. Don't proselytize. Work for peace. Work at a job that offers basic human dignity. Don't hold on to negative feelings. Move calmly through life. Enjoy art, books and playfulness."

Tim Egan on Pope Francis

"...isolation can breed ignorance. And when people with abhorrent views are not challenged, their hatred only hardens....

We all know the ritual by now. Politicians of one cowardly type will say their "thoughts and prayers" are with you. What garbage. Better to say nothing at all.

And politicians of another cowardly type will refuse to see that hundreds, maybe thousands of the world's 1.6 billion Muslims find justification for mass murder of innocent people in their holy book."

Timothy Egan

"it's better to be poor, sick and bigoted than prosperous, healthy and open-minded. And its defense is precisely that: The region is too economically distressed and socially backward to accept progress, so why change? Discrimination, as they see it, is just another term for religious freedom."

Tim Egan

"...the sun never sets on a stupid idea."

"...a contagion of stupidity that infects Britain and the United States."

Egan, slightly paraphrased.

"...Cleveland, where Trump and maybe Newt Gingrich - with six wives between them - will represent the party of family values."

Tim Egan

"Trump ... doesn't read much ... is both a product of the epidemic of ignorance and a main producer of it.

... what you don't know really can hurt you."

Tim Egan

"Trump is a tutorial in Daniel Patrick Moynihan's observation about 'defining deviancy downward'."

Tim Egan

"Youth is infectious.... An old leader is a problem only when enthralled by geriatric ideas.... Trump insisted on transport in a golf cart. The message was: One nation is tired, out of gas and out of ideas."

Ryan is a politician; hypocrisy is his first language.

The collapse of honor and principle at a White House led by a man with a pebble for a soul

"...the more Democrats talk about identity and race, the more it helps [Bannon's] white nationalistic cause."

"the problem is not the Russians — it's us. We're getting played because too many Americans are ill equipped to perform the basic functions of citizenship."

"...Fox & Friends... provides President Trump with steady ration of half-truths and hatreds to fill an empty head and an empty schedule..."

...Trump hates this stuff. More than anything, he fears ridicule...deep down, he knows inside he's a fraud..."

The best comedy makes fun of the powerful and the ridiculous... It's the necklace of garlic against the vampire..."

"Trump...verbal wallpaper to cover the truth."

"...creativity doesn't grow well in nurseries of fear and tired thinking."

"...Republicans shoveling dirt over the grave of the Constitution."

"Donald Trump -...an undisciplined force of corrosive evil..."

most Republicans in Congress...are...cowards."

"...the lame duck can fly to great heights....vulgarian-in-chief..."

"evil, when given a free rein at the top, trickles down..."

quoting Wilson: "Do not, as my party did, underestimate the evil, desperate nature of evil, desperate people," writes Rick Wilson, the Republican operative and witty Never-



Trumper, in "Running Against the Devil," his new book. "There is no bottom. There is no shame. There are no limits."

"Trump owns this failure...his ignorance is lethal."

"...in the business of crafting narrative from chaos..."

Electoral College, the fortress for the tyranny of the minority..."

"...endorphins of possibility..."

"...teach your parents well...March 18 'MisinfoDay'...sue...Lies have consequences..."

## **end of Egan**

"If you can learn nuclear physics, you can learn politics."

Vernon Ehlers, SEFORA

"You can grumble all you want about those idiots in the Congress. But if you're not helping to educate the idiots, you're not doing your job."

Vernon Ehlers, NYT obit pdf

"sharing is caring ... secrets are lies..."

Dave Eggers, novel, The Circle

"The [Trump] White House has been, and is likely to remain, home to the first presidency in American history that is almost completely devoid of culture...."

Every great civilization has fostered great art, while authoritarian regimes customarily see artists as either nuisances, enemies of the state or tools for the creation of propaganda. The Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev asserted that "the highest duty of the Soviet writer, artist and composer, of every creative worker" is to "fight for the triumph of the ideas of Marxism-Leninism."...

...with art comes empathy. It allows us to look through someone else's eyes and know their strivings and struggles. It expands the moral imagination and makes it impossible to accept the dehumanization of others. When we are without art, we are a diminished people — myopic, unlearned and cruel."

Dave Eggers pdf

Egginton, William:

Cervantes quixote fiction reality thinking

medialogy. empire of solitude

"the characters that populate our fictions are the masks we put on to tell ourselves the truth."

see his What would Cervantes do? re: Orwell, Huxley, Postman, Rorty, WWCD, Cervantism vs Trumpism, Almodovar,

"a lie is a false statement that the speaker knows is false, and with which he or she intends to deceive the receiver. Fiction, in contrast, is made of false statements that the receiver knows are false but listens to or reads anyway for the sake of entertainment. But fiction is also much more than that. For us to be satisfied and moved by fiction, we expect it to engage our emotions in ways that feel real without being real."

Cervantes gave ... us an imaginary world populated by characters who feel more real to us because they share our blindness and perplexity..."fictional awareness..."

...the system of global capital benefits from humanity not realizing its common ground or its common plight. ref. The Matrix

...a medialogy in which disparate islands of solitude meet in a virtual space to commiserate and share their fantasies, thereby lowering the threshold to enacting these fantasies and hence creating a new reality.

...fundamentalism...ot a return to the substantial reality of the past, but the frantic desires of an unmoored present. Fundamentalism is fragmentation.

The Man Who Invented Fiction: How Cervantes Ushered in the Modern World

Oscar Wilde: "Man is least himself when he talks in his own person. Give him a mask and he will tell you the truth."

The truths we seek in fiction are thus not truths about the physical world or the facts of history; they are the truths of who we are, which we can discover solely by imagining ourselves otherwise.

literature indeed teaches us to think:

fiction can help us find truth by creating the space in which we learn to tease apart the real from the imaginary—a space that Don Quixote mapped for us when he failed to do just that.

Faulkner claimed he reread Don Quixote at least once a year.

Cervantes's direct influence on

Jefferson's interest in Spanish culture came from his fascination with Don Quixote...

By opening the space of fiction, Cervantes contravened the state's control over imaginative expressions of individual subjectivity.

Cervantes's fiction actually helped its readers formulate the modern idea of reality (what happens independent of what we think), and that idea in turn became central to all modern thought, and to all fiction written in his wake.

the strenuous process of sloughing off received ideas and subjecting to doubt everything he thinks he knows.

effort to subject all possible knowledge to doubt comes in the form

In the roughly four hundred years since Cervantes published Don Quixote and Descartes published his Meditations, a few scholars have noted the similarities between Descartes's evil genie and the enchanter who bedevils Don Quixote's world...

the almost simultaneous deaths in 1616 of two of the greatest writers of all time...William Shakespeare and Miguel de Cervantes

The Day of the Book celebrates those who write fiction, the glorious art of facts that aren't, histories that didn't happen, and lies that reveal the truths papered over by the habits of everyday life.

time is short, my anguish grows, my hopes diminish; and yet, despite all this, I carry my life on with the desire I have to keep living." returns the conqueror of himself; and, as he has told me, that is the greatest conquest anyone can desire."

Cervantes pushed the envelope of every literary genre, parodying established styles and conventions along the way.

His writing conveyed neither flights of fancy nor the

impassive portrayal of reality; instead, in a crescendo of vivid characters able to connect with readers across chasms of culture and time, it revealed the achingly tragic and yet mordantly funny battle to the death between reality and our immortal desire to transcend it.

"A map of Trump country would look a lot like the map of the various regions and counties from which young people with the best opportunities have consistently chosen to flee." via review by Thomas C Williams

William Egginton

"Jesus's teachings are so radical, they're just insanely generous and apocalyptic. Christians become more fascinated by the dead Jesus. They don't like the living Jesus."

Barbara Ehrenreich

"How odd that we walk around with these bodies, live in them, die in them, make love with them, yet know almost nothing of their intimate workings, the judicious balancing act of homeostasis, the delicate architecture of their organs and systems, or the varying weathers of their private, internal environments...."

Gretel Ehrlich, A Match to the Heart.

"mutually assured imbecility... Scientists are like other people. They can be extremely bull headed...."

I'm much more pessimistic than I was earlier...

Paul Ehrlich

"They are people who want to be in your life, deep in your life, even when they say they don't."

Paul Ehrlich on Right wing Republicans

"either we can change our ways, or they will be changed for us."

"a poor man's war is terrorism while a rich man's terrorism is war"

"...economic growth, the engine of collapse."

MAI (Mutually Assured Imbecility)

The basic cause of the assault on human life-support systems is the scale of the human enterprise – the amount and nature of its aggregate consumption.

"...a testimony to the failure of our educational system, since she was obviously never trained to understand the existential problems that may soon make the huge issues around Trumpism and equity moot..."

"...Anne and I, retired in our late 80s, can no longer respond to every email. If you are not a close friend or colleague a response may be delayed -- forever."

**end Paul Ehrlich**

"... the Nixon White House ... had two enemies: the antiwar left and black people. ... We knew we couldn't make it illegal to be either against the war or black, but by getting the public to associate the hippies with marijuana and the blacks with heroin, and then criminalizing both heavily, we could disrupt those communities. We could arrest their leaders, raid their homes, break up their meetings, and vilify them night after night on the evening news. Did we know we were lying about the drugs? Of course we did."

John Ehrlichman to Dan Baum (in Legalize it all).

Max Ehrmann

Desiderata

"What happens in the Arctic doesn't stay in the Arctic anymore."

Hajo Eicken on Arctic ice melting albedo

"I live from the refuse of others. I think it a sound and honorable niche."

Lars Eighner

"The American anti-tax tradition has its roots not in democracy but in slavery."

Robin Einhorn

**Einstein:**

"To punish me for my contempt for authority,  
Fate made me an authority myself".

"It is little short of a miracle that modern methods of instruction have not already completely strangled the holy curiosity of inquiry, because what this delicate little plant needs most, apart from initial stimulation, is freedom; without that it is surely destroyed. I believe that one could even deprive a healthy beast of prey of its voraciousness, if one could force it with a whip to eat continuously whether it were hungry or not..."

"My passionate interest in social justice and social responsibility has always stood in curious contrast to a marked lack of desire for direct association with men and women. I am a horse for single harness, and not cut out for tandem or team work. I have never belonged wholeheartedly to country or state, to my circle of friends or even to my own family..."

I lose something by it, to be sure, but I am compensated for it in being rendered independent of the customs, opinions and prejudices of others and am not tempted to rest my peace of mind upon such shifting foundations."

"I speak to everyone in the same way, whether he is the garbage man or the President of the University."

"Once you stop learning you start dying."

"Love is the most powerful force there is, because it has no limits."

"It is a magnificent feeling to recognize the unity of a complex of phenomenon that to direct observation appear to be separate things."

"Perfection of means and confusion of ends seems to characterize our age."

"The difference between genius and stupidity is that genius has limits."

"The word god is for me nothing more than the expression and product of human weaknesses, the Bible a collection of honorable, but still primitive legends which are nevertheless childish."

Albert Einstein,

"...not everything that can be counted counts, and not everything that counts can be counted."

"I don't believe in mathematics."

"Wars will stop when men refuse to fight."

"The unleashed power of the atom has changed everything save our modes of thinking and we thus drift toward unparalleled catastrophe."

Albert Einstein

"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 separated from the rest. A kind of optical delusion of his 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."

Albert Einstein, via A Bose

Albert **Einstein**: '**Insanity** is doing the same thing , over and over again, but expecting different results.'

"You don't need to think more; you need to think differently."

"When judging a physical theory, I ask myself whether I would have made the Universe in that way had I been God."

Albert Einstein

"the world will not evolve past its current state of crisis by using the same thinking that created the situation."

Albert Einstein

"Science without religion is lame; religion without science is blind."

Albert Einstein

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

Albert Einstein

" It is the theory that decides what we can observe."

Albert Einstein

"Any intelligent fool can make things bigger, more complex, and more violent. It takes a touch of genius -- and a lot of courage -- to move in the opposite direction." Einstein, A. (1879-1955)

"I live in that solitude which is painful in youth, but delicious in the years of maturity..."

Concepts which have proved useful for ordering things easily ... assume so great an authority over us, that we forget their terrestrial origin and accept them as unalterable facts."

"Technological progress is like an axe in the hands of a pathological criminal."

"It is the skill of the born historian, in whose hands the various threads are held together and woven into a pattern from which a complete picture emerges." on Gene Sharp

"The moral responsibility of an individual cannot be superseded by the laws of the State."

from Nuremburg trials

"There are absolutely no good ideas in politics. The ideas are all obvious. The only problem is to get people to act on them..."

I am truly a 'lone traveler' and have never belonged to my country, my home, my friends, or even my immediate family, with my whole heart."

"It is the skill of the born historian, in whose hands the various threads are held and woven into a pattern from which a complete picture emerges." ref to Gene Sharp

"Once you can accept the universe as being something expanding into an infinite nothing which is something, wearing stripes with plaid is easy."

"Peace cannot be kept by force. It can only be kept by understanding."

"If only I had more mathematics..."

"The veneration in which Gandhi has been held throughout the world rests on the recognition that in our age of moral decay he was the only statesman who represented that higher conception of human relations in the political sphere to which we must aspire with all our power...The future of mankind will only be tolerable when our course...is based upon justice and law rather than the threat of naked power..."

Albert Einstein

"It is not enough that you should understand about applied science in order that your work may increase man's blessings. Concern for man himself and his fate must always form the chief interest of all technical endeavors, concern for the great unsolved problems of the organization of labor and the distribution of goods - in order that the creations of our mind shall be a blessing and not a curse to mankind. Never forget this in the midst of your diagrams and equations."

"Those that have the privilege to know have the duty to act."

"...the world's present system of sovereign nations can lead only to barbarism, war and inhumanity, and that only world law can assure progress towards a civilized peaceful community."

"As long as there are sovereign nations possessing great power, war is inevitable. There is no salvation for civilization, other than the creation of world government."

"Nationalism is an infantile disease. It is the measles of mankind."

Albert Einstein

"... there is only one way to eliminate these grave evils, namely through the establishment of a socialist economy, accompanied by an educational system which would be oriented toward social goals."

Albert Einstein

"The sea has a look of indescribable grandeur, especially when the sun falls on it. One feels as if one is dissolved and merged into nature. Even more than usual, one feels the insignificance of the individual and it makes one happy."

"I cannot understand the passive response of the whole civilized world to this modern barbarism."

"You do not really understand something unless you can explain it to your grandmother."

"Not everything that can be counted counts, and not everything that counts can be counted."

"A stitch in time would have confused Einstein." -- *Unknown*

"Great moments in science: Einstein discovers that time is actually money." -- *Gary Larson cartoon caption.*

"It is every man's obligation to put back into the world at least the equivalent of what he takes out of it."

Albert Einstein

"It has become appallingly obvious that our technology has exceeded our humanity."

"Great spirits have always encountered violent opposition from mediocre minds."

Albert Einstein, via Haim Gordon

"Don't go back to graduate school. They will try to crush every bit of originality out of you."

Albert Einstein to Ernest Sternglass

"How is it conceivable that all our lauded technological progress - our very Civilization - is like the axe in the hand of the pathological criminal?"

Albert Einstein via Derrick Jensen

"Don't lesson to their words, fix your attention on their deeds."

"Nationalism is an infantile disease. ...the measles of mankind."

Everything has changed in the world but the way that people think."

Albert Einstein

"Creativity is intelligence having fun." – Albert Einstein

via Popova on Einstein: "combinatory play" — a wilderness of associations reaching across boundaries of various theories and fields of thought, not as deliberate problem-solving but as unforced mental meanderings.

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

"The most beautiful experience we can have is the mysterious. It is the fundamental emotion that stands at the cradle of true art and true science. Whoever does not know it and can no longer wonder, no longer marvel, is as good as dead, and his eyes are dimmed. It was the experience of mystery -- even if mixed with fear -- that engendered religion. A knowledge of the existence of something we cannot penetrate, our perceptions of the profoundest reason and the most radiant beauty, which only in their most primitive forms are accessible to our minds: it is this knowledge and this emotion that constitute true religiosity. In this sense, and only this sense, I am a deeply religious man... I am satisfied with the mystery of life's eternity and with a knowledge, a sense, of the marvelous structure of existence -- as well as the humble attempt to understand even a tiny portion of the Reason that manifests itself in nature."

"...man's lust for hatred and destruction."

"America - a boring and barren society."

Einstein, that "the life of the individual only has value [insofar] as it aids in making the life of every living thing nobler and more beautiful."

from last 3 chapters of Isaacson:

"People acquiesce without resistance and align themselves with the forces of evil..."

The similarity of general conditions here to those in the Germany of 1932 is quite obvious...

older people who have scarcely anything to lose ought to be willing to speak out in behalf of those who are young and are subject to much greater restraint...

Brief is this existence...The path to be pursued is poorly lit by a flickering consciousness...

via Isaacson: 'constitutional gyroscope'.

...I must seem like an ostrich whom forever buries its head in the relativistic sand in order not to face the evil quanta...

For us believing physicists, the distinction between past, present and future is only a stubborn illusion...

Einstein citing Galileo: The theme that I recognize in Galileo's work is the passionate fight against any kind of dogma based on authority."

"The beauty of my bodyguards would disarm a conspirator sooner than their shotguns."

"I cannot conceive of a god who rewards and punishes his creatures or has a will of the kind we experience in ourselves. Neither can I nor would I want to conceive of an individual that survives his physical death; let feeble souls, from fear or absurd egotism, cherish such thoughts. I am satisfied with the mystery of the eternity of life and a glimpse of the marvelous structure of the existing world, together with the devoted striving to comprehend a portion, be it ever so tiny, of the Reason that manifests itself in nature." via Carl Sagan's quote.

Einstein via Stacey Abrams:

"Chess grips it's exponent, shackling the mind and brain so that the inner freedom and independence of even the strongest character cannot remain unaffected."

"It is thinkable that the investigation of the behavior of migratory birds and carrier pigeons may some day lead to the understanding of some physical process which is not yet known."

**end Einstein**

Eisely:

"Man's long adventure with knowledge has, to a very marked degree, been a climb up the heat ladder.... Today the flames grow hotter in the furnaces.... The creature that crept furred through

the glitter of blue glacial nights lives surrounded by the hiss of steam, the roar of engines, and the bubbling of vats.... And he is himself a flame -- a great, roaring, wasteful furnace devouring irreplaceable substances of the earth." --Loren Eiseley, anthropologist and essayist (1907-1977), *Man the Firemaker*

### **Eisenhower**

"Crises there will continue to be. In meeting them, whether foreign or domestic, great or small, there is a recurring temptation to feel that some spectacular and costly action could become the miraculous solution to all current difficulties.

Good judgment seeks balance and progress; lack of it eventually finds imbalance and frustration.

...we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military-industrial complex.

The potential for the disastrous rise of misplaced power exists and will persist.

We must never let the weight of this combination endanger our liberties or democratic processes.

...maintaining balance involves the element of time...we...must avoid the impulse to live only for today, plundering, for our own ease and convenience, the precious resources of tomorrow.

We cannot mortgage the material assets of our grandchildren without asking the loss also of their political and spiritual heritage. We want democracy to survive for all generations to come, not to become the insolvent phantom of tomorrow.

America knows that this world of ours, ever growing smaller, must avoid becoming a community of dreadful fear and hate, and be, instead, a proud confederation of mutual trust and respect."

Dwight Eisenhower

Farewell Address, 1961

from a [letter](#) Eisenhower wrote to his brother Edgar on November 8, 1954, went as follows:

*Should any political party attempt to abolish social security, unemployment insurance, and eliminate labor laws and farm programs, you would not hear of that party again in our political history. There is a tiny splinter group, of course, that believes you can do these things. Among them are H. L. Hunt (you possibly know his background), a few other Texas oil millionaires, and an occasional politician or business man from other areas. Their number is negligible and they are stupid.*

Dwight Eisenhower film clip in *The Reckoning*:

"The same day [April 12, 1945] I saw my first horror camp. It was near the town of Gotha. I have never felt able to describe my emotional reactions when I first came face to face with indisputable evidence of Nazi brutality and ruthless disregard of every shred of decency. Up to that time I had known about it only generally or through secondary sources. I am certain, however that I have never at any other time experienced an equal sense of shock.

"I visited every nook and cranny of the camp because I felt it my duty to be in a position from then on to testify at first hand about these things in case there ever grew up at home the belief or assumption that 'the stories of Nazi brutality were just propaganda.' Some members of the visiting party were unable to through the ordeal. I not only did so but as soon as I returned to Patton's headquarters that evening I sent communications to both Washington and London, urging the two governments to send instantly to Germany a random group of newspaper editors and representative groups from the national legislatures. I felt that the evidence should be immediately placed before the American and British publics in a fashion that would leave no room for cynical doubt."

"If you can't solve the problem, expand it."

"...plans are nothing, but planning is everything..."

"We must be ready to dare all for our country. For history does not long entrust the care of freedom to the weak or the timid."

"We cannot mortgage the material assets of our grandchildren without asking the loss also of their political and spiritual heritage."

"...this world of ours, ever growing smaller, must avoid becoming a community of dreadful fear and hate., and be, instead, a proud confederation of mutual trust and respect."

Dwight Eisenhower

"...no other man was more modest in the possession of the power that is knowledge, more sure that power without wisdom is deadly." Eisenhower at Einstein's death.

"Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired, signifies in a final sense a theft from those who are hungry and are not fed, those who are cold and not clothed."

Dwight Eisenhower, via Zinn

"...we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military-industrial complex. The potential for the disastrous rise of misplaced power exists and will persist."

**end Eisenhower**

### **Eisenhower, Mamie:**

Someone once asked Mamie Eisenhower why she had married Ike, and she replied: "Because we had nothing in common."

"The financial industry has strayed far from being an intermediary between companies that want to raise capital so they can sell people things they want. Instead, it is a machine to enrich itself, fleecing customers and widening income inequality.

Jesse Eisinger

As the world's population soars from the three billion people who inhabited the earth when I was born to the over six billion alive now to the projected twelve billion which will be here by 2040 according to the current predictions, it is possible that we may see civilization as we know it fade. It is possible that with so many people, technology will not be able to keep up with our overall growth and we may experience a new Dark Ages. Large numbers of people will be subjected to more control and regimentation with the goal of making them better consumers rather than more enlightened people.

Bruce Eisner

"If there is a God, he has left no tracks in the laws of physics; or if he has, he has covered them up very well."

Ivar Ekeland, book, 2006

Mohamed El-Erian,:

'This notion of a V, of a quick bounce back to where we were before—people don't understand the dynamics of paralysis. This is much bigger than 2008. 2008 was a massive heart attack that happened suddenly to the financial markets. You could identify the problem and apply emergency remedies and revive the patient quickly. This is not just a financial stop. This is infection all over the body, damage to virtually every limb and organ. The body was already so fragile. Those of us who have had the privilege of studying failed states have seen this before, but never in a big country like the United States, let alone a global economy."

"One of the number one rules for getting along with narcissists is that you never say anything that disrupts their seat at the center of universe. Their views predominate, their needs are paramount,



and their moral judgment of everything in the world is based on whether it affects them positively or negatively, according to their view. ...reality—or any sense that there's an alternative truth to that of the narcissists—is a malignant proposition that must be vanquished at once.”

Kerry Eleveld

“To control a society, you don’t need to control its courts, you don’t need to control its armies, all you need to do is control its stories.”

Duane Elgin

‘It’s so important to do it right, because no one else will’, quoting conductor Colin Davis.

Gerry Elias on podcast interview by

“If we had a keen vision and feeling for all that is ordinary in life, it would be like hearing the grass grow or the squirrel’s heart beat, and we should die of that roar which lies on the other side of the silence.”

“The important work of moving the world forward does not wait to be done by perfect men.”

“...in want of health, I take walks, play on the piano, read Voltaire, talk to my friends, and just take a dose of mathematics every day to prevent my brain from becoming quite soft.”

George Eliot

Elliot, TS:

“Humankind cannot bear very much reality.”

T S Eliott

“The primary channel of culture is the family; no man wholly escapes from the kind, or surpasses the degree, of culture which he has acquired from his early environment.”

“Humankind cannot bear very much reality.”

“Great art can communicate before it is understood.”

T S Elliot

“Humankind cannot stand too much reality.”

Jung, “Without this playing with fantasy no creative work has ever yet come to birth. The debt we owe to the play of the imagination is incalculable.”

“Time present and time past...are both perhaps present in time future.”

“Decisions and revisions which a minute will reverse.”

“Where does one go from a world of insanity?

Somewhere on the other side of despair.”

T S Eliot

“...it is a matter of no importance whether anything I say is of importance or not.”

“There is only the trying. The Test is not our business.”

TS Eliot, quoted by R Redford

“God gave us always some reason, some hope; but now a new terror has soiled us, which none can avert, none can avoid, flowing under our feet and over the sky.”

“It does not think, it does not feel, and it lies totally outside the elaborate social nuances humans have carved out through patterns of communication, representation and discourse. And this, above all else, makes it a lethal adversary for the West. It has exposed how much of Western society ... is permeated with influential people who have deluded themselves into thinking that their ability to manipulate words, images and sounds gives them the ability to control reality itself.”

Elkus, Adam via Ross Douthat nyt column.

Ellis, Erie C.:

“...societies governed by convincing, rather than coercing, collective action.”

“The Founders would want us to recognize that it’s a living Constitution. So the originalists who want us to go back to the original meaning have it dead wrong. We have to make adaptations. The Electoral College has got to go...”

A great crisis that leaves us no choice but to come together. When the coastal areas have to be evacuated, when the real implications of climate change begin to hit, we're going to be forced to come together.

I would favor mandatory national service...every American woman and man should serve the public for two years...some form of service."

Joseph L Ellis

"If he thinks someone is better than he is in a certain area he will listen. If he thinks you're full of it, he will tell you."

Ralph Ellison on Steve Jobs

"I am an invisible man ...I am a man of substance, of flesh and bone, fiber and liquids – and I might even be said to possess a mind. I am invisible, understand, simply because people refuse to see me."

Ralph Ellison (via Nussbaum):

"I am an invisible man...because people refuse to see me. That invisibility to which I refer occurs because of a peculiar disposition of the eyes of those with whom I come in contact.

A matter of the construction of their inner eyes, those eyes with which they look through their physical eyes on reality."

Ralph Ellison

"...think about an epidemic kind of like a fire. You can put it out when it's in the toaster, or you can put it out when it's in the house, or you can put it out when it's in the neighborhood — but then it's an inferno and a lot harder to put out. Right now we're fighting an inferno. What we've done is like taking all the batteries out of the fire alarm in your house and then laying off the entire fire department and then wondering why there was a fire.

there's really no incentive in our health care system to prevent disease because disease is the reason that money changes hands.

reality has just made the argument for us.

Disease has a very particular physics to it, in that it always finds its way to the most vulnerable people in our society.

we've got to waive people's health care costs. We've got to provide them a universal income.

We've got to waive utilities and evictions.

Abdul El-Sayed

Elser:

"If Humanity isn't free, everything dies with it."

"...the situation in Germany could only be modified by a removal of the current leadership, I mean Hitler, Goering and Goebbels. .

Someone has to stop this madness...we have to make it happen."

"Hitler is war - and if he goes there will be peace."

Johann Georg Elser

Elser german stamp; prize for courage; 13 minutes

Herrrich Muller, Gestapo Chief: We make the truth.

via Wiki: Arthur Nebe, who led the police investigation, paid tribute to the morality of Elser's position: 'You know what Elser's problem was? This man of the people loved ordinary people; he laid out for me passionately and in simple sentences how, for the masses in all countries, war means hunger, misery, and the death of millions. Not a pacifist in the usual sense, his reasoning was quite simplistic: Hitler is war—and if he goes, there will be peace...'

**end Elser**

"The problem with becoming a public intellectual is that over time you grow more and more public but less and less intellectual."

Jean Bethke Elshtain

"...the men in power are speaking to those four-year-old fantasies of what the world would be like when the mother went away. And the mother is the U.S. executive branch.... they were speaking truth for power, and some of them were also writing lies for power, but they figured that that was

the price they paid for the right they got, on government payroll or on government contract, to speak truth to power. And it certainly seemed to me, increasingly, that there was so much self-deception involved that I had to stand back and really think hard about it. About just what kind of truth you spoke to power when you were working for power, when you found your whole livelihood dependent on it, when you were constantly afraid of what power would do to you if you spoke the wrong truth.”

“Taking an oath as a public servant does not mean keeping secrets or obeying the president — it’s respecting the Constitution.”

“...everything leaks; it all comes out in the New York Times.”

Daniel Ellsberg

“This is not a young man’s argument, assured and confident. It is an old man’s warning, the fruit of long reflection and tinged with sorrow, as clear as he can make it: these weapons are too dangerous to have because they are too dangerous to use.”

Thomas Powers reviewing Ellsberg’s Domsday Machine

Elson, Rebecca:

ANTIDOTES TO FEAR OF DEATH

Sometimes as an antidote  
To fear of death,  
I eat the stars.

Those nights, lying on my back,  
I suck them from the quenching dark  
Til they are all, all inside me,  
Pepper hot and sharp.

Sometimes, instead, I stir myself  
Into a universe still young,  
Still warm as blood:

No outer space, just space,  
The light of all the not yet stars  
Drifting like a bright mist,  
And all of us, and everything  
Already there  
But unconstrained by form.

And sometime it’s enough  
To lie down here on earth  
Beside our long ancestral bones:

To walk across the cobble fields  
Of our discarded skulls,  
Each like a treasure, like a chrysalis,  
Thinking: whatever left these husks  
Flew off on bright wings.  
Via Maria Popova

“An action is the outcome of a choice within constraints. The choice...embodies an element of freedom, the constraints one of necessity.”

Jon Elster Sour Grapes, 1983

"...the enemy is misogyny and patriarchy...

...all the Abrahamic faiths are essentially anti-feminist...they're about controlling women and their sexuality...

... military rule and the Islamists are authoritarian, hierarchical and very paternalistic.

Gender equality is the key....

I often compare Egypt to a house in which every window and door has been closed shut for the past 60 to 65 years. The revolution basically opened a window in that house. And you can imagine the stench that comes out after all those years. It's horrible, and your first instinct is to close it because it stinks. But the only way to get the smell out is to continue to open all the windows."

Mona Eltahawy

"The story has to be retold so that history does not repeat itself."

Diet Eman, see film The Reckoning, bk Things we couldn't say, NYT obit

"Americans in the bottom half of

the income distribution are more likely to have jobs in manual labor, which is more physically difficult for older people to perform. White-collar workers in the upper bracket don't face the same physical demands. And their greater earnings mean they should be able to save more to support themselves longer."

Ezekiel J Emanuel

"The idea that you could look a huge amount of evidence straight in the face and, for purely ideological reasons, deny it, is anathema to me,"

Kerry Emanuel, ex-Republican

"Liberalism is loneliness."

Christine Emba

"Libel is a matter of state law limited by the principles of the First Amendment. ... Rehnquist... in 1988 ..rules protecting criticism of public figures..."

Sydney Ember

"Leonardo's ... manners were irreproachable and his demeanor was such that he was admired ... He rode as well as any horseman and had a noble bearing in his carriage. He had mastered the building and playing of the lute and sang with a most pleasant voice. He was remarkably handsome, of a fine physique and a noble face. His dress was always simple but elegant, and his magnanimity was known throughout the court."

"...to what degree will a drug culture tolerate a drug subculture whose drug choices are different? ..."

William A Embode

### **Emerson:**

"The mind of this country, taught to aim at low objects, eats upon itself."

'Sometimes a **scream** is better than a **thesis**.'

"The religion of one age is the literary entertainment of the next."

"Behind every wall is a door."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

As to methods there may be a million and then some, but principles are few...the man who tries methods, ignoring principles, is sure to have troubles.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Caricatures are often the truest history of the times."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

"I HATE quotation. Tell me what you know,"

"The imitator dooms himself to hopeless mediocrity. "

Ralph Waldo Emerson

"To laugh often and to love much...much more here...That is to have succeeded."

"To believe your own thought, to believe that what is true for you in your private heart is true for all men – that is genius."

Ralph Waldo Emerson, Self-Reliance

"A chief event of life is the day in which we have encountered a mind that startled us."

Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1803-1882

"The essence of age is intellect.

Time is, indeed, the theatre and seat of illusion. Nothing is so ductile and elastic.

The mind stretches an hour to a century, and dwarfs an age to an hour.

The surest poison is time.

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

Emerson

"Your actions speak so loud I cannot hear what you say."

"He only who is able to stand alone is qualified for society."

"In one soul, in your soul, there are resources for the world." via Laura Jobs

R W Emerson

"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Masses are rude, lame, unmade, pernicious in their demands and influence... I wish not to concede anything to them, but to tame, drill, divide, and break them up, and draw individuals out of them." Emerson

see also Thoreau

### **end Emerson**

An ogbanje is an Igbo spirit that's born into a human body, a kind of malevolent trickster, whose goal is to torment the human mother by dying unexpectedly only to return in the next child and do it all over again. They come and go. They are never really here — if you are a thing that was born to die, you are a dead thing even while you live.

Did ogbanje even have a gender to begin with? Gender is, after all, such a human thing.

... the surgeries were a bridge across realities, a movement from being assigned female to assigning myself as ogbanje; a spirit customizing its vessel to reflect its nature.

How do you survive when they place a god inside your body?

from la times review: Emezi's lyrical writing, her alliterative and symmetrical prose, explores the deep questions of otherness, of a single heart and soul hovering between, the gates open, fighting for peace.

Akwaeke Emezi

Emre, Merve:

"...a passage of fiction is a series of utterances that promise access to a time and a space that could never be realized outside of prose."

Engels:

"I simply cannot understand how anyone can be envious of genius; it's something so very special that we who have not got it know it to be unattainable right from the start; but to be envious of anything like that one must have to be frightfully small-minded."

"A computer is simply an instrument whose music is ideas."

Douglas Englebart

Eno, Brian:

"scenius' - genius from a group - the rare sparks that can occur via a group - communal genius.

"Scenius stands for the intelligence and the intuition of a whole cultural scene. It is the communal form of the concept of the genius."

"Trump now is just a vehicle. The man Trump maybe doesn't matter so much. The meme of Trump is more important."

Mike Enoch, alt-right blogger

"...my proprietary, heavily encrypted note-taking system (i.e., illegible handwriting) ensures that my spiral notebooks are useless to anyone other than me."

David Enrich, NYT

"Enron gets paid for moving energy to relieve congestion without actually moving any energy or relieving any congestion."

Memo written by Enron lawyers, Dec., 2000, quoted in Bus Week, May 20, 02, p.

"By 2050, our population will nearly double to five million, three-fourths of whom will be our children and grandchildren."

Envision Utah newsletter

"Death...is the cessation of all sensation."

Epikur, Greek philosopher

"People are disturbed , not by things, but by the view they take of them."

Epictetus

"We don't live in the fourth century. So why would we use images from then to talk about the meaning of life and the nature of existence? ...metaphors must change to meet what we know to be true."

ad by All Saints **Episcopal** Church, SLC, UT

"For Kathy

Mine ear is much enamour'd of thy note;

So is mine eye enthralled to thy shape"

dedication to: American Justice 2014

"In many ways, the US Supreme Court is as determinedly opaque as the National Security Agency."

"I grow more convinced that the Constitution of 2014 ... serves its function not when it provides answers but when it sparks questions."

"...history shreds good intentions."

"Citizens on an inert state are not citizens at all."

Garrett Epps

"The greatest evils have always found their way into the life of men under the semblance of good."

Erasmus

"...the Bakken oil fields in North Dakota have now become our country's 'energy sacrifice area'."

Louise Erdrich

"When people fear surveillance, whether it exists or not, when they grow afraid to speak their minds and hearts freely to their government or to anyone else, then we shall cease to be a free society."

Sam Ervin, Senator

"A painter speaks through painting. Are we to fall silent when there is a danger?"  
Latif Eshraq

"The revolution is not anti-American, it is anti-Iran, it is anti-religion — anti-political religion, not religion as such."  
SAAD ESKANDER

Eskelsen-Garcia, Lily:  
"I'll be damned if I will sit quietly and play nice and say diplomatic things about something that has corrupted the profession I love."

"The way that the GOP and corporate America have managed to make our government represent the interests of the super-rich is quite simple: they have motivated 'average Americans' to vote against their material interest and they have done that by paying them the wages of straightness. ...not actual money, but a series of federally supported and culturally endorsed rights and privileges, a sort of heterosexual high five, paid to all straight Americans in the form of extra rights, extra benefits, and ... cultural approval... conservative politicians can mobilize people to vote against the very real material conditions of their loves."  
Laurie Essig

"...there isn't a constitutional right to commit fraud ... you don't have a constitutional right to lie."  
Sharon Eubanks

"Free speech for all, but let's not stop the show."  
Oskar Eustis, Julius Ceasar producer

"...you cannot bomb ideas (however abhorrent we might find them) out of existence. Violent ideas in fact thrive in violent conditions. Their outrage is fueled by a perceived sense of injustice and victimization. Countering this requires breaking the cycle of violence, not the retort to violence as usual... as we seek to purge the evil of violence from the world, what takes its place is the necessity of good violence, by good warriors, with good planes, who drop good bombs, upon evil targets to make the world a more humane place.."

Brad Evans The Guardian 10-2014

"If you don't provide people with the intellectual tools to empower critically minded subjects, you end up with incarcerated minds. A world without books is a world foreclosed. Every great tyranny begins by declaring a war upon the imagination and the appropriation or imprisonment of those deemed to be its most creative."

Brad Evans via Henry Giroux

"[a world without books would be]

Dead. I don't mean death in terms of the extinction of all things, but death in the terms of the killing one of those elements that make us human as such. If you don't have libraries, you end up having prisons. If you don't provide people with the intellectual tools to empower critically minded subjects, you end up with incarcerated minds. A world without books is a world foreclosed. Every great tyranny begins by declaring a war upon the imagination and the appropriation or imprisonment of those deemed to be its most creative. The question is why? Imagining other world's runs counter to the fascistic impulse to impose a forced unity upon a people. Tyrants always try to suffocate and replace the richness of the human condition with dogmatic images of thought. Such is the reason why books are often banned and outlawed by those who fear their contents. They are one the most powerful mediums in which the political can be reimagined and

new styles of living developed. But we need to be vigilant. As we also know, the burning of books can take many different forms.”

Evans, Brad

Evans, Brock: “Endless pressure, endlessly applied”

Richard J Evans review of Ullrich’s Hitler (see pdf):

“... Hitler issued an endless stream of slogans to win potential supporters over. He would make Germany great again. He would give Germans work once more. He would put Germany first. He would revive the nation’s rusting industries, laid to waste by the economic depression. He would crush the alien ideologies—socialism, liberalism, communism—that were undermining the nation’s will to survive and destroying its core values....

he “used vulgar comparisons” and “did not shy away from the cheapest allusions.” Hitler’s language was never measured or careful, but “like something merely expelled.” Yet, revising earlier opinions, Ullrich shows how carefully Hitler prepared his speeches. Seemingly spontaneous, they were in fact calculated. Full of base allegations and vile stereotypes, they were precisely designed to gain maximum attention from the media and maximum reaction from the crowds...

Hitler not only flaunted his vulgarity and exploited tribal hatreds; he also lied and lied his way to success....

the Nazis shut down the country’s democratic institutions, destroyed the freedom of its press and media, and created a one-party state in which opposition was punishable by imprisonment, banishment, or even death. It was Hitler’s “first hundred days,” ...

What caused German democracy to react so toothlessly and to collapse so swiftly?...

Hitler made sure that the armed forces were on his side by giving them massive increases in funding and a huge new armaments program. In 1935, he introduced a draft that forced millions of young men into military service. His program for making Germany great again included a new aggressive attitude in international affairs....

Hitler’s seizure and remaking of the state was buttressed by a wholesale reorganization of the education system and an effort to redefine German culture. ...

For him, education was a matter of practical instruction; it had nothing to do with the transmission of pure knowledge, let alone the traditional humanistic values...

The main objective of Nazi education and culture was not, however, to distract people from issues of political importance; it was to instill a new sense of patriotism....

the regime constantly targeted minorities as a way of mobilizing popular approval and support...

Hitler was a conspiracy theorist without equal: .

They were the ‘world enemy’ [The Jews]...

The great mass of Germans did nothing to stop any of this...

Every democracy that perishes dies in its own way...

to establish a dictatorship today would need to employ a different kind of force. Rather than sending armed and uniformed squads onto the streets, he or she would need to rely on harassment and persecution carried out by a captive media, and eventually, if opposition persisted, on the state power of the military and the law-enforcement agencies to crush it.

Above all else, Hitler was a media figure who gained popularity and controlled his country through speeches and publicity. Far from being a consistent and undeviatingly purposeful politician, he was temperamental, changeable, insecure, allergic to criticism, and often indecisive and uncertain in a crisis....

Everyone concerned about democracy should read this book. For the Nazis were “a warning from history” (to quote the title of the still-unsurpassed 1997 television history by Ian Kershaw and Lawrence Rees, now being rebroadcast in the United Kingdom as a response to current political events), and we would all do well to heed it.”



Richard J Evans

“Once you give up your integrity, the rest is a piece of cake.”

J R Ewing

Rex A Ewing:

"How do you change the attitudes of a quarter billion people?"

"You humor them, lad. And then you confound them with leadership."

Zed in Rex Ewing's Hydrogen bk, p. 249.

"...a good fable lodges itself in mental nooks and crannies that boring expositions of facts can't...

Odd as it may seem, the best remedy for too many facts is more facts."

You can't dream knowledge you don't have, ...can you?

**Eyal, Gil:**

**The Crisis of Expertise**

An expert is a specialist to whom one can put questions that he is unable to answer.

The greatest debts were incurred at home, where the collateral damage of book writing is often most keenly felt,

Richard Hofstadter made essentially the

same observation. Anti-intellectualism in American life, he said, is "a manifestation not of a decline in [the intellectual's] position but of his increasing prominence."

Resentment is the fuel feeding the flames of anti-expert sentiment.

Hofstadter himself advised, "constant and delicate acts of intellectual surgery"

John Dewey long

"No one is ever forced by just the collection of facts to accept a particular theory of their meaning, so long as one retains intact some other doctrine by which he can marshal them."

Denial is resentment's daughter, a self-imposed refusal to look at what the light of science exposes.

pure scientific research delivers facts that are open-forward, so to speak, constantly revisable, while legal or policy decisions deliver facts that are closed. They cannot be revised (even if they are manifestly wrong), unless the whole cumbersome process of collective decision-making is set in motion again. This is because legal facts serve as the basis for decision and action, and because one needs to preserve the fragile stability of the whole framework of which they are but one node.

The Phantom Public by Lippmann

Max Weber, 1918 lecture, "Science as a Vocation," to force the different sides to "recognize inconvenient facts—I mean facts that are inconvenient for their party opinions."

Faced with inconvenient facts, people lash out.

Expertise is our name for this realm of trans-science, where questions are asked that should be asked but cannot be answered. Or,

without careful temporal framing, inclusionary measures will fail to generate legitimacy and will backfire. Conversely, if these measures are too open-ended and loosely formatted, they will never produce a decision, let alone a consensus.

Already Weinberg was worried

that they were "marred by their lack of discipline, even unruliness."

the argument is not about what scientists can say with confidence, but about what they should say without confidence.

"bringing the bad news," teaching others how to recognize "inconvenient facts," is established as a routine, yet honorable and well-regarded vocation.

end Eyal

Eyre:

despite being conservatives ourselves, we think more must be done about gun control, and we think it is a real stretch to use the Second Amendment, written at a time when rifles were needed for both defense and for hunting, as a justification for letting most anyone acquire a handgun or an automatic weapon. let's stop being so simplistic and ideological about gun control. It is not inconsistent to be for the Second Amendment and for the right to have a rifle and to be a hunter, and at the same time be against the easy acquisition and possession of handguns and automatic weapons. The fact is that America has altogether too many dangerous guns. We make too many of them, we sell too many of them to other countries, and we allow them to be in too many of the hands and the homes of our own people. For our children's sake, let's stop it!  
Linda and Richard Eyre

as well as Henry Eyring's:  
'Our Church only requires us to believe what is true.'

"We need revelation...personal revelation."  
Henry B Eyring, General LDS Conf. 10-5-2014