

## H Quotations

Haass, Richard:

"responsible sovereignty" pdf

"...states must be prepared to cede some sovereignty to world bodies if the international system is to function. ...sovereignty must be redefined

...Sovereign states increasingly measure their vulnerability not to one another, but to forces beyond their control.

Globalization thus implies that sovereignty is not only becoming weaker in reality, but that it needs to become weaker. ...Sovereignty is no longer a sanctuary.

...Our notion of sovereignty must therefore be conditional, even contractual, rather than absolute.

If a state fails to live up to its side of the bargain by sponsoring terrorism, either transferring or using weapons of mass destruction, or conducting genocide, then it forfeits the normal benefits of sovereignty and opens itself up to attack, removal, or occupation.

"The most formidable tactic of obstruction was the simplest: delay. Time..."

"A vibrant, dynamic capitalism requires the guidance that only a vibrant, dynamic democracy can provide."

"The American economy does not stand still and neither should the rules that govern it."

"The visible hand is needed ... to provide collective goods that markets won't, such as education, infrastructure, courts, and basic scientific research; to reduce negative spillover costs that market participants don't bear fully, such as pollution; to encourage positive spillover benefits that such parties don't take fully into account, such as valuable shared knowledge; to regulate the market to protect consumers and investors from corporate predation and from their own myopic behavior; to provide or require insurance against medical and retirement costs; and to soften the business cycle and reduce the risk of financial crises. ...

The invisible hand is all fingers. The visible hand is all thumbs. One wouldn't want to be all thumbs, of course, but one wouldn't want to be all fingers, either. Thumbs provide countervailing power, constraint, and adjustment to get the best out of those nimble fingers. ...Democracy and the market have to work together, but they also need to be partly independent from each other, or the thumb will cease to apply effective counter- pressure to the fingers. Smith recognized this dilemma. ..."

Jacob S Hacker

"...those who value truth desperately need to find a way to make the truth more plausible."

Douglas Haddow

"...a tsunami of slime..."

Joe Hagen

"...ecological sustainability is perfectly compatible with increases in economic wellbeing...While we must drastically reduce the physical matter used and discharged within the global economy ("throughput"), we can simultaneously improve life for most people."

Robin Hahnel

It really is a fact that liberals are much higher than conservatives on a major personality trait called "openness to experience." People who are high on openness to experience just crave novelty, variety, diversity, new ideas, travel. People low on it like things that are familiar, that are safe and dependable.

"We lie, cheat, and justify so well that we honestly believe we're honest."

Everybody believes they're above average in honesty.

Wherever people sacralize

something, there you will find ignorance, blindness to the truth, and resistance to evidence.  
Individual reasoning is not reliable because of the confirmation bias. The only cure for the confirmation bias is other people.

***JONATHAN HAIDT to Bill Moyers***

"...people...do reason. But their arguments aim to support their conclusions....reason...works more like a lawyer or press secretary, justifying our acts and judgments to others...Reason... evolved to help us spin, not to help us learn."

William Saletan review of Haidt's *The Righteous Mind*

"Moral commitments are fragile things, hard to build and easy to destroy.... the challenge is extraordinary and the threat of moral entropy is intense."

Jonathan Haidt, via David Brooks

Jonathan Haidt (2012) expands on this idea, noting that most traditional societies have a coming-of-age ritual designed to transform immature children into morally and socially competent adults and that many of them use "hal- lucinogenic drugs to catalyze this transformation" (266). The mental states induced by such drugs, according to anthropologists, are intended to "heighten" moral learning "and to create a bonding among members of the cohort group" (quoted in Haidt, 2012, 266). from Earp Savelescu Handbook pdf 2018

**Haidt, Jonathan**

***The Righteous Mind***: Why Good People Are Divided by Politics and Religion, 2012.

"Please, we can get along here. We all can get along. I mean, we're all stuck here for a while. Let's try to work it out." Rodney (LA riots).

morality is the extraordinary human capacity that made civilization possible.

two of the most important, vexing, and divisive topics in human life: politics and religion.

the human mind is designed to "do" morality, just as it's designed to do language, sexuality, music, and many other things

human nature is not just intrinsically moral, it's also intrinsically moralistic, critical, and judgmental.

first principle: Intuitions come first, strategic reasoning second.

the second principle of moral psychology, which is that there's more to morality than harm and fairness.

third principle: Morality binds and blinds.

...war, and genocide. Once you see our righteous minds as primate minds with a hivish overlay, you get a whole new perspective

People bind themselves into political teams that share moral narratives. Once they accept a particular narrative, they become blind to alternative moral worlds.

the eighth-century Chinese Zen master Sen-ts'an wrote:

If you want the truth to stand clear before you, never be for or against. The struggle between "for" and "against" is the mind's worst disease.

Mark Twain once said that "to a man with a hammer, everything looks like a nail."

Most societies have chosen the sociocentric answer, placing the needs of groups and institutions first, and subordinating the needs of individuals. In contrast, the individualistic answer places individuals at the center and makes society a servant of the individual.

the rationalist answer, which dominated moral psychology when I entered the field: that morality is self-constructed by children on the basis of their experiences with harm.

- The moral domain varies by culture. It is unusually narrow in Western, educated, and individualistic cultures.

Sociocentric cultures broaden the moral domain to encompass and regulate more aspects of life.

- People sometimes have gut feelings—particularly about disgust and disrespect—that can drive their reasoning.

In 1975 Wilson published *Sociobiology: The New Synthesis*. The book explored how natural selection, which indisputably shaped animal bodies, also shaped animal behavior. That wasn't controversial, but Wilson had the audacity to suggest in his final chapter that natural selection also influenced human behavior.

Wilson sided with Hume. He charged that what moral philosophers were really doing was fabricating justifications after "consulting the emotive centers" of their own brains. He predicted that the study of ethics would soon be taken out of the hands of philosophers and "biologized," or made to fit with the emerging science of human nature. Such a linkage of philosophy, biology, and evolution would be an example of the "new synthesis" that Wilson dreamed of, and that he later referred to as consilience—the "jumping together" of ideas to create Frans de Waal's *Good Natured: The Origins of Right and Wrong in Humans and Other Animals*. Descartes' Error, by the neuroscientist Antonio Damasio.

reasoning requires the passions. Jefferson's model fits better:

rebirth of sociobiology in 1992 under a new name—evolutionary psychology.

morally dumbfounded, clinging to their initial judgments while stammering and grasping for reasons?

psychologists rarely mention: *Patterns, Thinking, and Cognition*, by Howard Margolis, a professor of public policy at the University of Chicago. Margolis was trying to understand why people's beliefs about political issues are often so poorly connected to objective facts, judgment and justification are separate processes.

Margolis proposed that there are two very different kinds of cognitive processes at work when we make judgments and solve problems: "seeing-that" and "reasoning-why." "Seeing-that" is the pattern matching that brains have been doing for hundreds of millions of years. Even the simplest animals are wired to respond to certain patterns of input (such as light, or sugar) with specific behaviors (such as turning away from the light, or stopping and eating the sugary food). Animals easily learn new patterns and connect them up to their existing behaviors, which can be reconfigured into new patterns as well

We do moral reasoning not to reconstruct the actual reasons why we ourselves came to a judgment; we reason to find the best possible reasons why somebody else ought to join us in our judgment.

Margolis helped me ditch the emotion-cognition contrast. His moral judgment is a cognitive process,

The crucial distinction is really between two different kinds of cognition: intuition and reasoning. Intuition is the best word to describe the dozens or hundreds of rapid, effortless...

I stopped thinking about emotion versus cognition and started thinking about intuition versus reasoning, everything fell into place.

Reason is the servant of the intuitions.

...the social nature of moral judgment.

We make our first judgments rapidly, and we are dreadful at seeking out evidence that might disconfirm those initial judgments.

making it possible for us to change our minds. We occasionally do this when mulling problem by ourselves, suddenly seeing things in a new light or from a new perspective my theory the "social intuitionist model of moral judgment,"

intuitions (including emotional responses) are a kind of cognition. They're just not a kind of reasoning.

arguments are so frustrating: because moral reasons are the tail wagged by the intuitive dog. A dog's tail wags to communicate. You can't make a dog happy by forcibly wagging its tail.

you want to change people's minds, you've got to talk to their elephants. You've got to use links 3 and 4 of the social intuitionist model to elicit new intuitions, not new rationales.

Dale Carnegie was one of the greatest elephant-whisperers of all time. In his classic book *How to Win Friends and Influence People*,

Henry Ford to express it: "If there is any one secret of success it lies in the ability to get the other person's point of view and see things from their angle as well as your own."

Empathy is an antidote to righteousness,

although it's very difficult to empathize across a moral divide.

talk to the elephant first. If you ask people to believe something that violates their intuitions, they will devote their efforts to finding

an escape hatch—a reason to doubt your argument or conclusion. They will almost always succeed.

“tune up” your intuitions

Whether you end up on the right or the left of the political spectrum turns out to be just as heritable as most other traits: genetics explains between a third and a half of the variability among people on their political attitudes. Being raised in a liberal or conservative household accounts for much less.

Innate does not mean unmalleable; it means organized in advance of experience.

...several genes that differed between liberals and conservatives. Most of them related to neurotransmitter functioning, particularly glutamate and serotonin, both of which are involved in the brain's response to threat and fear.

genes related to receptors for the neurotransmitter dopamine, which has long been tied to sensation-seeking and openness to experience, which are among the best-established correlates of liberalism.

Future liberals were described as being more curious, verbal, and self-reliant, but also more assertive and aggressive, less obedient and neat.

their different sets of genes gave them different first drafts of their minds, which led them down different paths, through different life experiences, and into different moral subcultures. By the time they reach adulthood they have become very different people

The human mind is a story processor, not a logic processor. Everyone loves a good story; every culture bathes its children in stories.

even though life narratives are to some degree post hoc fabrications, they still influence people's behavior, relationships, and mental health.

Life narratives provide a bridge between a developing adolescent self and an adult political identity.

Moral, Believing Animals, the sociologist Christian Smith writes

Smith calls the “liberal progress narrative,” organizes much of the moral matrix of the American academic left. It goes like this: Once upon a time, the vast majority of human persons suffered in societies and social institutions that were unjust, unhealthy, repressive, and oppressive. These traditional societies were reprehensible because of their deep-rooted inequality, exploitation, and irrational traditionalism.... But the noble human aspiration for autonomy, equality, and prosperity struggled mightily against the forces of misery and oppression, and eventually succeeded in establishing modern, liberal, democratic, capitalist, welfare societies. While modern social conditions hold the potential to maximize the individual freedom and pleasure of all, there is much work to be done to dismantle the powerful vestiges of inequality, exploitation, and repression. This struggle for the good society in which individuals are equal and free to pursue their self-defined happiness is the one mission truly worth dedicating one's life to achieving.

It's a heroic liberation narrative.

Drew Westen

Reagan narrative goes like this: Once upon a time, America was a shining beacon. Then liberals came along and erected an enormous federal bureaucracy that handcuffed the invisible hand of the free market. They subverted our traditional American values and opposed God and faith at every step of the way.... Instead of requiring that people work for a living, they siphoned money from hardworking Americans and gave it to Cadillac-driving drug addicts and welfare queens. Instead of punishing criminals, they tried to “understand” them. Instead of worrying about the victims of crime, they worried about the rights of criminals.... Instead of adhering to traditional American values of family, fidelity, and personal responsibility, they preached promiscuity, premarital sex, and the gay lifestyle ... and they encouraged a feminist agenda that undermined traditional family roles.... Instead of projecting strength to those who would do evil around the world, they cut military budgets, disrespected our soldiers in uniform, burned our flag, and chose negotiation and multilateralism.... Then Americans decided to take their country back from those who sought to undermine it.

a heroic narrative, but it's a heroism of defense.

They want their society to match an externally ordained moral order, so

The term social capital swept through the social sciences in the 1990s, jumping into the broader public vocabulary after Robert Putnam's 2000 book *Bowling Alone*.

Social capital refers to a kind of capital that economists had largely overlooked: the social ties among individuals and the norms of reciprocity and trustworthiness that arise from those ties. challenge is extraordinary and the threat of moral entropy is intense. There is not a big margin ...the fundamental blind spot of the left. It explains

liberalism—which has done so much to bring about freedom and equal opportunity—is not sufficient as a governing philosophy. It tends to overreach, change too many things too quickly, and reduce the stock of moral capital inadvertently.

John Stuart Mill said that

liberals and conservatives are like this: “A party of order or stability, and a party of progress or reform, are both necessary elements of a healthy state of political life.”

replaced by a new generation of young men with unleaded brains (and

libertarians look more like liberals than like conservatives on most measures of personality

professor bashed the legitimacy of nation-states.

Adam Smith

That wisdom which contrived the system of human affections ... seems to have judged that the interest of the great society of mankind would be best promoted by directing the principal attention of each individual to that particular portion of it, which was most within the sphere both of his abilities and of his understanding.

Robert Putnam has

Anything that binds people together into dense networks of trust makes people less selfish.

What Putnam calls turtling is the exact opposite of what I have called hiving. Liberals stand up for victims of oppression and exclusion. They fight to break down arbitrary barriers to push for changes that weaken groups, traditions, institutions, and moral capital.

Emphasizing differences makes many people more racist, not less.

The third-century Persian prophet Mani preached that the visible world is the battleground between the forces of light (absolute goodness) and the forces of darkness (absolute evil).

Human beings are the frontline in the battle; we contain both good and evil,

Mani's preaching developed into Manichaeism,

If you think about politics in a Manichaean way, then compromise is a sin. God and the devil don't issue many bipartisan proclamations, and neither should you.

Morality binds and blinds.

Conclusion

the first principle of moral psychology: Intuitions come first, strategic reasoning second.

The heroes of this part were David Hume (for helping us escape from rationalism and into intuitionism)

the image of yourself—and everyone else around you—as being a small rider on a very large elephant.

the second principle of moral psychology: There's more to morality than harm and fairness.

third part of our tour I presented the principle that morality binds and blinds.

The heroes of this part were Charles Darwin (for his theory of evolution,

Emile Durkheim (for showing us that we are Homo duplex, with part of our nature forged, perhaps, by group-level selection).

...our minds were designed for groupish righteousness. We

built on different configurations of the available moral foundations.

when you do bring up issues of morality, try to start with some praise, or with a sincere expression of interest. We're all stuck here for a while, so let's try to work it out.

atlantic piece. babel. 3 forces”

Babel - “look, they are people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech.”

...three major forces that collectively bind together successful democracies: social capital (extensive social networks with high levels of trust), strong institutions, and shared stories.

...game encouraged dishonesty and mob dynamics:...One of the engineers at Twitter who had worked on the “Retweet” button later revealed that he regretted his contribution because it had

made Twitter a nastier place. ... he thought to himself, "We might have just handed a 4-year-old a loaded weapon."

from Madison to Haidt: "The key to designing a sustainable republic, therefore, was to build in mechanisms to slow things down, cool passions, require compromise, and give leaders some insulation from the mania of the moment..."

Madison: democracy's vulnerability to triviality. Madison notes that people are so prone to factionalism that "where no substantial occasion presents itself, the most frivolous and fanciful distinctions have been sufficient to kindle their unfriendly passions and excite their most violent conflicts."

Haidt: Social media has both magnified and weaponized the frivolous.

Martin Gurri - The Revolt of the Masses, 2018:

Gurri is no fan of elites or of centralized authority, but he notes a constructive feature of the pre-digital era: a single "mass audience," all consuming the same content, as if they were all looking into the same gigantic mirror at the reflection of their own society. He said "The digital revolution has shattered that mirror, and now the public inhabits those broken pieces of glass. So the public isn't one thing; it's highly fragmented, and it's basically mutually hostile. It's mostly people yelling at each other and living in bubbles of one sort or another.

People who think differently and are willing to speak up if they disagree with you make you smarter, almost as if they are extensions of your own brain. People who try to silence or intimidate the critics make themselves stupider, almost as if they are shooting darts into their own brain... when an institution punishes internal dissent, it shoots darts into its own brain...

end Haidt

"Ireland's approval of same sex marriage seems as much about leaving a past tied to theocracy and tradition as it was about equal rights for gays."

Danny Hakim, NY Times

"Never, never, never let them intimidate you. People are always going to try in all kinds of ways....Don't let them."

David Halberstam to journalists

Haldane, J B S.:

Daedalus book, via Dyson

Haldeman, :

"There were many players in the Watergate drama, and behind them all lurks the ever-present shadow of the President of the United States."

"No other animal...could have compiled a document of such complicated and glorious insanity as the King James Bible."

Benjamin Hale

"One can only tolerate the absolute idiocy of Man for so long before bringing out the bat."

Dean Hale

"Business should be about service, stewardship, values, leadership and balance....the world of business, and its very purpose, is about serving others....It's about paying fair taxes that strengthen the nation and community."

Alan Hall

Hall, Edward: from Beyond Culture:

"material extensions ... of man."

"...in his strivings for order, Western man has created chaos by denying that part of himself that integrates while enshrining the parts that fragment experience..."

...irrationality does not yield to logic...

[other cultures] use much larger, more inclusive frames than our linear, low-context logical frames...what we conceive as logic is trational only in very limited contexts in the West...

six types of irrationality...

Understanding man, understanding culture, and understanding the world and unraveling the irrational are inseparable aspects of the same process. Culturally based paradigms place obstacles in the path to understanding because culture equips each of us with built-in blinders , hiddern and unstated assumptions that control our thoughts and block the unravelings of cultural processes. Yet, man without culture is not man....

One cannot normally transcend one'sculture without first exposing its major hidden axioms and unstated assumptions concerning what life is all about - ...

...the world of man divides into cultures whose members cut the apron strings and those whose members do not...

*Culture has always dictated where to draw the line separating one thing from another.*

...'identification'...is a key concept in the process of transcending culture...

...the greatest separation feat of all is when one manages to gradually free oneself from the grip of an unconscious culture."

end Edward Hall

"...they make money through outrage and deception ....At a business model level, they are ad networks parasitic on human connection."

Erika Hall

Halvorsen,Gail: The Candy Bomber:

"The laws of gravity are the same on both sides of the border."

"We sell care by the package, not by the piece...We take care of the entire patient...Fee-for-service is a dangerous financial model...We buy our surgeons by the month, not by the cut. "

George Halvorson, CEO Kaiser-Permanente

"...the human capacity for barbarity...end hatred and violence and ignorance...preventing mass violence..."

Education for Peace

"Humanity must come to realize that these are not useful weapons of war but rather instruments of *mass suicide*..."

Clinton-Obama Pres Exec Order 13595

NAS CISAC

David Hamburg

from Eric Hamburg film Preventing Genocide:

"...we have too many societies where young people, where the youth, have been completely neglected, where there are bright, intelligent, inquisitive children hungry for knowledge who want a chance to develop themselves but have no opportunities..." Olara Otunnu, UN

"You want to prevent deadly conflict? Educate young women, employ young men>" Jane Holl Lute, Dept. Homeland Security

west exit k America is the saddest country...immigrants...leave past behind doors passage

Mishra Hamid

"... there's something lacking in Western democracies, that there's a sense of overarching meaninglessness in political and cultural life in these countries..."

Emma Green paraphrasing Shadi Hamid

Hamid: "On a basic level, violence offers meaning.... state building has historically always been a violent process."

"To be more safe, they at length become willing to run the risk of being less free."

"To give a minority a negative upon the majority (which is always the case where more than a majority is requisite to a decision), is ... to subject the sense of the greater number to that of the lesser....tedious delays; continual negotiation and intrigue; contemptible compromises of the public good."

"Those who stand for nothing fall for everything."

Alexander Hamilton

"The United Nations was not created to bring us to heaven but to save us from hell."

Dag Hammarskjöld

"... the minds of the youth are being sold to the Koch's to shape and mold however they please to further their political agenda."

Mark Hammond GMU former economics student

Hampton, Fred:

from Judas and the Black Messiah film:

"You can murder a liberator, but you can't murder liberation. You can murder a revolutionary, but you can't murder revolution. And you can murder a freedom fighter, but you can't murder freedom!"

Han, Hahnie: see book Prism, Kindle

"Belonging comes before Believing." re megachurches research; Agora Inst.

"Deep reading..."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2NYRPkaF3t4>

"How to make the possible more plausible."

constituency definition. to stand together...

leaders accept the responsibility to enable others...

Nick Hanauer a top 1 percenter. You can call him filthy rich. But don't ever call Nick Hanauer, a Seattle-based venture capitalist, a "job creator." Hanauer **told** a U.S. Senate subcommittee earlier this month that "rich business people like me" neither "create" jobs nor deserve tax breaks for creating them. So who does create jobs? Average people, Hanauer **testified**, with money in their pockets. Added the veteran entrepreneur: "Anyone who's ever run a business knows that hiring more people is a capitalist's course of last resort, something we do if and only if increasing customer demand requires it." If "lower tax rates and more wealth for the wealthy" actually did create work, Hanauer's testimony summed up, "then today we would be drowning in jobs."

Nick Hanauer in TooMuch enews

Peter Hanby:

"Politics feels existential to them," Mr. Hamby said. "Climate change feels existential. Going to high school every day with the threat of gun violence is life or death."

..."I feel like I've become smarter about American politics since leaving Washington and leaving the establishment media side of things,"

AOC on Twitch..."

Learned Hand:

"Liberty lies in the hearts of men and women; when it dies there, no constitution, no law, no court can save it; no constitution, no law, no court can even do much to help it. While it lies there it needs no constitution, no law, no court to save it."

"Opinions are at best provisional hypotheses, ...they are never absolutes."

Learned Hand to Oliver Wendell Holmes



"This much I think I do know - a society so riven that the spirit of moderation is gone, no court *can* save; that a society where that spirit flourishes, no court *need* save; that in a society which evades its responsibility by thrusting upon the courts the nurture of that spirit, that spirit in the end will perish."

Judge Learned Hand via Epps in American Justice 2014

"Learned Hand once compared the task of interpreting a statute to that of interpreting a musical score."

Justice Stephen Breyer

"The spirit of liberty is the spirit which is not too sure that it is right."

Learned Hand

"It is one of fascism's goals to monopolize our attention. It would like to shrink our imagination ...Fascism welcomes our attempts to play logical 'gotchka' with its inconsistencies because it knows we will lose - not because we won't find a fallacy but because the fallacy won't matter."

Erik Hane via David Brooks

"Sometimes the biggest sin you can commit in D.C. is to tell the truth."

Richard Hanna, R rep, NY on Benghazi hearings

"... science and public health won't save us without a functioning democracy. Being awake is not enough. We have to be loud."

"Newark's water crisis, like Flint's and even Washington's, is an obvious case of environmental racism, a case of blindness to the people, places and problems we choose not to see."

Mona Hanna-Attisha, pediatrician, Flint

"one cannot live with sighted eyes and feeling heart and not know or react to the miseries which afflict this world."

Lorraine Hansberry

The basic matter, however, is not one of economics. It is a matter of morality – a matter of intergenerational justice. The blame, if we fail to stand up and demand a change of course, will fall on us, the current generation of adults. Our parents honestly did not know that their actions could harm future generations. We, the current generation, can only pretend that we did not know."

"At my age I am not worried about having an arrest record."

James Hansen NASA

Hanson, Thor:

Hurricane Lizards and Plastic Squid: The Fraught and Fascinating Biology of Climate Change why Carl Sagan chose to teach astrophysics from the glowing deck of an imaginary spaceship. distinct new field of study—climate change biology.

If you want to make enemies, try to change something.

—Woodrow Wilson Address at the Salesmanship Congress (1916)

All change in habits of life and of thought is irksome.—Thorstein Veblen The Theory of the Leisure Class (1899)

"punctuated equilibrium"

Niles Eldredge and Stephen Jay Gould presented their idea as a novel

In Darwin's memorable description, "I look at the natural geological record, as a history of the world imperfectly kept... only here and there a short chapter has been preserved; and of each page, only here and there a few lines." the rate of evolutionary change is variable, and that—at least some of the time—it moves in rapid bursts.

Alexander von Humboldt warned in 1819 that cutting forests would create “calamities for future generations,”

when he suggested that “vast amounts of gas and steam” given off by centers of industry were altering the climate.

Nobel laureate Svante Arrhenius brought all these threads together, suggesting that humanity’s “consumption of coal, petroleum, etc.” was indeed

We must measure all that is measurable, and strive to make measurable all that is not...—

attributed to Galileo by Thomas-Henri Martin

end Hanson, Thor

Haque, Umair:

“Freedom? ... More like freedumb. Who can even make sense of [the] circular firing squad of social suicide that America has become?”

“...two dominant emotions, boredom and terror, in a weary and grim cycle.”

“Anglo-American culture ...values selfishness and greed. Ruthlessness and cunning. Acquisition and materialism. Brutality and punishment....Anglo-Americans regard each other — not to mention the world — as adversaries, enemies, rivals. ..dumb, hollow, and mean...”

A culture of cruelty, exploitation, materialism, and individualism makes it impossible for a society to cooperate.

I mean idiot the way the Greeks did: someone who was only interested in private gain, advantage, profit.

They don’t seem capable of understanding ..this most basic and simple fact about the world today. That is because, perhaps, having become idiots, they don’t want to.”

Umair Haque

“We are asked to go we know not wither, in order to do we know not what.”

Sir William Harcourt to British re US Civil War participation

**Harden, Kathryn Paige**

**The Genetic Lottery:**

Epigraph

I used to believe that luck was a thing outside me, a thing that governed only what did and didn’t happen to me.... Now I think I was wrong. I think my luck was built into me, the keystone that cohered my bones, the golden thread that stitched together the secret tapestries of my DNA.—

TANA FRENCH, THE WITCH ELM

...being born with a certain set of genetic variants is the outcome of a lottery of birth.

the demented ideology of “racial purity” connecting Jim Crow Virginia and Nazi Germany, an ideology that also had grisly consequences for poor Whites like Buck,

this book is re-envision the relationship between genetic science and equality.

The Bell Curve, by Richard Herrnstein and Charles Murray. 45 The title of The Bell Curve is a nod intelligence is heritable (a terribly misunderstood concept

two big ideas crammed into these few sentences: (1) that people do not deserve economic disadvantages simply because they happened to inherit a particular combination of DNA, and (2)

that society should be organized so that it benefits the least advantaged members of society.

disorienting to come across these ideas in The Bell Curve, because they sound like they come straight out of a very different book: A Theory of Justice, by the egalitarian political philosopher John Rawls.

In A Theory of Justice, Rawls used the metaphor of the “natural lottery” to describe how people differ in their initial positions in life.

a lottery is a perfect metaphor for describing genetic inheritance:

two lotteries of birth, the natural and the social.

In Rawls’s view, taking biological differences between people seriously did not undermine the case for egalitarianism; it was part of the reasoning that led to him to advocate for a more equal society.

Human Genome Project had...

human beings, regardless of race, are more than 99.9 percent the same.

Genetic differences between us matter for our lives. They cause differences in things we care about. Knowing what we know now, we cannot pretend that genetics do not matter. The anti-eugenic project, then, is to (1) understand the role that genetic luck plays in shaping our bodies and brains, (2) document how our current educational systems and labor markets and financial markets reward people with certain types of bodies and brains (but not other types of brains and bodies), and (3) reimagine how those systems could be transformed to the inclusion of everyone, regardless of the outcome of the genetic lottery. As the philosopher Roberto Mangabeira Unger wrote, "Society is made and imagined ... it is a human artifact rather than the expression of an underlying natural order." This book views the understanding of the natural world, in the form of genetics, as an ally rather than an enemy in the remaking and reimagining of society. Susan Mayer said, "if you want to help [people], you have to really know what help they need. ...we cannot afford to ignore a fundamental fact about human nature: that people are not born the same. Considering genetics as an absolution for social responsibility is a false pretext that must be dismantled, parents of children with special needs are like travelers who planned a one-way trip to Italy. They learned to say ciao and looked forward to seeing Michelangelo's David, but when their plane lands, the stewardess announces they have landed in Holland instead. There's no leaving Holland. This result about moms' accuracy makes sense. Mothers of multiple children have a front-row seat to watch human differences unfold. We ordinarily think of luck as a thing outside ourselves. But luck is not just something outside of ourselves that happens to us. It is also stitched into us. We are each one in a million—or more literally, one in 70 trillion, which is the number of unique genetic combinations that could have resulted from any two parents. And

export.

This emphasis on studying the genetic lottery as it played out in just one generation—how people differ from their parents and siblings—is necessary because, once you consider multiple generations of genetic differences, those genetic differences are braided together with differences in geography and culture and all the other threads of human history. Bookmark - 2. The Genetic Lottery > Page 40 · Location 748 Highlight(orange) - 2. The Genetic Lottery > Page 40 · Location 750 called "population stratification." Populations of people differ genetically: Bookmark - 2. The Genetic Lottery > Page 40 · Location 754 Highlight(orange) - 2. The Genetic Lottery > Page 41 · Location 758 focus on a single generation of the genetic lottery, the science becomes more tractable. The Bookmark - 2. The Genetic Lottery > Page 41 · Location 760 Highlight(orange) - 2. The Genetic Lottery > Page 41 · Location 763 In 2020, three economists—Daniel Barth, Nicholas Papageorge, and Kevin Thom—published a paper in the Journal of Political Economy with its thesis in the title: "Genetic Endowments and Wealth Inequality." 26 Bookmark - 2. The Genetic Lottery > Page 44 · Location 821 Highlight(orange) - 2. The Genetic Lottery > Page 44 · Location 821 statistician George Box said, "All models are wrong, but some are useful." 30 Bookmark - 3. Cookbooks and College > Page 46 · Location 841 Highlight(orange) - 3. Cookbooks and College > Page 46 · Location 844 educational attainment, i.e., how many years of school a person completed. 3 Following Bookmark - 3. Cookbooks and College > Page 47 · Location 871 Highlight(orange) - 3. Cookbooks and College > Page 48 · Location 874 All metaphors for genes are wrong, but the recipe metaphor is useful: a gene is a recipe for a protein. Bookmark - 3. Cookbooks and College > Page 48 · Location 885

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 All metaphors have flaws, but a recipe is a workable metaphor for understanding the relationship between a single gene and a single protein.  
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 stretch the recipe metaphor in a new direction,  
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 Highlight(orange) - 4. Ancestry and Race > Page 72 · Location 1309  
 The word “sleep” is retrieved as if it were really heard, even though it was never said.  
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 the study of heredity became braided into racist ideas in order to justify racist actions, and the enthusiastic appropriation  
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 why it’s wrong to assume that research on the genetic causes of individual differences within a population gives us information on the  
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 causes of group differences, a statistical fallacy  
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 Mormon church to record the names of the dead and store them in a Utah  
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 Going back 33 generations, or about 1,000 years, yields  $2^{33} = 8,589,934,592$ . There weren’t even 8 billion people alive back then, but some people are your ancestors multiple times over.  
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 the most recent common ancestor of  
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 population geneticist Graham Coop  
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 “We’re all descended from everyone in the world.” 5  
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 your genealogical ancestors are not necessarily your genetic ancestors, particularly when we go back many generations.  
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 Going back  
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 42 generations, like from Jesus to Abraham, means  
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 So the chances that DNA from any one specific genealogical ancestor from nine generations ago still lurks in your genome is exceedingly small.  
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 You only inherited DNA from a tiny fraction of your pool of genealogical ancestors. And most of your ancestors lived and died and reproduced in geographical proximity to one another.  
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 genetic variation in humans has structure.  
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 patterns—this structure—reflect both geography and culture.  
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Fatal Invention: How Science, Politics, and Big Business Re-Create Race in the 21st Century, Dorothy Roberts pointed out that “making race a biological concept” has always “served an important ideological function”: “Treating race as biology constituted the only suitable ‘moral apology’ ... for slavery in a society that claimed equality as its most cherished ideal.” 6 Arguing that the biological concept of race is “problematic at

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best and harmful at worst,” Roberts and three colleagues went on to call for scientists to use terms like “ancestry” and “population” rather than “race.” 7 This distinction between

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In the 1995 movie *Clueless*, the main character, Cher Horowitz, refers to one of her social rivals as a “full-on Monet”—“It’s like a painting, see? From far away, it’s okay, but up close it’s a big ol’ mess.” The analysis of the genetic structure of human populations is a full-on Monet. Zoom out, and the pattern looks clear enough, with super-populations corresponding to major continents.

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Zoom in closer, and you can still see patterns, although they start to look muddier. A

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Zoom closer in on an individual person, and the clarity you had from a distance dissipates.

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If patterns of genetic ancestry

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among humans are a “full-on Monet,” then our racial distinctions are more like a Mondrian painting—brightly-contrasting primary colors separated by clear boundaries. Racial categories are discrete and mutually exclusive:

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the US Census, which began in 1790, did not allow people to pick more than one race until 2000.

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“principal components analysis” (PCA). PCA analyzes patterns of genetic

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Roberts and her colleagues summarized the distinction between race and ancestry like this:

“Ancestry is a process-based concept, a statement about an individual’s relationship to other individuals in their genealogical history; thus, it is a very personal understanding of one’s genomic heritage. Race, on the other hand, is a pattern-based concept that has led scientists and laypersons alike to draw conclusions about hierarchical organization of humans, which connect an individual to a larger preconceived

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geographically circumscribed or socially constructed group” (emphasis mine). 18

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called a prior, which is a mathematical representation of what you believe—and how uncertain you are about those beliefs—

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Genetic ancestry is a process-based concept that links people to their personal genealogical histories, whereas race is a pattern-based concept that links people to socially constructed groups in order to maintain hierarchical power relationships.

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Do genes cause differences in people’s height, on average?

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we've gone from an uncontroversial premise to a highly controversial one.

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Perhaps no concept in genetics has been the subject of as much confusion as heritability,

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Inheritance is about faithfully reproducing social hierarchies; inheritance is about unbroken continuity from parent to child.

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The Heritability of Seven Domains of Inequality We have discussed how

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talking

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for seven domains of inequality.

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The first two domains are aspects of a person's psychology—personality characteristics and cognitive abilities. These psychological

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the third outcome: success in education. 5 Education, in turn, is a strong factor in determining one's success in the fourth domain: the labor market. People

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fifth domain—social hazards

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to health,

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The last two domains are risk for mental disorders,

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all seven of these domains of inequality—cognitive ability, personality, education, employment, social hazards to health, mental disorders, and interpersonal relationships—are substantially heritable,

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abandoned entirely. Here is the biologist Richard Lewontin in 1974: "I suggest we stop the endless search for better methods of estimating useless quantities." 6

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question about whether people's genes, an accident of birth over which they have no control, caused differences between people in things we care about—

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the inescapable conclusion is that genetic differences between

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people cause social inequalities—including inequalities in educational attainment, but also in physical health outcomes

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In 1962, the evolutionary biologist Theodosius Dobzhansky<sup>23</sup> wrote that "people vary in ability, energy, health, character, and other socially important traits, and there is good, though not absolutely conclusive, evidence that the variance of all these traits is in part genetically conditioned. Conditioned, mind you, not fixed or predestined." Dobzhansky was right,

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 As Dostoevsky reminded us, “It takes something more than intelligence to act intelligently.” 16  
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 genetic differences between people matter for who succeeds in formal education, which  
 structures many other forms of inequality. Third, while the biology of these  
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 hereditarian pessimism about the possibility of social change, however, is based on a  
 fundamental misunderstanding of the relationship between genetic causes and environmental  
 interventions.  
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 Equality versus Equity  
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 empirical studies often observe lower heritability of educational outcomes in repressive and  
 deprived environments, and higher heritability in more open and well-resourced ones. On the  
 basis of this observation,  
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 phenylketonuria (PKU),  
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 The treatment of PKU with diet, just like the treatment of myopia with eyeglasses, reminds us of a  
 point I was making earlier in this chapter: genetic causes can have environmental solutions.  
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 the OECD defines equity in education: 25  
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 Equity does not mean that all students obtain equal education outcomes, but rather that  
 differences in students’ outcomes are unrelated to their background or to economic or social  
 circumstances over which students have no control (emphasis added).  
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 daughter’s pre-K classroom featured a bubble-lettered, rainbow-colored sign stating that “Fair  
 isn’t everybody getting the same thing. Fair is everybody getting what they need in order to be  
 successful.”  
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 Rather, ignoring genetics deprives us of another tool for seeing who is being served—and who is  
 not—by our existing roster of interventions.  
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 political extremists have spent much of the past century declaring this to be true. If it’s heritable,  
 their reasoning goes, it can’t be changed, and so there is no sense in trying to change it,  
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 Ruha Benjamin similarly protested in her book,  
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 “It is not the facts that elude us, but a fierce commitment to justice.”  
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 “datafication of injustice—in which the hunt for more and more  
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 data is a barrier to acting on what we already know.” Reading such assertions,  
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the What Works Clearinghouse, 4 a resource curated by the Institute of Education Sciences, the  
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the large majority of interventions evaluated produced weak or no positive effects compared to  
usual school practices.”  
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Jurassic Park,  
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that “tiny variations ... never repeat and vastly affect the outcome.” Two identical  
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Eric Turkheimer, my former PhD advisor, proposed that this individuality in human outcomes,  
which remains after one has considered the constraints of genetics and of family upbringing, is a  
way of “quantifying human agency.” 16  
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imagine that they could have done so. Unpredictability, in his view, becomes a sign of freedom:  
The nonshared environment is, in a phrase, free will. Not the sort of metaphysical free will that no  
one believes in anymore, according to which human souls float free above the mechanistic  
constraints of the physical world, but an embodied free will ... that encompasses our ability to  
respond to complex circumstances in complex and unpredictable ways and in the process build  
the self. In Turkheimer’s view, the individual phenotypic space that is not determined by either  
your genotype or the environmental circumstances defines the boundaries in which your free will  
gets to play.  
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Daniel Dennett, e2 lets you know how much “elbow room” you have to choose who are you going  
to be. 17 Turkheimer  
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identical twins are only minimally different for outcomes that we think of as involving little choice  
and moral responsibility.  
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The Free Will Coefficient in Education  
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Your genotype, like the social class of your family, is an accident of birth over which you had no  
control. Your genotype, like the social class of your family, is a type of luck in your life. And the  
literature on identical twins shows us that, together, the natural  
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and social lotteries are powerful predictors of someone’s social position in adulthood, particularly  
their educational attainment.  
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The Ideology of Luck  
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passage taken from a commencement address at Princeton University by author Michael Lewis.  
26 One version of the passage used Lewis’s original words about the role of luck in success  
(“ People really don’t like to hear success explained away as luck—especially successful  
people”);  
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This connection between the source of inequality—choice versus chance—and people’s  
willingness to redistribute money  
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 Genetics is a matter of luck in people's lives.

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 Michael Young, the British socialist who

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 Over forty years after first using the word "meritocracy," Young reflected ruefully on how those

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 who have not done well in school are held responsible for their own lack of success: "It is hard indeed in a society that makes so much of merit to be judged as having none. No underclass has ever been left as morally naked as that."

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 that speech problems are over 90 percent heritable.

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 The genetic influences on speech problems also appear to influence motor skills more generally,

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 "Will ghosts get them at night?" "Why don't they have houses?" "Why do we have a house?" One of the awesome responsibilities of parenthood is that I can tell them whatever I want.

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 findings bears striking similarities to Elizabeth Anderson's definition of inequality, which I first mentioned in the introduction. 3

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 the core of inequality ideologies of racism, sexism, nationalism, caste, class, and eugenics" (emphases

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 human phenotypes—such as height, deafness, and autism—where genetic research has been largely embraced rather than rejected as dangerous.

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 Coates's rhetorical question—"Are you less human than me?"—was the exact question that the early proponents of intelligence testing were asking in earnest.

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 Ibram X. Kendi, in his book *How to Be an Antiracist*,

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 "The use of standardized tests to measure aptitude and intelligence is one of the most

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 effective racist policies ever devised to degrade Black minds and legally exclude Black bodies."

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 As Kendi himself describes,

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 calls "metastatic racism":

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 If we cannot identify racial inequity, then we will not be able to identify racist policies. If we cannot identify racist policies, then we cannot challenge racist policies. If we cannot challenge racist policies, then racist power's final solution will be achieved: a world of inequity none of us can see, let alone resist. The importance

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A Terrible Thing to Waste, Harriet Washington documents how people of color are overwhelmingly more likely to be exposed to environmental hazards

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tool for quantifying the perniciousness of what she terms “environmental racism.” 14

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the relationship between the genetics of deafness and the politics of Deafness is consistent with the ideas of the political philosopher John Rawls, who argued: 33 The natural distribution is neither just nor unjust.... These are simply natural facts. What is just and unjust is the way that institutions deal with these facts. Aristocratic and caste societies are unjust because they make these contingencies the ascriptive basis for belonging to more or less enclosed and privileged social classes. The basic structure of these societies incorporates the arbitrariness found in nature. But there is no necessity for men to resign themselves to these contingencies. The social system is not an unchangeable order beyond human control but a pattern of human action.

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the “neurodiversity” movement, which centers on people with autism

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spectrum disorders (ASDs). “On the spectrum” has become part of the modern lexicon, a

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Genes are not always a problem to be fixed, or the only problem to be fixed. People are not the problem to be fixed. The problem to be fixed is society’s recalcitrant unwillingness to arrange

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itself in a way that allows them to participate.

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The question becomes, then: How can public spaces and working conditions and access to medical care and legal codes and social norms be reimagined, such that the “arbitrariness of nature” is not crystallized into an inflexible caste system?

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failing to recognize a systemic force that creates inequalities permits them to continue under a veil of neutral passivity. Creating a just social order requires antiracism, not colorblindness.

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Creating a just social order requires anti-eugenics, not gene-blindness. We

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what I am proposing is an anti-eugenic position that does not discourage genetic knowledge but deliberately aims to use genetic science in ways that reduce inequalities in the distribution of freedoms, resources, and welfare.

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Sarah Bessey, an author and

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message: “Love the vulnerable with your choices.”

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"Money is a sort of collective fiction. What money we choose to trust says much about how we see the world."

Quentin Hardy

"If a way to the better there be, it lies in taking a full look at the worst."

Thomas Hardy

"The corporation as a psychopath."

"Psychopaths are social predators who charm, manipulate, and ruthlessly plow their way through life, leaving a broad trail of broken hearts, shattered expectations, and empty wallets. {They are}...completely lacking in conscience and feelings for others..."

Robert Hare

Joseph Hartz from the Wings bring back Hitler quote, p. 135 see pdf

"Vengeance relates to the past, justice to the future."

Abba Kovner bio see pdf pp 154-5

"Reading ...is my best superpower."

Ruth Ann Harnisch

"A cultural bigotry against both cognitive impairment and old age...a protracted state of dreaming..."

quoting Iris Murdoch: 'I am now going away for some time. I hope you will be well.'

quoting Floyd Skloot: 'I have been rewoven.'

quoting Alan Berliner: 'Do you know who I am?' Edwin Honig responds: 'Do you know who you are?'

and King Lear: 'I fear I am not in my perfect mind.'

NYT review by Parul Sehgal

Lynn Casteel Harper: On Vanishing: Mortality, Dementia, and What it means to Disappear;

"Seems like the more people you kill, the more you're in the limelight..."

People like him have nothing left to live for, and the only thing left to do is lash out at a society that has abandoned them."

Harper-Mercer, Oregon massacre, on the actions of Mr. Flanagan, August killer of 2 journalists.

"The grim bargain behind nuclear deterrence is ...: The price we pay for peace is the possibility of annihilation."

Eben Harrell see pdf

"With the old gods gone, [the psychopath] has no doubts, betrays no fear, gives a meaning and authority to life, no matter how twisted, wild, or mysterious it may be."

Alan Harrington

James Harrington, via Sataraman:

"Equality of estates cause equality of power, and equality of power ... is the liberty of every man."

"Romans failed to maintain their republic because of negligence committed in their agrarian [property] laws...."

Where there is equality of estates, there must be equality of power; and where there is equality of power, there can be no monarchy....

"That the poor are invisible is one of the most important things about them."

Michael Harrington

"What am I in truth?

What am I in reality,

When only 1 in 10 of my cells

Is genetically humanity?"  
David Haines

"...economists engage in financial forecasting to make astrologers look good. ...  
Making sense of the financial system is more an act of archeology than futurology."  
Andy Haldane New Scientist 12-10-2011

"The Universe may not be only stranger than we imagine, it may be stranger than we can  
imagine." J B S Haldane  
On being asked what one could conclude as to the nature of the Creator from a study of his  
creation, Haldane is said to have answered, "An inordinate fondness for beetles."

"I now know why you won the Nobel Prize. When they asked you a question, by God, you  
answered it."

Rep. Ralph Hall, Texas, Chair House Sci Comm to Steven Chu

"The independence of the judges, once destroyed, the constitution is gone; it is a dead letter; it is  
a vapor which the breath of faction in a moment may dissipate."  
Alexander Hamilton

"If humanity wishes to preserve a planet similar to that on which civilization developed and to  
which life on Earth is adapted, ...(then) CO2 will need to be reduced from its current 385 ppm to  
at most 350 ppm."  
Jim Hansen, NASA"

**Harari, Yuval:**  
*Homo Deus: A Brief History of Tomorrow*

For the first time in history, more people die today from eating too much than from eating too little;  
more people die from old age than from infectious diseases; and more people commit suicide  
than are killed by soldiers, terrorists and criminals combined.

on the cosmic scale of history humankind can lift its eyes up and start looking towards new  
horizons. If we are indeed bringing famine, plague and war under control, what will replace them  
at the top of the human agenda?

what are we going to do with ourselves?

prosperous and harmonious world, what will demand our attention and ingenuity?

What will we do with all that power?

Sugar is now more dangerous than gunpowder.

How, then, do terrorists manage to dominate the headlines and change the political situation  
throughout the world? By provoking their enemies to overreact. In essence, terrorism is a show.  
Terrorists stage a terrifying spectacle

overreaction to terrorism poses a far greater threat to our security than the terrorists themselves.  
Terrorists are like a fly that tries to destroy a china shop. The fly is so weak that it cannot budge  
even a single teacup. So it finds a bull, gets inside its ear and starts buzzing. The bull goes wild  
with fear and anger, and destroys the china shop.

The most common reaction of the human mind to achievement is not satisfaction, but craving for  
more.

humanity's next targets are likely to be immortality, happiness and  
turn Homo sapiens into Homo deus.

We are constantly reminded that human life is the most sacred thing in the universe.

'the right to life' is humanity's most fundamental value.

Just try to imagine Christianity, Islam or Hinduism in a world without death—  
a world without heaven, hell or reincarnation.

Death has become an almost automatic reason for lawsuits and investigations. 'How could they  
have died? Somebody somewhere must have screwed up.'

The writing is on the wall: equality is out—immortality is in.

Woody Allen,

'I don't want to achieve immortality through my work. I want to achieve it by not dying.'

Jeremy Bentham declared that the supreme  
the sole worthy aim of the state, the market and the scientific community is to increase global happiness.

the American Declaration of Independence guaranteed the right to the pursuit of happiness, not the right to happiness itself.

The right to the pursuit of happiness, originally envisaged as a restraint on state power, has imperceptibly morphed into the right to happiness—

Epicurus outlined an entire ethic of dos and don'ts to guide people along the treacherous path to happiness.

both our expectations and our happiness are determined by our biochemistry,

John Stuart Mill, explained  
that happiness is nothing but pleasure and freedom from pain, and that beyond pleasure and pain there is no good and no evil.

The biochemical system rewards actions conducive to survival and reproduction with pleasant sensations.

in order to raise global happiness levels, we need to manipulate human biochemistry.

As the biochemical pursuit of happiness accelerates, so it will reshape politics, society and economics,

To attain real happiness, humans need to slow down the pursuit of pleasant sensations, not accelerate it. This Buddhist view of happiness has a lot in common with the biochemical view.

When the mind learns to see our sensations for what they are—ephemeral and meaningless vibrations—we lose interest in pursuing them.

for the capitalist juggernaut, happiness is pleasure. Period. With each passing year our tolerance for unpleasant sensations decreases, and our craving for pleasant sensations increases.

In seeking bliss and immortality humans are in fact trying to upgrade themselves into gods.

the third big project of humankind will be to acquire for us divine powers of creation and destruction, and upgrade Homo sapiens into Homo deus. This third project obviously subsumes the first two projects, and is fuelled by them.

think of the new human agenda as consisting really of only one project (with many branches): attaining divinity.

But we cannot hit the brakes, for several reasons.

If growth ever stops, the economy won't settle down to some cosy equilibrium; it will fall to pieces.

That's why capitalism encourages us to seek immortality, happiness and divinity.

Those living in palaces have always had different agendas to those living in shacks, and that is unlikely to change...

Knowledge that does not change behaviour is useless. But knowledge that changes behaviour quickly loses its relevance.

the study of history aims above all to make us aware of possibilities we don't normally consider.

Historians study the past not in order to repeat it, but in order to be liberated from it.

Studying history aims to loosen the grip of the past.

They aim not to perpetuate the past, but rather to be liberated from it.

If you start with a flawed ideal, you often appreciate its defects only when the ideal is close to realisation.

attempting to fulfil the humanist dream is likely to cause its disintegration.

Humanism has dominated the world for 300 years, which is not such a long time. The

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6di\\_ejFIG5U](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6di_ejFIG5U)

"hacked humans": via 60 minutes

"History is the study of change."

"When a thousand people believe some made-up story for one month, that's fake news. When a billion people believe it for a thousand years, that's a religion."

"Utopia and dystopia depends on your values."

"Now you increasingly feel that there are all these elites that just don't need me. And it's much worse to be irrelevant than to be exploited....the useless class..."

You're totally expendable."

Yuval Noah Harari see also TED talk on Fascism and Democracy

“...in the early 21st-century, perhaps the most important artistic genre is science fiction...[ it shapes] how people understand the most important technological, social, and economic developments of our time.”  
via Harris podcast?: new stalins, turnkey totalitarianism, chinese communist party controlled by algorithms, main source of meaning in life is death...

“Kyiv was already a major metropolis when Moscow was not even a village. ...  
...is heading towards a historic defeat. He may win all the battles but still lose the war  
...Hatred is the ugliest of emotions. But for oppressed nations, hatred is a hidden treasure.  
...

**end Harari, see sapienship**

“Justice is sometimes seven generations away...And it is inevitable...  
We have always been dogged by legal fictions and false narratives. In the Declaration of Independence we are referred to as ‘the merciless Indian savages’ on ‘our frontiers.’  
Joy Harjo in nyt

Harmon, Amy: <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/11/01/us/terminology-language-politics.html> “semantic bleaching”

Harris, Eric - Columbine shooter:  
“I am fucking armed. I feel more confident, stronger, more God-like.”

“I know predators, and we have a predator living in the white house...The thing you must importantly know, predators are cowards.”  
Kamala Harris

Harris, Maurice - LA florist:  
“I do something I love, and I hate it, because it’s work any time money gets exchanged. It takes away the purity...  
We’re in a time when people think that a double tap, a share, and a visit solves the problem, when, No. It’s still pretty systemic.”

**Harris, Sam**

“Familiarity breeds credence.”  
“The human brain is an engine of belief.”  
“...today, we won’t even honestly describe the motivations of our enemies. And in the act of lying to ourselves, we continue to pay lip service to the very delusions that empower them.”  
“We have to be able to criticize bad ideas, and Islam is the Mother lode of bad ideas.”  
[On ISIS fighters]: Most of them are profoundly motivated by their beliefs. Many surely feel like spiritual James Bonds, fighting a cosmic war against evil.  
“... what we need is honest talk about the link between belief and behavior.”  
“...one can draw a straight line from specific doctrines in Islam to the intolerance and violence we see in the Muslim world.”  
Normal people, under the sway of bad ideas, are capable of anything.  
Sam Harris

“Morality and values depend on the existence of conscious minds -- and specifically on the fact that such minds can experience various forms of well-being and suffering in this universe. Conscious minds and their states are natural phenomenon, of course, fully constrained by the

laws of Nature (whatever these turn out to be in the end). Therefore, there must be right and wrong answers to questions of morality and values that potentially fall within the purview of science. On this view, some people and cultures will be right (to a greater or lesser degree), and some will be wrong, with respect to what they deem important in life."

In our ignorance, fear, and craving for order, we created the gods. And ignorance, fear, and craving keep them with us.

Yes, we must destroy al Qaeda. But humanity has a larger project—to become sane.

"Islam is a religion of peace, and if you say that it isn't, we will kill you."

Sam Harris blog

"...while religious people are not generally mad, their core beliefs absolutely are."

Sam Harris

"The scientific study of morality is the lever that, when pulled, will completely dislodge religion."

Sam Harris

from Sam Harris: The Moral Landscape:

"The human brain is an engine of belief.

Everyone has an intuitive 'physics', but much of our intuitive physics is wrong...everyone also has an intuitive 'morality', but much of our intuitive morality is clearly wrong.

...religion is largely a matter of what people teach their children to believe about the nature of reality.

we live in a world in which the obvious is overlooked as a matter of principle

much of what passes for public policy in our country conforms to religious taboos and superstitions appropriate to a medieval theocracy

we are all atheists with respect to Zeus and Thor.

Certainty without evidence is necessarily divisive and dehumanizing. While there is no guarantee that rational people will always agree, the irrational are certain to be divided by their dogmas.

Atheism is nothing more than a commitment to the most basic standard of intellectual honesty: One's convictions should be proportional to one's evidence.

Sam Harris, Atheist Manifesto, 2009

in Mexico if a government official even mentions the word God, he is immediately scolded by the media and the people. Go figure, since my country is 95% Catholic.

Ignacio in response to Harris Manifesto

nature itself is a cogent argument against the existence of a beneficent and omnipotent god- the balance of nature is rooted in pain and death.

Doc in response to Harris Manifesto

from Sam Harris: Letter to a Christian Nation:

"Our country now appears, as at no other time in her history, like a lumbering, bellicose, dim-witted giant....the combination of great power and great stupidity is simply terrifying...

While missionaries do many noble things at great risk to themselves, their dogmatism still spreads ignorance and death.

"...the anti-Semitism that built the Nazi death camps was a direct inheritance from medieval Christianity.

The problem with religion – as with Nazism, Stalinism, or any other totalitarian mythology – is the problem of dogma itself. I know of no society in human history that ever suffered because its people became too desirous of evidence in support of their core beliefs.

Countries with high levels of atheism are also the most charitable.  
God, therefore, is either impotent or evil.  
The dogma of the virgin birth and much of the Christian world's resulting anxiety about sex, was a product of a mistranslation from the Hebrew.  
Our competing religious certainties are impeding the emergence of a viable, global civilization.  
...the prospects for eradicating religion in our time do not seem good. Still, the same could have been said about efforts to abolish slavery at the end of the eighteenth century.  
The rite of circumcision emerges as a surrogate for child sacrifice.  
The idea that Islam is a 'peaceful religion hijacked by extremists' is a fantasy, and it is now a particularly dangerous fantasy...  
...the prospects for eradicating religion in our time do not seem good. ...the same could have been said about efforts to abolish slavery...  
...the God of the Bible and the Qur'an is not a moderate. Reading scripture...one finds reasons to be a proper religious lunatic.  
The fundamental problem with religion is that it is built, to a remarkable degree, upon lies.

Sam Harris: The End of Faith, 2004:

"Intolerance is ... intrinsic to every creed....  
Certainty about the next life is simply incompatible with tolerance in this one...  
Religious moderation is the product of *secular* knowledge and scriptural *ignorance*...  
...the greatest problem confronting civilization ...is the larger set of cultural and intellectual accommodations we have made to faith itself...  
The danger of religious faith is that it allows otherwise normal human beings to reap the fruits of madness and consider them *holy*...  
A literal reading of the Old Testament not only permits but *requires* heretics to be put to death...  
Anti-Semitism is intrinsic to both Christianity and Islam; both traditions consider the Jews to be bunglers of God's initial revelation....  
...a portal in time has opened, and fourteenth-century hordes are pouring into our world.  
Unfortunately, they are now armed with twenty-first-century weapons...  
Islam is undeniably a religion of conquest...  
In Islam ... the basic thrust of the doctrine is undeniable: convert, subjugate, or kill unbelievers; kill apostates; and conquer the world....  
Islam, more than any other religion human beings have devised, has all the makings of a thoroughgoing cult of death...  
...not all cultures are at the same stage of moral development....  
...the disposition to take the happiness of others into account - to be *ethical* - seems to be a rational way to augment one's own happiness...  
...pacifism is ultimately nothing more than a willingness to die, and to let others die, at the pleasure of the world's thugs...  
...when your enemy has no scruples, your own scruples become another weapon in his hand...  
...the venom of unreason...  
The only demons we must fear are those that lurk inside every human mind: ignorance, hatred, greed, and *faith*, which is surely the devil's masterpiece..."

"...when life gets back to normal..." ??

API: assume positive intent...

**end of Harris, Sam**

Harris, Kamala:

"We just have to speak truth no matter how painful it is to speak or hear..."

"The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows."

Sydney Harris

Tom Harris on writing:

Most mornings, Harris starts work around 8:30 or so. He writes until 2 or 3, when he has lunch and takes a nap. Some days, he finishes a single paragraph. When he's stuck on a particularly difficult passage, he writes by hand.



Harris describes writing as an almost passive process, something that happens to him rather than something he does. His novels start with a scene that plays in his head, then he tries to figure out what came before, and what came after. He talks about his characters as though they exist in the world, leading parallel lives independent from his books.

The work can be painfully slow. Decades have passed between some of his novels.

"Sometimes you really have to shove and grunt and sweat," Harris says. "Some days you go to your office and you're the only one who shows up, none of the characters show up, and you sit there by yourself, feeling like an idiot. And some days everybody shows up ready to work. You have to show up at your office every day. If an idea comes by, you want to be there to get it in."

He quotes a line from Gustave Flaubert: "Language is like a cracked kettle on which we beat out tunes for bears to dance to, while all the time we long to move the stars to pity."

"Everything has happened. Nothing's made up. You don't have to make anything up in this world."

Harris Tom via NYT see pdf

Hart, Bernie:

Once we establish a stable safe interactive active relationship to gravity anything is possible.

Bernie Hart

"It is a very peculiar kind of conservatism that values life only in utero,"

Jeffrey Hart

Hart, Sarah:

"I am pathologically interested in everything," she said from her home in Walthamstow, in East London. During lockdown, "everything" grew to include dabbling in lessons with her daughters, ages 10 and 14, on, among other things, palindromic numbers, origami, code cracking, geometric patterns, etymology and Latin.

Basically, Dr. Hart just likes playing. "Was it Paul Klee who talked about 'taking a line for a walk'?" she said. "I like to take an idea for a walk."

"You want just enough structure to hang your ideas on, but not so much that you are boxed in." quoting George Eliot: 'in want of health, I take walks, play on the piano, read Voltaire, talk to my friends, and just take a dose of mathematics every day to prevent my brain from becoming quite soft.'

When a minority among us hold the majority of political power, spending priorities do not favor building a healthy and sustainable society for all ..

legalized gambling, otherwise known as market trading, or to work with the leaders of organized crime, otherwise known as corporate law firms.

John Harte

"My one concern is our water. My grandfather taught me water is life."

Bill Hartley, quoted by Eliza Griswold

Hartley, L P:

"The past is a foreign country; they do things differently there."

Harvey, Giles:

"To choose not to know, to deny evil its power to hold and horrify the imagination - this is a radical if not heretical idea in our age...and the locus of so many 20th century horrors."

Giles Harvey on Marias NYT Mag

"As a man is, so he writes...he learned about the possibilities of the first-person: how a character could be summoned into being with just a few words.' on writing. NYT Mag on Ishiguro

"Critical memetic literacy is the ability to engage with and question all parts of the meme (re)production and consumption cycle.

Lauren Harvey and Emile Palese

"...Trump is a much better person today than he was [8 to 10 years ago]...he comes from a slam-bang, difficult world. It is amazing he is as good as he is."

Orrin Hatch, hypocrite via Carl Hulse

Letter: Salt Lake Tribune February 17, 2002

There are "...many examples of the problems caused by unqualified legislators. Although I am an outspoken Republican my time as a legislative intern and subsequent experiences working for senators left me embarrassed and angered by many of my fellow Republicans on the hill. They seem to think that their positions somehow endow them with the ability to effectively legislate when the truth is that the Republican Party could get invertebrates elected from most of their districts. Our state will continue to be plagued by mediocre lawmaking until we can find a way to elect more capable legislators."

Scott Richard Hatch, Salt Lake City

"The American Revolution ... was in fact provoked by the misbehavior of a British corporation; our nation was founded in an anti-corporate power fury.

"Without something or someone to be afraid of, the Republicans are truly lost, wandering in the wilderness"

Thom Hartmann

"The connection between mental disorder and lack of economic opportunity is indirect, but ultimately it is only more subtle than the connection between mental disarray and a gunshot wound to the head."

"...legislation against inherited wealth ... would do more to reduce mental disorder than will all of the psychologizing that will undoubtedly be funded by all of the well-meaning inheritors of wealth..."

John Hartung

"...you don't have to sniff the air very long to see there's something that smells."

Patrick Harvie, Scottish UWO campaign.

"Islamophobia is a vote winner with the modern G.O.P."

"...a cowardly, deferential, spineless media mindset..."

Mehdi Hasan

**Hasek, Jaroslav** - *The Good Soldier Sveik* via ML:

via translator Cecil Parrott:

'Svejk is ...a 'Mr. Everyman'... in the sense that he resembles any 'little man' who gets caught up in the wheels of a big bureaucratic machine...

He is far from being a fool. He is quite capable of making himself appear a fool to save his situation... he speaks most of the time in double talk. He pretends to be in agreement with anyone he is dealing with, particularly if he happens to be a superior officer. But the irony underlying his remarks is always perceptible..."

I know of no novel which conveys so poignantly not only the ugliness of war but the other futility of anything connected with it...'.

"What do you call a senator who's served in office for eighteen years? You call him home."

Orrin Hatch in 1976

"I think he's writing some of the best opinions on the Court right now," Hatch says on Clarence Thomas

"It is not about getting people to do things. It is about getting them to *want* to do things."

Haslam, Reicter, and Platow

Haslam, Nick:

[concept creep is] "the gradual semantic expansion of harm-related concepts such as bullying, mental disorder, prejudice, and trauma."

Steven Hassan:

"...there can be no true spiritual growth when one abdicates personal integrity and responsibility."

The Cult of Trump:

[Trump used] the same methods used by Moon and other cult leaders such as L. Ron Hubbard, David Koresh, Lyndon LaRouche, and Jim Jones...

Trump uses all kinds of cult tactics - lying, insulting opponents, projecting his weaknesses onto others, deflecting, distracting, presenting alternative facts and competing versions of reality - to confuse, disorient, and ultimately coerce his followers...

Fear defines Trump's philosophy, his p[ersonality, and his presidency...

He says '...real power is fear...'

[Omarosa ... newman quote]: 'I've escaped from the cult of Trumpworld. I'm free.'

[See Bandy X Lee book quotes]

Brainwashing...see Lifton

"Trump appears to have an elephant's memory for perceived betrayals>"

Singer, Cults in our Midst..

"Trump...is a Master Wizard in the art of hypnosis and persuasion.

Trump ... follows in the footsteps of cult leaders and dictators alike...

Pratkanis bk Age of Propaganda

"Without uncertainty there would be no hope, no ethics, and no freedom of choice."

R Hastie, R M Dawes in Rational Choice.... P. 328.

"... without agitation, we won't reach an equilibrium."

Fatana Hassanzada, Afghan women mag Gellara, pdf

"Although each one is willing to recount, on his own, his experience of the genocide, they all feel the need to hide behind a more diluted syntax."

Jean Hatzfeld

### **Vaclav Havel :**

"Hope is a state of mind, not of the world. Either we have hope or we don't; it is a dimension of the soul, and it's not essentially dependent on some particular observation of the world or estimate of the situation. Hope is not prognostication. It is an orientation of the spirit, and orientation of the heart; it transcends the world that is immediately experienced, and is anchored somewhere beyond its horizons ...Hope, in this deep and powerful sense, is not the same as joy that things are going well, or willingness to invest in enterprises that are obviously heading for success, but rather an ability to work for something because it is good, not just because it stands a chance to succeed. The more propitious the situation in which we demonstrate hope, the deeper the hope is. Hope is definitely not the same thing as optimism. It is not the conviction that something will turn out well, but the certainty that something makes sense, regardless of how it turns out."

Vaclav Havel

"I wonder what ... an economist-accountant would do if given the task to optimize the work of a symphony orchestra. ...he would eliminate all the pauses from Beethoven concerts. After all, they're good for nothing. They just hold things up, and orchestra members cannot be paid for not playing."

Vaclav Havel in Sedlacek

"...the prerequisite for everything political is moral. Politics really should be ethics put into practice."

Each one of us, however powerless or insignificant, can change the world.

"Humanity appears to be irrevocably losing ... a link with the eternal and infinite, and a resultant sense of humility and responsibility, a relationship to the world as a whole ... to the miracle of creation."

"The state is a product of society, an expression of it, an image of it. It is a structure that a society creates for itself as an instrument of its own self-realization."

Vaclav Havel

"If we endanger her [Earth], she will dispense with us in the interests of a higher value, that is life itself."

V Havel via Maguire

"[Popper used the term 'holistic social engineering' to describe human attempts to change the world for the better completely and globally, on the basis of some preconceived ideology that purported to understand all the laws of historical development and to describe inclusively, comprehensively and holistically a state of affairs that would be the ultimate realization of these laws. Popper clearly demonstrated that this pattern of human thinking and behaviour can only lead to a totalitarian system...]

...life, with its unfathomable diversity and unpredictability, never allowed itself to be squeezed into the crude Marxist cage. All that the guardians of the cage could do was to suppress and destroy whatever they could not make fit into it. Ultimately, war had to be declared on life itself and its inner- most essence.

WL Webb Guardian Weekly obit:

"Havel...said...in 1947 the clock of history had been stopped in his half of Europe – and now it started again....

concerns about the dangers of materialism and the myth of eternal growth."

about V Havel

"During an interrogation, don't tell them anything, not even the name of your dog."

Olga Havel, Vaclav's first wife

"Nature is issuing warnings that we must not only stop the debt from growing but start to pay it back." and

We need not fear for our planet. It was here before us and most likely will be here after us. But that doesn't mean that the human race is not at serious risk."

"Hope...is a dimension of the soul. ... not the conviction that something will turn out well, but the certainty that something makes sense, regardless of how it turns out."

We live in a contaminated moral environment. We have fallen morally ill because we became used to saying one thing and thinking another. We have learned not to believe in anything, to ignore each other, to care only about ourselves. Notions such as love, friendship, compassion, humility, or forgiveness have lost their depth and dimensions.

Vaclav Havel

"Even a purely moral act that has no hope of any immediate and visible political effect can gradually and indirectly, over time, gain in political significance."

A moral and intellectual state cannot be established through a constitution, or through law, or through directives, but only through complex, long-term, and never ending work involving education and self-education."

"It is not, in short, something we can simply declare or introduce. It is a way of going about things, and it demands the courage to breathe moral and spiritual motivation into everything, to seek the human dimension in all things."

"there is only one way to strive for decency, reason, responsibility, sincerity, civility and tolerance and that is decently, reasonably, responsibly, sincerely, civilly and tolerantly."

"It is the worst in us which is being systematically activated and enlarged – egotism, hypocrisy, indifference, cowardice, fear, resignation, and the desire to escape every personal responsibility."

"Truth and love must prevail over lies and hate."

ASPECETR is haunting Eastern Europe: the specter of what in the West is called "dissent" This sector has

not appeared out of thin air. It is a natural and inevitable consequence of the present historical phase of the system it is haunting....Ideology is a specious way of relating to the world. It offers human beings the illusion of an identity, of dignity, and of morality while making it easier for them to part with them. As the repository of something suprapersonal and objective, it enables people to deceive their conscience...Ideology, in creating a bridge of excuses between the system and the individual, spans the abyss between the aims of the system and the aims of life. It pretends that the requirements of the system derive from the requirements of life. It is a world of appearances trying to pass for reality. The post-totalitarian system touches people at every step, but it does so with...The essential aims of life are present naturally in every person. In everyone there is some longing for humanity's rightful dignity, for moral integrity, for free expression of being and a sense of transcendence over the world of existence. Yet, at the same time, each person is capable, to a greater or lesser degree, of coming to terms with living within the lie. Each person somehow succumbs to a profane trivialization of his inherent humanity, and to utilitarianism. In everyone there is some willingness to merge with the anonymous crowd and to flow comfortably along with it down the river of pseudolife. This is much more than a simple conflict between two identities. It is something far worse: it is a challenge to the very notion of identity itself....If the main pillar of the system is living a lie, then it is not surprising that the fundamental threat to it is living the truth....There is no freedom without equality before the law, and there is no equality before the law without freedom...the real question is whether the brighter future is really always so distant. What if, on the contrary, it has been here for a long time already, and only our own blindness and weakness has prevented us from seeing it around us and within us, and kept us from developing it?

Vaclav Havel

"Words were his weapons." The Economist on Havel  
via J Schell:

"Under the orderly surface of the life of lives, there slumbers the hidden sphere of life in its real aim, of its hidden openness to truth. The singular, explosive, incalculable political power of living within the truth resides in the fact that living openly within the truth has an ally, invisible to be sure, but omnipresent: this hidden sphere....  
"Being in power makes me permanently suspicious of myself."

Letters to Olga: commentaries disguised as letters to his wife to get past censors

"Living within the lie can constitute the system only if it is universal. There are no terms whatsoever on which it can coexist with living within the truth, and therefore everyone who steps out of line denies it in principle and threatens it in its entirety." via M Goldberg nyt

From The Art of the Impossible: Politics as Morality in Practice; speeches 1990-96—

1997: Writing speeches is my joy and my misfortune.

1-1-1990: ...we live in a contaminated moral environment. We fell morally ill because we got used to saying something different from what we thought. We learned not to believe in anything, to ignore each other, to care only for ourselves...we must accept this legacy as a sin we committed against ourselves...under the enforced mask of apathy.

I dream of a republic independent, free, and democratic, of a republic economically prosperous and yet socially just; ...a humane republic which serves the individual and which therefore holds

the hope that the individual will serve it in turn...

People, your government has returned to you!

2-21-1990: ...We are still under the sway of the destructive and thoroughly vain belief that man is the pinnacle of creation, and not just a part of it, and that therefore everything is permitted to him...we still don't know how to put morality ahead of politics, science, and economics. We are still incapable of understanding that the only genuine core of all our actions - if they are to be moral - is responsibility....Responsibility to the order of Being...the hope of the world lies in human consciousness...

3-15-1990: ...[We] allowed ourselves to be infected with the germ of evil.

5-10-1990: ...it is never pointless to think about alternatives that may at the moment seem improbable, impossible, or simply fantastic...

we have inherited a ...mutilated moral sensibility...Without courageous people, courageous structural changes are unthinkable... We must not be afraid of dreaming the seemingly impossible if we want the seemingly impossible to become a reality.

7-26-1990: We realized that the poetry was over and the prose was beginning...

the sensation of a Sisyphus mentally unprepared for the possibility that his efforts might succeed...

an increased perception of danger, a heightened sensitivity to the phenomenon of fear...

Unaccustomed to freedom, they now, suddenly, don't know what to do with it; they are afraid of it; they don't know what to fill it with...life seems to have lost its purpose...

We were very good at being persecuted and at losing...

We are like prisoners who have grown used to their prisons and, suddenly, given their longed-for freedom, do not know what to do with it, and are deranged by the constant need to think for themselves...

When a truth is not given complete freedom, freedom is not complete...truth purges one of fear...

Let us finally ... get rid of not only our fear of lies but also our fear of truth...

8-28-1990: speech on hate. Collective hatred eliminates loneliness, weakness, powerlessness, a sense of being ignored or abandoned...

5-28-1991: Politics is an area of human endeavor that places greater stress on moral sensitivity, on the ability to reflect critically on oneself, on genuine responsibility, on taste and tact, on the capacity to empathize with others, on a sense of moderation, on humility. It is a job for modest people, for people who cannot be deceived...Politics is work of a kind that requires especially pure people, because it is very easy to become morally tainted.

2-4-1992: ...the end of communism has, I believe, brought a major era in human history to a close...to the modern age as a whole...Communism was not defeated by military force, but by life, by the human spirit, by conscience, by the resistance of Being and man to manipulation... human uniqueness, human action, and the human spirit must be rehabilitated...we should fundamentally change how we behave.

4-23-1992: Civilization today is at a crucial juncture...it is largely civilization's fault that the human race as a whole is now endangered...A population explosion, combining with a rapidly widening gap between rich and poor, the resulting danger of major ethnic and social unrest, the acute threat to the environment, the inexorable depletion of the mineral resources of the earth, the existence of nuclear arsenals capable of annihilating life... - these and many other things create a huge, dangerous cloud that hangs over us and could well burst unless something happens...

politics should be principally the domain of people with a heightened sense of responsibility and a heightened understanding of the mysterious complexity of Being...

10-27-1992: [on waiting]...the art of waiting is something that has to be learned. We must patiently plant the seeds and water the ground well. ...Just as we cannot fool a plant, we cannot fool history...

Waiting that has meaning because it grows out of hope and not hopelessness, from faith and not despair, from humility toward the time of the world and not out of fear of its sublime tranquility, is accompanied not by boredom but by suspense. This kind of waiting is more than just waiting...

12-21-1992: ...a politics deriving from a strong and utterly personal sense of responsibility for the world, a politics deriving from the awareness that none of us - as an individual - can save the world as a whole, but that each of us must behave as though it were in his power to do so....The starting point of this politics is neither the will to power nor an ideological vision of the world but, rather, a moral stance.

4-22-1993: The greatest enemy of communism was always individuality, variety, difference - in a

word freedom....The fall of communism destroyed this shroud of sameness, and the world was caught napping by an outburst of the many unanticipated identities concealed beneath it...The desire to renew and emphasize one's identity, one's uniqueness, is also behind the emergence of many new states.

5-24-1993: The only thing that worries me is the depersonalization and dehumanization of politics that has come about with the progress of civilization...salvation can come only through a profound awakening of man to his own personal responsibility, which is at the same time a global responsibility... we have to rehabilitate the human dimension of citizenship as well as of politics.

10-8-1993: The greatness of the idea of European integration...lies in its power to smother the demons of nationalism...

1-1-1994: Democracy is a system based on trust in the human sense of responsibility, which it ought to waken and cultivate. Democracy and civil society are thus two sides of the same coin...

2-8-1994: I ... emphasize the connection between the two most important events of the second half of the twentieth century: decolonization and the fall of communism...the fall of communism was the final stage in the process of decolonization...

...both events ...can be understood as great, interrelated steps toward genuine cultural and political plurality in the world...

...our world is now enveloped by what is essentially a single civilization...bring[ing] everyone closer together -...almost too close together.

A logical result of this is the growth of intolerance.

...the world...must deliberately breathe the spirit of multicultural coexistence into the civilization that surrounds it.

I do not believe that man is by nature evil, or that violence and evil are a necessary part of human history.

3-27-1994: ...the closer we are to one another, the more we notice our differences...

...theater is one of the important islands of human authenticity....[where] living human beings address and speak to other human beings.

7-4-1994: ...we find ourselves in a paradoxical situation...Yet we do not know exactly what to do with ourselves, where to turn.

...science has reached the limits of its powers. Because it is founded on the search for universal laws, it cannot deal with singularity - that is, with uniqueness. The universe is a unique event and a unique story...unique events and stories are the domain of poetry, not science.

...transcendence as the only real alternative to extinction...

9-29-1994: ...democracy in its present Western form arouses skepticism and distrust in many parts of the world.

...democracy ... must rediscover and renew its own transcendental origins.

Planetary democracy does not yet exist, but our global civilization is already preparing a space for it; it is the very mind of man to his responsibility to the world and for the world.

...a multileveled and multicultural emanation, with a new political ethos, spirit, and style, and ultimately will give rise to a new civic behavior.

11-7-1994: The time when conflicts between peoples, empires, cultures, and individual civilizations had only local impact is gone forever.

...a sharp light thrown on the misery of the contemporary human souls - is .. the most important thing writers can provide.

...the public activity of intellectuals as citizens ...engage in politics in the broadest sense of the word.

...the world of today, with so many threats to its civilization and so little capacity to deal with them, is crying out for those who have understood something of that world, and know what to do about it, to play a far more vigorous role in politics.

3-29-1995: ...the key to the existence of the human race, of nature, and of the universe, as well as the key to what is required of human responsibility, has always been found in what transcends humanity, in what stands above it...we should look for what unites us: in an awareness of the transcendental.

Humankind, having lost its respect for a higher, superterrestrial authority, necessarily loses respect for all earthly authority, too. Consequently, people also lose respect for their fellow humans, and eventually even for themselves.

...freedom provides room for responsibility.

...authority...is a metaphysically anchored gift whose strength derives from the holder's

heightened responsibility, not from the might of the instruments of power he or she may wield. I see the only chance for today's civilization in a clear awareness of its multicultural character, in a radical enhancement of its inner spirit, and in a concerted effort to find the shared spiritual roots of all cultures, for they are what unites all people.

...enable us to live together in peace without having to forfeit our identities...to open up an entirely new era of mutual inspiration.

3-31-1995: ...an intellectual is a person who has devoted his or her life to thinking in more general terms about the affairs of this world and the broader context of things. ...it leads them to embrace a broader sense of responsibility for the state of the world and its future....they represent what has been called 'the conscience of society'.

6-8-1995: ...dwelling in the deepest roots of most, if at all, cultures is an essential similarity - ... a genuinely unifying starting point for a new code of human coexistence...

...how much easier it would be today, in the era of television, for a madman like Hitler or Stalin to pervert the spirit of a whole nation.

A conscience slumbers in every human being, something divine. And that is what we have to put our trust in.

I believe in the importance of organisms that lie somewhere between nation-states and a world community, organisms that can be an important medium of global communication and cooperation. Humanity's thanks belong to all those courageous reporters who voluntarily risk their lives wherever something evil is happening, in order to arouse the conscience of the world...

...those who hold the mass media in their hands ... bear responsibility for the world, and for the future of humanity.

It has been given to me to understand how small this world is and how it torments itself with countless things it need not torment itself with, if only people could find within themselves a little more courage, a little more hope, a little more responsibility, a little more mutual understanding and love.

10-13-1995: ...a conflict between peoples is in its very essence a conflict between two different notions of society, of the state, and of the world in general...a conflict of principles, not of nationalities.

I find it ...misguided when evil is not defined ...evil is ... contagious.

The solution is to oppose most forcefully all those who implant and nurture hatred in human minds...

Let us not allow concessions to evil in one part of Europe again to pave the way for evil on a global scale.

12-5-1995: Many times in my life ...I had no visible evidence that anything I was doing had any meaning whatsoever....hope is above all a state of mind, and that as such either we have it or we don't, quite independently of the state of affairs immediately around us.

...the creation of a new world order...

...if humanity has any hope of a decent future, it lies in the awakening of a universal sense of responsibility...I will not lose hope.

10-4-1996: Theatre is a phenomenon of space and time...it explores the world in order to influence it.

"Politicians come and go. Literature remains."

"Russian foreign policy is very savvy. There's a need for great caution because the Russians are able to discreetly blackmail countries." 2011 interview

"Words can be silenced in two ways. Either you ascribe such weight to them that no one dares utter them aloud, or you take away any weight they might have, and they turn into air."

from biography by Michael Zantovsky: Havel - A Life, 2014:

'...the ambition to 'repair the world' had been present in Havel's life since, at the age of ten, he envisaged a factory manufacturing good rather than goods'

His moral philosophy can be reduced to three concepts: ...the power of the powerless.; living in truth.; responsibility..rooted in the memory of being..

...there is a crystal-like moral clarity and consistency to his thought..

He was the ultimate WYSIWYG, authentic, genuine, real...

On Havel's death, quote Auden on Yeats' death (see Auden)

18 December 2011, A Dark Cold Day

'He disappeared in the dead of winter:



The brooks were frozen, the airports almost deserted,  
and snow disfigured the public statues;  
The mercury sank in the mouth of the dying day.  
What instruments we have agree  
The day of his death was a dark cold day...

-W H Auden, 'In memory of W. B. Yeats'

[https://www.rferl.org/a/vaclav\\_havel\\_procession\\_to\\_the\\_castle/24429272.html](https://www.rferl.org/a/vaclav_havel_procession_to_the_castle/24429272.html)

Sir Tom Stoppard eulogy: 'As long as he lived he was the guiding star of a brave new nation, and when he died the little children cried in the street.'

see Russian state TV quote on Czech arms industry

Eulogy speech, quoting Havel:

'there is tremendous power in a word; it can kill and it can heal, it can hurt and it can help; it is able to change the world; the truth should be set, even if it is uncomfortable; minority opinion is not necessarily wrong.'

"I find people who are completely prepared for history rather suspect."

speech The Word about Words: 'the power of words to change history'.

It always pays to be suspicious of words and wary of them... The same word can be humble at one moment and arrogant the next. it is a difficult and protracted process to transform an arrogant word into one that is humble.

history came back to our country after twenty years of timelessness..

They knew who, and I knew how.

quoting Alexander Hamilton, Federalist No. 1

The best idea is one that leaves room for the possibility that everything is exactly the other way round.

from The Nation 2012 by Caleb Crain:

'A post-totalitarian regime didn't need to execute rebels. All it had to do was reward conformists who mouthed its empty slogans..' meaning, theatre, absurdity...

social self-awareness...

...market fundamentalism ...replaced communism as the ideology...

"Hope is not the conviction that something will turn out well, but the certainty that something makes sense, regardless of how it turns out." via Eric Utne

"Modern science : ... abolishes as mere fiction the innermost foundations of our natural world: it kills God and takes his place on the vacant throne so henceforth it would be science that would hold the order of being in its hand as its sole legitimate guardian and so be the legitimate arbiter of all relevant truth ... People thought they could explain and conquer nature - yet the outcome is that they destroyed it and disinherited themselves from it."

**end Havel**

"All you need is to tell the truth. It's always heartbreaking." on screen writing

"It is so painful to talk about our past in this country that we just don't like doing it..." on John Brown series, nyt review

Ethan Hawke

"You never learn anything when your mouth is open." Paul Hawken's father

"A Dictatorship of Ignorance." and

"Humanity's Immune Response."

Paul Hawken

**Hawking, Stephen:**

"The end might not be in sight for theoretical physics, but it might be in sight for theoretical physicists."

"Primitive life is very common and intelligent life is fairly rare. Some would say it has yet to occur on Earth."

"The greatest enemy of knowledge is not ignorance, it is the illusion of knowledge."

"Concentrate on things your disability doesn't prevent you doing well. Don't regret the things it interferes with."

"Intelligence is the ability to adapt to change."

God does play dice. God is an inveterate gambler."

Stephen Hawking

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"For millions of years, mankind lived just like the animals. Then something happened which unleashed the power of our imagination. We learned to talk and we learned to listen. Speech has allowed the communication of ideas, enabling human beings to work together to build the impossible. Mankind's greatest achievements have come about by talking, and its greatest failures by not talking. It doesn't have to be like this. Our greatest hopes could become reality in the future. With the technology at our disposal, the possibilities are unbounded. All we need to do is make sure we keep talking."

"My goal is simple. It is a complete understanding of the universe, why it is as it is and why it exists at all."

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"I believe the simplest explanation is, there is no God. No one created the universe and no one directs our fate. This leads me to a profound realisation that there probably is no heaven and no afterlife either. We have this one life to appreciate the grand design of the universe and for that, I am extremely grateful."

"Remember to look up at the stars and not down at your feet. Try to make sense of what you see and wonder about what makes the universe exist. Be curious. And however difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed at. It matters that you don't just give up."

"Life would be tragic if it weren't funny".

"My expectations were reduced to zero when I was 21. Everything since then has been a bonus".

"People who boast about their IQ are losers."

"I have lived with the prospect of an early death for the last 49 years. I'm not afraid of death, but I'm in no hurry to die. I have so much I want to do first."

"We are just an advanced breed of monkeys on a minor planet of a very average star. But we can understand the Universe. That makes us something very special."

"keeping an active mind has been vital to my survival, as has maintaining a sense of humor."

"People have the mistaken impression that mathematics is just equations. In fact, equations are just the boring part of mathematics."

"There is no heaven or afterlife...; that is a fairy story for people afraid of the dark."

Stephen Hawking

Mlodinow on Hawking:

"...you couldn't help thinking ... that his life force was inexhaustible...

Even when contemplating the cosmic, he had a keen sense of the comic."

**end Hawking**

"When the mind is evolving the abstractions which will lead to physical comprehension, all of us must cross the line between ignorance and insight many times before we truly understand..."

David Hawkins

Haworth, Jann:

"I expect it to feel precarious. Anything original, radical, different is bloody going to be precarious."  
—Jann Haworth

"...that pleasant mood of mind where gaiety and pensiveness intermingle."  
,,,a neutral territory, somewhere between the real world and fairy-land, where the Actual and the Imaginary may meet, and each imbue itself with the nature of the other."  
Nathaniel Hawthorne

"...

The liberal believes that the limits which he wants democracy to impose upon itself are also the limits within which . . . the majority can truly direct and control the actions of government. . . .

Though democracy is probably the best form of limited government, it becomes an absurdity if it turns into unlimited government. Those who profess that democracy is all-competent and support all that the majority wants at any given moment are working for its fall.

—F. A. HAYEK<sup>1</sup>

people  
who have read good literature have lived more than people who cannot or will not read...It is not true that we have only one life to live; if we can read, we can live as many more lives and as many kinds of lives as we wish."

S I Hayakawa

"I compare it [silence] to the zero in mathematics. People think it's nothing, but actually it's not. It can be very powerful."

Michel Hazanavicius

"A duck is not a duck." ?? Hazeltine, wildlife biologist

"There was a time when we were not...and a time will come when we cease to be."

William Hazlitt

"We ourselves became infected with many of the diseases of the society we wished to erase.... When we first used the term revolution, it was not about overthrowing power but about overcoming hypocrisy, through a faithfulness to a democratic and spiritual heritage."

"... looking uncomfortably to the world we inherit ...

... disenchantment really begins with the understanding that the most respected and enlightened Americans are among the most barbarous ...

"If we appear to seek the unattainable, it has been said, then let it be known that we do so to avoid the unimaginable." Tom Hayden, Port Huron Statement

"We are free to the extent that we know what we are about."

Tom Hayden

From Sterling Hayden, Wanderer:

...in the worship of security we fling our lives beneath the wheels of routine – and before we know it our lives are gone.

What does a man need – really need? A few pounds of food each day, heat and shelter, six feet to lie down in – and some form of working activity that will yield a sense of accomplishment. That's all – in the materials sense. And we know it. But we are brainwashed by our economic system until we end up in a tomb beneath a pyramid of time payments, mortgages, preposterous gadgetry, playthings that divert our attention from the sheer idiocy of the charade. The years thunder by. The dreams of youth grow dim where they lie caked in dust on the shelves of patience. Before we know it, the tomb is sealed."

starred in Johnny Guitar, w Joan Crawford - what does a man need line appears.

Huron statement:

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"A Haydn quartet says in 15 minutes what it takes a philosopher 600 pages to say."

Hans Keller

"...a comprehensive system of social insurance [to protect citizens against] the common hazards of life...{health in particular}.

Hayek, quoted by Krugman

Friedrich Hayek...said...social justice was unachievable and that the inequality and misery produced by capitalism was both moral and logical...'...only a system where we tolerate grossly unjust differences of reward is capable of keeping the present population of the world in existence.'

F. A. Hayek emphasized, "The element of luck is as inseparable from the operation of the market as the element of skill."

"... my personal preference leans toward a liberal dictatorship rather than towards a democratic government devoid of liberalism."

FA Hayek re: Pinochet's Chile

"...a communications system which we call the market and which turns out to be a more efficient mechanism for digesting dispersed information than any that man has deliberately designed."

Hayek's Nobel lecture, near end.

"We must make the building of a free society once more an intellectual adventure. What we lack is a liberal Utopia."

Hayek via Bregman

"Discussing energy without talking about climate is like talking about tobacco without talking about cancer."

The moments that have given birth to the greatest progress are when people found the inner courage and peace to look power in the eye and say NO."

Chris Hayes

"Rural people will "cling" to guns. Not because they are sad or misguided, but because it is the last right they feel they still have: a liberty at least, in place of opportunity."

Daniel Hayes ... on Trump

from Twilight of the elites ...on Meritocracy

"America feels broken....

We do not trust our institutions because they have shown themselves to be untrustworthy....  
...we're in the midst of something far grander and more perilous than just a crisis of government or a crisis of capitalism. We are in the midst of a broad and devastating crisis of authority....  
What divides the institutionalist from the insurrectionist is a disagreement over whether the greatest threat we face is distrust - or whether the greater threat is the actual malfeasance and corruption of the pillar institutions themselves.

Whoever says meritocracy says oligarchy.  
Societies can exhibit two kinds of social justice: horizontal and vertical....  
Equality is never a final state, democracy never a stable equilibrium: they are processes, they are struggles,

"The human mind is wired to respond with empathy, but it is not wired with a sense of common humanity or an openness to pain....Dehumanization 'solves' our wired-in empathy problem because it moves those who suffer out of our group."

Stephen C Hayes

"'Christianity is a religion built around a father/Who does not rescue his son. It is the story/of a son whose father is a ghost'"

Terrance Hayes

"Climate is defined as the average of weather over 30 years or more."

"Human civilisation is based on the assumption of a stable climate,"

Katharine Hayhoe

"One can have no better destroyer than an individual ablaze with the love of a universal truth."

Yoram Hazony

"Some of the 'habits of mind' fostered by this software is dangerous. Attention is guided by noise, motion, and color, not by the child's brain."

J Healy, Failure to Connect, 1998 Simon and Schuster

"The problem is neither the Quran nor the Bible, sleep-inducing, incoherent and badly written novels. The problem is the faithful who read the holy books like instructions for assembling Ikea shelves."

Charlie Hebdo editor, Stephane Charbonnier

"We have a huge need for real journalism, for good reporting and for truth: It's totally under attack. But the power of art and music to blur all those boundaries and enact a sort of feeling, to free words from their need to be specific, that is a totally different type of truth. I think there's so much rigidity in the way we think about these issues. And our political climate is extremely polarized..."

There's so little room for gray area. And art does this really well. The more we understand the gray areas, the more we have empathy. That's the role of art: a different truth, a better truth.

Ted Hearne

"This is our moment to make hope and history rhyme..."

Walk on air against your better judgment."

"History says, don't hope  
On this side of the grave.  
But then, once in a lifetime  
The longed-for tidal wave  
Of justice can rise up,  
And hope and history rhyme."

Seamus Heaney

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"I will never understand how some of my colleagues, in many ways good people, could ignore or deny the President's unrelenting attack on a free press, his vicious character assassination of anyone who disagrees with him, and his demonstrably very distant relationship with the truth."

Denny Heck

former Congressman Ken Heckler, reclamation amounts to "putting lipstick on a corpse."

### **Hedges, Chris:**

"War is probably the most powerful narcotic invented by humankind. Eventually, like any narcotic, it will destroy you.

In war all moral decisions are made for you...We exalt ourselves as a nation, as a people.

...the euphoria of the crowd makes you part of the herd. Crowds are dangerous."

Chris Hedges, author of *War is a Force that Gives us Meaning*.

see also: James William Lapham Moral Equivalent of War \_ Lapham's Quarterly pdf

"I used to live in a country called America...

Cultures that cannot distinguish between illusion and reality die.

America has become a façade. It has become the greatest illusion in a culture of illusions.

The Earth is strewn with the ruins of powerful civilizations that decayed ... they all, at a certain point, were taken over by a bankrupt and corporate elite."

"Nationalism...is anti-thought. It is primarily about self-exaltation. The flip side of nationalism is always racism, the dehumanization of the enemy and all who appear to question the cause."

When civilizations start to die they go insane....Reality, at the end, gets unplugged.

"What fosters revolution is not misery, but the gap between what people expect from their lives and what is offered. This is especially acute among the educated and the talented."

Chris Hedges

"In Canada when you own land you own only the top six inches of soil; the mineral rights below it belong to the state and can be sold without the knowledge or acquiescence of the landowner."

Chris Hedges

Hedges quoting Cicero: "During war, the laws are silent."

Hedges on Paine:

"Where liberty is, there is my country," Benjamin Franklin once said to Paine. "Where liberty is not, there is my country," Paine replied. For Paine, the role of a citizen extended beyond national borders. The fight of those living under any system of tyranny was his fight. "When it shall be said in any country in the world 'My poor are happy; neither ignorance nor distress is to be found among them; my jails are empty of prisoners, my streets of beggars; the aged are not in want, the taxes are not oppressive; the rational world is my friend, because I am a friend of happiness': when these things can be said," Paine wrote, "then may that country boast of its constitution and its government."

Hedges as 'Obama':

I would like to take a moment to thank our nation's compliant judges, the spineless deans of most prestigious law schools and most law professors and lawyers for refusing to defend the Constitution. They have been valued partners, along with the press, in our campaign to eradicate your civil liberties.

... Our system of government is built on the premise that our liberty cannot depend on the good intentions of those in power; it depends on the law to constrain those in power.... I know where power in this country lies. It does not lie with the citizen. It lies with Wall Street and corporate boardrooms....

I have, along with our Congress and our highest courts, eradicated the Fourth Amendment, which once protected citizens from government intrusion into their persons, homes, papers and effects....

If you think you are innocent, or that you have nothing to hide, you do not understand what is happening....

Corporations, for which I work, fear those who think and write and speak out and form relationships freely. Individual freedom impedes their profits. And the surveillance system I am protecting today is designed to keep these corporations in power....

Together, let us chart a way forward that secures your complete subjugation, the iron rule of our corporations and our power elite—at least until we make the planet wholly uninhabitable—while we continue to snuff out the liberties that once made our nation worth fighting for... Thank you. May God bless you. May God bless Corporate America."

from American Fascists, 2006:

"Unlimited tolerance must lead to the disappearance of tolerance. If we extend unlimited tolerance even to those who are intolerant, if we are not prepared to defend a tolerant society against the onslaught of the intolerant, then the tolerant will be destroyed, and tolerance with them...."

We should therefore claim, in the name of tolerance, the right not to tolerate the intolerant....any movement preaching intolerance places itself outside the law, and we should consider incitement to intolerance and persecution as criminal."

Karl Popper, via Hedges

"There is enough hatred, bigotry and lust for violence in the pages of the Bible to satisfy anyone bent on justifying cruelty and violence.

quoting Victor Klemperer: "[The Nazis] confiscated words for their party, saturated words and phrases and sentence forms with their poison..."

quoting Fritz Stern: "[The people] sensed in liberalism the source of all their inner sufferings. There was a resentment of loneliness; their one desire was for a new faith, a new community of believers, a world with fixed standards and no doubts, a new national religion that would bind all Germans together. All this, liberalism denied. Hence, they hated liberalism, blamed it for making outcasts of them, for uprooting them from their imaginary past, and from their faith."

"Stories of rage are first stories of despair.

quoting Karen McCarthy Brown: "Fundamentalism is the religion of those at once seduced and betrayed by the promise that we human beings can comprehend and control our world. ... fundamentalists seek to reject the modern world, while nevertheless holding onto these habits of mind: clarity, certitude, and control."

"The difficult task of learning how to make moral choices, how to accept personal responsibility, how to deal with the chaos of human life is handed over to God-like authority figures. The process makes possible a perpetuation of childhood. It allows the adult to bask in the warm glow and magic of divine protection."

"... the genius of totalitarian movements. They convince the masses to agitate for their own incarceration...."

quoting Walter Lippmann: "There can be no liberty for a community which lacks the means by which to detect lies."

"The Nazis had used 'values' to launch state repression of opponents. Hitler, days after he took power in 1933, imposed a ban on all homosexual organizations. ... The stripping of homosexuals of their civil rights was largely cheered by German churches." referring to work of James Luther Adams.

"... fascist movements build their base not from the politically active but the politically inactive, the 'losers' who feel, often correctly, that they have no voice or role to play in the political establishment."

### **end of Hedges**

"A lot of people interrogate guests, but don't interrogate ideas."  
Richard D Heffner

"If one looks at the world rationally the world looks rationally back."

"The only thing we learn from history is that we learn nothing from history."

"... freedom is the last hinge on which man turns, a highest possible pinnacle, which allows nothing further to be imposed upon it; thus man bows to no authority, and acknowledges no obligations, where his freedom is not respected." via Peter Dews

Hegel

'Hegel ... argued that Americans would never have politics until they ran out of frontier and had to turn to face one another.'

Hegel, cited by Jedediah Britton-Purdy, reviewing Grandin book

"What will stagger the knowledgeable is the confidence with which he presents nonsense."

J L Heibron in review of book Convergence by Peter Watson

Heidegger, Martin:

Every man is born as many men and dies as a single one.—

"The world's populations need more compassion and empathy for one another. The study of MDMA provides one small but potentially important step toward reaching that goal."

Boris Heifets and Robert Malenka, Stanford U MDMA paper

"...to form a collective bond of identity with those future generations...it is the absence of just such a bond with the future that casts doubts on the ability of nation-states or socio-economic orders to take now the measures needed to mitigate the problems of the future."

...the outlook is for what we may call 'convulsive change' – change forced upon us by external events rather than by conscious choice, by catastrophe rather than by calculation."

Will mankind survive? Who knows? The question I want to put is more searching: Who cares? It is clear that most of us today do not care..."

Robert L Heilbroner in The Human Prospect, 1980

"... appeasers like Henry Ford, Joseph P Kennedy, and Lindbergh called for cooperation with the poor misunderstood Nazis...No less than Churchill, Roosevelt saved Western civilization from the greatest menace it has ever known."

Jacob Heilbrunn

"Wherever they burn books, sooner or later they will burn human beings also."

Heinrich Hein

"Err and err and err again but less and less and less."

Piet Hein

"The world economic system is held together largely by the belief and faith that it will continue to grow. It's a confidence scheme, in the purest sense."

"Economic growth. It's over. Let's move on."

"...we have to prepare individually for the ending of growth (a process likely to be accompanied by economic and political upheavals) while at the same time preserving and building social cohesion and laying the groundwork for a new economy..."

"There are no jobs on a dead planet." Post Carbon Inst.

Richard Heinberg

"Where they burn books, they will also, in the end, burn men."

Heinrich Heine

"Love is that condition in which the happiness of another person is essential to your own."

"Being right too soon is socially unacceptable.!

Robert A Heinlein



Heiskanen Benita:

"I sat there listening ... and I understood hardly a single sentence. But I did understand...that this was the most important thing that I had ever heard in my life, and so I must understand it."

from Intro to Short History of my Philosophy:

"Astory which...starts in my twenties, to run ... parallel with my other histories...

language use manifests a way of thinking, and consequently, a change of language reflects a change of thinking...

I suddenly realized that my philosophy had become a 'whole'...a 'quasi-system'...

I am not the authorized judge of my own writings...

it is the topic that chooses us and not the other way around...

...a philosophical embryo...

Agnes Heller

"As **Joseph Heller** said when people said he hadn't published anything as good as 'Catch 22':

'Neither has anyone else'."

quoted by Julian Assange

"I worship books. They are the purest, most complete, most effective means for delivering knowledge and feeling."

Richard Hell, rocker

"... in the age of nuclear weapons, cyberattacks, terror-ism, and environmental crises, national security is becoming inseparable from global security..."

Martin Helman FAS report 2019

"...good sense and judgment are highly overrated. Wisdom is too often just a fancy word for cynicism. And foolishness is a condescending word for joy, wonder and curiosity."

Ed Helms

"We don't pay taxes. Only the little people pay taxes."

Leona Helmsley

"The new Fascists will not come as grim-looking brutes in daemonic black uniforms and boots, they will wear slick suits and ties, and they will be smiling."  
Gottfried Heinwein

Hemingway:  
iceberg theory for fiction, only 1/8 on top

"...wide lawns and narrow minds..."  
"all good books have one thing in common: they are truer than if they had really happened."

"[Harry] destroyed his talent by not using it. Now he would never write the things that he had saved to write until he knew enough to write them well."  
Ernest Hemingway via Roger Cohen NYT

Hemingway once said, "I know of no trouble that can't be helped by an hour or so of hard work."  
via Tonio

"All thinking men are atheists."

Hemingway

on writing: "Start with the truest thing you know."

"All you have to do is write one true sentence. Write the truest sentence that you know."

"Never mistake motion for action."

E Hemingway

See short story A Natural History of Death

"I like to listen. I have learned a great deal from listening carefully. Most people never listen."

"The world breaks everyone and afterward many are strong at the broken places. But those that will not break it kills. It kills the very good and the very gentle and the very brave impartially. If you are none of these you can be sure it will kill you too but there will be no special hurry."

— Ernest Hemingway, A Farewell to Arms, via John McCain

Once asked to write a full story in six words, legend has it that novelist Ernest Hemingway responded: "For Sale: baby shoes, never worn." In this spirit, Smith Magazine invited writers "famous and obscure" to distill their own life stories into a single sentence.

via Ken Burns and Lynn Novick:

'...every project we work on will resonate in the present, because human nature doesn't change...E.H. had to trust the reader so completely...

he dared to impersonate simplicity...So much was below the surface.And it requires you to go searching for meaning....he's saying, I'm not going to walk you through this...'

"All remembrance of things past is fiction."

### **end of Hemingway**

"If women do not have reproductive rights, they do not have equal rights."  
Marilyn Hempel

"I don't have a problem with religion. What I have a problem with is religion posing as science."  
Bobby Henderson, creator of Flying Spaghetti Monster

Henderson, Hazel:  
via obit: "...gone virtual...  
economics is a form of brain damage...  
defrock the economics priesthood...  
the 'invisible foot' tramples on social...

"... it is always the dinosaur's brain that is the last to get the new messages ...

Anthropologists call it the law of the retarding lead, where culture past adapted to *past* conditions fall behind those more flexible and less specialized, which can then adapt best to *new* conditions."

Hazel Henderson (married Alan Kay)

"Knowledge speaks, but wisdom listens."  
Jimi Hendrix

"you have two lives and the second one begins when you realize you have only one"  
Nicolas Hénin, the French journalist held captive in Syria for 10 months by Isis, before being released last year

William Ernest Henley:  
poem "Invictus." His sister Ethel Mae Tyner she remembered her big brother, John Lewis reciting it around the house:

In the fell clutch of circumstance

I have not winced nor cried aloud.

Under the bludgeonings of chance

My head is bloody, but unbowed.

"If you're not ready to die, you're not ready to live."  
Ammon Hennacy, sltrib profile pdf Joe Hill Utah Phillips

Patrick Henry? "If this be treason, make the most of it."  
"The liberties of a people never were, nor ever will be, secure, when the transactions of their rulers may be concealed from them."  
"... whatever anguish of spirit it may cost, I am willing to know the whole truth; to know the worst and provide for it."  
Patrick Henry

"Memeoid: victims who have been taken over by a meme to the extent that their own survival becomes inconsequential."  
Keith Hensen via Dawkins

"[Trump's] not exactly unprecedented. He says things aloud that a lot of other politicians think in private. He comes out of a long tradition of ... nativism, hucksterism, pride and ignorance that has deep roots in American culture."  
Doug Henwood

"Nature...is what we are put in this world to rise above!"  
Kathryn Hepburn (Rose Sayer) in The African Queen

"...the 'advanced' thinkers of half a century ago...were...sure that the ancient superstition was bound to disappear very shortly in the face of the steady advance of science and reason.  
The 'unknown God' of Americans seems to be faith itself...the positive attitude of *believing*.  
...it is piece of mind that most Americans expect of religion.  
The church becomes a kind of emotional service station to relieve us of our worries.  
...contemporary religion is so naively, so innocently, *man-centered*.  
Will Herberg

"I get a headache when I hear ... complaining about the federal budget deficits. They're like arsonists complaining about the smell of smoke in the neighborhood."

"...few Americans have had any personal stake in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. There is no draft and no direct financial hardship resulting from the wars. So we keep shipping other people's children off to combat ... with no real regard for the terrible price so many of them have to pay..."

Bob Herbert

"Denial is our default mode."

"Limitless greed, unrestrained corporate power and a ferocious addiction to foreign oil have led us to an era of perpetual war and economic decline."

Bob Herbert NY Times

Frank Herbert:

Brian Herbert Afterword to Dune:

"...the importance of detail, of density of writing... Dune could be read on any of several layers that were nested beneath the adventure story of a messiah on a desert planet. Ecology is the most obvious layer, but alongside that are politics, religion, philosophy, history, human evolution, and even poetry. Dune is a marvelous tapestry of words, sounds, and images. ...you could follow any of the novel's layeres as you read it, and then start the book all over again..."

I also think it would be fantastic if every person in the United States would know whose land they are on, and the history of occupation, war, of relocation, of treaties, of broken treaties. If every person in the United States could have a sensibility of the history of the land that they occupy, I hope that would open up new opportunities for our conversation about racial justice.

Kelly Lytle Hernandez

Herschel-Burns, Tim:

"We definitely agree that the law can be this force for good,. But one thing that we found really striking is that overwhelmingly the top law firms are [representing] the wrong side of it."

"... art ... goes into the cultural body and looks for things that are poisonous and toxic and does things to either bring light to them or to heal them in some way."

Lynn Hershman Lesson

"Physics does not compromise; it does not do the deals so beloved by Trump....

... further impoverishing the planet both ecologically and spiritually ... is a crime against humanity - and against the planet we call home."

Mark Hertsgaard

"What delivers impact is not so much any individual outlet; rather, it's the overlapping collective reach of the entire infrastructure."

Mark Hertsgaard, and citing Green Kaiser:

"The 'friends' part of 'Fox and Friends' is really critical."

"Those who deny the well-established science of climate change ought to be tried for crimes against humanity."

Timothy Wirth via Mark Hertsgaard

"One cannot escape the feeling that these equations have an existence and intelligence of their own, that they are wiser than we are, wiser even than their discoverers, that we get more out of them than was originally put into them."

Heinrich Hertz

"It has pierced the veil of silence that, for decades, has obscured the astounding growth of what can fairly be called plutocracy."

Hendrik Hertzberg on the Occupy movement.

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"History does not turn back. All reinstatements, all restorations have always been masquerades."

via Kaplan

Alexander Herzen

Werner Herzog:

"...go outside on a clear night and look out into the universe. It seems utterly indifferent to what we are doing..."

ecstatic truth...ecstasy of truth...

I've hardly ever written longer than five days on a screenplay because of the vehemence with which these projects come at me...

I knew I would bring a specific quality for spreading fear among the audience. That was my quest.

I wanted to spread fear...

Do the doable...

You have to know the context in which you become inventive..."

via NYT Mag by David Marchese

"a truth and a half" re: Bruce Chatwin on elaboration, extension, perhaps exaggeration.

"...the moral state of a people: few are guilty but all are responsible."

"Religion declined not because it was refuted, but because it became irrelevant, dull, oppressive, insipid. When faith is completely replaced by creed, worship by discipline, love by habit; when the crisis of today is ignored because of the splendor of the past; when faith becomes an heirloom rather than a living fountain; when religion speaks only in the name of authority rather than with the voice of compassion, its message becomes meaningless."

Abraham Heschel, quoted in Luminous Web by Barbara Brown Taylor.

"He who is sluggish will berate doubt; he who is blind will berate wonder."

And

"Each time we are about to drink a glass of water, we remind ourselves of the eternal mystery of creation." And

"Life is routine...and routine is resistance to wonder."

"...he who is blind will berate wonder."

Abraham Heschel

"I see no hope for the future of our people if they are dependent on the frivolous youth of today, for certainly all youth are reckless beyond words."

Hesiod, 8th Century, BC

"I felt that by doing nothing, I had accomplished something. I had made the world a better place..."

Amanda Hess nyt

"Libertarianism is the view that each man is the absolute owner of his life, to use and dispose of as he sees fit."

Karl Hess

"One must start with the impossible in order to reach the possible."

Herman Hesse

"...we have to abolish the absolute sovereignty of all nation-states in order to take on the challenges of the planetwide problems of the global era..."

Our global system is thus condemned to choose between death and transformation."

"...we propose ... that the nations of Earth adopt a form of worldwide governance that not only reforms and refounds the United Nations on a new basis but also creates global contexts for decision making in the face of such vital challenges as the proliferation of weapons of mass-

destruction, the deterioration of the biosphere, the resurgence of famine, and the persistence of malnutrition. Such world governance requires the full-scale implementation of economic regulation."

"...[we are] in thrall to a generalized economic idiocy that subordinates all political problems to market issues..."

Stephane Hessel

"...after half a century of prosperity and the accumulation of fabulous fortunes, the government says it can no longer pay for the social rights for which an earlier generation fought and for which it voted overwhelmingly in 1945..."

Franklin Roosevelt enunciated the Four Freedoms for which the American people were struggling: freedom of expression, freedom of religion, freedom from want and freedom from fear. Roosevelt's ideals found their way into the Universal Declaration of Human Rights."

Charles Glass on Stephane Hessel's 'Time for Outrage'.

"I'm the only person I've ever known to turn ADD into an asset."

D Hewitt

"The Sunshine State is a paradise of scandals teaming with drifters, deadbeats, and misfits drawn here by some dark primordial calling like demented trout. And you'd be surprised how many of them decide to run for public office."

Carl Hiaasen

jacket of Hibbing Stealth Democracy bk:

"People's most intense desire for the political system is that decision makers be empathetic and, especially, non self-interested. ...greater [direct] citizen involvement [may not be] the solution to society's problems."

see Hibbing quote by John Updike and *Rabbit Redux* character...

Hibbing then continues:

"The evidence is clear that Americans do not want to spend more time involved in politics."

Hibbs, John:

"We have loved the stars too fondly to be fearful of the night." Pitt Observatory Plaque

"How do we rethink our legal system so we don't end up putting communities in the position of drying up their water systems forever."

John Hickenlooper, Gov., Colorado

"I'm always curious about the presentation of a character's external persona versus the interior," he said. "What remains private, hidden, concealed, protected, and what does the character allow to be seen? We all have a very complex internal world, and not all of that is on display in our external reality."

"To trust is a profound commitment, and to trust is to make oneself vulnerable," he said, fidgeting with a red rubber band and choosing his words with care. "It's such an optimistic act, because you're putting your faith in the hands of someone or something which you expect to remain constant, even if the circumstances change."

"I'm disappearing down a rabbit hole here," he said, "but I think about it a lot. I think about certainty and uncertainty. Trust is a way of managing uncertainty. It's a way of finding security in saying, 'Perhaps all of this is uncertain, but I trust you.' Or, 'I trust this.' And there's a lot of uncertainty in the world at the moment, so it becomes harder to trust, I suppose."

Tom Hiddleston, actor

"Magic serves the individual, while religion serves the group."

Roger Highfield

"The USA actually evolved from a very amorphous and disjointed movement at the start...It was ... the passion, articulated outrage, and visionary hope of pamphleteers, like Thomas Paine, rowdies like the Sons of Liberty, and other mutts and mavericks...So, give the mutts and

mavericks of Occupy some room, time, and respect."

Jim Hightower

"Two wrong's don't make a right, but 3 left turns do."

If you're not sure what "fix" means, ask your dog.

Jim Hightower

"America's genuine exceptionalism (our historic striving for a more egalitarian society) is under relentless assault by the political army of the hokey exceptionalists."

Jim Hightower

"...there's ...the 'theatre of the absurd'. And then there's Antonin Scalia...absurd:

Utterly or obviously senseless, illogical, or untrue; contrary to all reason or common sense; laughably foolish or false."

"ALEC functions as a full-service whorehouse, hooking up high-dollar corporate customers with state officials who're willing to do whatever the corporation desires."

"...madness ... is the new American political reality. Just being progressive won't stop it." We have to get *aggressively* progressive ..."

Jim Hightower

"...we commoners have finally peaked behind the curtain to see the fraud being perpetuated by the wizards of wealth inequality."

Jim Hightower

Hill, Anita:

"You cannot be defined by what others are calling your defeat. You have to define what you see as victory. And you have to live it."

"...the first approach was to say, let's change behavior. That's all we have to do. We've got to, you know, get a few bad apples out of the system and that's going to be enough. Then we realized that that wasn't enough, that the few bad apples really was not entirely the problem, that what we had were cultural problems, and cultural acceptance of it, and that around the cultural acceptance were structures that were built to support it. And that includes some legal structures that were built..."

leadership at the top on any issue, in any institution, is what changes the game. If you want to talk about new rules you can put together all of the new rules that you want to. But if you don't have leadership behind those rules, they don't get effective."

Anita Hill in NYT

"...when an established international system enters its phase of deterioration, many leaders nonetheless respond with insouciance, obliviousness, and self-congratulation. When the wolves of the world sense this, they, of course, will begin to make their moves to probe the ambiguities of the aging system and pick off choice pieces to devour at their leisure.

"This is what Putin is doing; this is what China has been moving toward doing in the maritime waters of Asia; this is what in the largest sense the upheavals of the Middle East are all about: i.e., who and what politico-ideological force will emerge as hegemon over the region in the new order to come. The old order, once known as 'the American Century' has been situated within 'the modern era,' an era which appears to be stalling out after some 300-plus years. The replacement era will not be modern and will not be a nice one."

Charles Hill, Via David Brooks

Hill, Fiona:

"...please not promote politically driven falsehoods that so clearly advance Russian interests. These actions are harmful even if they are deployed for purely domestic political purposes."

Putin and Russia have to be innovative, catch the West off guard, and fight dirty..."

Mr. Putin is a master of coercive inducement. He manufactures a crisis in such a way that he can win no matter what anyone else does. Threats and promises are essentially one and the same... Getting out of the current crisis requires acting, not reacting."

on Putin: "corruption is the glue that holds the system together."

"Every campaign has loads of clueless people...Trump pulling a Putin..."

[Putin] is watching everything.”

“Don’t mourn. Organize!”

Joe Hill, just before being executed.

“You don’t have to be a fantastic hero  
to do extraordinary things.

Just an ordinary chap

Sufficiently motivated.”

Sir Edmund Hillary

“I’m not going to write anymore because there’s nothing more that can be said,”

Mayer Hillman

when President Hinckley was asked at the National Press Club, “Given the platform and positions taken by the Democratic Party, can you be a good church member and a Democrat?” He answered, “Yes, I think so.” He thus put an end to the debate.

Gordon Hinckley

" If shale gas drilling is as safe as the industry would like us to believe, then the drilling companies must be open and honest about the injections they are jamming into the ground and should have no problem complying with basic federal environmental laws."

MAURICE D. HINCHEY

"...not at the expense of the environment, human rights, public health and safety, dignity of employees, and the welfare of the communities in which the company operates."Corporate charter addition,

Robert Hinkley

“You’re feeling and seeing injustice, and you’re standing up against it.”

S E Hinton, on *The Outsiders*, youth fiction

"People think that epilepsy is divine because they do not know what actually causes it. But someday we will understand what causes epilepsy and then we will no longer think it divine. And so it is with everything that we now call divine. This is what is known as the God of gaps."

After Hippocrates see Consilience

“Science is the father of knowledge, but opinion breeds ignorance.”

Hippocrates

Jane Hirschfield:

When his ship first came to Australia,

Cook wrote, the natives

continued fishing, without looking up

Unable, it seems, to fear what was too large

to be comprehended.

via Julia Corbett, on global warming

“... a good story is life, with the dull parts taken out.”

“Being a US citizen gives me the constitutional right to comment acidly on all the ludicrousness around me.”

Alfred Hitchcock



From S G Hitchcock (pseudonym): Disbelief 101, 2009:

If religions don't indoctrinate children, they will cease to exist. They can only survive by using childhood indoctrination techniques.

...Islam (like Mormonism) is merely an add-on to the beliefs of the Christian religion.

Atheism is a simple statement of disbelief in any kind of supernatural force.

Religions are an end. Atheism is a beginning.

...god was clearing the land for Christian use.

...[there is a toxicity in the ] notion that religion and science can exist in the same mind.

...all religious belief, no matter how benign it might seem, is dangerous.

...in a democracy politicians must pander to the views of the majority...this is dangerous when the majority are taught ... ideas often come from the mouths of barely literate, post-stone-age desert dwellers.

There's no reason to jump to supernatural conclusions about unlikely occurrences.

Every human being that has ever lived is a winner of the longest-odds lottery you can imagine... the sperm club.

Religion is the only force in the world that lets a person have his prejudice or hatred and feel good about it...

Meaning is not to be found. It is to be created.

...a society that has embraced religious nonsense for centuries is primed to believe in other forms of nonsense, such as Communism or Nazism.

Fundamentalist Christians might be surprised to find how much they have in common with the 'godless' Communists...

...if you are forced to be any place where questions are discouraged, you're likely being indoctrinated.

...you and only you have the right to your own mind...No one else owns your mind. Only you.

It is illegal in this country to abuse the body of a child, but it's not illegal to abuse a child's mind.

### **Christopher Hitchens:**

"Since it is obviously inconceivable that all religions can be right, the most reasonable conclusion is that they are all wrong."

"...what can be asserted without evidence can also be dismissed without evidence."

Christopher Hitchens

"In whatever kind of a 'race' life may be, I have very abruptly become a finalist...."

"It would be like living in North Korea [on God]..

"I personally want to 'do' death in the active and not the passive," he wrote, "and to be there to look it in the eye and be doing something when it comes for me."

"It matters not what you think, but how you think."

"Religion is dangerous because it involves surrender of the mind."

What can be asserted without evidence can also be dismissed without evidence."

[what Marx] ... said was that religion expressed something eternal..."

"...the established Protestant

church in Britain was one of the models which we can be quite sure the signatories of 1776 were determined to avoid emulating."

" 'Objectivity' though in practice as unattainable as infinity, is useful ... as affixed point of theoretical reference. A knowledge of one's own subjectivity is necessary in order to even contemplate the 'objective'."

Christopher Hitchens

"living dyingly"...

"Prayer: A petition that the laws of nature be suspended in favor of the petitioner."

Christopher Hitchens quoting Ambrose Bierce  
"The noble title of 'dissident' must be earned rather than claimed; it connotes sacrifice and risk rather than mere disagreement, and it has been consecrated by many exemplary and courageous men and women."

Christopher Hitchens

from The Last Interview book, 2017, compiled by Stephen Fry:  
from Fry: "Only serious people have a sense of humor, only those who best understand the world can make us laugh."

"Rosa Luxemburg ... is a great personal and intellectual heroine. Her analysis of Leninism and capitalism and social democracy are all worth reading..."

...it [isn't] enough just to make the point; ...style is substance and there is something in language itself..."

If the world is one economy, why not make it one society? ... What we really need is a new Internationale....

No one who is not for the provision of sex education, contraception, and child care should be allowed to have any position on abortion at all...

it's such a toxic question in America [because] it isn't about the rights of the unborn child. ...it's an argument about patriarchy....

Write as if it's your last words.

Missed Meetings ... I collect meetings that never occurred, but should have.

I don't have whatever it takes to say things like 'the grace of God' All that's white noise to me ... it's gibberish....statements that have no meaning at all.

The smallest privilege of faith over reason is a betrayal...

via Marilyn Sewell: God is an emptiness out of which everything comes...

back to Hitchens:

You have to choose your future regrets.

What can be asserted without evidence can be dismissed without evidence.

via Andrew Anthony: The banality of cancer seems to irk him almost as much as its lethality...the political thinkers he most often references are also gifted writers: Orwell, Arthur Koestler, Thomas Paine, even Thomas Jefferson....

quoting Peter Galbraith: you never get a second chance to make a good first impression.

Susan Sontag: the definition of a polymath is someone who's interested in everything and nothing else.

Hitchens: North Korea is ... a theocratic state...a necrocracy or mausolocacy...there's no possible way you could say it's a secular state.

You can only have one aim per debate.

I have one consistency ... being against the totalitarian- on the left and on the right. The totalitarian, to me, is the enemy - the one that's absolute, the one that wants control over the inside of your head, not just your actions and your taxes. And the origins of that are theocratic...

Stridency is the least you should muster.

Thomas Jefferson: ...you will find incitements to virtue in the comfort and pleasantness you feel in its exercise and the love of others, which it will procure you.

end of Last Interview quotes

"...if waterboarding does not constitute torture, then there is no such thing as torture."

"The one unforgivable sin is to be boring."

Hitchens' mother

**end of C Hitchens**

**Adolf Hitler:**

via Ohler, Blitzed:

"...the leaders would say: 'He knows something we don't know. He probably has a miracle weapon.' He didn't have a miracle weapon. He had a miracle drug, to make everyone think he had a miracle weapon."

"It is essential to have a tangible enemy, not merely an abstract one."

"The art of leadership consists of consolidating the attention of the people against a single adversary and taking care that nothing will split up this attention. The leader of genius must have the ability to make different opponents appear as if they belong to one category."

"... actually these members are uniform not only in ideas, but that even the facial expression is almost the same. Look at these laughing eyes, this fanatical enthusiasm and you will discover ... how a hundred thousand men in a movement become a single type."

Hitler, quoted by Arendt in *The Origins of ...*

"My feeling as a Christian points me to my Lord and Savior as a fighter."

"The victor will not be asked later whether he had spoken the truth or not."

"The receptivity of the great masses is very limited, their intelligence is small, but their power of forgetting is enormous. ...effective propaganda must be limited to a very few points and must harp on these in slogans...[if] you try to be many-sided...the crowd can neither digest nor retain the material offered."

"If the governmental power is leading a people to destruction, then for every subject rebellion is not only a right but a duty. Human rights always prevail over state rights."

"In the big lie there is always a certain force of credibility; because the broad masses of a nation are always more easily corrupted in the deeper strata of their emotional nature than consciously or voluntarily; and thus in the primitive simplicity of their minds they more readily fall victims to the big lie than the small lie, since they themselves often tell small lies in little matters but would be ashamed to resort to large-scale falsehoods."

*Mein Kampf*, 1925

"Yes, we are barbarians. We want to be barbarians. It is an honorable title."

via Albright: 'Hitler's claim to distinction rested ... on his extraordinary drive to turn warped concepts into reality....to reduce issues to terms that were easy to grasp and to lure his audiences into thinking that behind the many sources of their problems there loomed a single adversary.'

Albert Speer, architect and Armaments Minister, on Hitler:

"...Hitler could fascinate, he wallowed in his own charisma, but he could not respond to fellowship. Instinctively, he repelled it. The normal sympathies that normal men and women enjoy were just not in him. At the core, in the place where the heart should be, Hitler was a hollow man. He was empty. We who were really close to him, or thought we were, all came to sense this, however slowly... We were all, all of us, simply projections of his own gigantic ego ... The man's drive - his iron will, his daemonism - fascinated even while it repelled..."

from film *The Reckoning: Innocence, Persecution, War, Resistance*...based on Eman bk:

"While sitting in a prison cell for political crimes, an autobiography began that would prove to be a platform for hate, 1924...A prejudice that would wage war and mature with the death of millions of innocent people...The book was called *Mein Kampf* and the incarcerated author, Adolf Hitler.

The first casualty of war is innocence..."

"...my first and foremost task will be the annihilation of the Jews...they will prepare for the worst but receive the unthinkable."

via Talya Zax review, NYT:

"The timing of history is delicate, and the life of Hitler remains one of the most incomprehensible examples of how quickly the touch of the wrong person, at the wrong time, can shatter an order that appeared stable."

from NYT 12-21-2020: On This Day in History:

December 21, 1924. "Adolf Hitler, once the demi-god of the reactionary extremists, was released on parole from imprisonment," The Times reported. Hitler, along with other leaders of the early Nazi party, had been convicted of trying to overthrow the government in Bavaria. His behavior during imprisonment convinced the authorities that he, like his political organization, Volkischer, was no longer to be feared. It is believed he will retire to private life and return to Austria, the country of his birth."

#### **end Hitler**

"... in my view, joy in people may be analogous to photosynthesis in plants. Curiosity does tip into tediousness, though, when there's new material.... Blindness resembles a stretched out stroke. Functions wither as your walking slows. Muscles atrophy and sensibilities, too. You can't size up a new visage, yet the grottoes in your head have more to plumb if your sight was lost midlife or later. You can go caving."  
Edward Hoagland, into blindness pdf nyt

Hobbes, the cartoon tiger, who sagely declared:  
"Maybe some day we can make language a complete impediment to understanding." Watterson  
"They invoked also their own Wit, by the name of Muses; their own Ignorance, by the name of Fortune; their own Lust, by the name of Cupid; their own Rage, by the name of Furies; their own privy members, by the name of Priapus..."  
Hobbes, cited by G Steiner

Hobbs, Katie:  
"Their continued intimidation tactics will not prevent me from performing the duties I swore an oath to do. Our democracy is tested constantly, it continues to prevail, and it will not falter under my watch."

Hobson, J Allan:  
on Proust: "I simply admire his persistent and revealing self-analysis and his description of mental life in and at the edges of sleep," Dr. Hobson told The Globe. "His self-observation is much more careful than that of Freud."

"LSD and Mescaline disorganize the psychic integration of the individual."  
Paul Hoch

"...when a president has no tolerance for opposition, the greatest godsend he can have is a war. Then dissent becomes not just 'fake news', but treason. We should be wary."  
Adam Hochschild

Hochul, Kathy \_ gov NY:  
"It strikes us in our very hearts to know that there's such evil that lurks out there."

The goals of Germany's *Energiewende*, or energy transition, are extraordinarily ambitious: at least 35 percent of its electric power should be generated by renewables by 2020, when energy consumption will be shaved by a fifth, with greenhouse gases cut by 40 percent and a million electric cars on the road. By 2050 the world's fourth-biggest economy plans to get 80 percent of the fuel for its factories—and most of the heat for its homes—from wind, solar, geothermal, biomass, tidal power and other renewable sources.

Currently, about 20 percent of Germany's electricity comes from renewables.

Paul Hokenos

"It's far too late and things are far too bad for pessimism."

Dee Hock, CEO, VISA

"It will be like the economic version of chronic fatigue syndrome. A low-grade fever all the time."

Robert Hockett

"...individuals with lower levels of general intelligence are less trusting of other people, less sensitive to interpersonal cues, and less accurate in deciphering other people's behaviors and intentions...

adopting another person's perspective requires advanced cognitive processing, abstraction, and interpretation...

The link between intelligence and prejudice has been little researched...

cognitive ability plays a substantial role not only in predicting prejudice, but also in predicting its potential precursors: right-wing ideologies and authoritarian value systems...

Gordon Hodson and Michael A Busseri 2012 "...socially conservative ideologies ... stress hierarchy and resistance to change, attitudes that can contribute to prejudice."

Gordon Hodson

"The threat of failure keeps a bank honest and inhibits it and the industry from trending toward excessive risks. Without this market discipline provided by creditors willing to withdraw their funds when they suspect a bank of being unsafe, banks have an incentive to take excessive risks."

Thomas M Hoenig

"I may have lots of faults,  
but being wrong ain't one of them."

Jimmy Hoffa

#### **from Eric Hoffer's: The True Believer:**

"The hammer and sickle and the swastika are in a class with the cross....

...those who find no difficulty in deceiving themselves are easily deceived by others. They are easily persuaded and led.

'There seems to be a thin line between violent, extreme nationalism and treason' quoting Harold Ettlinger

Mass movements can rise and spread without belief in a God, but never without belief in a devil....

...our proselytizing consists perhaps in infecting others not with our brand of faith but with our particular brand of unreasonable hatred...

There is a guilty conscience behind every brazen word and act and behind any manifestation of self-righteousness....

"Faith in a holy cause is to a considerable extent a substitute for the lost faith in ourselves."

"Mass movements can rise and spread without belief in a God, but never without belief in a devil."

Passionate hatred can give meaning and purpose to any empty life....

...when we renounce the self and become part of a compact whole, we not only renounce personal advantage but are also rid of personal responsibility...we find a new freedom – freedom to hate, bully, lie, torture, murder and betray without shame or remorse....

...propaganda on its own cannot force its way into unwilling minds...It penetrates only into minds already open...and justifies opinions already present...

'A sharp sword must always stand behind propaganda if it is to be really effective.' quoting Goebbels.

The proselytizing fanatic strengthens his own faith by converting others.

The frustrated follow a leader less for their faith that he is leading them to a promised land but because of their immediate feeling that he is leading them away from their unwanted selves. ...

'We Germans are so happy. We are free from freedom.' quoting a

young Nazi via I A R Wylie.  
The true believer is eternally incomplete, eternally insecure.

"It is when power is wedded to chronic fear that it becomes formidable."

"The superior individual ... plays a large role in shaping a nation, but so do individuals at the other extreme - ... all those who have lost their footing ... in the ranks of respectable humanity. The game of history is usually played by the best and the worst over the heads of the majority in the middle."

Eric Hoffer

Eric Hoffer's remark, "Every great cause begins as a movement, becomes a business, and eventually degenerates into a racket." via Cliff Lyon

Eric Hoffer

from his Severiad videos:

"I can't think of anything more exciting than going to bed with a half-finished paragraph."

"In Times of Change, Learners Inherit the Earth, while the Learned find themselves beautifully equipped to deal with a World that no longer Exists"

Eric Hoffer, quoted by Orikoff

"In friendship, the law of the desert, which alienates and territorializes, pitting one person against another, is suspended; the abyss that opens between people in the desert-world is overcome by an oasis of friendship wherein one heart reaches out directly to another." in a letter to Arendt.  
via Goldberg: 'The social philosopher Eric Hoffer wrote that in America, every mass movement "ends up as a racket, a cult or a corporation." Trumpism reversed this. The racket came first.'  
end Eric Hoffer

"You measure democracy by the freedom it gives its dissidents."

"The first duty of a revolutionist is to get away with it."

Abbie Hoffman

"[Laqueur] once observed that only pessimists survived the Holocaust...Optimists believed that either Hitler could be controlled or that common sense and decency would somehow eventually prevail."

Bruce Hoffman, in NYT Lacquer obit, pdf

"Putin ... wants as much as anything to destabilize the American political process. ...By characterizing the United States and NATO as Russia's enemies, he can attack within his own borders what threatens him the most - the ideals of liberty, freedom and democracy ..."

Daniel Hoffman

"...our perceptions will be tuned to fitness, but not to truth."

Donald Hoffman, see also Seth

"[Stazi demoralization] ..creating an aura of misunderstanding...ultimate goal is to dissolve the victim's consciousness into a spiral of self-doubt. 'The self is a vessel that when turned upside down will empty itself of meaning,' Zeiger thinks. 'It will grasp, cling to itself, turn in on itself, witness itself, go insane in that way.'"

Jennifer Hoffman

"Pain requires constant attention."

Hunter Hoffman

**Hofmann, Albert:**

"I hope that LSD provides to the individual a new worldview, which is in harmony with nature and its laws." his personal obituary.

"...psychedelics for psychiatry and psychology was comparable to the value the microscope has for biology and medicine or the telescope has for astronomy." by Stanislav Grof

"LSD, psilocybin, and the other hallucinogens constitute 'cracks' in the edifice of materialistic rationality." quoted by Jonathan Ott

"In LSD inebriation the accustomed worldview undergoes a deep-seated transformation and disintegration.

"...a compound like LSD or psilocybin is formed that can determine and alter the character of the individual, his worldview and his behavior. A trace of substance ... has the power to shape our destiny."

"We came close to the ultimate door [of perception]."

"She [wanted] to direct the president (at the time L.B. Johnson) onto the correct path. This could be accomplished only by having him take LSD. Then he would receive the good ideas that would enable him to lead the country out of war and internal difficulties."

"...in everyday reality...one stands face-to-face with the outer world; it has become an object. In the LSD state the boundaries between the experiencing self and the outer world more or less disappear...A portion of the self overflows into the outer world, into objects, which begin to live, to have another, a deeper, meaning."

"The Mysteries of Eleusis..."initiation kykeon

"Huxley saw the value of hallucinogenic drugs in that they give people who lack the gift of spontaneous visionary perception, belonging to mystics, saints, and great artists, the potential to experience this extraordinary state of consciousness, and thereby to attain insight into the spiritual world of these great creators. Hallucinogens could lead to a deepened understanding..."

...He believed in the great importance of agents producing visionary experience in the modern phase of human evolution....to achieve a new culture in which rationalism and mysticism are fruitfully united...

[He wanted] the development of a real Natural History of visionary experience....A human race with more highly developed spiritual capacities, with expanded consciousness of the depth and the incomprehensible wonder of being, would also have greater understanding of and better consideration for the biological and material foundations of life on this earth....the development and expansion of a direct, emotional experience of reality, unobstructed by words and concepts, would be of evolutionary significance. [He] considered psychedelic drugs to be one means to achieve education in this direction."

Albert Hofmann

"Today the world needs Eleusis more than ever before."

Isn't it wonderful,  
that we know not,  
where we came from,  
where we are going?  
Knowing would destroy the wonder.

Hofmann, Albert (2013-05-06)

"...LSD no longer is a problem child. I am proud of this wonder drug that opens the doors of perception. LSD has brought happiness to many people. I don't think that I need LSD to die; I can face death with joy. ...The beauty of creation is the best drug in the world."

Albert Hoffmann in interview one week before he died.

from ny Times obit, 4-2008:

Dr. Hofmann became an impassioned advocate for the environment and argued that LSD, besides being a valuable tool for [psychiatry](#), could be used to awaken a deeper awareness of mankind's place in nature and help curb society's ultimately self-destructive degradation of the natural world.

The Economist obit: 5-8-2008:

The substance evidently left the body quickly, and caused no hangover. But the mind it flung apart, reassembled and profoundly changed, leaving him the next morning as fresh as a newborn child.

From The Guardian obit: <http://www.theguardian.com/science/2008/apr/30/drugs.chemistry>

"We need a new concept of reality and a new set of values for things to change in a positive direction. LSD could help to generate such a new concept."

end Albert Hofmann

Hofstadter, Richard:

Richard Hofstadter described what he saw as the true goal of McCarthyism. "The real function of the Great Inquisition of the 1950s was not anything so simply rational as to turn up spies or prevent espionage," he wrote, "or even to expose actual Communists, but to discharge resentments and frustrations, to punish, to satisfy enmities whose roots lay elsewhere than in the Communist issue itself."

"...religious faith ... is best propagated...by men who have been unlearned and ignorant,,learning and cultivation appear to be handicaps in the propagation of faith."

"Democratic ideas ...do not appeal to a privileged class that is still amplifying its privileges."

"...the paranoid ...is afflicted not only by the real world...but by his fantasies as well."

Richard Hofstadter

"The distinguishing thing about the paranoid style is not that its exponents see conspiracies or plots here and there in history, but that they regard a 'vast' or 'gigantic' conspiracy as *the motive force* in historical events. History *is* a conspiracy, set in motion by demonic forces of almost transcendent power, and what is felt to be needed to defeat it is not the usual methods of political give-and-take, but an all out crusade. The paranoid spokesman sees the fate of this conspiracy in apocalyptic terms - he traffics in the birth and death of whole worlds, whole political orders, whole systems of human values."

"It is possible, of course, that the avenues of choice are being closed, and the culture of the future will be dominated by single-minded men of one persuasion or another. It is possible ... one lives in the belief that it is not to be so."

"...arena for uncommonly angry minds,"

R Hofstadter

The situation becomes worse when the representatives of a particular social interest — perhaps because of the very unrealistic and unrealizable nature of its demands — are shut out of the political process. Having no access to political bargaining or the making of decisions, they find their original conception that the world of power is sinister and malicious fully confirmed. They see only the consequences of power — and this through distorting lenses — and have no chance to observe its actual machinery. A distinguished historian has said that one of the most valuable things about history is that it teaches us how things do not happen. It is precisely this kind of awareness that the paranoid fails to develop. He has a special resistance of his own, of course, to developing such awareness, but circumstances often deprive him of exposure to events that might enlighten him — and in any case he resists enlightenment.

R Hofstadter, via Thomas B Edsall pdf

"To the wicked, all things are wicked; but to the just, all things are just and right... How delightful to think that a justified person can do no wrong!"

JAMES, HOGG The Private Memoirs and Confessions of a Justified Sinner

Hogshire, Jim: Opium for the Masses



"The EU has shown for 10 years that economic growth is possible with decreasing emissions."  
Niklas Hohne, Ecofys

Holbrook, Hal:

Holbrook said he had the best possible guide: Twain himself.

"He had a real understanding of the difference between the word on the page and delivering it on a platform. You have to leave out a lot of adjectives. The performer is an adjective."

"Know something about something."

Richard Holbrooke, quoted by David Brooks

"Negotiations have a certain pathology ..."

"...every scientist and technologist should tithe 10% of his or her professional time and effort to working to increase the benefits of science and technology for the human condition.."

"... a science-savvy president ..."

John Holdren,

"Ideology is grounded in the real world. ... Religion is different. It's a fixed belief system, based on faith, and it is immune to – or at least highly resistant to – challenges mounted by objective reality...

traditional conservatism – a

go-slow approach to governing that stresses the importance of continuity and social stability."

Joshua Holland

Holloway, Jonathan:

"We have fooled ourselves into thinking that our followers on social media are our friends. They aren't. They are our mirrors, recordings of our own thoughts and images played back to us, by us and for us. .... A good foundation would be a one-year mandatory national service program. ...service would be mandatory, it would force all of our young people to better know one another, creating the opportunities to learn about and appreciate our differences."

"Taxes are what we pay for civilized society."

"If my fellow citizens want to go to hell, I will help them. It's my job."

"The greatest tragedy in America is not the destruction of our natural resources, though that tragedy is great. The truly great tragedy is the destruction of our human resources by our failure to fully utilize our abilities, which means that most men and women go to their graves with their music still in them."

"Man's mind, once stretched by a new idea, never regains its original dimensions."

"A word is not a crystal, transparent and unchanged. It is the skin of a living thought, and may vary greatly in color and content according to the circumstances and the time in which it is used."

"Three generations of imbeciles are enough."

Oliver Wendell Holmes

Sherlock Holmes:

"When you have eliminated the impossible, then whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth."

"He restores logic to an unruly, disturbingly incomprehensible world." Simon Callow

"... he is a genius to whom scientific curiosity is raised to the status of a heroic passion." W H Auden

"...he sheds light where there has previously been only darkness." Simon Callow

"He is a living, breathing coagulation of evil."

Sherlock Season 4

The academic lecture: "...that mysterious process by means of which the contents of the professor's notebooks are transferred by means of the fountain pen to pages of the student's notebook without passing through the mind of either." All professor lectures are examples of " ... probably the worst scheme ever devised for imparting knowledge."

Hamilton Holt, 1931

"... writing well is a two-stage process: (1) write not so well; (2) fix it....the key to clarity is concision."

Jim Holt

"Once you hear and understand something far from your experience, you fill in between the furthest point out from your angle of acceptance and your normal angle of acceptance. You expand, you exercise, you stretch. It's like Pilates for the ears."

Jac Holzman in nyt obit David Lewiston

Homer-Dixon, Thomas:

"Five tectonic stresses...population...energy...environmental...climate...economic... every great society believes itself to be exceptional – right up to the time it collapses... catagenesis – renewal through breakdown... It's time we turned passengers into drivers... three large spoonfuls of crude oil...eight hours of human manual labor...filled gas tank...two years of human manual labor..."

When...does defiance become denial?...

cites Arthur koestler

...skeptics are immensely seductive because they appeal to our natural complacency and resistance to change...

skeptics' arguments make denial easy...

existential denial...consequential denial...fatalistic denial...

soros chapter 8 of upside of down...the flip side of addiction is denial...

Unalloyed and simplistic optimism about the future is really just denial in another guise...

we tend to imagine the future through the lens of the past...

a mutually gratifying and self-sustaining cycle of denial and delusion...

...history isn't close to ending. It has barely begun...

Utilitarian values...Moral values...existential values...

our values must be compatible with the exigencies of the natural world we live in and depend on. They must implicitly recognize the laws of thermodynamics, energy's role in our survival, the dangers of certain kinds of connectivity, and the nonlinear behavior of natural systems like the climate...

Thomas Homer-Dixon from The Upside of Down on catastrophe, creativity, civilization

"Economists and accountants refer to environmental devastation as a 'negative externality' ... Somebody else gets to absorb the cost...A bit like civilian casualties in war. ... The Soviet Union looked every bit as permanent in 1985 as our civilization does today...even seemingly powerful institutions - ...entrenched patterns of life - can be fragile and ephemeral."

Thomas Homer-Dixon in Carbon Shift

"Today's emerging pandemic could help catalyze an urgently needed tipping event in humanity's collective moral values, priorities and sense of self and community. It could remind us of our common fate on a small, crowded planet with dwindling resources and fraying natural systems."

political extremism feeds on itself, pushing polarization toward an irreversible tipping point.  
end Homer-Dixon

Hong Kong:

"Tears are really our most universal language." Shiu Ka-chun, opposition lawmaker.

"The main difference between a prophet and a psychopath is whether or not they can get followers."

Ralph Hood

hooks, bell:

"a global vision wherein we see our lives and our fate as intimately connected to those of everyone else on the planet".

"Moving from silence into speech is for the oppressed, the colonized, the exploited, and those who stand and struggle side by side," Ms. hooks wrote, "a gesture of defiance that heals, that makes new life and new growth possible. It is that act of speech, of 'talking back,' that is no mere gesture of empty words, that is the expression of our movement from object to subject — the liberated voice."

bell hooks = Gloria Jean Watkins

"I'm not sure we have to drill every last drop we have...It's greed."

Herm Hoops on Vernal drilling

"Walden is a book about what you can learn when you are doing nothing."

Brooke Hopkins on Thoreau

"Pain eats away at your soul...relentless pain corrodes the soul..."

Brooke Hopkins final letter

Gerard Manley Hopkins:

Generations have trod, have trod, have trod; And all is seared with trade; bleared, smeared with toil; And wears man's smudge and shares man's smell; the soil is bare now, nor can foot feel, being shod.

Hopkins, Jon:

"There were some moments of actual silence in my head."

"I always know when the spark of something has appeared," he said. "That is one of the best feelings, when you know something is going to be important."

...a ritualistic sound bath...

I can sit there in an anxious state, overthinking things, then I go play, and it all makes sense again."

He gains everyone's approval who mixes the pleasant with the useful.

Horace 65-8 BC

Horgan, Colin:

"...inside every conspiracy theorist is a hero — or at least, that's how they see themselves... they're all really "freedom fighters" and "patriots," individuals with a unique clarity of vision and purpose...the lone voice capable of warning the world of impending doom. They are the chosen ones, the special few...I'm getting really fucking tired of living in someone else's juvenile hero fantasy...a hero totally lost inside his own sad, little movie, playing make-believe about the world until he died unvaccinated of a curable disease."

"In many ways, convenience explains why we've come to live in a world we hate. ..

Underlying this tendency to value convenience so highly is a strong sense of both inherited and reinforced entitlement, encouraged via decades of effective consumerist messaging...

But my convenience manifests inconveniences for others not in my position. My convenience will often create someone else's hell...

at some point, we will begin to realize that convenience — our most treasured social value — should be reevaluated. That we might decide to use democracy to multiply the kind of moral policies that undercut individual convenience for the sake of collective progress and survival.

...I...realize that we will likely continue to demand that we are given either convenience or death. And in the short term, we'll still get convenience. Today, tomorrow, next week. But in due course we shall have death." convenience covid climate death

"Honestly people are definitely dumber. They just keep passing stuff around. Nobody fact-checks anything anymore — I mean, that's how Trump got elected. He just said whatever he wanted, and people believed everything, and when the things he said turned out not to be true, people didn't care because they'd already accepted it. It's real scary. I've never seen anything like it."  
"I think Trump is in the White House because of me. His followers don't fact-check anything — they'll post everything, believe anything."  
Paul Horner now gone see obit

"...direct-to-consumer [drug] advertising ...is legal only in the U.S. and New Zealand."  
Gail Hornstein

"What radicals wanted was to be midwives to a world that was different from the one in which they were going to die."  
David Horowitz

When you learn to program a computer, you acquire a superpower:  
the ability to make an inanimate object follow your command.  
Damon Horowitz

"...government's official statements must be thoroughly agnostic — not secular, not religious, but agnostic."  
Paul Horwitz on constitutional agnosticism

"Bourgeois society is boring. There is something about rational order that will always leave some people, especially the energetic young, deeply and perhaps rightly dissatisfied. . . . Militant nationalist movements or conspiratorial radical ones provide excellent outlets for boredom. In combination, that attraction can prove irresistible."  
Michael Horwood, *The Invention of Peace*

"What interests me is the fear that it creates, not the contents."  
Michel Houellebecq on Islam, author of *Submission* (definition of Islam)

"... my two troubles they reave me of rest,  
The brains in my head and the heart in my breast."  
A E Housman

"The most important task facing teenagers is to detach from their parents and become their own, separate beings."  
Kristen Howerton NYT oped

Hrytsak, Yaroslav:  
"The chief distinction between Ukrainians and Russians lies not in language, religion or culture — here they are relatively close — but in political traditions. Simply put, a victorious democratic revolution is almost impossible in Russia, whereas a viable authoritarian government is almost impossible in Ukraine.

"Uphold science; don't be ignorant and unenlightened."  
Hu Jintao, leader of China, 2006 message.

"...there isn't a way to 'win' this system - it's simply too broken....I just don't think we have the luxury to have dreams anymore."  
Katherine Hu NYT op-ed

"The government has made its citizens ignorant. The public's eyes are blind, their ears are deaf and their mouths have no words...No one is left to reveal the truth."

Liu Hu, China

"For thousands of years, the Chinese didn't believe they had vocal cords. Now they have found their vocal cords."  
Hung Huang

"... the duty of the artist is to deconstruct the concept of nationality. There is going to be a day when there is no concept of nationality."  
Yong Ping Huang

quoting Alfred M (Captain) Hubbard:

"Most people are walking in their sleep. Turn them around, start them in the opposite direction and they wouldn't even know the difference. [give them a good dose of LSD] and let them see themselves for what they are."

from online bio on Hubbard:

<http://www.levity.com/aciddreams/samples/capthubbard.html>

"Osmond and Hubbard came up with the idea that LSD could be used to transform the belief systems of world leaders and thereby further the cause of world peace. Although few are willing to disclose the details of those sessions, a close associate of Hubbard's insisted that they "affected the thinking of the political leadership of North America." Those said to have participated in the LSD sessions include a prime minister, assistants to heads of state, UN representatives, and members of the British parliament."

"We must combine our compassion with our creativity," she urged the convention. "We must initiate a new process in democracy to identify our positive options, discover our potentials and commit our political will to long-range goals..."

"Eighty percent of our scientific and technological genius is focused on killing," she said.

"We must bring together the genius now focused in the War Room in a Peace Room in the White House," she continued. "Its purpose will be to defeat the real enemies of humanity: hunger, disease, illiteracy, poverty and war.""

Barbara Marx Hubbard NYT obit

"Superstition: scrambled science flavored with fear; ossified metaphor."  
Elbert Hubbard

"The Stone Age did not end because we ran out of stones. The Oil Age will not end because we run out of oil."

Don Huberts, CEO, Shell Hydrogen

"When I try to do good, when I try and add back to this wonderful earth that we have, when I try to protect it, does it matter that anybody knows my name?"

Sheila Minor Huff see Finton pdf

"... the early [Christian] church was in fact a master of anti-intellectualism, iconoclasm and mortal prejudice."

Bettany Hughes review of The Darkening Age

When we lose the right to be different, we lose the privilege to be free.

A man has to live with himself, and he should see to it that he always has good company.

War should be made a crime, and those who instigate it should be punished as criminals.

Justice Charles Evan Hughes

"... removing a toxic leader alone will not solve the problem of dangerous populism. Instead all three sides of the triangle need to be addressed. The most crucial action needed is to address the conducive environment which is allowing toxic leaders to win elections. Today's political circumstances constitute an almost perfect storm of inequality, insecurity, economic hardship, terrorist threats and democratic decline. Under such circumstances many who would not normally vote for toxic leaders decide to do so."

Ian Hughes

"What happens to a dream deferred?

Does it dry up

like a raisin in the sun?

or fester like a sore –

and then run? ...

Maybe it just sags

like a heavy load.

Or does it explode?

see also Zinn People's History, p. 405

Langston Hughes via Zinn

"Diamonds are found only in the dark bowels of the earth; truths are found only in the depths of thought. It seemed to him that after descending into those depths after long groping in the blackest of this darkness, he had at last found one of these diamonds, one of these truths, and that he held it in his hand; and it blinded him to look at it."

Victor Hugo, Les Miserables, Ardean Watts event.

"There is in every village a torch – the teacher: and an extinguisher – the clergyman."

"Invading armies can be resisted, invading ideas cannot."

"Men grow accustomed to poison by degrees."

from Les miserables musical:

"Do you hear the people sing? Singing a song of angry men? It is the music of a people who will not be slaves again!"

Victor Hugo

My guns are not sacred.

The Second Amendment is not scripture.

I don't believe I should have the right to take guns wherever I want, whenever I want.

Many types of guns shouldn't be available to me or anyone else.

I support the Brady Act, a ban on assault weapons and any measure that would make gun storage safer.

The NRA doesn't speak for me.

My cold, dead hands will not have a gun in them.

Brett Hullinger is a freelance writer in Draper.

"Blatent hypocrisy is a defining characteristic of the United States Senate."  
Carl Hulse

**Hume, David:**

"In times when industry and the arts flourish, men are kept in perpetual occupation, and enjoy, as their reward, the occupation itself, as well as those pleasures which are the fruits of their labor ... the more these refined arts advance, the more sociable men become ... they must feel an increase in humanity, from the very habit of conversing together, and contributing to each other's pleasure and entertainment."

David Hume

"... property is the foundation of all government." Via Sitaraman,...

"The middle station was best suited to the calm voice of reason, because the great are too much immersed in pleasure, and the poor too much occupied in providing for the necessities of life."

"We cannot prove the sun will rise tomorrow, but we can act as if it will."  
Via Tom Goldsmith

"Nothing appears more surprising ... than the easiness with which many are governed by the few, and the implicit submission, with which men resign their own sentiments and passions to those of their rulers. When we enquire by what means this wonder is effected, we shall find, that, as force is always on the side of the governed, the governors have nothing to support them but opinion. It is, therefore, on opinion only that government is founded; and this maxim extends to the most despotic and most military governments as well as the most free and popular."

"All that occurs is natural, whether or not it occurs frequently."

David Hume

see quotes by alison gopnik

Hummel, Joye (Wonder Woman writer):

"The plot: There was a bad man and this good woman is going to stop him. You don't admire the bad man. You admire her...  
You can have excitement without glorifying evil and violence."

"The moral test of government is how government treats those who are in the dawn of life--the children; those who are in the twilight of life--the elderly; and those who are in the shadows of life--the sick, the needy, and the handicapped."

"To err is human. To blame someone else is politics."

Senator Hubert Humphrey

"Children...have a human right not to have their minds crippled by exposure to other people's bad ideas."

Nicholas Humphrey

"[There is no] relationship between tax policy with regard to the top tax rates and the size of the economic pie....there may be a relationship to how the economic pie is sliced."

Thomas L Hungerford, 9-14-2012 CRS Report: Taxes and the Economy

"Character...resists expedience; it defies hasty acquisition."

"We want character but without conviction; we want strong morality but without the emotional burden of guilt or shame; we want virtue but without particular moral justifications that invariably offend; we want good without having to name evil; we want decency without the authority to insist upon it; we want moral community without any limitations to personal freedom. In short, we want what we cannot possibly have on the terms that we want it."

"Character is dead. Attempts to revive it will yield little. Its time has past..."

Values are truths that have been deprived of their commanding character...

children have become a code for speaking about ourselves; a linguistic device through which we talk about our own desires, commitments, and ideals, and the world we wish to create... Character matters, we believe, because without it, trust, justice, freedom, community, and stability are probably impossible...

The most basic element of character is *moral discipline*...essential feature is the inner capacity for restraint...the capacity to say no...to inhibit and constrain personal appetites in behalf of a greater good...

Emerson viewed 'men of character as the conscience of the society to which they belong'...

Implicit in the word 'character' is a story...about living for a purpose that is greater than the self...

James Davison Hunter, *The Death of Character*

"The demands of multinational capitalism ... have created conditions that make a coherent self that unites history, community, and subjectivity all but impossible...

We want character but without unyielding conviction;

we want strong morality but without the emotional burden of guilt or shame;

we want virtue but without particular moral justifications that offend;

we want good without having to name evil;

we want decency without the authority to insist upon it;

we want moral community without any limitations to personal freedom.

In short, we want what we cannot possibly have on the terms that we want it."

James Davison Hunter

Hunter, Robert:

"[We should] be thankful that the barrier of time appears to be firmly locked, because if they could ever break through, the people of the future ... will surely come back to strangle us, the ancestor from hell, in our sleep, for having squandered the earth's legacy and a handful of generations."

"This... is an accounting of a pillaging, really: the Sack of Planet Earth. And there were many, *many* of us involved."

"Aldo Leopold... was pessimistic about the chances of the conservation movement achieving its goals because 'no important change in ethics was ever accomplished without an internal change in our intellectual emphasis, loyalties, affection and convictions.'"

Hunter, Steve:

"Religion creates this security, but the security is also a prison. It's not intentional, but it's hard for people to see the bars around them."

via Rosenblum: Hunter accepted, but he was concealing a secret of his own: He occasionally takes psychedelics, and postulates Joseph Smith may have, too — a theory to which Hunter is far from alone in subscribing. Psychedelics "don't say the church is bad," he contends, "they just add to it."

Huntington, Samuel:

"Their religiosity leads Americans to see the world in terms of good and evil to a much greater extent than most other peoples."

"The architects of power in the United States must create a force that can be felt but not seen. Power remains strong when it remains in the dark; exposed to the sunlight it begins to evaporate."

"The West won the world not by the superiority of its ideas or values or religion ... but rather by its superiority in applying organized violence. Westerners often forget this fact, non-Westerners never do."

"When people think seriously, they think abstractly; they conjure up simplified pictures of reality called concepts, theories, models, paradigms. Without such intellectual constructs, there is, William James said, only 'a bloomin' buzzin' confusion'."

Samuel Huntington, 1993

The world in which we live "... is a dangerous place, in which large numbers of people resent our wealth, power, and culture, and vigorously oppose our efforts to persuade or coerce them to accept our values of human rights, democracy, and capitalism. In this world America must learn to distinguish among our true friends who will be with us and we with them through thick and thin;



opportunistic allies with whom we have some but not all interests in common; strategic partner-competitors with whom we have a mixed relationship; antagonists who are rivals but with whom negotiation is possible; and unrelenting enemies who will try to destroy us unless we destroy them first.

"...it is pointless to expect people who are not at all like us to be, significantly more like us; this well-meaning instinct only causes harm."

"Critics say that America is a lie because its reality falls so far short of its ideals. They are wrong. America is not a lie; it is a disappointment. But it can be a disappointment only because it is also a hope."

Samuel Huntington 1996

"...Washington...the partisanship, corporate handouts, bailouts, and spending that have made it so reviled....Washington has grown bloated and bureaucratic, captured and corrupted by swarms of lobbyists, influence-peddlers and chummy capitalists...there are already enough people in Washington who make a career out of telling people what they want to hear."

"...fairness... should be a guiding principle for all Americans."

"Pandering...may get people politically where they need to be, but it doesn't get our country where it needs to be."

Jon Huntsman, Jr,

"...what's going to drive the election – two things: authenticity and the economy."

"In a world of artificiality, we are looking for originality. We are looking for authenticity. We are looking for a rebel, a renegade. We are looking for Sarah!"

"...a perfectly lubricated weather-vane."

Jon Jr on Romney

"...they are upset about the outrageous fees, commissions, salaries and bonuses that the Wall Street bankers, hedge fund and private equity fund managers give themselves for not creating anything."

Jon Huntsman, Sr.

"Sustainable happiness results from what we do, not what we have."

Felicia Huppert

"The brain is about a symphony...CBD can bring the entire symphony into harmony."

Yasmin Hurd

"Like the dead-seeming cold rocks, I have memories within that came out of the material that went to make me. Time and place have had their say."

"Gods always behave like the people who make them."

Zora Neale Hurston

"...the largest industrial military in the history of the world is also the single biggest polluter on the planet....The U.S. Department of Defense has a larger annual carbon footprint than most countries on earth...the DOD is the world's largest institutional user of petroleum and correspondingly, the single largest producer of greenhouse gases in the world," we have been killing, dying, and polluting to ensure our access to the same toxic resource most responsible for our climate disruption. It took this perfect symmetry between industrial warfare and industrial exploitation of the earth to bring about the unspeakable emergency we now face.

Murtaza Hussein, Intercept, Brown Univ report, see also Tagore quotes.

"The object of the educational system, taken as a whole, is not to produce hands for industry or to teach the young how to make a living. It is to produce responsible citizens."

"...the death of democracy is not likely to be an assassination from ambush. It will be a slow extinction from apathy indifference, and undernourishment."

Robert Hutchins

"Privilege is often invisible, especially one's own."

Matthew Hutson

"There is no occasion for having recourse to any unnatural supposition of evil, to any destructive accident in nature, or to the agency of any preternatural cause, in explaining that which actually exists. We have the satisfaction to find that in nature there is wisdom, system, and consistency... The result of our present inquiry is, that we find no vestige of a beginning – no prospect of an end."

"...grew giddy from peering into the abyss of time."

James Hutton

Hutton, Will:

"Democracy is a system that works as a whole, encompassing elections and all the buttressing freedoms. These are not only fundamental human rights; they are the foundations of good governance and civilisation itself."

### **Huxley, Aldous:**

"... propaganda is most influential when it is a rationalization of the desires, sentiments, prejudices, or interests of those to whom it is addressed.

A theology or a political theory may be defined as an intellectual device for enabling people to do in cold blood things which, without the theology or the theory, they could do only in the heat of passion. The energy developed by the prevailing passions of the masses is given a direction and at the same time strengthened and made continuous. Sporadic outbursts of feeling are converted into purposive and unremitting activity. The theory may, of course, be completely absurd from a scientific point of view; but this is of no importance so long as men believe it to be true."

December 1936

"Experience is not what happens to you.

It is what you do with what happens to you."

"Facts do not cease to exist because they are ignored."

Aldous Huxley

my

health begins to break down as soon as I stop working.

Holidays are healthful only to those who dislike their work.

I happen to find mine tolerably agreeable."

quoting Huxley: "To go beyond the insulated self is such a liberation...the drug-induced experience has been regarded by primitives and even by the highly civilized as intrinsically divine."

from Huxley ny Times obituary, 11-24-1963:

"...with a little research he could write about almost anything with considerably more knowledge than most of his readers would have."

... Mr. Huxley was intolerant of the mental laziness of so many moderns, who start out as eager children, then get an "education, an analytic canalized, rational training that blunts their perceptions," and end up with "five hours of TV-watching every day."...

"It is ludicrous to live in the 20th

century equipped with an elegant literary training eminently suitable to the 17th."

Aldous Huxley on need to study Science

"...truth lies at the bottom of a very dirty well."

Aldous Huxley

"If you can get out of your own way, you won't be in anyone else's."

Aldous Huxley in *Island*.

"We must be continuously on our watch for ways in which we may enlarge our consciousness."

"The last rites should make one more conscious rather than less conscious, more human rather than less human."

"...why the majority of men and women, and even adolescents, should develop mental arterio-sclerosis forty or fifty years before they develop physical arterio-sclerosis is a great mystery."

"...the psychedelic experience...through understanding, loved, and compassion, can bring about a better world" written by Laura Huxley

"...mescaline does genuinely open the door, and that everything including the Unknown in its purest most comprehensive form can come through."

[regarding *Island*]...each one of the ways of living he described ... was not a product of his fantasy, but something that had been tried in one place or another..."

Aldous Huxley in Laura Huxley bk

"It says less because it is always speaking."

Huxley on good music.

from *The Doors of Perception*:

"...the man who comes back through the Door in the Wall will never be quite the same as the man who went out. He will be wiser but less cocksure, happier but less self-satisfied, humbler in acknowledging his ignorance yet better equipped to understand the relationship of words to things, of systematic reasoning to the unfathomable Mystery which it tries, forever vainly, to comprehend."

Aldous Huxley

"Which is better: to have Fun with Fungi  
or to have Idiocy with Ideology, to have  
Wars because of Words, to have Tomorrow's  
Misdeeds out of Yesterday's Miscreeds?"

Aldous Huxley

from *Brave New World Revisited*:

"...death control is achieved very easily, birth control is achieved with great difficulty. ...

...the nature of power is such that even those who have not sought it, but have had it forced upon them, tend to acquire a taste for more....

...liberty ... cannot flourish in a country that is permanently on a war footing, or even a near-war footing. ...

To parody the words of Winston Churchill, never have so many been manipulated so much by so few....

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

Too much organization transforms men and women into automata, suffocates the creative spirit and abolishes the very possibility of freedom....

...the orator can appeal to those 'hidden forces' which motivate men's actions, much more effectively than can the writer....

Hitler wrote ... 'only constant repetition will succeed in imprinting an idea upon the memory of a crowd'. ...

The demagogic propagandist must ... be consistently dogmatic. All his statements are made without qualification....everything is either diabolically black or celestially white....

Mindlessness and moral idiocy are not characteristically human attributes; they are symptoms of herd-poisoning. ...

Under favorable conditions, practically everybody can be converted to practically anything. ...

...the fact that minds can be changed so radically at so little cost to the body is altogether astonishing [on drugs]...

Soma was ... a creator of active euphoria as well as of the negative happiness that follows the release from anxiety and tension. ...

That ...[one could]...make use of these drugs for political purposes...

...the soma of my fable had the power of heightening suggestibility ... to reinforce the effects of governmental propaganda...

A democratic society is a society dedicated to the proposition that power is often abused and should therefore be entrusted to officials only in limited amounts and for limited periods of time...

...[drugs allow man] to take holidays from himself...[from Berkeley speech, 1962, on YouTube.

Enlightenment is total awakesness . ...

...The victim of mind-manipulation does not know that he is a victim ... the walls of his prison are invisible. ...

...if you believe in democracy, make arrangements to distribute property as widely as possible. ... quoting Ivan in Dostoevsky: '...they have vanquished freedom and done so to make men happy.'

Aldous Huxley

"What was I? I was someone who was going to die."

Aldous Huxley unfinished last novel, 1963; p. 238 in This Timeless Moment by Laura

Huxley

"I believe that man is here for the purpose of realizing as much as possible of his desirable potentialities within a stable and yet elastic society."

Aldous Huxley

from Foreward to 1946 Brave New World:

"To pore over the literary shortcomings of twenty years ago, to attempt to patch a faulty work into the perfection it missed at its first execution, to spend one's middle age in trying to mend the artistic sins committed and bequeathed by that different person who was oneself in youth - all this is surely vain and futile."

"...this idea, that human beings are given free will in order to choose between insanity on the one hand and lunacy on the other, was one that I found amusing...

sanity is a rather rare phenomenon...

The people who govern Brave New World may not be sane ... but they are not madmen, and their aim is not anarchy but social stability.

a population of slaves who do not have to be coerced, because they love their servitude...

Great is truth, but still greater, from a practical point of view, is silence about truth....

'Happiness' - ...making people love their servitude..."

from Brave New World text (1946 edition):

"...the secret of happiness and virtue - liking what you've got to do. All conditioning aims at that: making people like their inescapable social destiny....

...62,400 repetitions make one truth....

You can't consume much if you sit still and read books.

...soma. All the advantages of Christianity and alcohol; none of their defects....

Words can be like X-rays, if you use them properly - they'll go through anything. You rean and you're pierced....

Every discovery in pure science is potentially subversive; even science must sometimes be treated as a possible enemy...

truth's a menace, science is a public danger...

Christianity without tears - that's what soma is...

But I don't want comfort. I want God, I want poetry, I want real danger, I want freedom, I want goodness, I want sin...the right to be unhappy."

"Moksha literally means 'liberation' but the drug is also known as the 'reality revealer' or the 'truth-and-beauty pill'....the moksha-medicine stands for revelation, greater consciousness and self-understanding, mind-expansion and human flourishing."

Maartjen N Schermer on Brave New World and Island, by Huxley

from Island, 1962:

We cannot reason ourselves out of our basic irrationality. All we can do is to learn the art of being irrational in a reasonable way.

...quite ordinary people are perfectly capable of having visionary or even fully liberating experiences....culture ... is to be judged by what all the members of the community, the ordinary as well as the extraordinary, can and do experience in every contingency and at each successive intersection of time and eternity....

Dr. Robert: Liberation...the ceasing to be what you ignorantly think you are and becoming what you are in fact....thanks to *moksha* ... you will know what it's like to be what in fact you are, what in fact you have always been...

...the rest of the world sinks more and more deeply into chronic disaster. Ignorance, militarism and breeding, these three - and the greatest of these is breeding. No hope, not the slightest possibility, of solving the economic problem until *that's* under control. As population rushes up, prosperity goes down....And as prosperity goes down, discontent and rebellion, political ruthlessness and one-party rule, nationalism and bellicosity begin to rise. Another ten or fifteen years of uninhibited breeding, and the whole world, from China to Peru via Africa and the Middle East, will be fairly crawling with Great Leaders, all dedicated to the suppression of freedom, all armed to the teeth by Russia or America or, better still, by both at once, all waving flags, all screaming...

...our economic system...doesn't permit anybody to become more than four or five times as rich as the average...we don't have any captains of industry or any omnipotent financiers....we have no omnipotent politicians or bureaucrats...a federation of self-governing units, geographical units, professional units, economic units - so there's plenty of scope for small-scale initiative and democratic leaders, but no place for any kind of dictator at the head of a centralized government. ...we have no established church, and our religion stresses immediate experience and deplores belief in unverifiable dogmas and the emotions which that belief inspires. ... we're preserved from the plagues of popery...and fundamentalist revivalism...along with transcendental experience we systematically cultivate skepticism...

...dangerous delinquents and power-loving troublemakers don't belong to a single species. Most of them ...belong to one or other of two distinct and dissimilar species - the Muscle People and the Peter Pans....

You can expect one Peter Pan among every five or six male children....The most recent, as well as the best and biggest, was Adolf Hitler. ... Hopeless at school. Incapable either of competing or co-operating.... His only gifts were hatred, low cunning, a set of indefatigable vocal cords and a talent for nonstop talking...Thirty or forty million deaths and heavens know how many billions of dollars - that was the price the world had to pay for little Adolf's retarded maturation....

...the power problem has its roots in anatomy and biochemistry and temperament. ... Words about sibling rivalry and hell and the personality of Jesus are no substitutes for biochemistry....Power has to be curbed on the legal and political levels; that's obvious. But it's also obvious that there must be prevention on the individual level. On the level of instinct and emotion, on the level of the glands and viscera, the muscles and the blood. ... human physiology in relation to ethics, religion, politics and law....

An ordeal...is the first stage of their initiation out of childhood into adolescence. An ordeal that helps them to understand the world they'll have to live in, helps them to realize the omnipresence of death, the essential precariousness of all existence. But after the ordeal comes the revelation....The real thing isn't a proposition; it's a state of being ... When it's time for them to learn the deepest truths ...we...give them four hundred milligrams of revelation.

Vijaya: "Hitler's the supreme example of the delinquent Peter Pan. Stalin's the supreme example of the delinquent Muscle Man....In his will, Lenin advised his successors to get rid of Stalin; the man was too fond of power and too apt to abuse it. But the advice came too late....compare Stalin's strategy with Hitler's. Cool calculation pitted against compensatory daydreams, clear-eyed realism against the rhetorical nonsense that Hitler had finally talked himself into believing. Two monsters, equal in delinquency, but profoundly dissimilar in temperament, in unconscious motivation and finally in efficiency. Peter Pans are wonderfully good at starting wars and revolutions; but it takes Muscle Men to carry them through to a successful conclusion."

Dr. MacPhail:

"...history is ... the record of what human beings have been impelled to do by their ignorance and the enormous bumptiousness that makes them canonize their ignorance as a political or religious dogma. p. 134

Ranga, on Pala: "No harbor, no Portuguese. Therefore, no Catholic minority, no blasphemous nonsense about it being God's will that people should breed themselves into subhuman misery, no organized resistance to birth control. After a hundred and twenty years of the Portuguese, Ceylon and Rendag got the Dutch. And after the Dutch came the English. We escaped both those infestations. No Dutch, no English, and therefore no planters, no coolie labor, no cash crops for export, no systematic exhaustion of our soil. Also no whisky, no Calvinism, no syphilis, no foreign administrators. We were left to go our own way."

Mary Sarojini: "...cancer is ... what happens when one of you forgets about all the rest of you and carries on the way people do when they're crazy - just goes on blowing itself and blowing itself up as if there was nobody else in the world. Sometimes you can do something about it. But really it just goes on blowing itself up until the person dies."

"[humans] canonize their ignorance as a political or religious dogma."

end of Huxley, Island, quotes.....

from Moksha:

"...the delicious poisons, by means of which men have constructed, in the midst of an unfriendly world, their brief and precarious paradises....Everywhere and at all times, men and women have sought b... the means of taking a holiday from the reality of their generally dull and often acutely unpleasant existence...How many of the current ideas of eternity, of heaven, of supernatural states are ultimately derived from the experiences of drug-takers?...primitive man, like his civilized descendant, felt so urgent a need to escape occasionally from reality, that the invention of drugs was fairly forced upon him. (1931, p. 4)...

If we could sniff or swallow something that would, for five or six hours each day, abolish our solitude as individuals, atone us with our fellows in a glowing exaltation of affection and make life in all its aspects seem not only worth living, but divinely beautiful and significant, and ...we could wake up next morning with a clear head...all our problems ... would be wholly solved and earth would become paradise. (1931, p. 9)

Soma...an imaginary drug...with three different effects: euphoric, hallucinant, or sedative - an impossible combination....a gramme of soma...All the advantages of Christianity and alcohol; none of their defects. (1932, p. 11)

I had returned to that reassuring but profoundly unsatisfactory state known as 'being in one's right mind'. (1954, p. 50)

What we ordinarily call reality is merely that slice of total fact which our biological equipment, our linguistic heritage..., and our social conventions of thought and feeling make it possible for us to apprehend....Man's biologically, socially and linguistically conditioned universe is much richer than that of the other animals; but it is still only a small slice of the melon. (1956, p. 101)

All that TV can do is to increase the number of misunderstanders by many thousandfold... (1956, p. 111)

Some of the compassion and some of the gratitude remain, even after the experience is over. One can never be quite the same again... (about mescaline, 1956, p. 115)

"What are people for? ... I believe that man is here for the purpose of realizing as much as possible of his desirable potentialities within a stable but elastic society...the fundamental concept which underlies all of our Western democratic view of life.

... historians ... will look back on this age and will point ... to the culture of nationalism ... the religion of the twentieth century... one of the most appalling examples of a collective insanity... The human oversimplification may be described as the original sin of the intellect. We all tend to oversimplify. ...

Hitler had a formula for propaganda...' you must confine yourself to very, very simple slogans, very few and simple slogans; you must never admit the other side could possibly be right; you

must never admit there are any gradations; things are either black or white, either very good or very evil; and you must repeat incessantly.”

“... a foolproof machine or a foolproof organization is proof to more than foolishness, it is also spontaneityproof, it is also virtuosoproof, it is also inspirationproof.”

“...truth lives at the bottom of a well; the well may be extremely muddy, but very often truth is there, and we should not be too squeamish about at least going down to see.”

from Heaven and Hell:

“...the naturalist of the mind...carbon dioxide...”

The nervous system is more vulnerable than the other tissues of the body

...The past is not something fixed and unalterable. Its facts are re-discovered by every succeeding generation, its values re-assessed, its meanings re-defined in the context of present tastes and preoccupations...

### **end of Aldous Huxley**

The chess-board is the world; the pieces are the phenomena of the universe; the rules of the game are what we call the laws of Nature. The player on the other side is hidden from us. We know that his play is always fair, and patient. But also we know, to our cost, that he never overlooks a mistake, or makes the smallest allowance for ignorance.

*Thomas Henry Huxley (1825-95) English biologist.*

“...the structure of our economy itself is fundamentally out of alignment....The only choice is how to use government to control the market for social good.”

Louis Hyman

“You don’t question what you believe. You cannot. I must.”

Hypatia in *Agora*, the film – 1 hour 49 min into film, very soft.

“MDMA produced subjective “empathogenic” effects, including feelings of closeness to others, openness, and trust. MDMA also enhanced emotional empathy and prosocial behavior. ... MDMA ...increased oxytocin, prolactin and cortisol plasma levels, which are all also markers for serotonergic activity.”

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