

I Quotations

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Iacocca, Lee:

In a completely rational society, the best of us would be teachers and the rest of us would have to settle for something else.

Ian, Janis:

"I'm a writer first. I care desperately about writing - any kind of writing...
The only thing I think I do better is to talk about things that people have a hard time voicing. I give them a safe way to voice them."

"Educate a woman, and you educate a family."

Jovita Idar, one pen name was Astraea, Greek goddess of justice.

Ifill, Sherrilyn A.:

"...change begins — by destabilizing comfortable narratives, with the inclusion of those who have not been seen."

"When they insult you, when they yell, when they lie, when they slander, smile - because we are going to win."

"It is within the women's movement that we can see the tip of the spear capable of thwarting the plans of the elites."

Pablo Iglesias, Podemos leader

"...liberal civilization - the rule of laws, not men of argument in place of force, of compromise in place of violence - runs deeply against the human grain and is only achieved and sustained by the most unremitting struggle against human nature."

"politicians need to respect the difference between an enemy and an adversary. An adversary is someone you want to defeat. An enemy is someone you have to destroy."

Michael Ignatieff

Ignatius, David:

The paradox of our restraint is that it enables the unrestrained.

The intelligence services of every rational country on the planet should consider ways to reduce Putin's unchecked power before he moves from nasty bully to mass murderer.

"The Ikea effect: People value what they helped build."

via David Brooks

"...Americans are less interested in ruling the world than in creating a world of rules."

G John Ikenberry

"Scandinavians have a common saying: 'There is no bad weather, only bad clothing'."

Ken Ilgunas

"There are decades where nothing happens; and there are weeks where decades happen,"

Vladimir Ilyich

Ingersoll, Robert Green, The Great Agnostic:

"Happiness is the only good. The time to be happy is now. The place to be happy is here. The way to be happy is to make others so."

"An infinite God ought to be able to protect himself, without going in partnership with State Legislatures."

"Is there an intelligent man or woman now in the world who believes in the Garden of Eden story? If you find any man who believes it, strike his forehead any you will hear an echo. Something is for rent."

also see pdf file in People.

"One hundred years ago, our fathers retired the gods from politics...."

Robert Green Ingersoll

"We have retired the gods from politics. We have found that man is the only source of political power, and that the governed should govern."

"While I am opposed to all orthodox creeds, I have a creed myself; and my creed is this. Happiness is the only good. The time to be happy is now. The place to be happy is here. The way to be happy is to make others so. This creed is somewhat short, but it is long enough for this life, strong enough for this world. If there is another world, when we get there we can make another creed."

"We are not endeavoring to chain the future, but to free the present. We are not forging fetters for our children, but we are breaking those our fathers made for us. We are the advocates of inquiry, of investigation, and thought. This of itself is an admission that we are not perfectly satisfied with our conclusions. Philosophy has not the egotism of faith..."

"They knew that to put God in the Constitution was to put man out. They knew that the recognition of a Deity would be seized upon by fanatics and zealots as a pretext for destroying the liberty of thought...They intended to found and frame a government for man, and for man alone. They wished to preserve the individuality of all; to prevent the few from governing the many, and the many from persecuting and destroying the few."

Walt Whitman eulogy:

"He was the poet of that divine democracy...No man ever said more for the rights of humanity, more in favor of real democracy, of real justice. He was the poet of Life. He was the poet of Love. He was the poet of the natural...the poet of democracy. He was the poet of Death. He was not afraid."

When I became convinced that the universe is natural, that all the ghosts and gods are myths, there entered into my brain, into my soul, into every drop of my blood the sense, the feeling, the joy of freedom. The walls of my prison crumbled and fell. The dungeon was flooded with light and all the bolts and bars and manacles became dust.

Robert Green Ingersoll, The Great Agnostic

"...man is born into perpetual dependence on slaves which he must painfully learn to master...

...the use of energy on a massive scale acts on society like a drug that is physically harmless but psychically enslaving...

...technocracy must prevail as soon as the ratio of mechanical power to metabolic energy oversteps a definite, identifiable threshold...further energy inputs increase inequality, inefficiency, and personal impotence...

A people can be just as dangerously overpowered by the wattage of its tools as by the caloric content of its foods...energy stroke..."

Ivan Illich (via Princen bks)

"It's a dangerous strategy, to build conservatism on information and policies that are not credible"

"I think the impossible may be moving to the inevitable without ever passing through the probable." on fee and dividend CCL

Robert Inglis

"I'll vote for you, Dad, but you are going to have to clean up your act on the environment,"

Inglis' son

"If you want to change the world, throw a better party."

Rich Ingrasci quoted by Rupert Sheldrake

Harold Innis: "The most forward-looking people have their heads turned sideways."

"The gap between what we know and what we do is unacceptable."

Tom Insel NIMH

"We're the first generation to feel the impact of climate change and the last generation that can do something about it."

Gov. (Wash State) Jay Inslee

"It is not the answer that enlightens but the question."

Eugene Ionesco

"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

"Crises have a way of bringing to the fore issues that are easy to ignore in good times."

Neil Irwin

Isaacson re Jobs:

a genius. That may seem like a silly word game, but in fact his success dramatizes an interesting distinction between intelligence and genius. His imaginative leaps were instinctive, unexpected, and at times magical. They were sparked by intuition, not analytic rigor. ...An intuition based on experiential wisdom...

Walter Isaacson da V:

"[Leonardo realized] the glory of being an artist was that reality should inform but not constrain..."

quoting Vasari: the hand was not able to attain to the perfection of art in carrying out the things which he imagined.

quoting Fiorani: Unlike any other artist, he could not ignore an optical problem.

[Leonardo] preferred the conception to the execution...more easily distracted by the future than he was focused on the present. He was a genius undisciplined by diligence. Leonardo was pioneering a new style that treated narrative paintings and even portraits as psychological expositions....motions of the mind.

8 mood swings darknesss

216 skull

221 genius universal measure of man
223 how deaf communicate gestures thoughts
p. 224 Earth-life conception
228 light and shade contrast
229 altered reality
230 light - new era
232 mass production Jobs - artists ship
234 clarity beauty simplicity
235 "...what they reveal is Leonardo's brainstorming process as it flows through his pen....She drinks you in."
261 paragone performance stand up
268 nature math uncertainty
269 sfumato philosophy
280 work creativity genius on rules
282 orator posture
285 detail!
299 no publish evil "I do not wish to publish ... because of the evil nature of men..."
308 on patrons
315 Leo masterpiece
321 he thinks by sketching movements
324 master of the unfinished "unfinished perfection"
343 aerial maps
346 military nightmares
352 fortress circular
353 whirlpool drainage vision overreach fantasies to realities "Innovation requires a reality distortion field."
391 mechanical lion
395 pen, scalpel, dissection drawing
403 nature best organ castings
407 complexity elegance
411 resolve face smile grimace melancholy
420 mistakes learning failure
423 pursuing knowledge for its own sake "He was more interested in pursuing knowledge than in publishing it."
429 obsession Kemp
431 impetus
435 "One mark of a great mind is the willingness to change it....willingness to surrender preconceptions was key to his creativity."
445 "...always pursuing a curiosity, less passionate about tying up loose ends."
447 self-caricature
490 smile flickers "a smile that flickers brighter the less you search for it." smile physics
493 mona lisa a distillation of accumulated wisdom...perfection
510 the soup is getting cold...

513 “As a well-spent day brings a happy sleep...a well-employed life brings a happy death.”

517 “tell me if anything was ever made.”

518 ‘by refusing to churn out works that he had never perfected, he sealed his reputation as a genius rather than a master craftsman. He enjoyed the challenge of conception more than the chore of completion.’ Schopenhauer quote talent genius Steve Jobs

“What also distinguished Leonardo’s genius was its universal nature.”

519 polymath universal mind seek knowledge, wonder, child-like
self-taught Lessons:

Be relentlessly Curious. Einstein: “I am just passionately curious.” observe, details, see the unseen

Seek knowledge

521 be distracted, seek details, facts, procrastinate ,observe

522 let the perfect be the enemy of the good seek perfection think visually avoid silos reach exceed grasp

523 indulge fantasy, create for yourself collaborate team lists notes be open to mystery Curiosity! Tongue of Woodpecker

his fantasia is infectious...

...generally considered by his contemporaries to be friendly and gentle, Leonardo was at times dark and troubled. ...Had he been ...in the twenty-first century, he may have been put on a pharmaceutical regimen to alleviate his mood swings and attention-deficit disorder...we are fortunate that Leonardo was left to his own devices to slay his demons while conjuring up his dragons.”

quoting da Vinci:

The good painter has to paint two principal things, man and the intention of his mind. The first is easy and the second is difficult, because the latter has to be represented through gestures and movements of the limbs...

Tell me if anything was ever done...Tell me...Tell me...While I thought that I was learning how to live, I have been learning how to die...

Dante Inferno sloth quote p. 89.

on L da V: “Within his dark cave was a demon imagination.”

His notebooks have been called ‘ the most astonishing testament to the powers of human observation ever set down on paper.’ quoting Lester, p. 120, Nichol Traces Remain p. 135. (Ref. 3).

...allow us to marvel at the beauty of a universal mind as it wanders exuberantly in free-range fashion over the arts and sciences and, by doing so, senses the connections in our cosmos...

da V: ...Characteristics of the face partly reveal the character of men, their vices and . temperaments...

end Walter Isaacson da V bio

Ishiguro, Kazuo:

“...for a four-week period...I would do nothing but write from 9am to 10.30pm, Monday through Saturday. I'd get one hour off for lunch and two for dinner. I'd not see, let alone answer, any mail, and would not go near the phone...I'd not only complete more work quantitatively, but reach a mental state in which my fictional world was more real to me than the actual one...

I wrote free-hand, not caring about the style or if something I wrote in the afternoon contradicted something I'd established in the story that morning. The priority was simply to get the ideas surfacing and growing. Awful sentences, hideous dialogue, scenes that went nowhere – I let them remain and ploughed on...at the end of it I had more or less the entire novel down: though of course a lot more time would be required to write it all up properly, the vital imaginative breakthroughs had all come... “

“The unstoppable advance of liberal humanist values I'd taken for granted since childhood may have been an illusion.”

Nobel intro: 'he has uncovered the abyss beneath our illusory sense of connection with the world.'

Kazuo Ishiguro

“Autocrats almost always turn out worse than they seem before coming to power....
All autocrats set about dismantling countervailing power structures, ...
Autocrats understand that freedom of expression is fragile, and seek to stifle it...
...use the F-Word - Fascism...
the only democratic, nonviolent practice capable of deterring the autocrats is the sight of
endless crowds marching: vociferous, tenacious, disciplined citizens claiming ownership
over their constitutional liberties and defending the integrity of their political institutions.
... it is essential to protest early and often...
When those in power are poised to destroy constitutional safeguards, however, hanging
on in quiet desperation until the next election can be fatal to democracy....
closed-circuit, feel-good moping on social media can never substitute for warm bodies
on streets that refuse to be dispersed or intimidated. ... (continue poking fun at Trump.
Autocrats cannot stand humor, which makes it a potent device not just for sapping their

egos but also for giving citizens the much-needed solace and encouragement of laughing together.)...

The act of standing together in a public space and affirming our shared values and our respect for one another is a transformative experience.”

N. Turkuler Isiksel, Dissent Winter 2017

ISIS:

The Islamic State is making a determined play for these girls, tailoring its siren calls to their vulnerabilities, frustrations and dreams, and filling a void the West has so far failed to address. ...

Amira wrote, “I feel like I don’t belong in this era.”

In their world, going to Syria and joining the so-called caliphate is a way of “taking control of your destiny,” said Tasnime Akunjee, a lawyer who represents the families of the three girls.

“It’s about choice — the most human thing,” Mr. Akunjee said.

“For the girls, joining ISIS is a way to emancipate yourself from your parents and from the Western society that has let you down,” Ms. Sasha Havlicek said.

“She was vulnerable; she had a trauma,” said Mr. Akunjee, the lawyer, who does not represent Sharmeena’s family but is familiar with her case. “She didn’t get a body piercing or a drug-dealer boyfriend. She went to ISIS.”

... a widely shared sense that Muslims across the world suffer injustices in which the West is complicit....

from large article (see pdf) by Katrin Bennhold nyt 8-18-2015

on ISIS, by Simon Cottey, The Atlantic:

Alberto Fernandez ... spoke with disarming

honesty and acuity about the myriad difficulties of derailing ISIS’s narrative

and blunting its appeal: “We don’t have a counternarrative. We have half a message:

‘Don’t do this.’ But we lack the ‘Do this instead.’”

“...all the problems start with men...

“It was one of those moments you don’t have time to feel. You don’t have time to be frightened, you don’t have time to be brave. You have to act.”

Gulalai Ismail, Pakistani activist

“I am not a feminist. I am against the idea of women without men. There are no women without men and no men without women. I believe in individuals, whether men or women.”

Saodat Ismailova, Forty Girls Uzbekistan, Karimov

“This is your democracy. But as the bidding grows higher, your voice gets lower. You’re simply priced out of the marketplace of ideas.”

“Writing a book ... is deeply personal. Politicians put on protective gear, fiction writers take it off — fully exposing their creativity, emotions, fantasies. It’s like unburdening oneself on a therapist’s couch, only every reader on earth is your therapist.”

Steve Israel, former Congressman, pdf

"We are fighting for an accessible future."

Israel protest motto

on Darrell Issa:

“...it is sometimes difficult to separate the business of Congress from the business of Darrell Issa.”

Eric Lichtblau

Italian saying: ‘There is no future in the past.’

via a Ms Fisher Murder episode on feuding families.

“In Kiev, I’d have died long ago, five times over. Every car releases the whole periodic table into the air, and you inhale that into your lungs.”

Valentyna Ivaninva, Babushka Kiev

“Next time I tell you someone from Texas should not be president of the United States, please pay attention.”

“Vote, write, speak, work, march, sue, organize, fight, struggle - whatever it takes to secure the blessings of liberty.”

it “probably sounded better in the original German”

Of one Texas lawmaker: “If his IQ were any lower, they’d have to water him twice a day.”

Of Vice-President Dan Quayle: “If you put that man’s brain in a bumblebee, it would fly backwards.”

“...the best way to get the sons of bitches is to make people laugh at them...”

...ignorance is no handicap to the presidency...If his I.Q. slips any lower, we’ll have to water him twice a day.”

see Raise Hell documentary

Molly Ivins

“One definition of an adolescent is a person who thinks that what is new is better, precisely because he has so little sense of what is old. One definition of a grown-up is someone who appreciates how little she can be sure of or dismiss. The surest way to be in the wrong is to assume with blind conviction you’re in the right.”

Pico Iyer

Izetbegovic, Bosnian president:

via Levy: “...make a film because a picture, when it’s true, can be worth ten thousand guns”...