

F Quotations

Facebook:

"We don't completely blame Facebook. The germs are ours, but Facebook is the wind, you know?"

HARINDRA DISSANAYAKE, a presidential adviser in Sri Lanka.

"...dosing someone ...without their knowledge - is ... morally repugnant..."

James Fadiman

Fagan, Shelly:

our most influential leaders are making decisions about problems they created but will not experience... They have selected the worst possible outcome for the rest of us — business as usual.

"... we had shocked our consciences and stained our souls.... As an interrogator, torture forced me to set aside my humanity ... something I've never been able to fully pick back up again."

Eric Fair on doing torture

Falconer, Delia:

1997 novel *The Service of Clouds* protagonist, a woman photographer: "I have thought, if I find the right place, the right quality of light, I might take photographs so painful that they make people want to look away; that they will feel the urge to enter and put right the world they represent."

Faldin, Sergey:

"When you have a former KGB agent in charge, you have a country that functions as an enormous jail....there is no coherent ideology in Russia.

Richard Falk:

from *Future Worlds*, 1975 Intro by Saul Mendlovitz:

'Scholars and intellectuals...need to interpret and come to grips with the crises plaguing the contemporary global political and social system. ...professional thinkers and analysts have a mandate to look beyond the obvious, the immediate, and to see possibilities open for reform and improvement.'

Preface:

"...can we devise humane means to fashion a new system of world order from which a decent form of global society can evolve?..."

Prescript:

"A world system composed of sovereign states cannot deal effectively or equitably with the problems facing humankind. ...proposals for global reform seem faced with ... unreasonable resistance..."

"Albert Camus says ... that the best we can hope for in life is to struggle for what is better, even if while doing so we know that failure is inevitable and hope irrelevant."

"...a burning faith in the unrealizable creates the possibility, however remote, that what seems beyond reach will at some point be reached."

"The essential inquiry of a citizen-pilgrim [see also Raskin review, Falk pdf] is to discover how to make desirable, yet unlikely, social movements succeed. The movements against slavery, colonialism, racial discrimination, and patriarchy are some instances. My overriding concern is to foster an abolitionist movement against war and aggression as social institutions, which implies the gradual construction of a new world order that assures basic human needs of all people, that safeguards the environment, that protects the fundamental human rights of all individuals and groups without encroaching upon the precarious resources of cultural diversity, and that works toward the non-violent resolution of intersocietal conflicts."

"...[it is] inescapable that an objective observer would reach the conclusion that this Iraq War is a war of aggression, and as such, that it amounts to a Crime against Peace of the sort for which surviving German leaders were indicted, prosecuted and punished at the Nuremberg trials conducted shortly after the Second World War."

From Wikipedia bio: The New York Times reported that Falk "appealed for full amnesty for all resisters, including those who use violent tactics to oppose the war in Vietnam." The Times further reported that Falk, "cited the Nuremberg Trials as precedent for defense assertions that private American citizens had 'a right, and perhaps a duty' to actively oppose the war by any means".[72] According to Ronald Christenson, political science professor at Gustavus Adolphus College, Falk "invoked the Nuremberg precedent to argue that there is a right of individuals to stop crime 'even by creating a lesser crime'".[73][74]

from Power Shift 2016 essays on K:

"...modernity is at once the problem and the solution. It is the problem because a state-centric world order cannot find prudent responses to threats of global scope...Modernity has cultivated a cult of progress by means of technological innovation and continuous economic growth that is politically impossible to challenge frontally...Modernity offers an ideological framing of our worldview that dysfunctionally conditions the approaches taken to problem solving and policymaking...

...the colonial era deliberately established artificial political communities for purposes of control and exploitation, and with the cololapse of colonialism left a normative and political vacuum that is being filled by new types of control, corruption, conflict, and exploitation...

...hope for a better human future...is ultimately grounded in nthe mobilization of people to challenge the death tremors of the old geopolitics and guided by the strength of an engaged planetary vision of post-nationalist citizenship and a belief in the transformative potency of non-violent political activism...

What distinguishes the Anthropocene is the impact of *human activities* on the fundamental balances that have allowed life and social development to proceed for the species as a whole... In so directing our energies for transformation we need to be aware that the challenge is not just a matter of supporting humane and sensible *policies*, it is also a question of structure that allows problems to be addressed from global and human perspectives, thereby superseding national, religious, civilizational, and ethnic perspectives...

The most daunting challenge of adapting to the realities of the Anthropocene era is achieving a soft transition ... from state-centric world order to a geo-centric [planetary] reconfiguring of political community that enables the emergence of effective and humane global governance... [We need] a new model of citizen...a 'citizen pilgrim', whose principal affinities are with bthe speciesw and its natural surroundings, rather than to any specific state, ethnicity, tribe, nationality, civilization, or religion...

...two transitional paths to the future: (1) a revolutionary change in political consciousness that shapes a new planetary trajectory; and (2) statecraft that faciitates the pursuit of human and global interests.

Global Citizenship - an aspiration...

...global tax...

Richard Falk

Falkner, Lady...:re: Sussex U:

"Students do not have a right not to be made uncomfortable."

Cristina De Stefano,Interviewing Ayatollah Khomeini in Iran in 1979, Fallaci wore a chador. When she criticized the condition of women in Iran, Khomeini said, "If you do not like Islamic dress you are not obliged to follow it. The chador is only for young and respectable women." Fallaci tore it from her head, saying, "That's very kind of you, Imam. And since you said so, I'm going to take off this stupid, medieval rag right now."

Fallaci liked to say that she had a degree in solitude from the Sorbonne. She needed to be alone to get her work done.

"I have trouble writing when someone is hanging around," she wrote. "Men know how to isolate themselves to write because their wives don't dare disturb them. But it's different for women because men are always interrupting them, asking for a kiss or a cup of coffee."

"...sons of Allah breed like rats."

Oriana Fallaci

"...the American government is a victim of its own success. It has survived ... over more than two centuries – long enough to become mismatched to the real circumstances of the nation."

"Walter Lippmann wrote that the challenge for democracies is that citizens necessarily base decisions on the "pictures in our heads," the images of reality we construct for ourselves. The American public has just made a decision of the gravest consequence, largely based on distorted, frightening, and bigoted caricatures of reality that we all would recognize as caricature if applied to our own communities."

"the clearest mark of intelligence, even 'genius,' is awareness of one's limits and ignorance.... the more limited someone is in reality, the more talented the person imagines himself to be."

James Fallows

"I couldn't bear to stay in the countryside viewing the sky from the bottom of a well."

Fan, Yusu, China migrant, rural to urban, writer

"No story is ever a straight story. Reality is scrambled." quoting Chan Chu Hei, director.

JiaYang Fan, nyer

"The aim is to force the whole of society to forget its history ... in an effort to coerce all of society into a continuing forgetfulness..."

Fang Lizhi

from Lee Fang, The Machine, 2013:

"If somebody's evil, the smarter they are, the more damage they're going to do." Charles Koch. and quoting Thomas Jefferson - at end of book:

"Though the day may be at some distance ... it will certainly come, when a single fiber left of this institution will produce an heredity aristocracy, which will change the form of our governments from the best to the worst in the world." and Fang writes - his last sentence:

"Jefferson's dark vision of an America governed not by and for the people but ruled instead by a small, selfish oligarchy is coming true because of the conservative machine."

Fanon, Frantz:

Wretched...

"As you and your fellow men are cut down like dogs, there is no other solution but to use every means available to reestablish your weight as a human being."

"In colonial countries only the peasantry is revolutionary," since "it has nothing to lose and everything to gain" and, unlike bourgeois leaders, brooks "no compromise, no possibility of concession."

"Nothing is too wonderful to be true, if it be consistent with the laws of nature."

Michael Faraday, often quoted by Philip Morrison

"For every dollar spent in the United States, about 8% goes back to energy costs, including the energy used to manufacture, sell, and transport goods..."

Philip Farese on efficiency

"...the emergence of life was a fortuitous accident that required a good roll of the molecular dice, in a place where the conditions are just so, in a Universe where the laws of physics are just right."
J Doyne Farmer in New Sci. 4 Aug 05 p 627

"St Augustine said, 'An unjust law is no law at all.' Which means I have a right, even a duty to resist. With violence or civil disobedience. You should pray I choose the latter."
James Farmer, Jr. in The Great Debaters

Philip Jose Farmer:
"[Purgatory is] hell with hope."
via Charlie Warzel NYT

"It is only when crystallized by the intellect that facts constitute the eternal truths of science."
William Farr

"The Uzis, the AK-47's, your enemy is feeding you automatic weapons now. You don't make any weapons, Brother. Where did you get the weapons? ...This is all calculated. This is all part of the conspiracy."
Louis Farrakhan, via Robert Goldberg

"...garbage acquires the perfumed scent of legitimacy...
Democracy assumes that its citizens share the same reality."
Henry J Farrell and Rick Perlstein

Farrow, Mia:
"...silence is complicity." re Olympics Beijing 2022

Roman Farrow:
War of Peace, 2017
"Appoint an ambassador who is versed in all sciences, who understands hints, expressions of the face and gestures...The army depends on the official placed in charge of it...peace and its opposite, war, on the ambassador. For the ambassador alone makes and separates allies; the ambassador transacts that business by which kings are disunited or not."
Manusmriti, Hindu Scripture, ca 1000 BCE

Fauci:
"You stay completely apolitical and non-ideological. I'm a scientist and I'm a physician. And that's it."
my favorite book of philosophy, 'The Godfather,' and say, 'It's nothing personal, it's strictly business.'
When you go into the White House, you should be prepared that that is the last time you will ever go in...Now everybody knows I'm going to tell them exactly what's the truth."
"You don't make the timeline. The virus makes the timeline."
perpetual ambiguity

"The past is never dead. In fact, it's not even past."
"Memory believes before knowing remembers. Believes longer than recollects, longer than knowing even wonders."
1950 Nobel speech:
"Our tragedy today is a general and universal physical fear, so long sustained by now that we can even bear it. There are no longer problems of the spirit. There is only one question: When will I be blown up? ...
[Man] must teach himself that the basest of all things is to be afraid; and, teaching himself that, forget it forever..."

Until he releases ...he will write as though he stood among and watched the end of man. I decline to accept the end of man. It is easy enough to say that man is immortal simply because he will still endure: that when the last ding-dong of doom has clanged and faded from the last worthless rock hanging tideless in the last red and dying evening, that even then there will still be one more sound: that of his puny inexhaustible voice, still talking."

'William Faulkner claimed he read Don Quixote at least once a year' via Eddinton, William
William Faulkner

I've studied now Philosophy
And Jurisprudence, Medicine,
And even, alas! Theology
All through and through with ardour keen!
Here now I stand, poor fool, and see
I'm just as wise as formerly.

Faust, via Dylan Neyme

FBI:

"It will enhance the paranoia endemic in these circles and will further serve to get the point across there is an F.B.I. agent behind every mailbox,"

"If you really want to get someone to talk, talk to them about what matters to them most."

David Fechheimer

Federov, Mykhailo:

"We believe that as long as Russians are silent that they are complicit to the aggression and to the killing of our people."

"She gave words a long time ago to things no one was ready to see."

Nina Federov on Barbara McClintock

"I want the last check I write to bounce."

Charles Feeney, philanthropist

"a pessimist: an optimist mugged by current events."

John Feffer

"...there is an individual and societal benefit in allowing people to do things that they enjoy and value, so long as they cause no harm to others and minimal harms to themselves."

"The long hibernation of psychedelic research forced upon us by a repressive law is hopefully drawing to a close. ...it's equally clear that we are incredibly flawed and have some deep faultline in our makeup, that makes us capable of the most incredible stupidity and cruelty....

One might imagine that the right to control one's own consciousness, the very core of one's personality, would be protected as a human right. ... However, maybe the founding fathers never imagined that anyone could question this right and thus failed to mention it....

the extraordinary healing power of psychedelics to break through the oppressive network of misinformation, fear, and vested interests..."

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Amanda Feilding

Joel Feinberg:

...one cannot be intensely ashamed of one's country unless one also loves it.

...a whole people can be blamed for not producing a hero when the times require it.

...paternalism of the strong kind,...has an acrid moral flavor, and creates serious risks of governmental tyranny.

The most objective standard we could possibly employ would be that of actual truth ...
Only a stringent word-taboo can confer on a word a shock value that makes it an adequate vehicle for the expression of the deepest negative feelings.
The autonomous person...is also one whose moral convictions and principles ...are genuinely his own, rooted in his own character, and not merely inherited.
A sovereign state is territory under a kind of unconditional and absolute jurisdiction.
There is no such thing as a "trivial interference" with personal sovereignty...a trivial interference with sovereignty is like a minor invasion of virginity...
... it is a useful moral exercise for men to put themselves imaginatively in the woman's place to share [her] point of view.
Once a person has become a public figure, he has sacrificed much of his right to privacy to the public's legitimate curiosity.
There are times and places where it does not matter in the slightest how carelessly one chooses one's words, and others where one's choices can be a matter of life and death.
"Pure" evil requires exclusion. It is evil undiluted, two proof, served in fashioned shot glass and taken near, without a chaser. It is all evil and but evil, and its impact is unweakened as it ages..."

"...we got into this odd position of thinking about the problems in a completely wrong way."
...we have to convince the American people that awareness of the rest of the world is important for our safety."
Russ Feingold

Andrew Feinstein:
"...an industry that takes place behind a national security enclosed veil of secrecy. It's the perfect vehicle and tool with which to move money from the national treasury ...into personal offshore accounts."
via Review by Jo L Husbands:
Feinstein, like almost anyone who cares about the damage caused by the arms trade, is faced with the problem of finding solutions that could actually make a difference.

"...in Judaism there is no hierarchy. No one person who has more access to the 'truth' than anyone else. And there is a healthy tradition of debate. That way of critical thinking and debate is more congruent with the scientific attitude than Catholicism, say, which is based on dogma and hierarchy."
Greg Feist

Feldman, Jeremy:
"...stupidity is not restricted to the public, it is role-modeled by many of our republican politicians..."
via Ehrlich list

"Hate converts a sense of helplessness into one of action."
Anna Fels

"Confusion is control."
Mark Felt

"... in practical effect is almost one of genocide. ... necessarily an evil thing considered in any light."
Enrico Fermi and Isidor Rabi on the development of the H bomb.

"...when it comes to income inequality, the United States falls somewhere between the Ivory Coast and Uganda."
Laurie Fendrich on Robert Reich

"Life is too short to wear both a belt and suspenders. If someone drowns in the swimming pool we shouldn't drain the pool, we should teach people to swim....
When I die I want it to be because I'm all used up."
Forrest Fenn, treasure risk

"God has blessed me with a unique ability to defy reality."
Michael Fenne, Pixelon, quoted by Thomas Frank

Ferencz, Ben:
"use of armed force to obtain a political goal should be condemned as an international and a national crime."
"The only way to stop atrocities is to stop war making." in Watchers of the Sky film.

Parting Words book:
If you're crying on the inside, you better be laughing on the outside, kid. No use drowning in your own tears.

We traveled third class, because there was no fourth class.

Horses wear blinkers to stop them from seeing what is happening around them; this keeps them calm. Sometimes we need to wear blinkers too.

The greatest geniuses in history became so because they questioned the geniuses who came before them.

I read Aldous Huxley's *Ends and Means*. It was from those essays that I came to the conclusion that lawful ends can only be sought by lawful means, Peace and justice go hand in hand.

This is a lesson in appreciating our own luck and privileges, and also to remind us that others do not have them. What will you choose to do about that?

[Germans] used carrier pigeons coated with aluminum paint to blur detection and distract the guns.

I saw scenes of indescribable horror. It was as if I had peered into hell.

[I needed to find] the evidence to put on twelve trials, which dealt specifically with branches of German government and society. First were the doctors who performed medical experiments on concentration camp victims; then we had the lawyers who perverted the law by convicting people for political purposes. We had the industrialists who provided the funds to build the camps so they would have slaves...

Nazis purposely killed six million Jews and eleven million others, but learning that information for the very first time, from records that were in front of me, ...

We had them in custody, their rank, and their education. I decided that no enlisted men would be prosecuted – I wanted only the highest-ranking and most educated. If they didn't have at least one doctorate degree, they didn't qualify.

{My} 'plea of humanity to law'.

So I did what was within my power, and arranged to have a warrant issued for her arrest, which I intended to serve on her personally as soon as her ship docked. [Wife transport story]

Remember this: adolescence is a time of temporary insanity.

Any difference of opinion was bridged because we respected each other's opinions.

Sometimes we are presented with ladders we don't want to climb – but that doesn't mean you can't climb them, and it doesn't mean you'll hate the view...

Everything is impossible until it's done.

from film *Prosecuting Evil*:

"It takes courage to not be discouraged....

War makes murderers out of otherwise decent people."

"use of armed force to obtain a political goal should be condemned as an international and a national crime."

Ben Ferencz, the Nuremberg Prosecutor, sixty minutes

"If English was good enough for Jesus Christ, it's good enough for us."

attributed to Miriam Ferguson, former TX Governor.

Ferguson, Niall:

"...the trouble with blogging is that the more you blog, the less you read."

from *Doom*, 2021:

quoting Robert Burns:

'Still, thou are blest, compared with me!

The present only toucheth thee:

But Och! I backward cast me eye (e'e).

On propects drear!

And forward though I canna see,

I guess and fear!

"Never in our lifetimes...has there been greater uncertainty about the future - and greater ignorance of the past...

Why write history now, when the story is not yet over?

...the virus will infect only as many people as social networks allow it to."

Niall Ferguson

"...leaders often favor war because war favors leaders."

R Brian Ferguson in 'The Birth of War', *Nat Hist* July-Aug., 2003

"What's called the dominant culture will fade away as soon as the electricity goes off."

Lawrence Ferlinghetti

Fernandes, Joyce, Brazil:

"...making people feel uncomfortable is the only way things change."

Fernyhough

"... dialogic inner speech must therefore involve some capacity to represent the thoughts, feelings, and attitudes of the people with whom we share our world. ...

via Groopman: ... when we talk to ourselves a kind of split takes place, and we become in some sense multiple: it's not a monologue but a real dialogue....Inner speech may participate in reasoning about right and wrong ... dealing with an ethical dilemma."

"Hearing voices is strongly associated with traumatic events. Somehow those traumatic events seem to be breaking back in to consciousness in a transformed way."

Charles Fernyhough see pdf

from *The Voices Within* on Kindle:

p. 169 on writing

p.171 dickens ordinary madness of the novelist

r bradbury p. 172

p. 173 I don't write. I am written.

p.193 voices speak the unspeakable
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eleanor langdon TED 14 min Voices in my head
end Fernyhough

"I believe that books, once they are written, have no need of their authors. If they have something to say, they will sooner or later find readers; if not, they won't."

"...real life, when it has passed, inclines toward obscurity, not clarity." last line in *The Story of the Lost Child*.

"Literary truth is entirely a matter of wording and is directly proportional to the energy that one is able to impress on the sentence."

William Deresiewicz: 'With wise self-protection and tactful self-suppression, she directs our gaze to where it belongs: the work itself.' on Ferrante's work.

I don't have any special passion for politics, it being a never-ending merry-go-round of bosses big and small, all generally mediocre. I actually find it boring. I confuse names, minor events, their political positions. But I have always paid careful attention to social and economic conflicts, to the dialectic – if we can call it that – between high and low. Maybe it's because I was not born or brought up in affluence. Climbing the economic ladder has been very hard for me, and I still feel a great deal of guilt towards those I left behind. I also had to discover very quickly that class origins cannot be erased, regardless of whether we climb up or down the sociocultural ladder. Even when our circumstances improve, it's like the colour that inevitably rises to one's cheeks after a strong emotion... I believe there is no story, however small, that can ignore that colouring.

The fictional treatment of biographical material – a treatment that for me is essential – is full of traps. Saying "Elena" has helped to tie myself down to the truth.

Elena Ferrante, a pseudonym

"Life isn't about finding yourself. It's about *creating* yourself."

Tim Ferriss

"...there is an Edison or an Einstein hidden within every student of science."

John E Fetzer

Lorenz, Konrad quoting Carl M Feuerbach: "...nature gropes her way along within an impervious fog, through 'natural selection in the struggle for survival', through random vagrant chances and mutations among the ever-present external circumstances of a hostile environment toward an unwilling and uncertain distant future."

Carl M Feuerbach

Feynman:

"...the best way to teach is to have no philosophy, to be chaotic and confuse it in the sense that you use every possible way of doing it..."

"Nature has the greatest imagination of all."

"What I cannot create, I do not understand."

"Calculus...is the language God talks."

"I had a trick when a book was hard ...I'd read the whole article, even though I had stopped understanding it after the first two or three paragraphs. I read the whole article vaguely, and then the next time I'd go through it again and get a little further, and so on, until I went all the way through ... then I'd write it in a book...I always had an instinct in reading a complicated book to know what were the essential elements....There were some articles I never succeeded in understanding."

"Nature uses only the longest threads to weave her tapestry, so each small piece of her fabric reveals the organization of the entire tapestry."

"I can live with doubt and uncertainty and not knowing. I think it is much more interesting to live not knowing than to have answers that might be wrong. If we will only allow that, as we progress, we remain unsure, we will leave opportunities for alternatives. We will not become enthusiastic for the fact, the knowledge, the absolute truth of the day, but remain always uncertain ... In order to make progress, one must leave the door to the unknown ajar."

If you want to understand nature, you must be conversant with the language in which nature speaks to us.

"When we see a new phenomenon we try to fit it into the framework we already have...It's not because Nature is really similar; it's because the physicists have only been able to think of the same damn thing over and over again."

"The first principle is that you must not fool yourself—and you are the easiest person to fool."

"Strange! I don't understand how it is that we can write mathematical expressions and calculate what the thing is going to do without being able to picture it."

"...the key to science...It does not make any difference how smart you are, who made the guess, or what his name is – if it disagrees with experiment it is wrong."

"Science is what we have learned about how not to fool ourselves."

"Work hard to find something that fascinates you. When you find it you will know your lifework"

"I love the smell of a rat."

"The age in which we live is the age in which we are discovering the fundamental laws of nature, and that day will never come again....There will be a degeneration of ideas, just like the degeneration that great explorers feel is occurring when tourists begin moving in on a territory."

"Philosophy of science is about as useful to scientists as ornithology is to birds."¹
Attributed to R Feynmann

"When I see equations, I see the letters in colors. I don't know why. As I'm talking, I see vague pictures of ... functions...with light tan j's, slightly violet bluish n's, and dark brown x's flying around. And I wonder what the hell it must look like to my students."

" Too much education can cause trouble."

"...an important part of the creative process is play."

"I don't tell Nature what to do. Nature tells me."

"Remember, it's supposed to be fun."

"The scientist's imagination always is different from a writer's in that it is checked."

"My rule is when you are unhappy, think about it. But when you are happy, don't."

R Feynman quoted in Mlodin's Feynman's Rainbow, 2003.

"Science is belief in the ignorance of experts."

"A philosophy of ignorance ... is the fruit of freedom of thought....Doubt is not to be feared, but to be welcomed....If you know that you are not sure, you have a chance to improve the situation."

Richard Feynman

¹ Commonly attributed to Richard Feynman

"A very great deal more truth can become known than can be proven...
...the theoretical broadening which comes from having many humanities subjects on campus is offset by the general dopiness of the people who study such things...
The Prize is the pleasure of finding things out...
...a guide for the perplexed... (freshman physics course - fan of Maimonides)...
I think I've got the right idea - to do crazy things...
The game I play is a very interesting one. It's imagination, in a tight strait-jacket...

"You can recognize truth by its beauty and simplicity...The truth always turns out to be simpler than you thought."

"The law of inertia has no known origin."

"The principle of science, the definition almost, is the following: *The test of all knowledge is experiment* . . . But what is the source of knowledge? Where do the laws that are to be tested come from? Experiment, itself, helps to produce these laws, in the sense that it gives us hints. But also needed is imagination to create from these hints the great generalizations; to guess at the wonderful, simple, but very strange patterns beneath them all, and then to experiment to check again whether we have made the right guess."

"Which end is nearer to God, if I may use a religious metaphor? Beauty and hope, or Fundamental laws? I think that the right way, of course, is to say that what we have to look at is the whole structural interconnection of the thing, and that...all the efforts of the intellectual kinds, are an endeavor to see the connections of the hierarchies, to connect beauty to history, to connect history to psychology, psychology to the working of the brain, the brain to the neural impulse, the neural impulse to the chemistry, and so forth...Up and down both ways . And today we cannot...draw a line all the way from one end to the other because we have only just begun to see that there is the relative hierarchy.
And I do not think either end is nearer to God."

"It is our responsibility as scientists, knowing the great progress which comes from a satisfactory philosophy of ignorance – the great progress which is the fruit of freedom of thought – to proclaim the value of this freedom; and to demand this freedom, as our duty to all coming generations."

"A new idea is extremely difficult to think of. It takes fantastic imagination."

"Equilibrium is when all the fast things have happened, and all of the slow things have not."

"He himself behaved very much like the electron." And "The creative mind has a vast attic." "even in the process of dying, Feynman was still a child."

Leonard Mlodin, Feynman's Rainbow, 2003

on Feynman by Lawrence M. Krauss:

"Richard made people feel like children do when a grown-up first treats them as adults. He was never afraid to tell the truth...

He tried never to take the same path twice."

on Feynman ... 'faith in nature's simplicity ...his impatience with mediocrity.'

via Popova: "What men are poets who can speak of Jupiter if he were a man, but if he is an immense spinning sphere of methane and ammonia must be silent?"

see challenger film: 2013 BBC Hurt as Feynman:

"Nothing is known with absolute certainty...how to handle doubt and uncertainty ... Science teaches us what the rules of evidence are. We mess with that at our peril...

...for nature cannot be fooled...

it was a good use of science...

I guess there is a kind of afterlife. The few bits and pieces that we do might get remembered.

Gweneth Feynman: "No. If you don't do it, there will be 12 people, all in a group, going around from place to place together. But if you join the commission, there will be 11 people - all in a group, going around from place to place together - while the 12th one runs around all over the

place, checking all kinds of unusual things. There probably won't be anything, but if there is, you'll find it. There isn't anyone else who can do that like you can."

From The Value of Science lecture:

...a scientist looking at non-scientific problems is just as dumb as the next guy - and when he talks about a non-scientific matter, he sounds as naive as anyone untrained in the matter...

...the imagination of nature is far, far greater than the imagination of man...

The same thrill, the same awe and mystery, comes again and again when we look at any question deeply enough. With more knowledge comes a deeper, more wonderful mystery, luring one on to penetrate deeper still...

in order to progress we must recognize our ignorance and leave room for doubt...

We are all sad when we think of the wonderful potentialities human beings seem to have, as contrasted with their small accomplishments...

Why can't we conquer ourselves? ...

What, then, is the meaning of it all? ...

If we want to solve a problem that we have never solved before, we must leave the door to the unknown ajar...

It is our responsibility as scientists, knowing the great progress which comes from a satisfactory philosophy of ignorance, the great progress which is the fruit of freedom of thought, to proclaim the value of this freedom; to teach how doubt is not to be feared but welcomed and discussed; and to demand this freedom as our duty to all coming generations."

I would rather have questions that can't be answered than answers that can't be questioned.

Richard Feynman once wrote, "It is our capacity to doubt that will determine the future of civilization."

via Freeman Dyson: "he was a natural physicist, and he thought in terms of concrete objects. The mathematics was an encumbrance, something you had to stick on afterwards, more or less...as a necessary evil."

end of Feynman

Fiallo, Delia:

"I consider myself successful if I can deliver to viewers a world of fantasy, even if only for an hour.

Everyone is young at heart. Illusions don't fade with time, and it is beautiful to rekindle a love affair, even if it's not your own." telenovela author

"...since I got cancer, I realized that we all have an expiration date. I just don't know when mine is."

Valorie Kondos Field, UCLA women gymnastics

"I know what they are saying. I know when they've changed. You have to just be with them the whole time, have the camera ready and make sure you have batteries."

Aaron Fielding

Terrorists aren't born that way: They are inspired, cultivated and directed. Our experience with online radicalization has shown there is a clear path to violence. I fear we are on it.

Frank Figliuzzi

"Civil disobedience is not only a moral choice, it is also the most powerful way of shaping world politics."

Christiana Figueres

"The fingerprints we left on the ballots are now on the triggers."

"What we need now is an international New Deal, to change the relations between North and South."

José Figueres Ferrer, Costa Rica

"... there's just as much to fear in the American people, especially in the white America that elected Trump."

Jill Filipovic

"God has bless me with a unique ability to defy reality."

Michael Fenne, Pixelon, quoted by Thomas Frank

Filkins, Dexter:

"...the state is nothing if not a highly efficient apparatus for making war..."

"Have you ever seen pictures of his eyes? There's no light there. No shine there. There's nothing there. I would liken it to darkness."

Lisa Finch via Wired story

"...scientific truth does not triumph by convincing its opponents and making them see the light, but rather because its opponents eventually die, and a new generation grows up that is familiar with it."

"...we humans quickly develop an irrational loyalty to our beliefs, and work hard to find evidence that supports those opinions and to discredit, discount or avoid information that does not."

Cordelia Fine

Thou Shalt Not Raise ANY Taxes

Thou Shalt Pass a Constitutional Amendment to Make Abortion Illegal

Thou Shalt Pass a Constitutional Amendment to Define Marriage as the Union of a Man and a Woman

Thou Shalt Repeal "ObamaCare," AKA the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act

Thou Shalt Repeal The Dodd-Frank Banking Regulation Act

Thou Shalt Pass a Constitutional Amendment to Balance the Federal Budget

Thou Shalt Only Give Military Support to "Our Friends"

Thou Shalt Limit the Power of -- If Not Entirely Abolish -- the EPA

Thou Shalt Drill, Mine and Frak to the Widest Extent Possible

Thou Shalt Take the Name of President Obama in Vain

Howard Fineman

"...the United States won the cold war partly by embracing and promoting ideals embraced by science itself."

Ann Finkbeiner

Finkel, Eugene:

via Dixon, Robyn:

on genocide: "They're talking about destroying Ukrainians as a group, Ukraine as a state and as an identity community," Eugene Finkel said. "The argument is we are going to destroy this national community as it exists and create something new that we like instead, no matter how many people we kill in the process."

"...core of learning is not in the information...being predigested from the outside, but in the interaction between the child and the environment."

Finland, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, via Rifkin.

““We knew the law at the time was against us, but we never lost faith that what we perceived to be justice would prevail. When I look at how far we have come today, I have to say, If there’s a man who ought to be impressed with the fact that the law works, I’m that man.”

Ernest Finney Jr., NYT obit last

Finnbogadóttir, Vigdis:

“I believe in women - the capacity and high intelligence of women.
If the world can be saved, it will be women that do that.
And they do not do it with war, they do it with words.”

"For Chinese and Indian students, science remains a way out of poverty. For American students, it's becoming the path into it."

Stuart Firestein

"It happened so slowly that no one really noticed at first. That's the way erosion works. It is a gradual decay."

Karen Fischer

"...a more structural, longer-term shift, in the global economy....a more fundamental structural change in advanced economies."

Stanley Fischer, VP, Federal Reserve

"If our country is worth dying for in time of war let us resolve that it is truly worth living for in time of peace."

Hamilton Fish

Fish...via Kopp:

"The most intricately and perfectly coordinated of all voluntary movements in the animal kingdom are those of the human hand and fingers, and perhaps in no other human activity do memory, complex integration, and muscular coordination surpass the achievements of the skilled pianist."

Homer W. Smith, From Fish to Philosopher

Fish, Stanley:

"[I]f freedom of speech is not an academic value; freedom of inquiry is, and freedom of inquiry requires the silencing of voices."

Fisher, Marc:

She now defines herself as a gun person "who hates gun people."

Mark Fisher once compared capitalism to the titular monster of John Carpenter's *The Thing*—an alien creature that infects, and then assimilates, hapless human beings. The corruption hides behind a familiar face. Capitalism becomes whatever it touches.

Fisher Mark, via Sarah Jones Dissent Le Guin

"The long, dark night of the end of history has to be grasped as an enormous opportunity. The very oppressive pervasiveness of capitalist realism means that even glimmers of alternative political and economic possibilities can have a disproportionately great effect. The tiniest event can tear a hole in the grey curtain of reaction which has marked the horizons of possibility under capitalist realism. From a situation in which nothing can happen, suddenly anything is possible again."

Mark Fisher

Fisher, Max:

"Authoritarianism without Borders...The Americans insisted that this was a global war, in which sovereignty and citizenship would have to be set aside." re assassination repression

"Leonardo's strong comic streak is another striking example of the association between creativity and the ability to appreciate and to create humor....the ability to manipulate contradiction and to create paradox, which are basic to humor, are also an integral part of the creative process."

Rhoda L Fisher

"Our mother would say, 'Never let your brains go to your head.'

Richard W Fisher

"We are in a world of uncertainty ... a dangerous new phenomenon ... has appeared, ... stagnant growth."

Jean-Paul Fitoussi, professor of economics at the Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris

"He had a scholarly understanding of the science, an activist's anger at inaction, and a strategist's eye for where to apply pressure or introduce solutions."

Brian Fitzgerald in obit for Steve Sawyer

"...the test of a first rate intelligence is the ability to hold two opposed ideas in the mind at the same time, and still retain the ability to function."

"One should be able to see that things are hopeless and yet be determined to make them otherwise." - F. Scott Fitzgerald

"You can write drunk but you have to revise sober."

Lost Generation: "...grown up to find all Gods dead, all wars fought, all faiths in man shaken."

F Scott Fitzgerald

"[a] moral vandalism ...has been set loose in our culture....

Jeff Flake

"There is a dark side to humanity when we get stressed and things get tough.when resources are scarce we turn on our fellow human beings.

"Bullshit baffles brains, but only temporarily

Tim Flannery

"It is a delicious thing to write, to be no longer yourself but to move in an entire universe of your own creating. Today, for instance, as man and woman, both lover and mistress, I rode in a forest on an autumn afternoon under the yellow leaves, and I was also the horses, the leaves, the wind, the words my people uttered, even the red sun that made them almost close their love-drowned eyes."

Gustave Flaubert

"...nothing matters long enough to matter."

Matt Flegenheimer

"That's a big no. The President believes that it's an American way of life, and that it should be the goal of policy makers to protect the American way of life. The American way of life is a blessed one." on George Bush

Ari Fleisher, White House spokesman, quoted in the Dallas Morning News, 2001

"If you don't study the past, then everything seems to be unprecedented."

James R Fleming, historian

"Every walk of life falls under the sway of the Testicular Imperative: Either you have the world by them, or it has you."

Colin Fletcher, The Complete Walker IV

"...perception is controlled hallucination..."

Paul Fletcher

Flexner:

"This book challenges a number of sacred traditional theories that have been made obsolete by time." (1989)

We...are animals of habit, and change does not come easily...The ability to change in a timely and rational manner is of critical importance in a world in which the key to survival is adaptability."

...our culture...reflects to a great extent extreme materialism, which has its origins in an economic philosophy of self-indulgence."

"...the most basic goal of an economy – to improve the human condition."

"The market is uniquely suited for:..."

The market is ill suited for...: (see Flexner, 1989 pdf)

"Freedom and power must be subject to rules in a society in which improving the human condition and abolishing poverty are the main economic goals; fairness in human relations, the main political goal; the ability to live a relatively secure and useful life, the main psychological goal; and peaceful coexistence, the main social goal. This is not an arbitrary selection of goals. They can be found in the major religions and in the writings of the great philosophers.

Rules define the relationships between people. They may involve property, the exchange of goods and services, national interests, the environment, birth, death, and countless other matters. But they always involve people. There is no equality, and rules are intended to make life as fair as possible within the framework of unavoidable inequalities."

Kurt F Flexner

Flitter, Emily, NYT:

"...Ruger, similar to an effort at Smith & Wesson, another rare publicly traded gun company in a largely privately owned and opaque industry..."

...activist investing: buying shares in a public company in order to have a say in how it is run.

Laura Krausa, CommonSpirit's director of advocacy."

"The Wall Street occupiers are the canaries in the coal mine of our society. They are warning us of

the decay of our nation's values that hold our society together. America thrived because of common values — freedom, opportunity, the dignity of every individual and promotion of the general welfare....

They are disillusioned, angry and calling out public and private leaders on their hypocrisy for having corrupted the values they were taught...

interest groups who have created a direct deposit bank line to

politicians who no longer have to represent the nation's interest. They fight to keep their seat by calling the problems

we face "class warfare"; that allows Americans who have not experienced tragedy to be quick to dismiss the occupiers

as complainers and being responsible for choosing the life they now have. Did they have a choice — the laid-off

worker because the employer went out of business, the widow because her husband died, the elderly...

Since politicians answer to their lobbyists, they don't have to practice the values of the average citizen: integrity and trust....

John Florez

"Trump...revealed to us the genuine irreality and freakishness of American actuality... Americans seems to be unable to bear any reality at all."

Chris Floyd

"Yours is an act of courage that borders on provocation."

Dario Fo, to the Nobel Academy

Jane Fonda:

"Do you know what a repeater is?...repeaters take ... the signal from the valley and spread them to a much wider audience. That's what celebrities are..."

[On Trump] I see a frightened child who is very, very dangerous because he's got his hands on all the buttons...

I'd rather push a moderate than fight a fascist...

[On Ted Turner, via Gone with the Wind]: 'The land is the only thing that matters, Scarlet. The land is the only thing that lasts!'...

Jane Fonda

"[The dark side of American exceptionalism is] hubris and closed-mindedness, and . . . ignorance about the rest of the world.

'slaves as property were worth more than all the banks, factories and railroads in the country put together [at start of Civil War]...."

Eric Foner

"The strategic adversary is fascism...the fascism in all of us, in our heads and in our everyday behavior, the fascism that causes us to love power, to desire the very thing that dominates and exploits us."

Foucault

"...What our cognitive science has done so far is mostly to throw some light on how much dark there is."

Jerry A Fodor NYT obit.

"People who become used to saying little become used to feeling little."

Jonathan Safran Foer

"If I don't have the moral courage to challenge authority. . . we don't have journalism."

James Foley, via Sting

"The intelligence of the brightest people around is no match for the rampant stupidity of capitalism."

Benjamin Y. Fong

"A story is told of an old priest, who, asked if he had learned anything about human beings in his many years of hearing confessions,...said 'Yes, there are no grown-ups.'"

Philipa Foot

"An atmosphere of that gas [CO2] would give to our earth a high temperature."

Eunice Foote, 1856

Forotan, Farahnaz:

"Women know the cost of the wars started by men."

Ford, Franklin:

"...despotism...fade into the background colors of traditional autocracy, with all its capricious inefficiency...

only pain and confinement...with the delivery to the next of kin of a small urn of unidentifiable ashes, accompanied by a letter of explanation referring solemnly to 'death from natural causes while detained in the public interest'...

Ford, Gerald:

"...truth is the glue that holds government together, not only our government but civilization itself."

"I've got it in my wallet here" [Ford replied], pulling out a folded, dog-eared piece of paper summarizing the Supreme Court decision *Burdick v. United States* in 1915. The justices had ruled that a pardon "carries an imputation of guilt; acceptance a confession of it."

Nixon confessed by accepting the pardon, Ford said. "That was always very reassuring to me." via Woodward and Bernstein paper.

Gerald Ford

"... time waste differs from material waste in that there can be no salvage."

"It is well enough that the people of the nation do not understand our banking and monetary system, for if they did, I believe there would be a revolution before tomorrow morning."

Henry Ford

"If we don't help the moderates, we are going to end up having to fight the extremists."

Robert Ford in S Power review by Dexter Filkins

"Voting for a Racist Does, in Fact, Make You Racist

'Denial makes you numb, it doesn't make you blind'

Tracey Ford in Medium

Foreman, David - EarthFIRST!:

"... they can't beat you up too much if you keep them laughing. It's a way to live. Having a sense of humor is a way to survive..."

"Forrest, Andrew:

Think clean coal. Think clean hydrogen. Think cancer-free tobacco. It all adds up to the same thing.

Misleading soundbytes, put out by industries wishing to continue a duplicitous social licence to operate." ffi.com.au

"The worst evil is - and that's the product of censorship - self-censorship, because that twists spines, that destroys my character because I have to think something else and say something else; I have to always control myself."

He loved the sound of laughter: 'the disruptive , anarchic signal of creativity on the loose.' via Economist obit,4-21-2018

Milos Forman

"...over-indulging in though avoidance. ..On account of lack of thinking humans keep arriving unprepared to the crossroads of their lives where they must make decisions upon which the quality of their remaining time on Earth depends. ...their unwitting sabotage of their own lives. "Ultimately, the good life is the thinking life.
The...entertainment industry is essentially built upon humanity's addiction to thought avoidance. the age in which we live ...its unparalleled perfection of the art of distraction.
When you reflect, you mull over and you ponder. It is thinking made serious by its content, intensity, and duration.
P M Forni

Rana Foroohar:
"...the new 'oil' of our economy - information and networks...
John Battelle...once put it to me: 'The tech community doesn't have a good perspective on itself. We aren't humanists or philosophers. We are engineers. To Google and Facebook, people are algorithms'.
"Shoshana Zuboff ...'surveillance capitalism,'...a parasitic economic logic in which the production of goods and services is subordinated to a new global architecture of behavioral modification' via digital surveillance technologies."
"...fake news ... is 70 percent more likely to be shared than real news."
"Silicon Valley has always had a core Ayn Rand libertarianism underneath its hippie patina."
"Follow the money."
"Google and 'big data' represent a core break with the capitalism of the past...Adam Smith ... believed that you needed transparency, equal access to information, and a shared moral framework for markets to work. In the digital age, those three things are rarely, if ever, in force...

'To speak to him was to be seduced by an inverse charisma, a sense of being listened to with such intensity that you had to be your most honest, sharpest, and best self."
on E M Forster, via David Brooks
"How can I know what I think till I see what I say?"
E M Forster

Forsyth:
"What kind of satanic metamorphosis can achieve that?...in all the history of the human race there has never been a creed so foul. It had not a single redeeming feature, appealing only to the nastiest corners of the human soul...(on Nazis, Fascism)
My only drugs are silence and solitude."
Frederick Forsyth

"The psychedelics are a red-hot, social-ethical issue precisely because they are de-conditioning agents....their business is to dissolve belief systems."
R. Forte via Charlotte Walsh

"The cultural notion that knowledge (intellectual property) could be a private good, is simply incomprehensible...in India and China."
Gail Fosler, The Conference Board

"...there are things I have to say in order to figure out who I am or my place in the world, or for me to evolve as a person."
Jodie Foster

It is in vain that we say what we see; what we see never resides in what we say."
Michel Foucault

"...nature is the biggest bioterrorist."
Ron A M Fouchier

"Smart white men acting stupid will be the death of America."
Ben Fountain

Fox, Andie:
"...like Proserpina in the paintings in Italy, [my teenager] was lured away to the underworld – 24-hour internet."

"the economy... is an evil we are all involved in."
"I would consider the denial that human activity is causing climate change to be a collectivist evil..."
"The word evil, like any word, can be misused. ... We're prone to project onto others the shadow that is in ourselves."
Matthew Fox

Fox, Michael J:
""From the point of view of the occupant of the chair, it's a world of asses and elbows.... often in the wheelchair, I'm luggage. I'm not expected to say much. Just sit still." Later, he adds, "No one listens to luggage." ...
Parkinson's will render me frozen, immobile, stone-faced, and mute — entirely at the mercy of my environment. For someone for whom motion equals emotion, vibrance and relevance, it's a lesson in humility." ...
I'm 59 years old, and I've got no time for small talk."

"'Uncertainty' - if there's something to be chiseled on my tombstone, that would be it."
"The Beatles - they convey the image of absurd little men in a absurd big world."
Renee C Fox NYT obit

Dana Fradon cartoon see obit:
"It's true, Caesar," one senator says, reading from a report. "Rome is declining, but I expect it to pick up in the next quarter."
"Let's face it," he quoted the editor as saying, "you're not motivated by any love for the oppressed. You're motivated by hatred of the oppressor."
"Honesty is the best policy.' O.K.!", the boss says. "Now what's the second-best policy?"
"Miss Dugan, will you send someone in here who can distinguish right from wrong?"

"Pain is reduced when partners hold hands."
Austin Frakt

"Grown men ... at the bar chanting 'We are the one percent!'"
Edward Frame

France, Anatole:
"...education ...is being able to differentiate between what you do know and what you don't."
"Awaken people's curiosity. It is enough to open minds; do not overfill them."

"I don't blame Trump for his bad behavior any more than I would a skunk for smelling bad."
"Nature takesw the long view, mankind the short. Nature picks diversity; we pick standardization. We are homogenizing our crops and homogenizing our people. ... art excremental brown
(Epilogue, Normality book)
Allen Frances MD

"To be alive is to be in perpetual metamorphosis."
Gavin Francis

"Scientific knowledge reveals options; values determine choices."

Pope Francis says, we must hear "*both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.*"

Pope Francis

"Working for a just distribution of the fruits of the earth and human labor is not mere philanthropy," he said on Wednesday. "It is a moral obligation. For Christians, the responsibility is even greater: It is a commandment."

"Corruption is the gangrene of the people."

"Make a mess, but then also help to tidy it up. A mess which gives us a free heart, a mess which gives us solidarity, a mess which gives us hope."

"It's not a green encyclical; it's a social encyclical."

Pope Francis

Pope Francis writes in his recent climate-focused encyclical, "Let us sing as we go. May our struggles and our concern for this planet never take away the joy of our hope."

"Please, allow me to say it loud and clear," he declared. "The more powerful you are, the more your actions will have an impact on people, the more responsible you are to act humbly. If you don't, your power will ruin you, and you will ruin the other."

"There is a saying in Argentina," Francis continued. "Power is like drinking gin on an empty stomach. You feel dizzy, you get drunk, you lose your balance, and you will end up hurting yourself and those around you."

Pope Francis

"...a globalization of indifference..."

"...the antibodies to the virus of indifference...."

It is all too easy for some to take an idea — in this case, for example, personal freedom — and turn it into an ideology, creating a prism through which they judge everything....

Look at us now: We put on face masks to protect ourselves and others from a virus we can't see. But what about all those other unseen viruses we need to protect ourselves from? How will we deal with the hidden pandemics of this world, the pandemics of hunger and violence and climate change?"

end Pope Francis

"It really is a wonder that I haven't dropped all my ideals, because they seem so absurd and impossible to carry out. Yet I keep them, because in spite of everything I still believe people are really good at heart."

Anne Frank

"Newt's the single biggest factor in bringing about this change," Mr. Frank said. "He got to Congress in '78 and said, 'We the Republicans are not going to be able to take over unless we demonize the Democrats.'"

"[Gingrich] got to Congress in '78 and said: 'We the Republicans are not going to be able to take over unless we demonize the Democrats,'"

Barney Frank

"Rancor is what you do when you have decided that there is no ability to change the situation. That's what you do when you're debating the invincibly ignorant....Atheism expresses more certainty than I have...if it's actually unknowable, don't bother me with it."

Barney Frank

Frank, Jr., Billy:

"The people need to know the truth," via Tim Egan

Justin Frank: via Trump on the Couch review.

"I think that most of the time he does believe the things he's saying," Frank says, "because, at his deepest level, he lies to himself. The purpose of lying is to hide yourself, first, from others, but then at a deeper level to hide yourself from yourself."

"He doesn't want to look at who he is, so what he does over time is distort reality, and lying involves changing reality and making it into one's own wish or fantasy. That's where the term

'fake news' is so important, because he hates the fact that the news functions almost for him unconsciously like a Greek chorus. Part of his lying is also to deny rules and deny regulations, to deny laws, to deny limitations. It's rejection of learning and thinking. Rules remind him of having to accept truth."

"President Trump now lies to survive...

...the capacity to identify with weakness or vulnerability - a requisite for empathy - is too threatening to the delicate balance by which the illusion of omnipotence is maintained...In the place of empathy, he can offer only contempt for those weaker than him - who embody a weakness that he can't accept in himself...

The racist position is dominated by the defense mechanism we know as projection, in which the individual externalizes unwanted characteristics about the self and perceives them in others ... perceived as being different...

Certainty is a defense against anxiety...

...racism is a social version of that very human wish not to have to think...

castration anxiety...

early-onset Alzheimer's...

dyslexia...

...his Twitter feed demonstrates, when [he] feels something, he must express it immediately, ..tweets present him with an appealing medium for evacuating his anxieties without processing or learning from them...

he is a prisoner of his own anxiety, which he attempts to manage by inflicting it on the rest of us....

Trump lives completely in the present: he is a digital thinker, not analog ..

The inability to make links is called paramnesia - a disturbance of memory...

Trump's confinement to a simplified, binary world ... turns us into a nation of parents. ..

he who knows Trump knows psychiatry...

Donald Trump just scares me in new and unexpected ways...

Justin Frank

Frank, Nathaniel:

"...what the brain learns, we are discovering, it can unlearn." pdf on pain pain reprocessing therapy" (PRT)

Frank, Robert

"Darwin ... was in fact heavily influenced by the works of the economists Thomas Malthus and David Ricardo."

"...a well designed tax system actually makes the economic pie larger, by discouraging behaviors that cause more harm than good."

"...Darwin will be seen by most economists as the intellectual founder of their discipline...

Darwin...understood that competition often favored traits that brought misery to all...when individual and group interests diverge, competition not only fails to promote the common good, it also actively undermines it.

Milton Friedman...in 1997...the progressive consumption tax ...is the best way...to raise needed revenue."

"...global warming has deep systemic causes that are little affected by individual steps alone."

"...successful people often fail to appreciate the importance of seemingly minor random events in life...they tend to develop an exaggerated sense of entitlement to the enormous material rewards they command in the marketplace...

the power of behavioral contagion...active questioning...then we listen...

quoting Samuel Johnson: 'To do nothing is within the power of all men.'

Robert H Frank

"...when the anti-tax wealthy make campaign contributions, they are buying only the deeper potholes and dirtier air that inevitably result when tax revenue is low."

Robert H Frank

Justin A Frank: Trump on the Couch-
from Obama on the Couch: 'Obsessive Bipartisan Disorder'

"I can't say I've read the treatises that I suspect have preceded my own, because I don't speak Russian...I have no doubt that the Russian effort to interfere on Trump's behalf in the 2016 election was preceded by an extensive assessment of his psyche
...there is no indication that any sort of treatment is a viable option...
...the Russians... in the long tradition of intelligence-gathering examined Trump's psyche and found an opportunity for exploitation..."

"...even small actions are amplified by behavioral contagion..."
Robert H Frank

"The woman we were constantly assured was the best-qualified candidate of all time has lost to the least qualified candidate of all time."

Thomas Frank in The guardian
From Thomas Frank: What's the Matter with Kansas?, 2004
"Cultural anger is marshaled to achieve economic ends.
The leaders may talk Christ, but they walk corporate."

"...the power of concentrated money has subverted professions, destroyed small investors, wrecked the regulatory state, corrupted legislators en masse, and repeatedly put the economy through the wringer. Now it has come for our democracy itself."

Thomas Frank
"...in the culture of the nineties, CEOs were 'leaders' and union chiefs were 'bosses', regardless of the fact that unions are often democracies while corporations are almost always dictatorships."
...a robust bull market of bullshit."
...the consolations of ideology...
the con game is so utterly American..."
"[The] wave of misgovernment was brought to you by ideology, not incompetence."
"...and act of noble self-denial; a sacrifice for a holier cause." [see Metz!]
Thomas Frank

"Life begins at excommunication."
ffrf.org

"Donald Trump never laughs."
"Satire is protected speech, even if the object of the satire doesn't get it."
Al Franken

"Bullshit is unavoidable whenever circumstances require someone to talk without knowing what he is talking about....sincerity itself is bullshit."
"[A bullshitter] ... does not care whether the things he says describe reality correctly. He just picks them out, or makes them up, to suit his purpose."
Harry Frankfurt, On Bullshit, 2005

Viktor Frankl:
from *Man's Search for Meaning*, 1984 version
Part 2: Logotherapy
Logotherapy focuses on the future ... a meaning-centered psychotherapy. ...
Man's search for meaning is the primary motivation in his life ... This meaning is unique and specific ... and can be fulfilled by him alone.
mental health is based on a certain degree of tension, the tension between what one has already achieved and what one still ought to accomplish ... the gap between what one is and what one should become...
existential vacuum manifests itself mainly in a state of boredom ...
progressive automation will probably lead to an enormous increase in the leisure hours available to the average worker ...

depression, aggression and addiction are not understandable unless we recognize the existential vacuum underlying them. ...

The logotherapist's role consists of widening and broadening the visual field of the patient so that the whole spectrum of potential meaning becomes conscious and visible ...

When we are no longer able to change a situation - we are challenged to change ourselves....suffering ceases to be suffering at the moment it finds a meaning ...

man's main concern is not to gain pleasure or to avoid pain but rather to see a meaning in his life.

...

the only real transitory aspects of life are the potentialities; but as soon as they are actualized, they are rendered realities ...; they are saved and delivered into the past, wherein they are rescued and preserved from transitoriness. ... in the past, nothing is irretrievably lost but everything irrevocably stored. ...

... anticipatory anxiety ...

Pleasure is, and must remain, a side-effect or by-product, and is destroyed and spoiled to the degree to which it is made a goal in itself. ...

make use of the specifically human capacity for self-detachment inherent in a sense of humor ...

[learn to laugh at yourself]...paradoxical intention...

nihilism can be defined as the contention that being has no meaning...neurotic fatalism...

Man is ultimately self-determining. Man does not simply exist but always decides what his existence will be....

Freedom is only part of the story and half of the truth. Freedom is but the negative aspect of the whole phenomenon whose positive aspect is responsibility. ...freedom is in danger of degenerating into mere arbitrariness unless it is lived in terms of responsibility. ...*Statue of Responsibility on the West Coast...*

Postscript 1984: Tragic Optimism

... people have enough to live by but nothing to live for; they have the means but no meaning.

...

unemployment neurosis...being jobless was equated with being useless, and being useless was equated with having a meaningless life. ...

as soon as [patients] could fill their abundant free time with some sort of unpaid but meaningful activity - their depression disappeared, although their economic situation had not changed ...

the existential vacuum ... a feeling of emptiness and meaningfulness....

the potentialities to fulfill a meaning are affected by the irreversibility of our lives...In the past, nothing is irretrievably lost...everything is irrevocably stored and treasured. ...

Instead of possibilities in the future, [old people] have realities in the past - the potentialities they have actualized, the meanings they have fulfilled, the values they have realized...

George A Sargwent: 'learned meaninglessness.

the last sentence of the *Ethics* of Spinoza: 'everything great is just as difficult to realize as it is rare to find.'

The world is in a bad state, but everything will become still worse unless each of us does his best.

Since Auschwitz we know what man is capable of.

And since Hiroshima we know what is at stake."

Viktor Frankl

Viktor Frankl offered his hard-won assurance that "everything can be taken from a man but one thing: the last of the human freedoms — to choose one's attitude in any given set of circumstances,"

end Frankl

Franklin, Benjamin:

"Originality is the art of concealing your sources."

Benjamin Franklin

"There are few things which are appreciated more in their absence, and less in their presence, than health."

Benjamin Franklin

"There are parts which I do not at present approve, but I am not sure I shall never approve them: For having lived long, I have experienced many instances of being obliged to change

opinions even on important subjects. In these sentiments, I agree to this Constitution with all its faults, if they are such; because I think a general Government necessary. I doubt too whether any other Convention may be able to make a better Constitution. For when you assemble men to have the advantage of their joint wisdom, you inevitably assemble all their prejudices, passions, errors of opinion, local interests and selfish views. From such an assembly can a perfect production be expected? Thus I consent because I expect no better, and because I am not sure it is not the best. I hope for our own sakes, and for posterity, we shall act heartily and turn our thoughts & endeavors to having it well administred." (Read entire speech at www.usconstitution.net/franklin.html.)

Ben Franklin at the close of the Constitutional Convention to unconvinced delegates

"An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest."

Benjamin Franklin

"People who are wrapped up in themselves make small packages."

"One of the greatest tragedies of life is the murder of a beautiful theory by a gang of brutal facts. To lengthen thy life, lessen thy meals."

"Those who would give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."

"They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."

"America's destiny is not power, but light."

Thus I consent, Sir, to this Constitution because I expect no better, and because I am not sure that it is not the best. The opinions I have had of its errors, I sacrifice to the public good. I have never whispered a syllable of them abroad. Within these walls they were born, and here they shall die. If every one of us in returning to our Constituents were to report the objections he has had to it, and endeavor to gain partizans in support of them, we might prevent its being generally received, and thereby lose all the salutary effects and great advantages resulting naturally in our favor among foreign Nations as well as among ourselves, from our real or apparent unanimity.

I perceive that the great part of the miseries of mankind are brought upon them by false estimates they have made of the value of things.

Benjamin Franklin

"...I have experienced many instances of being obliged by better information ...to change opinions even on important subjects....the older I grow, the more apt I am to doubt my own judgment, and to pay more respect to the judgment of others."

Benjamin Franklin

"If passion drives you, let reason hold the reins."

"The way to see by faith is to shut the eye of reason."

- Benjamin Franklin

Ben Franklin

"The Convention, except three or four persons, thought prayer unnecessary."
Ben Franklin

"Whoever would overthrow the liberty of a nation must begin by subduing the freeness of speech."
Ben Franklin

"You will observe with concern how long a useful truth may be known and exist before it is generally received and practised on."
Ben Franklin

"Only a virtuous people are capable of freedom. As nations become corrupt and vicious, they have more need of a master."

"There is no form of government but what may be a blessing to the people if well administered, and I believe farther that this is likely to be well administered for a course of years, and can only end in Despotism, as other forms have done before it, when the people shall become so corrupted as to need despotic Government, being incapable of any other."

Ben Franklin, on the Constitution, shortly before dying, quoted by Vidal
"...money...the more a man has, the more he wants...Instead of filling a vacuum, it makes one."
via David Suzuki

end of Ben Franklin

"Down with intelligence! Viva death!"
Franko's general

Mary Anne Franks:

"The Fourteenth Amendment makes clear that it is both impermissible and illogical to read the Constitution selectively in terms of which rights it protects or of whose rights it protects;...the constitutional expression of the Golden Rule. The equal protection clause seemed to be the keystone of the Constitution, the source of the entire text's moral legitimacy and structured intelligibility....

Fundamentalism is as alive and well in law as it is in religion....people use the Constitution the way religious fundamentalists use the Bible - selectively, self-servingly, and in bad faith...
...the only rights any of us should have are the rights that all of us should have. If only some of us are saved, all of us are lost...

see George Orwell quote 'we have now sunk to a depth...

"I fear ... what our future will look like if the obvious is left unsaid."

"...we must stop investing in our own collective disruption."
Benjamin Franta NY Times letter 9-16-2013

"Some times our nation does things that are positive, and sometimes it does things that are negative, and it's my responsibility, out of my love for this nation, to speak out loudly in support of the things that it does well, and to speak out loudly against those things that it's doing that are hurtful."

Michael Franti

"The personality susceptible to the dream of limitless freedom is a personality also prone, should the dream ever sour, to misanthropy and rage."
Jonathan Franzen

"The need for human values is ...to control the unbounded imaginative powers of the mind. ... guidelines for beliefs, formulated in terms of truths and untruths; ...for conduct, stated in terms of right or wrong; and ...for the management of emotions, in terms of the beautiful and the ugly."

J. T. Fraser, *Time and Time Again*, 2007.

Values

"I do not believe in the general promiscuous toting of guns. I think it should be sharply restricted and only under licenses."

Karl T Frederick, President, NRA, 1938

"Nature's rules of engagement are fundamentally different from our own....leave room for nature in our plans."

Jill Fredston re: Risk, NY Times 3-11-06

"Trump doctrine...Distilled, In the absence of a vision of my own, I'll destroy everything Obama did."

Jonathan Freedland

The exempting of the occasional good Jew from a merited disdain for the Jewish people as a whole has long been a feature of antisemitism, and it's a device that remains in use to this day....

Think of it as the "polluter pays" principle: Facebook is polluting the supply of information, and it needs to pay.

Jonathan Freedland

"...the experience in direct democracy that thousands are having in plazas and parks has been, for many, 'like flexing a muscle you didn't know you had.' ...now they want more democracy—not just at a meeting but also in their community planning and in their workplaces."

Omar Freilla, quoted by Klein

"I'm a brand...I'm a curator."

Donna Freitas on online personas pdf

Freud:

"Where questions of religion are concerned, people are guilty of every possible sort of dishonesty and intellectual misdemeanor."

"...that was right *then*..."

"every person ...is only normal on the average."

Sigmund Freud There is no such thing as normal

"Much will be gained if we succeed in transforming your hysterical misery into common unhappiness."

Freud on empathy via Ornstein:

"A path leads from identification by way of imi- tation to empathy, that is, to the comprehension of the mechanism by means of which we are enabled to take up any attitude at all towards another mental life"

"It is impossible to overlook the extent to which civilization is built upon a renunciation of instinct."

Sigmund Freud

"Uncanny - an effect produced by effacing the distinction between imagination and reality."

"He was the most effective disturber of complacency in our time."

Sigmund Freud's obituary editorial NY Times 9-25-1939

end of Freud

“...a political and economic system that promotes consumption at the expense of human health... [enabling] industries like alcohol, automobiles, firearms, food and beverages, pharmaceuticals, and tobacco—pillars of the global consumer economy—to develop products and practices that have become the dominant cause of premature death and preventable illness and injuries. This system was born in the United States and has now spread around the world. ...*Lethal but Legal* [focuses on] the alcohol, automobile, fire- arms, food and beverage, pharmaceutical, and tobacco industries ... These six are central to the global consumer economy, the largest portion of the world’s economy today and in the future. They have a profound influence on health behavior, lifestyle, and the physical environment. As a result, their products and practices are associated with a significant proportion of the global burden of disease.... the *corporate consumption complex*, a network of corporations, financial institutions, banks, trade associations, advertising, lobbying and legal firms, and others that promote ... “hyperconsumption,” a pattern of consuming that is directly linked to pre- mature mortality and preventable illness or injury. Like the military-industrial complex that jeopardized American values during the Cold War, today the corporate consumption complex threatens public health, democracy, and sustainable economic development.... three more industries that contribute to injuries and chronic conditions: the, automobile, fire-arms and pharmaceutical industries, and summarize the growing evidence that the business and political practices of these ...have [also] become ... major modifiable causes of today’s top killers.” see Chap 8 pdf

Nicholas Freudenberg, 2014

"Private property is a human construct, subject to change like all social arrangements... Private property functions by enhancing the liberty of owners at the expense of everyone else. Private property supports economic growth better than any competing system. Every generation has the right and indeed the duty to update its laws. 'Do no harm' is the heart and soul of private rights. Harm ...is culturally and socially defined. ...protection of particular parcels merely pushes development elsewhere. The central justification for landownership ... is overall social utility. ...we see private property chiefly as a tool to promote the common good.

Eric T Freyfogle, On Private Property

“An outbreak anywhere is a risk everywhere.”

“...it's going to end badly.”

Thomas Frieden, CDC

"The U.S. Constitution was a bold innovation for its time, but the arteries of America's democracy have hardened since then."

Howard Steven Friedman

“...the deeper something is repressed, the more power it exerts.”

Matti Friedman

Friedman, Milton:

1980 TV series on capitalism: Free to Choose.

"Your mistake is failing to recognize that the very measures you favor are a major source of the evils you deplore."

"The greatest problem facing our country is the breaking down into two classes, those who have and those who have not. The growing differences between the incomes... We really cannot remain a democratic, open society that is divided into two classes. In the long run, that's the greatest single danger."

Milton Friedman

"...our basic function [is] ... to develop alternatives to existing policies, to keep them alive and available until the politically impossible becomes politically inevitable."

Milton Friedman

"In spite of my profound disagreement with the authoritarian political system of Chile, I do not consider it as evil for an economist to render technical economic advice to the Chilean Government, anymore than I would regard it as evil to give technical medical advice to the Chilean Government to end a medical plague."

Milton Friedman, via Orlando Letelier

"Only a crisis - actual or perceived - produces real change. When that crisis occurs, the actions that are taken depend on the ideas that are lying around. That, I believe, is our basic function: to develop alternatives to existing policies, to keep them alive and available until the politically impossible becomes politically inevitable."

Milton Friedman

Read more: http://www.gaia.com/quotes/Milton_Friedman#ixzz0fcbW4Kdc

Friedman, Richard:

"These findings also suggest potential therapeutic uses for oxytocin and vasopressin for people who have either a deficit or an excess of trust and social bonding. Autism is an example of a deficit, and indeed there is preliminary evidence that oxytocin may have some beneficial prosocial effects in this disorder. In contrast, Williams syndrome is a rare genetic illness in which kids are pathologically trusting and indiscriminately befriend complete strangers. The disorder is associated with baseline oxytocin levels that are on average three times above normal, so a drug that blocks oxytocin may curb their excessive trust..

If you have an Orwellian bent, you've probably already imagined the mischief you might do with these two hormones. You could surreptitiously make a potential investor more trusting or encourage a monogamous impulse in a partner who you suspect is cheating. All you need is aerosolized oxytocin or vasopressin, perhaps in a spiked air freshener or perfume. Kidding, of course, but you get the idea."

"The message of these attacks is powerful: You are not safe anywhere.

That, after all, is the whole point of terrorism: to subvert our sense of the normal, to make us afraid of improbable dangers and invite us, in our fear, to overreact in ways that are destructive to our lifestyle and that will not make us any safer."

"...alcohol does not create violent sexual impulses so much as it unleashes or magnifies pre-existing ones." NYT assault oped

Richard A Friedman

empathy — the ability to imagine the mind of others

The scary truth is that ordinary human hatred and aggression are far more dangerous than any psychiatric illness...

we are social animals who are easily swayed by our environment. And that environment is awash in rage these days."

Richard Friedman

Thomas Friedman:

A country that invests more in its elderly than its youth, more in nursing homes than schools, will neither invent the future nor own it.

We are the people of July 4 – not September 11th."

"There are Eric Cantors everywhere – reckless baby boomer politicians for whom no crisis is too serious to set aside political ambition and ideology."

"Citibank...It doesn't get any more immoral than this."

"...Egyptians...what animated their protest, first and foremost, ...was a quest for justice."

"Our Congress today is a forum for legalized bribery."

"four reforms:

1) If a bank is too big to fail, it is too big and needs to be broken up. We can't risk another trillion-dollar bailout.

2) If your bank's deposits are federally insured by U.S. taxpayers, you can't do any proprietary trading with those deposits — period.

3) Derivatives have to be traded on transparent exchanges where we can see if another A.I.G. is building up enormous risk.

4) ... U.S. congressmen should have to dress like Nascar drivers and wear the logos of all the banks, investment banks, insurance companies and real estate firms that they're taking money from. The public needs to know."

Thomas Friedman

"We start by making clear that ... governments are free to choose any path they desire, but we will only support those who agree that the countries that thrive today: 1) educate their people up to the most modern standards; 2) empower their women; 3) embrace religious pluralism; 4) have multiple parties, regular elections and a free press; 5) maintain their treaty commitments; and 6) control their violent extremists with security forces governed by the rule of law."

Thomas Friedman

Tom Friedman said last week, "America is a country that was designed by geniuses so it could be run by idiots."

"The more these societies become monocultures, the less they spark new ideas and the more susceptible they are to diseased conspiracy theories and extreme ideologies. It is no accident that the Golden Age of the Arab/Muslim world was when it was a thriving polyculture between the 8th and 13th centuries.... Extremists go all the way and moderates tend to just go away.... It is not enough to just stop extremists from acting extreme. You have to take on and take down their ideas...."

Tom Friedman

"Green, baby, is the new red, white, and blue."

Tom Friedman

"First, we said goodbye to imperialism and colonialism...then we said goodbye to the Cold War alliance system...And, lately, ...goodbye to top-down, iron-fisted monarchies and autocracies..."

"...the most relevant divide in the world today: the divide between the 'world of order' and the 'world of disorder'...the traditional means of bringing order seem ineffective....The only sustainable controls are those that come from within...No trust, no power-sharing -- no order...leaders and their people are going to eventually have to embrace a new, more sustainable source of order that emerges from the bottom up and is built on shared power, values, and trust. Leadership will be about how to cultivate that kind of order."

Thomas Friedman

"[We must] contain these organisms, until the natural antibodies from within emerge."

Thomas Friedman

"We've just had a nonsense midterm election. Never has more money been spent to think so little about a future in flux."

Thomas Friedman

"We've entered the theatre of the absurd....When you can't call things by their real name, you always get in trouble....Don't say stupid stuff."

Thomas Friedman on Islam, etc.

“...masses of refugees from the ... worlds of disorder try to [migrate] into Europe’s world of order....the three largest forces on the planet ... are all in simultaneous, rapid acceleration ... stressing strong countries and blowing up weak ones... we’re now in a post-imperial, post-colonial and soon ... post-authoritarian world ... so the world of disorder keeps spilling over into the world of order...”

Thomas Friedman
oxforddictionaries.com via Friedman

“...some men aren’t looking for anything logical, like money. They can’t be bought, bullied, reasoned, or negotiated with. Some men just want to watch the world burn...”
in Batman, Dark Knight, Alfred Pennyworth, via T Friedman

the fundamentalist mind-set by its opposites: What is the opposite of an open mind? he asks. “You are stuck in one truth.” What is the opposite of an open heart? “You are stuck in one collective skin; everything is us-versus-them and, therefore, empathy for the other is impossible.” And what is the opposite of an open will? “You are enslaved to old intentions that originate in the past and not from the present, and so you cannot open up to any emerging new opportunities.”
Otto Scharmer via Tom Friedman

“Ted Cruz does not have a good soul. He brims with hate ... Cruz wraps himself in an American flag and spits on all the institutions that it represents.”
Thomas Friedman

Today’s G.O.P. is to governing what Trump University is to education — an ethically challenged enterprise that enriches and perpetuates itself by shedding all pretense of standing for real principles, or a truly relevant value proposition, and instead plays on the ignorance and fears of the public.

Thomas Friedman
“...technology can so amplify the technology of one.”

“...walls only made you poorer, dumber, and more insecure.”

Hillary doesn’t light your fire? O.K., I agree, she is a flawed candidate. But she can responsibly manage the affairs of state. Trump is beyond repair and won’t just light your fire — he’ll burn the house down. Ask the old spies.

STEMpathy

“... the struggle for Donald Trump’s soul has just begun. Trump clearly learns by talking to people, not reading. Because so few thought he would win, many of those who gathered around him and had his ear were extreme characters. But now that he has been elected president he is exposing himself to, and hearing from, a much wider net of people.”

“... his cabinet members....sort of a pickup basketball team, bound not by a shared vision but by a shared willingness to overlook Trump’s core ignorance, instability and indecency...”

Trump and Putin are cut from the same cloth. Their strategy is: keep pushing, keep grabbing, keep lying, keep denying, no matter how implausible the denials — and never apologize. Because when you lie on an industrial scale, it overwhelms everyone else. Normal people just don’t behave that way, and the sheer shamelessness eventually exhausts them. ... when people keep eroding the norms of society, stealing — turkeys or the truth — eventually becomes the norm.

That steady erosion of norms is what Trump is doing to America and Putin is doing to the world. And if we let them get away with it, your kids won’t just grow up in a different America, they’ll grow up in a different world. ...

this G.O.P. is ... an intellectually and morally corrupt coalition that sells its soul to whoever will energize its base and get G.O.P. candidates elected — deficit hawks one year, deficit doves the next; free traders one year, protectionists the next — whoever pays

the most in votes or money gets to choose. Only a resounding defeat might get this G.O.P. to look itself in the mirror and ask, How did we lose our soul?"

T Friedman...turkey, camel Bedouin column

"The region of the world that should be naturally rich has made itself poor by repeatedly letting the past bury the future and the region that is naturally poor has made itself rich by letting the future bury the past."

"Trump cheated on his wife, but his party's now cheating on their kids."

"...words today are not enough... the truth is just not enough today — not as long as we have a president who has no shame, who is backed by party that has no spine... Facts, science and truth — without power — are just leaves floating through the air in the age of Trump, scattering aimlessly without impact."

"...a president without shame, backed by a party without a spine, amplified by a TV network without integrity, reason is not an option and hope is not a strategy."

"America, the world's most influential democracy, has a leader without shame, who is backed by a party without spine willing to prostitute itself to Trump no matter how low he goes — and both are protected by a virtually state-run network without integrity, called Fox — it becomes a hunting license for leaders everywhere to go after their own domestic opponents and cross any human rights redline to stay in power."

right when Middle Easterners are demanding to be treated as citizens — not Sunnis or Shiites — Americans are devolving into Sunnis and Shiites or, as we call them, Democrats and Republicans, with the same tribal mentality: rule or die.

"Iran...looking for dignity in all the wrong places and in all the wrong ways."

Do unto others as you wish them to do unto you, because more people in more places in more ways on more days can now do unto you and you unto them like never before.

...the twin pillars of our democracy—truth and trust...

"...the real agent of change [is] a new generation, which takes nine months and 21 years to develop — [it] comes of age in a much more open, pluralistic society."

the political eruptions in both countries were not initially driven by any particular ideology but rather by the most human of emotions — the quest for dignity and justice. Humiliation is the single most underestimated force in politics. People will absorb hardship, hunger and pain. They will be grateful for jobs, cars and benefits. But if you force people to live indefinitely inside a rigged game that is flaunted in their face or make them feel like cattle that can be passed by one leader to his son or one politician to another, eventually they'll explode. These are the emotions that sparked the uprisings in Cairo and Moscow.

Thomas Friedman

America's democracy is built on two principles: truth and trust.

"The jihadists of the Islamic State ... did not emerge from nowhere. They climbed out of a rotting, empty hulk — what was left of a broken-down civilization."

Hisham Melhem, via Thomas Friedman

"How can they confront an ideology that they themselves carry within them and within their mind-set?"

Turki al-Hamad via Thomas Friedman

"...we need to assume responsibility for the collective failures that have produced all of these awful tyrants and fanatics. Our media and education systems are liable for the monster we helped create. ... We need to teach our children how to learn from our mistakes instead of how to master the art of denial. When our educators and journalists

start to understand the significance of individual rights, and admit that we have failed to be citizens, then we can start hoping for freedom, even if it is achieved slowly.”

Hanin Ghaddar via Thomas Friedman

“...we need ... an Earth race — a great-power competition over which country is rising fastest and farthest to enable a world of net-zero carbon emissions...”

re: Putin: “Putin ... is the human embodiment of one of the oldest Russian fables: A Russian peasant pleads to God for aid after he sees that his better-off neighbor has just obtained a cow. When God asks the peasant how he can help, the peasant says, ‘Kill my neighbor’s cow.’”

“Putin’s Russia is basically built on oil, lies, and corruption...”

High-coercion authoritarian systems are low-information systems - so they oftend drive blind...”

end Friedman

“...violence-inspired metaphors...”

[there is] a near universal omnipresence of violent or killing communication across languages and cultures.”

Patricia Friedrich, NonKilling

“We wanted a labor force, but human beings came.”

Max Frisch

“...open access is the key for ensuring the provision of public and social goods... social value is best encouraged and realized by open access policies.”

Brett Frischmann in review by Edella Schlager

“We sample the world to ensure our predictions become a self-fulfilling prophecy....You need to have a calculus that talks about beliefs.”

Karl Friston

“Markov Blanket - a cognitive version of a cell membrane, shielding states inside the blanket from states outside.”

Christopher Frith, see also Friston

“Disaster provides a form of societal shock which disrupts habitual, institutionalized patterns of behavior and renders people amenable to social and personal change.”

Charles E Fritz

“...it was the crowd that legitimated the leader.”

Peter Fritzsche, in review of Ullrich book NYT

Peter Fritzsche review by Szalai:

“Hitler was ridiculous and vulgar, a tin-pot demagogue instead of a smooth politician, but he knew how to excite the nationalist base and deliver a whopper of a speech...”

an unimaginable political transformation can happen astonishingly quickly...

[he] courted support by cultivating the electorate’s paranoia and gullability...

nationwide slide from credulous delusion to a willful embrace of catastrophe...

as pernicious the lies the Germans were told were the lies they insisted on telling themselves.”

Jennifer Szalai reviewing Fritzsche Hitler book

“Life is a story that each of us tells to his or her self and it therefore is a tale told by an unreliable narrator....”

“You are flying in the face of four millenniums of history if you try to draw a line around Iraq and call it a country!” quoting a local missionary.

“[I] raises the question of the extent to which America, in the world outside its borders, has the power to do good — or even whether it knows with any certainty what ‘good’ is.”

David Fromkin

Fromm, Erich:

"The sick individual finds himself at home with all other similarly sick individuals. The whole culture is geared to this kind of pathology. The result is that the average individual does not experience the separateness and isolation the fully schizophrenic person feels. He feels at ease among those who suffer from the same deformation; in fact, it is the fully sane person who feels isolated in the insane society." — Erich Fromm in "The Anatomy of Human Destructiveness"

"The result of this kind of influence is twofold: one is a skepticism and cynicism towards everything which is said or printed, while the other is a childish belief in anything that a person is told with authority. This combination of cynicism and naïveté is very typical of the modern individual. Its essential result is to discourage him from doing his own thinking and deciding." —

"In spite of a veneer of optimism and initiative, modern man is overcome by a profound feeling of powerlessness which makes him gaze towards approaching catastrophes as though he were paralyzed."

"Man is not made to be an automaton, and if he becomes one, the basis for mental health is destroyed."

"That millions of people share the same forms of mental pathology does not make these people sane."

"...biologically adaptive aggression ... is not evil....human destructiveness ... indeed is evil."

"Optimism is an alienated form of faith, pessimism an alienated form of despair."

"It is legitimate to imagine that man will complete the full circle and construct a society in which no one is threatened: not the child by the parent; not the parent by the superior; no social class by another; no nation by a superpower."

"...help in any broad sense can come only through radical changes in our social and political structure that would reinstate man to his supreme role in society."

quotes in front of: *The Anatomy of Human Destructiveness*:

"Man is the only species that is a mass murderer, the only misfit in his own society." N Tinbergen

"When I look at history, I am a pessimist ... but when I look at prehistory, I am an optimist." J C Smuts

"As the generations pass they grow worse. A time will come when they have grown so wicked that they will worship power; might will be right to them and reverence for the good will cease to be ... something might be done, if only the common people would rise and put down rulers that oppress them." Greek myth on the Iron Age

Erich Fromm

from Afterword to 1984:

"...man ... transforms reality more and more into something relative to his own interests and functions. Truth is proven by the consensus of millions ...

Doublethink means the power of holding two contradictory beliefs in one's mind simultaneously, and accepting both of them.

"...in a successful manipulation of the mind the person is no longer saying the opposite of what he thinks, but he thinks the opposite of what is true."

Erich Fromm

from *The Heart of Man*:

paraphrasing: Are we headed for a new barbarism or a renaissance of our humanist tradition...

...the nature of evil ... the capacity to destroy...

"...the majority of men are suggestible, half awake children, willing to surrender their will to anyone who speaks with a voice that is threatening or sweet enough to sway them ... men are sheep ..."

"Wars are the result of the decision of political, military, and business leaders to wage war for the sake of gaining territory, natural resources, advantages in trade; for defense ...; or for reason of the enhancement of their own personal prestige and glory."

"*The ordinary man with extraordinary power* is the chief danger for mankind."

"... each man goes forward in the direction he has chosen: that of life or that of death; that of good or that of evil."

Erich Fromm

"No tears in the writer, no tears in the reader."

"I'm liberal. You, you aristocrat,
Won't know exactly what I mean
by that.

I mean so altruistically moral
I never take my own side in
a quarrel."

Robert Frost

Robert Frost, said, "The best way out is always through."

"Death makes angels of us all and gives us wings where we had shoulders smooth as raven's claws." -Robert Frost, used by Jim Morrison The Doors

Robert Frost poem called "Escapist – Never" quoted in Sergio film:

His life is a pursuit of a pursuit forever.
It is the future that creates his present.
All is an interminable chain of longing

"Republicans originally thought that
Fox worked for us and now we're discovering we work for Fox."
David Frum

Fuentes, Nick:

Nick Fuentes — an ally of the Arizona Republican congressman Paul Gosar and the anti-immigrant pundit Michelle Malkin — wrote on the encrypted app Telegram: "The Taliban is a conservative, religious force, the U.S. is godless and liberal. The defeat of the U.S. government in Afghanistan is unequivocally a positive development." via M Goldberg

Fukuyama, Francis:

"[There are] three components of a modern political order – a strong and capable state, the state's subordination to a rule of law, and government accountability to all citizens."

Francis Fukuyama

"The first victim of transhumanism might be equality...Underlying this idea of the equality of rights is the belief that we all possess a human essence that dwarfs manifest differences in skin color, beauty, and even intelligence. This essence, and the view that individuals therefore have inherent value, is at the heart of political liberalism. But modifying that essence is the core of the transhumanist project. If we start transforming ourselves into something superior, what rights will these enhanced creatures claim, and what rights will they possess when compared to those left behind? If some move ahead, can anyone afford not to follow?"

F Fukuyama

"...a strong and capable state has always been a precondition for a flourishing capitalist economy."

Michael Lind on F Fukuyama

Nicholas Wade reviewing Fukuyama:

"The first major social development was the transition from hunter-gatherer bands to tribes... Warfare...forced the second major social transition, from tribe to state...states depend on the human propensity to create and follow social rules. In Europe tribalism yielded first to feudalism. ...the concept of the rule of law emerged early...Europeans then developed the unusual idea that it was the law that should be absolute, not the ruler. ...only England and Denmark developed the three essential institutions of a strong state, the rule of law, and mechanisms to hold the ruler accountable. The Chinese political system, since it has no way of holding its rulers accountable, is in the long run unstable."

you've got this whole generation of people who don't appreciate liberal democracy because they haven't really experienced the alternative.

There's a lot of pent-up idealism. The spirit of 1989 went to sleep, and now it's being reawakened.

...people like the idea of struggling for a just cause, and they really haven't had anything other than consumerism and mindless middle-class pursuits in the last 30 years.

Fukuyama: Liberalism is a doctrine that deliberately says, "The purpose of politics is not to serve final ends, like the vision of the good life that's defined by religious doctrine, because we can't agree on what those are. So we'll agree to tolerate people that are very different from us."

It means that every liberal society therefore has a weaker sense of community than one based on a single religion or single ethno-nationalist tradition. Liberalism by design doesn't give people this tightly bound sense of brotherhood or sisterhood with their fellow citizens.

end Fukuyama

"You never change things by fighting the existing reality. To change something, build a new model that makes the existing model obsolete"

"...humans have learned that what they can touch, smell, see, and hear is less than one-millionth of reality. Ninety-nine percent of all that is going to affect our tomorrows is being developed by humans using instruments and working in ranges of reality that are nonhumanely sensible."
(quoted by Ziya Tong).

Buckminster Fuller

"When I am working on a problem, I never think about beauty. I think only of how to solve the problem. But when I have finished it, if the solution is not beautiful, I know it is wrong."

"My objective has been humanity's comprehensive welfare in the universe."

"You do not belong to you. You belong to the universe."

ephemeralization: do everything with nothing at all...

R Buckminster Fuller

"Would it not be more profound—and feasible—to determine the general constraints within which the deity must act than to track each event the divine will enacts?"

Steve Fuller

"present day society is locked into four positive feedback loops which need to be broken:

economic growth which feeds on itself,

population growth which feeds on itself,

technological growth which feeds on itself, and a

pattern of income inequality which seems to be self-sustaining and which tends to spur growth in the other three areas."

Victor Furkiss via Herman Daly

Furman, Jason:

"You do have one power: the opportunity to persuade."

"All religions are complex works of art."

Mike Furness, City Weekly, story on Mormon Masterpiece

"...an intellectual void is not likely to be miraculously filled with instant wisdom ... through the use of chemicals..."

Peter T Furst

