

## K Quotations and Notes

"Philosophy is the activity of climbing a ladder; and once you reach the top, the ladder disappears."

John Kaag

"...history repeats itself first as tragedy, then as farce." From Karl Marx

"Ideological extremism correlates closely with legislative impotence."

"Paralysis is not a plan."

Geoffrey Kabaservice NYT op-ed, author of Rule and Ruin.

the Right believes (supposedly) that those who succeed in life, by whatever means, should be rewarded without limit, becoming more and more wealthy and powerful, because somehow it is indication of their innate superiority as human beings. And then they must be allowed to pass *all* of that accumulated wealth and power down to their heirs, who then start out in life with the wealth and power amassed by their forebears. What does that sound like, if not *monarchy*?

Rick K. CCL poster [citizen99@comcast.net](mailto:citizen99@comcast.net)

"If you want a quantitative answer, you must ask a quantitative question."

H. Kacser

"It's not possible! I don't know a single person who voted for him.!"

Pauline Kael on Nixon election, quoted by Bob Bennett

"You will not do anything without others."

"In the fight between you and the world, back the world."

"[a book should] be wielded like a pickaxe to shatter the frozen sea within the reader's mind. If the book in our hands does not wake us, as with a fist that hammers on the skull, then it just isn't worth reading."

"What awaits us is error, not justice." quoted by character in Montalbano

Franz Kafka

Kagan, Donald:

"Liberal education is failing to provide students with a common set of values and the tools to make sense of the world..."

I find a kind of cultural void and ignorance of the past, a sense of rootlessness and aimlessness, as though not only the students but the whole world was born yesterday." final lecture at Yale, in 2013.

**Robert Kagan** - The Jungle Grows Back:

"Many people have evil in them, and many ... harbor grand designs...that they never have a chance to even try to fulfill...constrained by the powers and forces around them..."

If the U.S. did not 'pull the fangs of the predatory animals of this world,' they would 'multiply and grow in strength' and would 'be at our throats again once more in a short generation.'" quoting FDR.

Dean Acheson: 'To construct a peace there has to be an economic peace as well as a political and military peace.'

"...we almost certainly will not recognize the Hitlers and Stalins in our midst until they

have emerged as full-blown, unmanageable threats.”

on Authoritarianism:

“Liberalism is all that keeps us, and has ever kept us, from being burned at the stake for what we believe.”

The creation of the liberal order has been an act of defiance against both history and human nature.

If we do not preserve the liberal order, it will be replaced by another kind of order, or more likely by disorder and chaos...To know that the jungle will always be there is not to despair of keeping it at bay.” see also Stern quote.

end Kagan

“...Joy is the key word in our work. It must be felt. If you don't feel joy in what you're doing, then you are not really alive.”

Louis Kahn

Kahneman, Daniel:

“how human judgment may take shortcuts that systematically depart from the basic principles of probability.”

Nobel Citation Kahneman 2002 at aaas 08—see itunes

“I am not very optimistic about people's ability to change the way they think but I am fairly optimistic about their ability to detect the mistakes of others.”

...thoughts that occur to you and thoughts that you have to generate....system one – fast, automatic, mostly effortless. System two ... slow , deliberate, effortful thinking.”

...we can't live in a state of perpetual doubt – so we make up the best story possible and we live as if this story were true.”

Daniel Kahneman

“the flaws are not just in the passions but in the machinery of cognition. They demonstrated that people rely on unconscious biases and rules of thumb to

navigate the world, for good and ill. Many of these biases have become famous: priming, framing,

loss-aversion.”

We are dual process thinkers. We have two interrelated systems running in our heads.

One is slow,

deliberate and arduous (our conscious reasoning). The other is fast, associative, automatic and

supple (our unconscious pattern recognition).

We are players in a game we don't understand. Most of our own thinking is below awareness. Fifty

years ago, people may have assumed we are captains of our own ships, but, in fact, our behavior is

often aroused by context in ways we can't see. Our biases frequently cause us to want the wrong

things. Our perceptions and memories are slippery, especially about our own mental states. Our

free will is bounded. We have much less control over ourselves than we thought.

“adversarial collaboration” — when studying something, work with people you disagree with.

Tversky had a wise maxim: “Let us take what the terrain gives.” Don't overreach.

Understand what

your circumstances are offering.

Many people are exploring the inner wilderness. Kahneman and Tversky are like the Lewis and Clark of the mind.

David Brooks on Kahneman book, 2011

"Their lives weren't so much shaped by decisions as by rapture. They were held rapt by each other's minds. ... They succeeded not because they were master decision-makers but because of their capacity for zealous engagement. ... We don't decide about life; we're captured by life. ... maybe we should look less at decision-making and more at curiosity."

David Brooks on Kahneman and Tversky

from Noise, 2021:

"...bias is the average of errors, noise is their variability...

sentencing is in part a lottery...The judicial system is unacceptably noisy...

Wherever there is judgment, there is noise...

" from NYT op-ed

**end Kahneman**

Kahn-Harris:

"Denialism is a mix of corrosive doubt and corrosive credulity....

Denialism adds extra layers of reinforcement and defence around widely shared psychological practices with the (never articulated) aim of preventing their exposure.

This certainly makes changing the minds of denialists even more difficult than changing the minds of the rest of stubborn humanity.

What they all have in common ...is a particular type of desire. This desire – for something not to be true – is the driver of denialism...

Denial is not enough here. As an attempt to draw awareness and attention away from something unpalatable, it is always vulnerable to challenge. Denial is a kind of high-wire act that can be unbalanced by forceful attempts to draw attention to what is being denied.

Denialism is, in part, a response to the vulnerability of denial.

To be in denial is to know at some level. To be a denialist is to never have to know at all. Denialism is a systematic attempt to prevent challenge and acknowledgment; to suggest that there is nothing to acknowledge. Whereas denial is at least subject to the possibility of confrontation with reality, denialism can rarely be undermined by appeals to face the truth.

Denialism is not a barrier to acknowledging a common moral foundation; it is a barrier to acknowledging moral differences.

...generations of denialists have created enough doubt already; all people like Trump need to do is to signal vaguely in a denialist direction.

Keith Kahn-Harris

"It's wise to keep any eye on the shore...just in case the world is flat."

James Kakalios

"...the forces of light (kindness, empathy, inclusion) are arrayed against the forces of darkness (fear, rage, and an authoritarian will to power) ..."

Michiko Kakutani on Rowling, Potter

"Trump has performed the disturbing Orwellian trick ("WAR IS PEACE", "FREEDOM IS SLAVERY", "IGNORANCE IS STRENGTH") of using words to mean the exact opposite

of what they really mean.

Truth decay."

"...the Mobius strip of time." re Joan Didion

end Kakutani

"My spiritual pain is unbearable,"

Mikhail Kalashnikov

Kaldor, Mary:

"our growing consciousness of what it means to be human."

"There are some countries that are not ready for democracy, not while the wolves of fundamentalism are waiting in the wings to gobble up the freedoms and replace them with Taliban-like theocratic repression."

Rob Kall

"We invented civilization, and we'll take it back. ...I will take the rock in my hand and squeeze it, and from the water that comes out of it I'll make pilaf to feed my daughter. We'll manage."

Dimitris Kaloupis, Greek, on the economy of Greece;

Kevin Kallaugh, Economist cartoonist:

"My mission is not to make people laugh, but to make them think."

Kalynets, Ihor:

"A person can stand anything, but we had a certain idea that held us up.

... the powerful and glorious Russia is a country without history, and that is what alarms Putin the most. To be without its history was not prestigious. That's where the war comes from...

It is quite simple. It is the consciousness of a subjugated nation, that wants to have its own country, and not to be the manure that fertilizes Russia."

Kanab 2012 essays:

" throughout my life in Kanab I have noticed what appears to be a fear of the different and the unknown... When something is familiar, it's no longer scary.

Hannah Zweifel

"...ultimately I should be able to replicate your findings and you should be able to replicate my findings, otherwise it's not science, it's bullshit."

Eric Kandel

"...of course they had ideals. They just didn't have any hope."

Paul Kane re Pete Seeger visit

"...his happiness depends on the freedom of other rational beings."

Sapere aude! [Dare to know!]. Have courage to use your own understanding!"

Kant: "The only general symptom of insanity is the loss of common sense and the logical stubbornness in insisting on one's own sense."

:Rules for happiness: something to do, someone to love, something to hope for." via Tim Egan, referring to Biden book epigraph.

Kant

Sapere aude – dare to know via KANT

"Science is organized knowledge. Wisdom is organized life."

"...the universal religion of reason that dwells in every ordinary person."

Immanuel Kant

"...to preserve democracy, we must limit democracy."

via David A Kaplan

"Racism is a form of convenience, in the sense that it's designed to make life easier for its beneficiaries. So is white privilege — the phenomenon of not having to think about the costs of oppression, or about Black people at all."

Erin Aubry Kaplan

"Heroism is the result of cool judgment reached on the basis of inadequate information."

Marshall as noted by Robert D Kaplan

"America ... will continue to use its immigration laws to asset-strip the world of its best and brightest..."

"If [Europe] cannot evolve in the direction of universal values, there will be only the dementia of ideologies and coarse nationalisms to fill the void. This would signal the end of 'the West' in Europe."

Robert D Kaplan

"Honest placebos can work. And some placebos really are stronger than others."

Ted Kaptchuk

"The hatred in our hearts is growing. I worry that one day it will be bigger than our dreams."

Molham Kareen? in The Nation, by James Harkin 6-24-2013

"The purpose of models is not to fit the data, but to sharpen the questions."

Samuel Karlin

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"The point of modern propaganda isn't only to misinform or push an agenda. It is to exhaust your critical thinking, to annihilate truth."

"The failure to defend Ukraine today is the failure of the Allies to defend Czechoslovakia in 1938 ...

Dictators only stop when they are stopped ...

... evil does not die, just as history does not end. Like a weed, evil can be cut back but never entirely uprooted....

how quickly the lessons of the Cold War victory were forgotten and abandoned. At the moment of greatest ascendancy of the forces of freedom and democracy in history, the West stopped pressing the advantage....

Ronald Reagan would talk with his Soviet counterparts, but he would toss the list of political prisoners on the table first! (via V Havel)...

...people always forget that it's much easier to install a dictator than to remove one....

...Churchill's definition of appeasement: we are feeding the crocodiles, hoping they will eat us last.

...Times change. Circumstances change. Institutions must change. But our values must not. ...

Putin has wrought ... a culture of death and fear that spans all eleven Russian time zones and is now being exported...

cites Victor Hugo...poison

Reagan: "... freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction."

"Our goal must be to help those stuck in the past to join the present ...

the Cold War was about good versus evil...

Havel discussion, about p. 249.

...giving a dictator what he wants never stops him from wanting more...appeasement...

"China gave us the virus, and the free world gave us the vaccines."

Russia is a one-man dictatorship, and the dictator finds it convenient to use this procedure to keep some democratic decorations to cover his dictatorial powers."

whatever Trump's relations with the KGB were in the past—I believe there were—it was clear that Putin thought that was a time to go for this final blow to divide America, to create in American democracy a friction it couldn't heal. Trump was an ideal agent of chaos. It's like an icebreaker, destroying the American political system. I don't think Putin expected Trump to win, but I think he thought that Trump could do what he is doing now [sowing division].

Garry Kasparov

"Uncertainty is the last refuge of economists who can't explain what is going on."

Paul Kasreil

"...beliefs in materialism, competition, and self-interest ...tend to be associated with feelings of pressure and coercion rather than experienced as freely chosen."

T. Kasser

"...Japan may have entered a post-growth era.... maybe in this new age the end of economic growth is less scary than the dependence on nuclear power."

Norihiro Kato

"Trump properties have the "gun-free" policies the president has condemned at schools and other public places."

Jonathan M Katz

"You can enlighten 100% of people and maybe get 5% to change their behavior."

Paul Katzeff, coffee buyer, Ft Bragg, CA

Katzmann, Robert:

"A judge's work takes place not on the lofty plane of grand, unified theory, but on the ground of commonsense inquiry...

while justice ought to be blind, the process of meting it out should be transparent...

I'd love to stay on as long as my brain is working."

see his Judging Statutes, 2014.

Kaufman, Jay S.:

"...the pandemic struck most ferociously in countries ridden with political division and social conflict....

the same social pathology that exacerbates the pandemic also debilitates our scientific response to it...

sick societies have sick institutions. Science is not some cloistered preserve in the clouds, but is buried in the muck with everything else."

"...an unremarkable guy who was born on a conveyor belt to power'...how utterly ordinary he is. This guy is juvenile, arrogant, sexist — and very familiar. It pointed to a

larger truth: the people running the show are callous and dangerous, but they're also astonishingly average.

Meagan Day on Brent Kavanaugh

"The country needs a check against a bad-behaving or law-breaking president....the Constitution already provides that check. If the president does something dastardly, the impeachment process is available."

Brent Kavanaugh

"The best way to predict the future is to invent it.

"I had the fortune or misfortune to learn how to read fluently starting at the age of three. So I had read maybe 150 books by the time I hit 1st grade. And I already knew that the teachers were lying to me."

Alan Kay

"History does not repeat itself; it rhymes."

David Kay

"Anytime there's rapid change, conspiracy theories flourish."

"America...,founded by rational deists, has long been considered the crown jewel of the Enlightenment."

When a critical mass of educated people in a society lose their grip on the real world...it is a signal that the ordinary rules of rational intellectual inquiry are now treated as optional."

...conspiracism is...a symptom of a mind in flight from reality...their systems of belief often coalesce into something resembling a religious faith.

...conspiracism threatens the intellectual foundations of rationalism by eroding the baseline presumption that we all inhabit the same reality."

Conspiracism is a stubborn creed because humans are pattern-seeking animals. Show us a sky full of stars, and we'll arrange them into animals and giant spoons. Show us a world full of random misery, and we'll use the same trick to connect the dots into secret conspiracies."

Jonathan Kay

Kazanevsky, Vladimir:

"There is a proverb: If the guns speak, the muses are silent. Only, this does not apply to the art of the cartoon. Because the cartoon is an active weapon."

"[Putin's eyes] are deep-set, close to each other. These eyes are angry, cold, wolflike. ... These are the eyes of a man who has emerged from the dark hole of the KGB."

"You have your brush, you have your colors, you paint paradise, then in you go."

- Nikos Kazantzakis

"...the most ambitious, the most specific and the most eloquent manifesto in the history of the American left."

Michael Kazin on the Port Huron Statement

"...the balanced budget amendment ...is at best poorly written and incomplete, and at worse naïve and ill-conceived."

JR Kearn, economics prof, Provo

"The best of men have only a portion of good in them..."

John Keats

Keeler, Jacqueline:

"We're still running on Democracy 1.0. I mean, other countries have rebuilt their government. We can play whack-a-mole and go after every single pipeline project. But a structure produces these outcomes. To change the outcomes, we need to change the structure itself." see her book

Keenan, John:

"Mercy is a willingness to enter into the chaos of another."

Keilor:

"...demagogues thrive in dim light.

Arousing alarm is easy, teaching is tough.

It takes patience and discipline to teach; any bozo can drop a book on the floor and make people jump.

...you just roll your eyes and hope these guys have friends who will take away the car keys."

We should all be Sun worshippers because Sun worshippers don't go around killing Moon worshippers."

"Conservatism is a powerful strain in American life that ordinarily passes as common sense. Save for a rainy day. Don't foul the nest. Don't burn your bridges. Don't sacrifice the future for short-term profit. But when it contradicts itself and becomes weighted down with bigotry and cynicism, then it doesn't hold water anymore."

Man was not made to live alone....

I am not inhibited by ignorance..."

"... a comfy childhood and extended adolescence and the life of a tycoon with a childlike worldview unchallenged by the hirelings and sapsuckers around him."

"Other countries have lived with leaders who are ignorant, poorly tutored, self-obsessed and corrupt, and why can't we?"

Garrison Keillor

"[On Geneva Conventions]...outmoded relic of a chivalrous notion of warfare..."

William Keitel, Hitler's minister of war, hung at Nuremburg.

"Of all the various depredations of the Bush regime, none has been so thorough as its plundering of hope."

"It is one thing to endure abuses and to carry on in spite of them. It is quite another thing to carry on to the point of abetting the abuse."

Garret Keizer in Harper's Oct 07

from Kekes, John: The Roots of Evil...

"Evil is a permanent threat to human well-being...

Forces of barbarism continually break through the superficial layer of order and threaten the security of a substantial segment of humanity....



evil is a moral problem ... an attack on the fundamental conditions of human well-being....

Social conditions can encourage or discourage evil acts, but they cannot be sufficient to explain them....

Attributing evil to injustice, poverty, or a noxious ideology is thus to misunderstand it....

It is evil that explains adverse social conditions rather than the other way around....

the causes of evil are in us, not outside us...in doing evil we express a deep part of our nature....

Evil has an ominous connotation that goes beyond badness...

evil has primarily to do with serious harm caused by human beings to other human beings...

Evildoers ... show contempt for and flaunt fundamental moral prohibitions....

the evil of an action ... consists in ... three components: ...malevolent motivation...;

serious, excessive harm ...; lack of morally acceptable excuse...

...what reason is there for supposing that human beings are basically good?...

The ubiquity of bad political arrangements is thus a reason for doubting basic human goodness, not an explanation of evil....

...my approach...: evil has many causes; the scheme of things is nonmoral; we have basic propensities for both good and evil...;evil actions may be reasonable; evildoers may be held responsible...

faith, ideology, ambition, envy, honor, and boredom ...motives that may ... lead to evil actions...

moral imagination...has to be cultivated...

attacks on the cultural tradition that nourishes moral imagination encourage evil...

Elementary decency ... marks the boundary within which civilized life can be lived and on the outside of which barbarism reigns....

Coping with evil depends ... on combining the cultivation of moral imagination and the enforcement of moral and legal prohibitions by punishment....

#### **end of Kekes on Evil book quotes**

"All of it was done in the name of preserving our way of life."

in This Light of Ours exhibit –

Leslie Kelen

Keller, Bill:

"...Gutenberg's device displaced remembering..." via Tufekci

"Dominionism is the view that Christians and only Christians should preside over earthly institutions."

If God does have a sense of irony, Hitchens will spend eternity in a town that serves no liquor and has no library. Either way, heaven will be a less interesting place.

on the issues he's [Reagan] been born-again, again and again. His reincarnations on social issues, the environment, taxes and health care ...present Romney with a serious authenticity problem....

Romney's role in the private sector was as a ruthless efficiency machine, a downsizer and outsourcer — in short, his critics say, a job-killer.

"...something is rotten in the state of economics ... ravaged by the same virus that has corrupted the rest of our national discourse...the centrifugal politics of this noisy world.

Economists cluster in ideological think tanks that promote political conformity rather than intellectual rigor.

In the Internet age, anyone can be an expert, and anyone who says otherwise is an elitist.

“ [We need] independent regulation and vigilant oversight to keep potential abuses of power from becoming a real menace to our freedom.”

“...[the] public feels a generalized, impotent uneasiness...

if we are too complacent about our civil liberties we could wake up one day and find them gone - in a gradual, incremental surrender.”

Bill Keller

“Science may have found a cure for most evils; but nit has found no remedy for the worst of them all - the apathy of human beings.”

Helen Keller

“Do what is right; let the consequence follow.”

the Mormon faith has become a place that incentivizes the survival of the least fit. Since strict obedience is demanded and harshly enforced, only the least talented, least articulate, least nuanced thinkers, least likely to take a stand against abuse, and the least courageous people thrive in the Church today.

Kate Kelly

Kevin Kelly What Technology Wants (see also Lanier):

“Once names, we could now see it. Having seen it, we wondered how anyone could not have seen it....

a word to designate the greater, global, massively interconnected system of technology vibrating around us. I call it the *technium*...

the essential quality of the technium: this idea of a self-reinforcing system of creation...

how do you detect autonomy...: self-repair, self-defense, self-maintenance... self-control... self-improvement... the emergence ... of a self...

The technium is now as great a force in our world as nature...”

Kevin Kelly

“We have words for racism and sexism, but wealth discrimination isn’t fully recognized. It is a bias in favor of the wealthy and against labor, the environment, and the community.”

“The lesson of history is clear: democracy always wins in the end.”

Marjorie Kelly.

"God calls us to protect life at all stages'...not just in the womb."

Father Thomas Kelly quoted by Prothero.

“Awe expands our attention to encompass a bigger picture, so reducing our sense of self....

Awe produces a vanishing self. The voice in your head, self-interest, self-consciousness, disappears.... As a result we feel more connected to bigger collectives and groups....

awe makes us humble and charitable.

Psilocybin ... is a potent source of awe.”

Dacher Keltner via Jo Marchant, New Sci. pdf

Lord Kelvin William Thomson

“Radio has no future. Heavier than air flying machines are impossible. X-rays will prove to be a hoax. “

"...democracy took root and flourished in Athens because ... citizens... act and speak 'as if they cared more about Athens than they cared about winning'."

Daniel Kemmis

**Kemp, Martin:** from Living with Leonardo:

"[Leonardo] continues to make compelling posthumous demands on those who engage with him...

...the landscape behind the sitter [in Mona Lisa] speaks of the perpetual dynamism of the body of the earth, the vast changes that it has undergone in ages past and is still undergoing...

...the picture takes over. Its sense of presence is truly uncanny. It is alive...her teasing glance and inviting smile invade our space with astonishing vibrancy.

...the ability of Leonardo to see and operate at such tiny scales, an ability confirmed by the oftentiny drawings in his manuscripts...

...his notion of 'continuous quantity' was the key to Leonardo's ideas of motion in space...

...the 'vivification' of all things, great and small:

Nothing can be generated in a place where there is neither sensitive, vegetative nor rational life. Feathers are generated on birds and change every year; hair is generated on animals and changes every year, except some parts, like the hair of the whiskers of lions and cats and similar; grasses are generated on the meadows and leaves upon the trees and are renewed in great part every year. So that we might say that the earth has a vegetative soul and that its flesh is the soil, its bones are the arrangements of the connections of the rocks of which the mountains are composed, its cartilage is the tofa (a porous limestone), its blood is the veins of waters; the lake of the blood, which is throughout the heart, is the oceanic sea; its breathing and the increase and decrease of the blood through the pulses in the earth is thus: it is the flow and ebb of the sea; and the heat of the soul of the world is the fire which is infused throughout the earth; the seat of the vegetative soul is the fires, which breathe in various parts of earth through baths and mines of sulphur, and in Vulcano and Mount Aetna in Sicily and in many other places.

There is no reason for thinking that Leonardo ever portrayed specific locations in his paintings."

"...render unto science the things that are the sciences' and 'render unto humanities the things that are the humanities'. It is equally important not to render more to each than is warranted."

"He brainstormed on paper [on Leonardo]"

"...no one ever used the tools of visual representation more compellingly and with more inventiveness to communicate the eternally fresh thrill of visual insight, as we learn to 'see' in the sense of 'to understand'. ...he instinctively knows how to draw us into his world of sensory delight and how to feed our eyes and our intellects to just the right degree, while leaving room for us to bring what we can to the completion of the cycle of communication between the thing, the artist, and the spectator."

"Great artists know how to do just enough to entice us into the game of completing their image. They know when to stop spelling everything out."

"...dense veil of legend."

Martin Kemp, re: Leonardo

**end Martin Kemp**

"When our reality is too ugly, we deny reality...Trump appears to be unifying America — unifying Americans in their denial....America remains a unified country of denial....denial of racism is the heartbeat of racism... Only racists say they are not racist. Only the racist lives by the heartbeat of denial. ..

Ibram X Kendi

"I wrote it quickly. I was angry. Things are just boiling inside me. I keep a lot of notes and then suddenly it emerges. Every word."

Adrienne Kennedy on writing

Kennedy, Anthony Justice:

"Corruption impoverishes the world."

Justice Anthony Kennedy, and quoting Magna Carta: "To no one will we sell, to no one deny or delay right or justice."

"At the heart of liberty is the right to define one's own concept of existence, of meaning, of the universe, and of the mystery of human life."

"Coal and oil – the real 'Axis of Evil'."

Donald Kennedy

**Kennedy, John F. Jack (JFK):**

"Too often we enjoy the comfort of opinion without the discomfort of thought."

"...in the final analysis, our most basic common link is that we all inhabit this small planet. We all breathe the same air. We all cherish our children's future. And we are all mortal."

Jack Kennedy, Ted Sorensen

"Modern cynics and skeptics... see no harm in paying those to whom they entrust the minds of their children a smaller wage than is paid to those to whom they entrust the care of their plumbing."

"All of the questions we must decide now are extremely sophisticated. All of these involve questions that confound the experts. For those of us who are not experts, and yet must be called upon to make decisions which involve the security of our country ... we must turn in the last resort to objective, disinterested scientists who bring a strong sense of public responsibility and public obligation."

President Kennedy said he valued so much what artists could give because they "knew the midnight as well as the high noon [and] understood the ordeal as well as the triumph of the human spirit." He also said, "In serving his vision of the truth, the artist best serves his nation."

"...is not peace... basically a matter of human rights – the right to live out our life without fear of devastation – the right to breathe air as nature provided it – the right of future generations to a healthy existence."

"Too often we enjoy the comfort of opinion without the discomfort of thought."

"Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, to assure the survival and the success of liberty."

"There are risks and costs to a program of action, but they are far less than the long range risks and costs of comfortable inaction." J Kennedy

Those who make peaceful revolution impossible will make violent revolution inevitable.

"The greatest enemy of truth is very often not the lie—deliberate, contrived, and dishonest—but the myth—persistent, pervasive, and unrealistic."  
Too often, we hold fast to the clichés of our forebears. We subject all facts to a prefabricated set of interpretations. We enjoy the comfort of opinion without the discomfort of thought.

"We must use time as a tool, not as a couch."

"Every inhabitant of this planet must contemplate the day when this planet may no longer be habitable."

John Kennedy, referring to hydrogen bombs, 1961

"A great change is at hand, and our task, our obligation, is to make that revolution, that change, peaceful and constructive for all."

John F Kennedy on civil rights

"When power leads men toward arrogance, poetry reminds him of his limitations. When power narrows the areas of man's concern, poetry reminds him of the richness and diversity of his existence. When power corrupts, poetry cleanses."

"There are risks and costs to a program of action. But they are far less than the long range risks and costs of comfortable inaction."

"There is a terrific disadvantage not having the abrasive quality of the press applied to you daily, to an administration, even though we never like it, and even though we wish they didn't write it, and even though we disapprove."

"Man holds in his mortal hands the power to abolish all forms of human poverty."

"There are few if any issues where all the truth, all the right, and all the angels are on one side."

"...the fate not only of our own civilization, but I think the fate of the world and the future of the human race, is involved in preventing a nuclear war."

John F Kennedy, 1960

"There is no problem man has caused that he can't solve, primarily by listening to women."

"...Kennedy..wanted people who raised questions, who criticized, on whose judgment he could rely, who presented an intelligent point of view, regardless of their rank or viewpoint."

RFK referring to JFK

**end John F Kennedy**

"When you're in an argument with a thug, there are things much more important than civility."

Randall Kennedy via David Brooks

### **Kennedy, Robert (RFK)**

Too much and for too long, we seem to have surrendered personal excellence and community value in the mere accumulation of material things. Our Gross National

Product, now, is over eight hundred billion dollars a year, but that GNP — if we judge the United States of America by that — that GNP counts air pollution and cigarette advertising and ambulances to clear our highways of carnage. It counts special locks for our doors and the jails for the people who break them. It counts the destruction of the redwoods and the loss of our natural wonder in chaotic sprawl. It counts napalm and it counts nuclear warheads, and armored cars for the police to fight riots in our cities. It counts Whitman's rifle and Speck's knife, and the television programs which glorify violence in order to sell toys to our children.

Yet the Gross National Product does not allow for the health of our children, the quality of their education, or the joy of their play. It does not include the beauty of our poetry or the strength of our marriages, the intelligence of our public debate or the integrity of our public officials. It measures neither our wit nor our courage, neither our wisdom nor our learning, neither our compassion nor our devotion to our country; it measures everything, in short, except that which makes life worthwhile. And it can tell us everything about America except why we are proud that we are Americans.

"Each time a person stands up for an idea, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, (s)he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring, those ripples build a current that can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance."

Speech Excerpt by Robert F. Kennedy (1968)

"The cruelties and obstacles of this swiftly changing planet will not yield to obsolete dogmas and outworn slogans. It cannot be moved by those who cling to a present which is already dying, who prefer the illusion of security to the excitement and danger which comes with even the most peaceful progress. This world demands the qualities of youth; not a time of life but a state of mind, a temper of the will, a quality of the imagination...

Robert F Kennedy 6-6-1966 in Capetown

"The most precious thing in life is its uncertainty. ...Leaving something incomplete makes it interesting and gives one the feeling that there is room for growth....A man's character, as a rule, may be known from the place where he lives. ...A house should look lived in, unassuming."

Kenko, 14th cent Japanese monk

Kennan, George:

"...there is a little bit of the totalitarian buried somewhere, way down deep. in each and every one of us...If confidence and security were to disappear, don't think that he would not be waiting to take their place."

"...the very disrespect of Russians for objective truth - indeed, their disbelief in its existence - leads them to view all stated facts as instruments for furtherance of one ulterior purpose or another." (1946)

[Russia] ... will act through non-military means "to undermine the general political and strategic potential of major Western powers, to disrupt national self-confidence, to increase social and industrial unrest, to stimulate all forms of disunity...Anti-British talk will be plugged among Americans, anti-American talk among British. Germans will be taught to abhor both Anglo-Saxon powers. Where suspicions exist, they will be fanned; where not, ignited." So wrote George Kennan, the "wise man" of American diplomacy, in a famous telegram from Moscow in 1946. Seventy years later the telegram seems as relevant as ever, because the system that Kennan described is being rebuilt.

via The Economist

George F. Kennan, the American foreign service officer who became famous as the grand strategist who invented containment, though he later warned, at age 94, that expanding NATO to Russia's borders was a bad idea, bound to become "the beginning of a new Cold War."

end George Kennan

"With dementia, by the time you get to the point of having to decide what you want done, you've largely lost the capacity to do so."

Anne Kenny on Dementia planning

Kerouac, Jack:

"The only people for me are the mad ones, the ones who are mad to live, mad to work, mad to be saved, desirous of everything, at the same time, the ones who never yawn or say a commonplace thing, but burn, burn, burn like fabulous yellow Roman candles exploding like spiders across the stars."

Jack Kerouac, On the Road, 1957: poster, Pagosa Springs, 7-03

"Genius gives birth, talent delivers."

"Practice kindness all day to everybody and you will realize you're already in heaven now."

"Bullshit is bullshit."

Jack Kerouac

"...the worst thing of all would be to waste the gift of an extra day by sitting on the sidelines indifferent to a problem."

"We just can't sit on our asses and leave the political process to neanderthals who don't want to believe in the future."

"How do you ask a man to be the last man to die for a mistake...

democracy relies on free speech, but it relies even more on the speech being truthful.

It is the truth after all that sets us free...

the greatest abdication of generational responsibility in history...

World War Zero [project]."

John Kerry

Regarding Cop26: "This is existential, and we need to behave like it."

from TIME on Kerry (11-8-2021): '...in 1992... at the Rio Earth summit he had his first significant conversation with Teresa ... on the sidelines of the meeting where she was impressed by his singing in her native Portuguese.'

"by now... it will come as no surprise that I have something to say."

Teresa Heinz Kerry

"[To] be peaceful without being stupid, to be interested without being compulsive, to be happy without being hysterical...smoke grass."

Ken Kesey (p. 90 Smoke Signals).

"I'd rather be a lightning rod than a seismograph."

Ken Kesey on writing

"Good writing ain't necessarily good reading."

Ken Kesey's father

David A Kessler:

We each hold the health of our neighbors in our hands....new social contract.

see NYT op-ed and Tweet

"...capture—is the process by which our attention is hijacked and our brains commandeered by forces outside our control."

Capture: Unraveling the Mystery of Mental Suffering

An unfamiliar light—and suddenly it's your whole life. Black out the windows and board them up and it's still there in the bowl of the spoon and in the soup and in the lamp and in the air after the lamp goes out. The others can't see it. They creep up, pitying you. All their love won't make it go away.

Look at this instead, they say, offering up some old argument. The light never goes out. It is so beautiful. Someday you might learn to ignore it . . . —SARAH MANGUSO

"The American," wrote Sayyid Qutb in 1951, "is primitive in his appreciation of muscular strength and the strength of matter in general."

In Qutb's mind, lurking in the grandstands of suburban America was the senseless barbarism that defined a barbaric nation. Sayyid Qutb

Westerners were "sons of a single loathsome material civilization without heart or conscience."

Qutb's younger brother, Muhammad, taught the young Osama bin Laden.

Anwar al-Awlaki

December 2008, Awlaki sent

The ballot

has failed us, but the bullet has not."

Major Nidal Hasan: ... the Qu'ran is a "progressive revelation," Hasan

David Foster Wallace came to believe "there is no such thing as not worshipping.

Everybody worships." Our only choice, then, is what to worship.

Rob Doran stories of conversion often portray the experience as "something that comes out of the blue,"

"We have to be captured," Doran said. "The same is true of Muhammad: he has a vision, and the vision transforms him."

Spiritual awakenings are often not consciously orchestrated or willed into existence; rather, they descend upon us unbidden.

Simone Weil found "the affliction of others entered into my flesh and my soul.

further reflection and absorption. "Attention consists of suspending our thought," Weil



wrote, "leaving it detached, empty and ready to be penetrated."

American theologian Howard Thurman's

Gandhi told the visitors that his fellow citizens, whose dedication to the cause was paramount to the success of the movement, had "lacked vitality" to hold such a lofty ideal in their minds for a sufficient amount of time. The first reason they lacked vitality, he explained, was hunger.

The second was that they lacked self-respect—and not because of British rule, but as a result of their own unethical behavior.

"We have lost our self-respect," Gandhi told them, "because of the presence of untouchability in Hinduism.

how blacks could associate with the faith of their conquerors,

Thurman had been wrestling with the split between the "religion of Jesus," as he called it, and the religion of Paul. In the first version of Christianity, each soul was beloved, and righteousness, charity, and simplicity were valued. The second version, as he saw it, had been used to justify imperialism, slavery, and violence for centuries throughout the world. Thurman recalls Gandhi's assertion that a human needs a solid core of self-esteem before he can commit himself to personal, let alone social, change.

The ancient Greek philosopher Longinus called this facet of aesthetic experience the sublime. The carefully wrought artifice of rhetoric and poetry, Longinus observed, often inspires a particular form of awe, one that is not merely a reaction to the force of its content.

the sublime had an inherently therapeutic quality, a "renovating virtue" whereby "our minds / Are nourished and invisibly repaired." In The Prelude a wintry memory

Why, and how, does beauty reconfigure our relationship to the world around us?

Capture allows us to focus, to be moved, and to act with purpose. The mechanism does not, in and of itself, give meaning to our lives. Rather, it allows us to search for and experience meaning.

have struggled with a basic question: is the only way out of an unhealthy form of capture another, more positive form of capture?

Capture has even more significance when the salient object is ideological. Ideologies have a powerful allure to the disenfranchised: the individual becomes dedicated to a higher cause, which promises to give meaning to his life, to connect him to something greater than the self.

In 1911, during his term as home secretary, Winston Churchill wrote a letter to his wife, Clementine, about his "Black Dog."

Yet Churchill never revealed the depths of his dark moods.

Painting was central to his admitted self-therapy, though his reputation as a prodigious drinker suggests he had an ancillary one as well.

he fought the Black Dog with art...

Painting seemed not only to quiet his mind, but also to teach him the value of meditative detachment. "The tired parts of the mind can be rested and strengthened," he wrote, "not merely by rest, but by using other parts. It is not enough to merely switch off the lights which play upon the main and ordinary field of interest; a new field . . . must be illuminated." With painting, nothing was irrevocable.

"One can only gently insinuate something else into [the mind's] convulsive grasp." It's focus on a harmless canvas where no lives were at stake: Painting is complete as a distraction. I know of nothing which, without exhausting the body, more entirely absorbs the mind. Whatever the worries of the hour or the threats of the future, once a picture has begun to flow along, there is no room for them in the mental screen. They pass out into shadow and darkness. All one's mental light, such as it is, becomes concentrated on the task. Time stands respectfully aside...

Danielle Roeske, a psychotherapist...

release is a better way of thinking about it, because then what was dominant, whether it be an object of capture or concept of capture, is no longer the dominant force. And that

is much more my sense of what happens in transformation.”

“As the power of capture takes hold of one’s internal authority, it can appear as the only solution. This accounts for the baffling reality that makes us so resistant to change.”

Faith is what follows after new experience has been had, while hope is the quality that comes right before it.”

“While there are those few who, for reasons unknown, have profound and immediate revelations, for most individuals the path is slow to unfold and transformation is only a hindsight discovery. But it is no exaggeration to say that the world is transformed for those released from the confines of capture. While the increments might be small, with sufficient accumulation a revolution of perspective takes place.” Yet even when such a drastic shift in perspective takes place, there is always the possibility of return. That is, the long-established neural patterns remain in place even as new ones form. “Perhaps the point here is that one is never rendered invulnerable,” Roeske offers....

because the nature of the addiction is that it’s always there. And if there’s not a continued reinforcement of a new way of being and understanding, there will be a gradual pull to go back to the foundational tried-and-true escape through constant scattering of random details.

Joan Didion gets to the heart of it in few words:

“We tell ourselves stories in order to live.”

though capture permits us to make sense of the world, it does so largely outside rational thought.

end David Kessler

“The world can’t continue on its current path and survive,. That idea is selfish and blind. It’s not sustainable. People all over the globe are suffering needlessly at our hands.”

Ketchup, occupy Wall St., NYC, quoted by Chris Hedges

Francis Scott Key “was about as pro-slavery, anti-black and anti-abolitionist as you could get at the time.” via Jason Johnson

“If the people can choose only from among rascals, they are certain to choose a rascal.”

V O Key, Jr.

Keynes:

“When the capital development of a country becomes the by-product of the activities of a casino, the job is likely to be ill-done.”

“We have involved ourselves in a colossal muddle, having blundered in the control of a delicate

machine, the working of which we do not understand. The result is that our possibilities of wealth

may run to waste for a time — perhaps for a long time.”

[Capitalism] is not a success. It is not intelligent, it is not beautiful, it is not just, it is not virtuous — and it doesn’t deliver the goods. In short, we dislike it, and we are beginning to despise it. But when we wonder what to put in its place, we are extremely perplexed.”

“When someone persuades me that I am wrong, I change my mind. What do you do?”

“The difficulty lies, not in the new ideas, but in escaping from the old ones.”

The love of money as a possession...is a disgusting morbidity, one of those semi-criminal, semi-pathological propensities which one hands over with a shudder to the specialists in mental disease.”

“The day is not far off when the economic problem will take the back seat where it belongs, and the arena of the heart and the head will be occupied or reoccupied, by our

real problems – the problems of life and of human relations, of creation and behavior and religion."

We shall once more value ends above means and prefer the good to the useful." from his essay Economic Possibilities for our Grandchildren.

"The businessman is only tolerable so long as his gains can be held to bear some relation to what ...his activities have contributed to society."

"...we have involved ourselves in a colossal muddle, having blundered in the control of a delicate machine, the working of which we do not understand."

"We are being afflicted with a new disease...technological unemployment. This means unemployment due to our discovery of means of economising the use of labour outrunning the pace at which we can find new uses for labour."

...we have exalted some of the most distasteful of human qualities into the position of the highest virtues."

John M Keynes, 1930

"... ideas, knowledge, science, hospitality, travel - these are the things which should of their nature be international. But let goods be homespun whenever it is reasonably and conveniently possible and, above all, let finance be primarily national."

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"It is better to be roughly right than precisely wrong."

"Practical men who believe themselves to be quite exempt from any intellectual influence are usually the slaves of some defunct economist. Madmen in authority, who hear voices in the air, are distilling their frenzy from some academic scribbler of a few years back."

John M. Keynes

"Keynes held the view that our determination to work was the single biggest obstacle to achieving an economic Utopia." James Suzman

"The love of money as a possession — as distinguished from the love of money as a means to the enjoyments and realities of life — will be recognized for what it is, a somewhat disgusting morbidity, one of those semi-criminal, semi-pathological propensities which one hands over with a shudder to the specialists in mental disease. All kinds of social customs and economic practices, affecting the distribution of wealth and of economic rewards and penalties, which we now maintain at all costs, however distasteful and unjust they may be in themselves, because they are tremendously useful in promoting the accumulation of capital, we shall then be free, at last, to discard." via Campos nyt op-ed

"Madmen in authority, who hear voices in the air, are distilling their frenzy from some academic scribbler of a few years back."

J. M. Keynes quotes in Judt's Ill Fares the Land

Keynes via Speth – see pdf under Keynes

"Words ought to be a little wild, for they are the assault of thoughts on the unthinking."

J M Keynes on writing

"The outstanding faults of the economic society in which we live are its failure to provide for full employment and its arbitrary and inequitable distribution of wealth and incomes."

John Maynard Keynes

"We are suffering just now from a bad attack of economic pessimism. It is common to hear people say that the epoch of enormous economic progress which characterized the 19th century is over; that the rapid improvement in the standard of life is now going to

slow down—at any rate in Great Britain; that a decline in prosperity is more likely than an improvement in the decade which lies ahead of us.

I believe that this is a wildly mistaken interpretation of what is happening to us. We are suffering, not from the rheumatics of old age, but from the growing-pains of over-rapid changes, from the painfulness of readjustment between one economic period and another...”

John Maynard Keynes, *Economic Possibilities for our Grandchildren* (1930)

“Capitalism is the astounding belief that the most wickedest of men will do the most wickedest of things for the greatest good of everyone.”

“Anything we can actually do we can afford... “once done, it is there.”

“There is no subtler, no surer means of overturning the existing basis of society than to debauch the currency,”

### **end of keynes**

“We live in a culture of violation.”

Kubra Khademi

“When wisdom dictates that you do not need more children, a vasectomy is permissible.”

“...{GOP letter} a sign of decline in political ethics and the destruction of the American establishment from within.”

Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, 1989

“This [Coronavirns and Covid-19] is about lack of imagination.”

Ali Khan

### **Khanna, Parag**

*Move: The Forces Uprooting Us*

April 2020 will forever be remembered as the month the world stood still. Never in human history has the global population simultaneously coordinated a single act: the Great Lockdown.

The Economist summed up in one word: “Closed.”

the lockdowns provoked a sudden reset of the world’s population.

Society only functions normally if we can move. Once you stop pedaling a bicycle, it quickly falls over. Our civilization is that bicycle. And move we will.

... patriotism with pragmatism. Societies with national service have more solidarity—and without that, nationalism ultimately means nothing.

Livable space is becoming a precious public good, as is the right to move freely on it.

Georgia is the “it” country

“nomad visa” program the country recently launched.

The president, Armen Sarkissian, is a theoretical physicist and computer scientist... nationhood: “quantum country.”

Vladimir Putin has described immigration as a poison; his regressive ethnonationalism makes Russia, in many ways, the anti-Canada. But Russia needs to become the Eurasian Canada.

Russia has unveiled its own version of America’s 1862 Homestead Act that gave 160 acres to Western settlers and transferred title ownership to them if they made productive use of the land within five years. Another plus recently: Social distancing is easy in these sparsely populated areas. But how many Russians will take the offer?

In 2020, Russia passed a dual citizenship law to convince more people to take Russian nationality without having to give up their own. (American whistleblower Edward Snowden was an early taker.) ...

the current revolution is a slow-motion epic as Russia turns gray demographically, green topographically, and brown and yellow ethnically.

Our human geography is destined to evolve from equatorial origins toward a northern future.

The biosphere facility in Arizona

With only about 5 million residents across a geography the size of Africa, the Arctic's potential to host a billion or more residents seems plausible.

"polar Silk Road."

near the equator (where sea levels rise the fastest).

Immersed in modern technology, humans have lost their ability to feel the planet.

our indifference to nature will only have been a two-century-long blip of history. Now nature is fighting back, forcing us to revert from sedentary to nomadic ways.

Rahul Mehrotra - Urbanism should be thought of as an "elastic condition,"

Mehrotra says, "Why be obsessed with permanence when change is the only constant?"

3 Mehrotra's insights are de-urbanization, ...

Their "apocalypse insurance" includes

Since hope is not a strategy,

risk a 'climate apartheid' where the wealthy pay to escape overheating, hunger, and conflict while the rest of the world is left to suffer."

the majestic fjords in Antarctica-facing Magellan Province

make it the southern hemisphere's answer to Norway. Snow-less seasons have already...

to qualify as a civilized society, a country should at least have a decent healthcare system—

"multinational maids"

So much of humanity has migration in its blood. This is a reminder that mobility—not tribalism—is our original instinct, more deeply hard-wired into who we are as humans than any contrived racial or ethnic allegiance. Indeed, recent paleontology

Our destiny is to be a global mongrel civilization.

China wants to ensure uncontested control over the Earth's "third pole."

beachfront paradise of Goa...

Indonesia is planning to relocate its entire capital, Jakarta, from coastal Java (the world's most populous island, with nearly 150 million people) to the far larger island of Borneo.

New Zealand's "climate visa" program. Eventually all will have to relocate there, to Australia, or other countries with which they have strong demographic or political associations.

Japan has the world's largest vacant housing stock: One out of every seven homes is abandoned, a share expected to rise to one-third in the coming decade. Entire towns are emptying as the elderly pass away and the young move to cities.

Japan has never been as open to migrants from all over the world as today—and they have come in record numbers.

...developments to ski resort towns, the foreign population is rising in all of more than forty prefectures. Japan is becoming not just a

Welcome to Expatistan

Estonian startups

"Your skills matter more than your passport."

Its motto: "Free People Move." The easier mobility becomes...

Estonia's e-residency program offers business registration with EU access, and comes with a glossy ID card and sleek black USB key that decrypts your entry to the country's online services—which is all services.

In 2020, the country adopted a “digital nomad visa” allowing visitors to stay and work remotely for foreign companies,

Richard Baldwin of

the University of Geneva similarly points to how people’s brains “migrate” when they become “tele-migrants.”

Estonia has all of its data and functions backed up onto servers distributed around the world, so it could become a diaspora cloud nation if need be.)

The number of American retirees collecting their Social Security abroad is highest in Canada, followed by Mexico and Japan.

Mexico, Costa Rica, and Panama have

launched retirement visas and physical communities explicitly to attract Americans,

One ship known as The World is owned by the 130 families who permanently reside on it, making it something of a micro mobile sovereign. Healthy retirees with more modest means cleverly see the world by changing cruise ships every few months, paying less it’s time for a global “passport”

before World War I, people traveled the world without passports.

The origin of the passport is much

less as a restrictive certificate denoting exclusive identity than a laissez passer, a request for safe passage.

Passports are now one of the chief barriers to a more sensible human geography.

International Air Travel Association advocates an opt-in repository of traveler data to be shared as needed for speedy approval.

The rise of a citizenship marketplace represents an important turning of the tables in the relationship between individuals and states.

“golden visas”

citizenship via investment

the ius doni concept and advises dozens of the more than one hundred countries that have such citizenship-by-investment programs.

Spain’s golden visa program grants

residency to investors and their families upon investing 500,000 euros in real estate.

Portugal has sold more than two thousand golden visas to wealthy Britons and Chinese, generating more than \$ 2 billion in investment. Given the country’s climate resilience, it’s a good bet. In the neighboring enclave of Andorra in the Pyrenees, an investor visa is 400,000 euros and comes with three hundred days of sunshine.

EU citizenship is the embodiment of a post-national “instrumental” citizenship because it doesn’t presuppose or demand any common European identity.

Ireland is already a tax haven...

“Googleville” in central Dublin.

After just one year and paying 1 million euros, residents are eligible to apply for citizenship, enabling them to move at will to other EU countries

If countries don’t do a better job moving their passports up the rankings of global access, their citizens will just move and change citizenship.

A Chinese proverb advises that a wise rabbit always has three holes to burrow in.

I. Expatistan uses

The future could be defined by a progressive new peace among small states and cities: a Pax Urbanica.

Our vague loyalty to the nation pales in comparison to our visceral desire to be ensconced inside a green zone.

Anyone who can afford to is on the move away from red zones and into green zones, green zones tend to be countries where politics doesn’t interfere with science, and where technology is aggressively being applied to public health,

Sustainable Development Index (SDI)

countries that come closest to meeting their people's needs with low resource consumption are Costa Rica, Sri Lanka, Albania, and Georgia. In a world no longer obsessed with GDP, they may be role models for societies that can't afford growth for its own sake—which is all societies.

New Zealand had the good fortune and foresight to have engineered their agricultural independence from the rest of the world.

Spain is also the home of companies such as Arpa and Genaq, which have developed some of the most advanced atmospheric water generators, more Hindu: greet with joining one's own hands and saying "Namaste" rather than shaking hands,

Hinduism is nothing if not a circular religion.

The solution to over-tourism isn't to ban tourists but to sustainably develop new places for tourists to go.

### Communal Cities

Sweden and Finland not only have among the world's most generous parental benefit policies, but cafes and community centers run programs for young parents to bring their children so that neither parenting nor only childhood are such a lonely experience.

In the 1970s,

land trusts give cooperatives discounted access to build affordable family housing. In New York, the Tishman Speyer co-living property called "Kin" is a set of multi-family buildings for young parents where they share common spaces and childcare services. Such retrofitted properties allow professionals to afford New York City life while still raising a family. During its brief heyday, WeWork sought to deploy its communitarian kibbutz model across all spheres of social life. Beyond co-working, it dabbled in schools (WeGrow), healthcare (Rise by We), and co-living (WeLive). Such urban kibbutz facilities are now popping up everywhere. Some (like PodShare in San Francisco) are month-by-month dorms that resemble a panopticon of micro-rooms. Any sacrifice of privacy is worth it compared to being a super-commuter traveling two or more hours each way to work. StarCity is also building affordable co-living properties across California to keep rank-and-file youth in the state. Tribe in Brooklyn provides physical community space for transient, rootless millennials who struggle to make friends. In New Jersey, vacant office parks are being converted into apartments and co-working spaces; their parking lots are now the sites of small homes, pop-up retail, urban farms, and public events.

The digital environment could also promote positive social relations.

MIT's Media Lab is testing wearable devices that help people discover common interests with strangers. Welcome to the new digital communitarianism.

Apartments are becoming configurable spaces where furniture folds itself up to fit the space depending on whether you need a couch, bed, kitchen, or office.

Paul Romer calls "charter cities"..

This sounds like chaos. But what if it's evolution?

Civilizations of the past collapsed because they failed to adapt to the complexity they themselves created.

...we must evolve from one model of civilization to another.

Civilization 1.0 was nomadic

agricultural: The world population was small and localized; the environment dictated where we could survive.

Then came Civilization 2.0, in which we became sedentary and industrial. We settled in ever larger cities and commoditized nature through global supply chains.

Civilization 3.0 will need to be mobile and sustainable: We will move inland toward higher elevation and into our vast northern expanses. Our carbon footprint will decrease through renewable energy, but we may migrate more frequently due to socioeconomic and environmental volatility. More people will be nomadic; settlements may be temporary. We will disperse, but we will remain connected. The legendary British historian Arnold Toynbee spoke

of “Civilization with a big ‘C,’ ” asking what political or scientific practices advance our progress as a species, even across (small “c”) civilizational divides. The journey of our big “C” Civilization, he wrote, “is a movement and not a condition, Sovereignty today serves to demarcate zones of political control, but it also shields governments from complying with transnational responsibilities.

What matters more: nationality or sustainability?

John Holdren called for a “planetary regime,” a super-agency to regulate the global environment, managing all natural resources and even regulating global trade and setting regional population quotas.

Vacated states

Moral philosophers have nonetheless put the nation ahead of mankind in their inquiries.

Bryan Caplan’s wonderfully illustrated narrative Open Borders...

Mobility thus ought to be one of the paramount human rights of the twenty-first century. If there is a term for my position, it’s “cosmopolitan utilitarianism”: We should realign our geographies to bring maximum welfare to current and future generations.

In 2018, governments agreed to a

“Global Compact for Safe, Orderly, and Regular Migration” that recognized the rights of migrants to work and contribute rather than be a financial burden. But the US has rejected both the Migration Compact and a parallel Global Compact for Refugees.

David Graeber wisely noted, “The ultimate, hidden truth of the world is that it is something that we make, and could just as easily make differently.” Highlight(orange) - Geography evolves, and human society must evolve with it.

“[The United States] is probably the most self-absorbed country on the planet...”

## **end Khanna, Parag**

“If one offers money to a government to influence it, that is corruption. But if someone receives money for services rendered afterwards, that is a commission.”

Adnan Khashoggi

“Some depart to remain,”

Jamal Khashoggi

Khatib, Joumana, NYT book reviewer:

“Excavating the words buried inside.” from review of book by Patricia Lockwood

Khazan, Olga:

“...her regular life so closely resembled quarantine...she will, in effect, come out of quarantine a new woman...the strangeness and tension of the pandemic seems to have prompted some people to shake up their lives...”

Our personalities are not set in stone...your personality is more like a sand dune than a stone...

Khazan is author of Wierd, 2020.

“...the arc of the political universe bends towards caste, as progressive legislative or electoral victories activate the dominant group...Throughout American history, white supremacist ideas deemed taboo have simply gone undercover.”



Sunil Khilnani, NYer Caste review

"Moslems have no alternative ... Holy war means the conquest of all non-Moslem territories...the final aim of which is to put Koranic law in power from one end of the earth to the other....

Islam does not allow peace between ... a Moslem and an infidel."

Ruhollah Khomeini

"Don't make the mistake of looking for the future in your rear-view mirror."

Vinod Khosla

"... our security-focused solutions are pruning the branches rather than attacking the roots—which lie in the breakdown of social institutions, the expansion of prisons, and the rise of joblessness, which create disaffected communities with a sharp sense of grievance against the mainstream.?"

Farhad Khosrokhavar

"Two words capture every important dimension of the Arab

Awakening: "humiliation" and "legitimacy.""

Rami G Khouri

" the language of "autocracy, of state nationalism is always the same regardless of the country, and no nation is exempt." She added that, in all likelihood, Mr. Trump had not read Lenin, Stalin or Mao Zedong, but the "formulas of insult, humiliation, domination, branding, enemy-forming and name calling are always the same. ..." and see Orenstein

Khrushcheva

Soren Kierkegaard:

"Of all ridiculous things, the most ridiculous seems to me, to be busy...

faith sees best in the dark...

We must work out who we are, and how to live, right in the middle of life itself, with an open future ahead of us...

people baths...

Geniuses are like thunderstorms. They go against the wind, terrify people, cleanse the air."

"Truth always rests with the minority ... because the minority is generally formed by those who really have an opinion, while the strength of a majority is illusory, formed by the gangs who have no opinion," Kierkegaard

"There are two ways to be fooled. One is to believe what isn't true; the other is to refuse to believe what is true."

Soren Kierkegaard

"Life must be lived forward but can only be understood backward." Kierkegaard

Soren Kierkegaard

- "To dare is to lose one's footing momentarily. Not to dare is to lose oneself.

"An unconscious relationship is more powerful than a conscious one."

Soren Kierkegaard

"That Individual."

Kierkegaard's tombstone

the final simplicity is silence...

"Envy is secret admiration,"

**end Kierkegaard**

"History has shown that incumbents tend to fight trends that challenge established ways...

if you can make it easier to consume, people will consume more..."  
Jason Kilar, Hulu

"There's a North Korean song which compares each citizen to a bullet in this great weapon for the Great Leader."

"It's interesting to be analyzing North Korea in this period of time in America because there are a lot of similarities. Look at Trump's nonstop tweeting about "fake news" and how great he is. That's very familiar, that's what North Korea does. It's just endless propaganda."

how many words are there in a tweet? It's very similar to those [North Korean] slogans. ... when you see the humanity of North Koreans is when the horror be- comes that much greater. You see how humanity can be so distorted and manipulated and violated. You face the devastation of what's truly at stake.

Suki Kim

Kim, Tschang-Yeul:

"When we have turned anger, unease, and fear into emptiness, we can experience peace and harmony..."

I've dissolved and erased horrible memories by painting them countless times..."

Jason Farage: 'his works effect a strange melting of hyperealism and abstraction, always trying but never succeeding to come to terms with the past.'

NYT obit.

"You can't have a democracy without the people paying attention."

Charles Kimball, District 2 candidate, UT

"We cannot let the death of reason, responsibility and civility be our legacy."

"Understand what we do to you. We spend all of our time raising money, often from strangers we do not even know. Then we spend it in three specific ways: First we measure you, what it is you want to purchase in the political marketplace — just like Campbell's soup or Kellogg's cereal. Next, we hire some consultants who know how to tailor our image to fit what we sell. Lastly, we bombard you with the meaningless, issueless, emotional nonsense that is always the result. And whichever one of us does that best will win." [1]

[Richard Kimball Project VoteSmart](#)

We are a warlike people, easily distracted from our assignment of preparing for the coming of the Lord. When enemies rise up, we commit vast resources to the fabrication of gods of stone and steel — ships, planes, missiles, fortifications — and depend on them for protection and deliverance. When threatened, we become antienemy instead of pro-kingdom of God; we train a man in the art of war and call him a patriot, thus, in the manner of Satan's counterfeit of true patriotism, perverting the Savior's teaching:

Pres. Spencer W Kimball from [www.warlikepeople.com](http://www.warlikepeople.com)

Kimmel, Jimmy:

"All this time we've been listening to the C.D.C., we should have been eating CBD."

Kimmerer, Robin:

"In the English language, we reserve the pronouns of personhood for humans—"he," "she," "they"—and not for animals, plants, and landscapes. Yet in many of America's

indigenous languages, such barriers are dissolved, and so, too, is the sense of distance between human and nonhuman.”

“To be native to a place we must learn to speak its language.

“...Listening in wild places, we are audience to conversations in a language not our own. I think now that it was a longing to comprehend this language I hear in the woods that led me to science, to learn over the years to speak fluent botany. A tongue that should not, by the way, be mistaken for the language of plants. I did learn another language in science, though, one of careful observation, an intimate vocabulary that names each little part. To name and describe you must first see, and science polishes the gift of seeing. I honor the strength of the language that has become a second tongue to me.”

“Listening in wild places, we are audience to conversations in a language not our own.”

“...science polishes the gift of seeing.”

“...in scientific language our terminology is used to define the boundaries of our knowing. What lies beyond our grasp remains unnamed.”

“...we freely insert high school Spanish words to fill in the gaps, making a language we call Spanawatomi.”

from a Potawatomi elder:

“The language is the heart of our culture; it holds our thoughts, our way of seeing the world. It’s too beautiful for English to explain.”

and another elder:

“What will happen to a joke when no one can hear it anymore? How lonely those words will be, when their power is gone. Where will they go? Off to join the stories that can never be told again.”

“...With the beautiful clusters of consonants of zh and mb and shwe and kwe and mshk, our language sounds like wind in the pines and water over rocks, sounds our ears may have been more delicately attuned to in the past...

English is a noun-based language, somehow appropriate to a culture so obsessed with things. s. Only 30 percent of English words are verbs, but in Potawatomi that proportion is 70 percent.

I could smell the water of the bay, watch it rock against the shore and hear it sift onto the sand. A bay is a noun only if water is dead. When bay is a noun, it is defined by humans, trapped between its shores and contained by the word. But the verb wiikwegamaa—to be a bay—releases the water from bondage and lets it live. “To be a bay” holds the wonder that, for this moment, the living water has decided to shelter itself between these shores, conversing with cedar roots and a flock of baby mergansers.

...The language reminds us, in every sentence, of our kinship with all of the animate world.

English doesn’t give us many tools for incorporating respect for animacy. In English, you are either a human or a thing. Our grammar boxes us in by the choice of reducing a nonhuman being to an it, or it must be gendered, inappropriately, as a he or a she.

Where are our words for the simple existence of another living being?

via Thomas Berry: “we must say of the universe that it is a communion of subjects, not a collection of objects.”

via student: ‘...Wouldn’t things be different if nothing was an it?’

“If a maple is an it, we can take up the chain saw. If a maple is a her, we think twice.

“The arrogance of English is that the only way to be animate, to be worthy of respect and moral concern, is to be a human.

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U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon is denouncing the "sickening, savage and apparently deliberate attack" on a U.N.-Syrian Arab Red Crescent convoy in Syria, calling the bombers "cowards."

The U.N. chief told world leaders at Tuesday's opening of the U.N. General Assembly's ministerial meeting that "just when we think it cannot get any worse, the bar of depravity sinks lower."

The Red Crescent said about 20 civilians were killed. Ban called those delivering aid "heroes."

He says the United Nations was forced to suspend aid convoys "because of this outrage"

Ban blames the Syrian government for most deaths and says it "continues to barrel bomb neighborhoods and systematically torture thousands of detainees."

He says countries "that keep feeding the war machine also have blood on their hands" and accuses unnamed governments attending the U.N. meeting of ignoring, facilitating, funding, planning and carrying out "atrocities" against civilians on all sides.

Ban Ki-Moon, UN Sec-Gen

"The nation-state is just about through as an economic unit."

Charles Kindleberger, via Anthony Sampson

King, Angus:

"[Zelensky] channeled his inner Churchill."

"Nobody lasts forever, so I have to have a plan. And I do.

My plan is to retire 5 or 10 years after I'm dead."

B B King, 2001, at 76

"...life is a series of sprints. Along the way, you'll have failures...choose to see these failures as feedback...plan your next step."

Billie Jean King

"The prospect of dollars today clouds the clear vision necessary to bless future generations...Wishful thinking is no substitute for providing our children the resources they need in our neighborhood schools...Common sense should tell us not to place bets on these flights of legal fantasy."

Brian King Utah House

"It's the same thing that sends the music through me – it came through me ... in every song I write. I can feel it now, it's the same energy, but apparently it wants me to write a novel, so I'm writing a novel."

Carol King

King George VI:

advising a very troubled Winston Churchill  
"Go to the people. Let them instruct you."

**King, Martin Luther, Jr:**

"an edifice which produces beggars needs restructuring."  
"If democracy is to have breadth of meaning, it is necessary to adjust this inequity. It is not only moral, but it is also intelligent. We are wasting and degrading human life by clinging to archaic thinking."

"There's something in the Soul that cries out for freedom"  
"The Law will not change the heart, but it will restrain the heartless."  
from Letter from a Birmingham Jail:

If I sought to answer all of the criticisms  
that cross my desk, my secretaries would be engaged in little else in the course of the day, and I would have no time for constructive work.  
Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly. Never

the dark shadow of a deep disappointment settled upon us. So we had no alternative except that of preparing for direct action, whereby we would present our very bodies as a means of laying our case before the conscience of the local and national community.

there are two types of laws: there are just laws, and there are unjust laws. I would agree with St. Augustine that "An unjust law is no law at all."

an unjust law is a human law that is not rooted in eternal and natural law. Any law that uplifts human personality is just. Any law that degrades human personality is unjust. All segregation statutes are unjust because segregation distorts the soul and damages the personality. It gives the segregator a false sense of superiority and the segregated a false sense of inferiority.

academic freedom is a reality today because Socrates practiced civil disobedience.

everything Hitler did in Germany was "legal" and everything the Hungarian freedom fighters did in Hungary was "illegal."

Negro's great  
stumbling block in the stride toward freedom is not the White Citizens Councillor or the Ku Klux Klanner but the white moderate who is more devoted to order than to justice; who prefers a negative peace which is the absence of tension to a positive peace which is the presence of justice; who constantly says, "I agree with you in the goal you seek, but I can't agree with your methods of direct action"; who paternalistically feels that he can set the timetable for another man's freedom; who lives by the myth of

time; and who constantly advises the Negro to wait until a "more convenient season."  
Shallow understanding from people of  
good will is more frustrating than absolute misunderstanding from people of ill will.  
Lukewarm acceptance is much more  
bewildering than outright rejection.

All that is said here grows out of a tragic misconception of time. It is the strangely  
irrational notion  
that there is something in the very flow of time that will inevitably cure all ills. Actually,  
time is neutral. It can be used either  
destructively or constructively. I am coming to feel that the people of ill will have used  
time much more effectively than the  
people of good will. We will have to repent in this generation not merely for the vitriolic  
words and actions of the bad people but  
for the appalling silence of the good people.

Was not John Bunyan an extremist? -- "I will stay in jail to the end of my  
days before I make a mockery of my conscience."

So the question is not whether we will be extremist, but what kind of extremists we will  
be. Will we be extremists for  
hate, or will we be extremists for love? Will we be extremists for the preservation of  
injustice, or will we be extremists for the  
cause of justice?

others have been more cautious than courageous and have remained silent behind the  
anesthetizing security of stained-glass windows.

The contemporary church is so often a weak, ineffectual voice with an uncertain sound.  
It is so often  
the arch supporter of the status quo. Far from being disturbed by the presence of the  
church, the power structure of the average  
community is consoled by the church's often vocal sanction of things as they are.

I have tried to make it clear  
that it is wrong to use immoral means to attain moral ends. But now I must affirm that it  
is just as wrong, or even more, to use  
moral means to preserve immoral ends.

"True compassion is more than flinging a coin at a beggar;  
it comes to see that an edifice that produces beggars needs restructuring."

"There comes a time when silence becomes betrayal."

"We will not obey unjust laws nor submit to unjust practices. We will do this peacefully,  
openly, cheerfully, because our aim is to persuade. We adopt the means of non-violence  
because our end is a community at peace with itself. ...We are ready to suffer when  
necessary and even risk our lives to become witnesses to the truth..."

Nobel Peace Prize speech  
Martin Luther King, Jr.

"...the Christian doctrine of love, operating through the Ghandian method of non-  
violence, is one of the most potent weapons available to an oppressed people in their  
struggle for freedom."

"...we are deeply in need of a new way beyond the darkness that seems so close around us."

"We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny.

We will have to repent in this generation not merely for the vitriolic words and actions of the bad people but for the appalling silence of the good people."

"This country has socialism for the rich, and rugged individualism for the poor."

"The difference between a dreamer and a visionary is that the dreamer has his eyes closed; the visionary has his eyes open."

"I can never be what I ought to be  
Until you are what you ought to be."

"...lancing the boil on the body politic."

' Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred...'

"We are now faced with the fact that tomorrow is today.

We are confronted with the fierce urgency of now...there is such a thing as being too late."

ML King, end of his last book, 1967

The I have a Dream speech: "That dream that I had that day has, in many points, turned into a nightmare." via interview with Sander Vanocur.

"Sometimes the public is not ready to digest the truth. ...

his sense of prophetic obligation had been strengthened by his receipt of the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize, which represented "a commission to work harder than I had ever worked before for 'the brotherhood of man' " — a calling "that takes me beyond national allegiances." Dr. King emphasized that he counted himself among those who are "bound by allegiances and loyalties which are broader and deeper than nationalism."

When "profit motives and property rights are considered more important than people, the giant triplets of racism, materialism and militarism are incapable of being conquered." He concluded by calling for "a worldwide fellowship that lifts neighborly concern beyond one's tribe, race, class and nation."

via David J Garrow NYT see pdf

"If something isn't done, and done in a hurry, to bring the colored peoples of the world out of their long years of poverty, their long years of hurt and neglect, the whole world is doomed."

ML King via Economist, 7-11-2020

"I'm more concerned about the quality of my life than the quantity of my life. ...

Ultimately, it isn't so important how long you live - it's how well you live."

M L King Jr on The Tonight Show, hosted by Harry Belafonte, 3 months before assassination.

([www.thenation.com/belafontetonight](http://www.thenation.com/belafontetonight))

"Whenever the government provides opportunities and privileges for white people and rich people they call it 'subsidies'. When they do it for Negro and poor people they call it 'welfare'."

ML King Jr via George Pyle  
"The ultimate logic of racism is genocide."  
M L King Jr

"One day," Dr. King told sanitation workers on strike in Memphis in 1968, "our society will come to respect the sanitation worker if it is to survive, for the person who picks up our garbage, in the final analysis, is as significant as the physician, for if he doesn't do his job, diseases are rampant. All labor has dignity."

"In the End, we will remember not the words of our enemies,  
but the silence of our friends."

...if a man has not discovered something that he will die for, he isn't fit to live....

A man dies when he refuses to stand up for that which is right. A man dies when he refuses to stand up for justice. A man dies when he refuses to take a stand for that which is true."

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

via Brooks: '...sin is buried so deep in the human soul that sweet words are insufficient to get people to give up their unjust power.'

"Instead of assured progress in wisdom and decency, man faces the ever-present possibility of a swift relaps not merely to animalism, but into such calculated cruelty as no other animal can practice."

"...the greatest tragedy of this period of social transition was not the strident clamor of the bad people, but the appalling silence of the good people."

"We as a nation must undergo a radical revolution of values. We must rapidly begin the shift from a 'thing-oriented society' to a 'person-oriented society'. When machines and computers, profit motives and property rights, are considered more important than people, the giant triplets of racism, extreme materialism, and militarism are incapable of being conquered." 1967

"True compassion," King declared, "is more than flinging a coin to a beggar; it comes to see that an edifice which produces beggars needs restructuring."

"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter".

"Courage is the power of mind to overcome fear."

"Procrastination is still the thief of time...time is deaf to every plea and rushes on."

"Where do we go from here: chaos or community?"

"Nothing in the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity."

"... the question is not whether we will be extremists, but what kind of extremists we will be."

"An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his own individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity."

We as a nation must undergo a radical revolution of values. We must rapidly begin the shift from a thing-oriented society to a people-oriented society."

Martin Luther King



“...capitalism was built on the exploitation and suffering of black slaves and continues to thrive on the exploitation of the poor – both black and white, here and abroad.”

“the three evils of society” – “the giant triplets of racism, economic exploitation and militarism.”

“Shallow understanding from people of good will is more frustrating than absolute misunderstanding from people of ill will. Lukewarm acceptance is much more bewildering than outright rejection.”

“there comes a time when silence is betrayal.”

Only during times of darkness can you see the stars.”

A man dies when he refuses to stand up for that which is right. A man dies when he refuses to stand up for justice. A man dies when he refuses to take a stand for that which is true.

**end Martin L King, Jr**

“Iran is probably more of a threat than ISIS...”

I think Putin is evil.”

Peter King, NY, at Stewart conf 2017

King, Shaka:

“...you can't apply logic to racism.”

From the end of World War II to the brief interlude of prosperity after the cold war, politicians could console themselves with the thought that rapid economic growth would eventually rescue them from short-term fiscal transgressions.... We are reaching end times for Western affluence.... The underlying reason for the stagnation is that a half-century of remarkable one-off developments in the industrialized world will not be repeated.... These five factors induced, if not complacency, an assumption that economies could expand forever.... a plea for economic honesty, to recognize that promises made during good times can no longer be easily kept.... Policy makers simply pray for a strong recovery. They opt for the illusion because the reality is too bleak to bear. But as the current fiscal crisis demonstrates, facing the pain will not be easy. And the waking up from our collective illusions has barely begun.

Stephen D King see my 6th factor comment to NY Times, 10-7-2013

“The most important things are the hardest to say, because words diminish them.”

“Amateurs sit and wait for inspiration, the rest of us just get up and go to work.”

“The news is real. The president is fake.”

Stephen King

“We can't restore our civilization with somebody else's babies.”

Congressman Steve King, Iowa

“...moral injury - the damage to the soul caused by participating in something unjust - has a wide blast radius for anyone with a conscience.”

Alex Kingsbury

Barbara Kingsolver quote -- via Julia Corbett

*Flight Behavior*: protagonist Dellarobia: “There's just not room at our house for the end of the world....A world where you could count on nothing you'd ever known or trusted, that was no place you wanted to be.”

"Science doesn't tell us what we should do," Kingsolver wrote in [\*Flight Behavior\*](#). "It only tells us what is."

"Good fiction creates empathy. A novel takes you somewhere and asks you to look through the eyes of another person, to live another life."

Kingsolver

"God should be flattered: unlike most of those clamoring for his attention, Hitchens treats him like an adult."

"The scandal isn't what's illegal. The scandal is what's legal."

Michael Kinsley

Kinzer Steven:

"The idea ... that Americans have a right an even an obligation to depose regimes they consider evil - is not new but one of the oldest and most resilient of all the beliefs that define the United States..."

There is no stronger or persistent strain in the American character than the belief that the United States is a nation uniquely endowed with virtue...

also quotes G W Bush, Edmund Burke...

**end Steven Kinzer**

"All good people agree,  
And all good people say,  
All nice people, like Us, are We  
And every one else is They."

"What's your last religion?

Have you got a creed?

...

Name the books that helped you

On the path you've trod.

Do you use a little g

When you write of God?"

Rudyard Kipling

"I suddenly realized that most people don't go to films for any real understanding. Most of us go to watch ourselves. And any film that doesn't give is the narcissistic view we want is smugly deemed a travesty of art."

"I've always had a hard time getting my head around a God that comes with a manual."

"...the more people there are in one spot, the lower the collective IQ ..."

"Here's what I do know. It's possible to be so focused on heaven that we forget we're creating our own hell."

"Humans are the only animal that can actually reason itself stupider."

Robert Kirby

"...injustice must be the public face of hatred."

David E Kirkland

"Despair is not an acceptable position."

"I really had to write "Mosquitoes" when Brexit happened. This is just about how a middle-class, liberal, intellectual class has failed the other class in our country because we haven't stopped to explain our ideas clearly enough to them in a way that isn't alienating."

Lucy Kirkwood, playwright

"...Mormonism [is] a religion notoriously susceptible to modification by freelance visionaries..."

"... dystopian novels...prediction is neither their main concern nor their key pleasure. They are up to something else, a more mysterious project that enchants us both when we're young and the future is a mystery and when we're old and it's a memory."

"When things fall apart, you see what they are made of....the structure of our society laid low and laid bare by a series of demolitions."

Walter Kirn

"It's impossible to improve education by doing an end run around inherently complicated and messy human relationships...the personal touch is crucial...there is simple no substitute for the personal element."

David L Kirp

"By the time we reach the twelfth chapter of Genesis, it is hard to see how human beings could be any worse, or any more incorrigible...It seems as if the human story has reached a dead end in wickedness...And then along comes Abraham."

"This is the paradox of literature, which is also the glory of humanism: the idea that nothing human is alien to any of us, that we all have the power to imagine our way into one another's lives." re: Ferrante, appropriation, nyt pdf

NYer Vienna Circle article:

"At moments of humiliation and confusion, when people need to rebuild their understanding of the world, they are willing to rethink assumptions that go unchallenged in normal times..."

Philosophy's role in the search for truth is to examine the form of our statements, to insure that they are syntactically and logically correct....

Neurath...a new method of representing data in easily comprehensible pictograms, known as Isotype, which resulted in the visual vocabulary now used in infographics throughout the world."

Adam Kirsch

"Universities like to teach history as a series of discrete problems. And they above all don't want to teach Western history. They believe that the West has committed so many crimes that they are not entitled to single it out. That is a thought that would never occur to a Chinese. To return genuine pluralism to the campuses—to examine even ideas conventional wisdom rejects—has become a major national challenge."

The use of force is the ultimate sanction of diplomacy. Diplomacy and power are not discrete activities. They are linked, though not in the sense that each time negotiations stall, you resort to force. It simply means that the opposite number in a negotiation needs to know there is a breaking point at which you will attempt to impose your will. Otherwise, there will be a deadlock or a diplomatic defeat. That point is dependent on three components: the possession of adequate and relevant power, tactical willingness to deploy it, and a strategic doctrine that disciplines a society's power with its values."

"The Chinese believe that no problem can ever be finally solved. Therefore, when you talk to Chinese strategists, they talk about process rather than ad hoc issues."

"Power is the ultimate aphrodisiac."

"Diplomacy is an exercise in the patient accumulations of partial successes."

"Any system of world order, to be sustainable, must be accepted as just—not only by leaders, but also by citizens. It must reflect two truths: order without freedom, even if sustained by momentary exaltation, eventually creates its own counterpoise; yet

freedom cannot be secured or sustained without a framework of order to keep the peace. Order and freedom, sometimes described as opposite poles on the spectrum of experience, should instead be understood as interdependent”

“...great leaders make the occasion.”

Henry Kissinger

Philip Kitcher: Can we sustain democracy and the planet? Chapter in Agnotology and YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jWRH8GG8BCY>

“We have come to a place in the history of this great state of ours where a person can be charged, tried, convicted and sentenced by the media with no due process and no independent verification of the allegations involved.”

John Kitzhaber, Oregon

“These are resilient people, and Americans don’t always understand this kind of resistance, but it’s been shown that the traumatized grow with their trauma and change society for better.” RE Kurds

Jan Kizilhan, psychologist, via Jennifer Percy NYT Mag

Klaas, Brian:

“...Defund the authoritarians.”

“Swirling around Trump and fighting

for supremacy are two powerful factions: the billionaires, who seek maximum opportunity for elite enrichment, and the bombardiers—political ideologues who seek to bring down the existing world order and establish a new one in their preferred image...”

Michael T Klare

Klay, Phil:

“...there’s a whole lot of killing done in our name that our government deliberately keeps secret. ...

“...’war on drugs’ ... reminds me of that cartoon. This king is slamming his fist on the table, saying, ‘If all my horses and all my men can’t put Humpty Dumpty together again, then what I need is more horses and more men.’”

from the Talmud: “The day is short. The task is difficult. It is not our duty to finish it, but we are forbidden not to try.”

Herbert Kleber

“Shame is the emotional weapon that allows patriarchal behaviors to flourish.”

Avi Klein

“...the biggest source of waste is everything the journalist has written before today.”

Ezra Klein, now at vox.com

“For Obama, the cost of becoming president was sacrificing the unique gift that made him president.”

Ezra Klein

**Klein, Naomi:**

"Climate change  
detonates the ideological scaffolding on which contemporary  
conservatism rests. There is simply no way to square a belief  
system that vilifies collective action and venerates total market  
freedom with a problem that demands collective action on an unprecedented scale and a  
dramatic reining in of the market  
forces that created and are deepening the crisis....  
the right has systematically  
used crises—real and trumped up—to push through  
a brutal ideological agenda designed not to solve the problems  
that created the crises but rather to enrich elites....  
what kind  
of economy should be built to displace the one crashing all  
around us...  
"Climate change...is a message, one that is telling us that many of Western culture's  
most cherished ideas are no longer viable...Our current world is built on false promises,  
discounted futures and sacrificial people; it was rigged to blow from the start."

"...when you rob people of what little they have, in order to protect  
the interests of those who have more than anyone deserves,  
you should expect resistance—whether organized protests or spontaneous looting.  
And that's not politics. It's physics."

If you take climate change seriously, you do have to throw out the free-market playbook.  
"An economic system that requires constant growth, while bucking almost all serious  
attempts at environmental regulation, generates a steady stream of disasters all on its  
own..."  
"...wrecking the planet is their business model. It's what they do."  
"...ours is a culture of the perpetual present, one that deliberately severs itself from the  
past...as well as the future we are shaping..."  
"Our economic model is at war with life on Earth."

from This Changes Everything:

"Living with this kind of cognitive dissonance is simply part of being alive in this jarring  
moment in history, when a crisis we have been studiously ignoring is hitting us in the  
face - and yet we are doubling down on the stuff that is causing the crisis in the first  
place....  
We deny because we fear that letting in the full reality of this crisis will change  
everything. And we are right...  
...the only thing rising faster than our emissions is the output of words pledging to lower  
them...  
...no gradual incremental options are now available to us...  
This is a shift that challenges not only capitalism, but also the building blocks of  
materialism that preceded modern capitalism, a mentality some call  
'extractivism'...climate change isn't an 'issue',...It is a civilizational wake-up call.  
...fear that comes from living on a planet that is dying...the unbearable reality that we are  
living in a dying world...  
...it is always easier to deny reality than to allow our worldview to be shattered...  
...the abrupt rise in climate change denial among hardcore conservatives...as soon as  
they admit that climate change is real, they will lose the central ideological battle of our  
time - whether we need to plan and manage our societies to reflect our goals and  
values, or whether that task can be left to the magic of the market...  
...we are all inclined to denial when the truth is too costly..."

...the illusion of total power and control...has given way to the reality of near total powerlessness and loss of control ... climate change is so deeply frightening...to confront this crisis truthfully is to confront ourselves...to accept (even embrace) being but one porous part of the world, rather than its master...

quoting a Romanian photo caption: 'You know your government has failed when your grandma starts to riot.'...

quoting Tom Paine: 'It is the good fortune of many to live distant from the scene of sorrow.'...

"[Fossil fuels is] an industry which has declared war on the future....

"Like the trees, soil, rocks, and clay that the industry's machines scrape up, masticate, and pile into great slag heaps, democracy is getting torn into rubble too, chewed up and tossed aside to make way for the bulldozers....

"[We need ] a worldview based on regeneration and renewal rather than domination and depletion....

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

"...an unshakeable belief in the equal rights of all people and a capacity for deep compassion will be the only things standing between civilization and barbarism...

...moments when the impossible seems suddenly possible are excruciatingly rare and precious...more must be made of them."

"...it isn't just a switch from brown-energy billionaires to green-energy billionaires. Because it would be easy to end up with an extractive green economy that tramples human rights and concentrates resources. It could be a deeply unjust transition." Sierra Mag, 1-2015

"... climate change detonates the ideological scaffolding on which contemporary conservatism rests."

"No is not enough. We also need to lay out our Yes."

"...in so many ways, Trump is not a rupture at all, but rather the culmination - the logical end point - of a great many dangerous stories our culture has been telling for a very long time. That greed is good. That the market rules. That money is what matters in life. That white men are better than the rest. That the natural world is there for us to pillage. That the vulnerable deserve their fate, and the 1 percent deserve their golden towers. That anything public or commonly held is sinister and not worth protecting. That we are surrounded by danger and should only look after our own. That there is no alternative to any of this." from Niobe Way book, p. 44

From No Logo at Ten:

Kristin Hagbard: 'no matter what's on the outside, it's the inside that really matters.'

"The 'anti-globalization movement' was nothing of the sort. At the reformist end it was anti-corporate; at the radical end it was anti-capitalist...

handing over to the private sector many of the most essential functions of government... the process of auctioning off the state, leaving only a shell - or a brand - ...

One company that took over many of those services was Lockheed Martin...

It was as if people understood, all at once, that gathering this knowledge was crucial to the survival not just of democracy but of the planet....

the brands couldn't fulfill the deep desires they were awakening, social movements had a new impetus to try...

there is a tremendous appetite for progressive change - many, many people ... are repelled by torture, believe passionately in civil liberties, want corporations out of politics, see global warming as the fight of our time, and very much want to be part of a political project larger than themselves."

Studs Terkel quote.

"This is not a tragic accident. It is a crime scene and should be treated as such." on Trump getting Covid.

"...Fridays for Future movement ... woven this incredible truly international web of children and young adults. Frankly, its internationalism puts the adult climate movement to shame....the right to a future..."

"...I knew that just as he was discovering the beauty of our world, it was draining away."

from her Toxic Nostalgia piece:

Nostalgia is also what animates the Canadian truckers who occupied Ottawa for the better part of a month, wielding their red-and-white flags like a conquering army, evoking a simpler time when their consciences were undisturbed by thoughts of the bodies of Indigenous children, whose remains are still being discovered on the grounds of those genocidal institutions that once dared to call themselves "schools."

...A nostalgia for a time when fossil fuels could be extracted from the earth without uneasy thoughts of mass extinction, or children demanding their right to a future, or Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change reports, like the one just released yesterday, that reads, in the words of United Nations Secretary General António Guterres, like an "atlas of human suffering and a damning indictment of failed climate leadership."

...climate change is the Earth telling us that nothing is free; that the age of (white, male) human "dominion" has ended; that there is no such thing as a one-way relationship comprised only of taking; that all actions have reactions.

...These alliances ... are bound together by an attitude toward time, one that clings to an idealized version of the past and steadfastly refuses to face difficult truths about the future...

a disaster capitalist charade

...all of us — the U.S., Canada, Germany, Japan — are still consuming obscene and untenable amounts of oil and gas, and indeed of energy, period.

... once you have denied climate breakdown, denying pandemics, elections, or pretty much any form of objective reality is a light lift.

..."We will not surrender in Ukraine. And we hope the world will not surrender in building a climate-resilient future."

## **end of Naomi Klein**

Klein, Stefan:

on Leonardo: Stefan Klein on Leonardo:

"A good scientist approaches nature the way a caricaturist approaches the features of a politician: Both simplify and overdraw their objects until the essence clearly emerges."

Klemperer, Victor: "...propaganda is blurring reality."

"[Trump] knows that truth is like a story. It needs to go through several rewrites before it's good to go. Don was just working through his rough drafts."

"The left-wing team is charging onto the field of ignorance without facts. And once again, we must meet them there."

Jordan Klepper

"Russia's ... overriding narrative - ...information and speech are weapons that need to be controlled."

Alexander Klimburg

"If the entire human species were a single individual, that person would long ago have been declared mad.

...just as syntax is nothing until words are built upon it, so too is a sense of right and wrong useless until someone teaches you how to apply it."

Jeffrey Kluger in TIME Good and Evil

"...the history of the United States is a history of conspiracy-minded countersubversion."  
Peter Knight

"... the market system is not only the most efficient, it is also the only moral system in history.... the peace movement and the free trade movement are one and the same... the Republican Party is the party of 'business' in the worse sense ... "

"It takes courage to argue against ethanol subsidies when you own and operate four ethanol plants."

James Allen put it: "Adversity does not build character, it reveals it."

"If somebody's evil, the smarter they are, the more damage they're going to do."

Charles Koch

"We are focused on maximizing the number of principled leaders in the House and Senate."

"Boy did we screw up. What a mess!" from new book Believe in People.

Charles Koch

"Religious and politic violence emanate from an ideology that defines particular classes of people as constituting "evil." Violence proceeds on the basis of the fantasy that it is necessary to eliminate the source of evil that is acting to destroy the "good object" (e.g., one's God or country). Acts of violence are undertaken as a rescue fantasy: destroying the bad or evil object in order to save the (goodness of the) good object."  
Hitler believed that "Jews" were the source of the world's evil. Lenin believed "capitalists" were acting to destroy the world. Americans in the Fifties believed Communists were intent upon taking over and crushing the world. An identical dynamic governs today's political struggles

Richard A. Koenigsberg , via Scarry

"Nationalism is a living religion ... warfare is undertaken as a form of sacrifice ... to objects of worship with names like France, Germany, Japan, America...we sacrifice human beings in the name of our Gods?...is the production of sacrificial violence and victims an essential function of the nation-state?"

Richard A Koenigsberg

see Hitler discussion at end of his Nations have the Right to Kill, 2009.

"I can explain this to you; I can't comprehend it for you."

"Perfectly sane minds possess an incredible capacity for developing narratives, and even some of the wildest conspiracy theories can be grounded in rational thinking, which makes them that much more pernicious..."

Conspiracy theories seem to be more compelling to those with low self-worth, especially with regard to their sense of agency in the world at large. Conspiracy theories appear to be a way of reacting to uncertainty and powerlessness...

...conspiracy theories ... are nothing more than an extreme form of cynicism, a turning away from politics and traditional media – which only perpetuates the problem."

Maggie Koerth-Baker



**Koestler, Arthur quotes:**

from Janus, 1978:

"...the most important date in the history and prehistory of the human race ... 6 August 1945. ...mankind ... [now has] to live with the prospect of its extinction as a *species*."  
...The most striking indication of the pathology of our species is the contrast between its unique technological achievements and its equally unique incompetence in the conduct of its social affairs. ... Russian roulette is a game which cannot be played for long."  
"... *homo sapiens* is not a reasonable being. ... an aberrant biological species."  
"... the trouble with our species is not an excess of *aggression*, but an excess capacity for fanatical *devotion*. ... Man's deadliest weapon is *language*...susceptible to being hypnotized by slogans... Without words there would be no poetry - and no war."  
"...we are concerned with a cure for the paranoid streak in what we call 'normal people' ... to reinforce man's critical faculties, counteract misplaced devotion and that militant enthusiasm, both murderous and suicidal, which is reflected ... daily."  
...society ... must be immunized against the hypnotic effects of propaganda and thought-control....It can only be done by 'tampering' with human nature itself to correct its endemic schizophysiological disposition. History tells us that nothing less will do."  
"...we are a mentally sick race, and as such deaf to persuasion. ... Nature has let us down. God seems to have left the receiver off the hook, and time is running out. [We need] to concoct *elixir vitae*, ... the transformation of *homo maniacus* into *homo sapiens*."  
"... the pull of the future is as real as the pressure of the past.  
[We are ] a mentally unbalanced species, with a built-in paranoid streak, mercilessly revealed by its past and present history.  
end of Koestler, Janus.

1945 - Yogi...: "I am still unable to understand how I was able to bear last year's state of profound ignorance; but lately the new revelations, instead of shattering and destroying all that went before, seem to combine into a pattern sufficiently elastic to absorb the new material and yet with a certain consistency in its basic features."

Darkness at Noon:

"The principle that the end justifies the means is and remains the only rule of political ethics.

Nature is generous in her senseless experiments on mankind. Why should mankind not have the right to experiment on itself? by Ivanov

Rubashov's 'diary': We seem to be faced with a pendulum movement in history, swinging from absolutism to democracy, from democracy back to absolute dictatorship.

The amount of individual freedom which a people may conquer and keep, depends on the degree of its political maturity.

Every jump of technical progress leaves the relative intellectual development of the masses a step behind, and thus causes a fall in the political maturity thermometer.

In periods of maturity it is the duty and the function of the opposition to appeal to the masses. In periods of mental immaturity, only demagogues invoke the 'higher judgment of the people'.

I plead guilty to having placed the idea of man above the idea of mankind ...

...No. 1 held all the threads in his hand, and had made the Party bureaucracy his accomplice, who would stand and fall with him, and knew it.

He who opposes a dictatorship must accept civil war as a means. He who recoils from civil war must give up opposition and accept the dictatorship.

...a peculiar, twisted sense of duty forced him to remain awake and continue the lost battle to the end - even though it were only a battle with windmills.

Fragment of the Diary of N. S. Rubashov:

...There must have been laughter amidst the apes when the Neanderthaler first appeared on earth. The highly civilized apes swung gracefully from bough to bough; the Neanderthaler was uncouth and bound to the earth. The apes, saturated and peaceful, lived in sophisticated playfulness, or caught fleas in philosophic contemplation; the Neanderthaler trampled gloomily through the world, banging around with clubs. The apes looked down on him amusedly from their tree tops and threw nuts at him. Sometimes horror seized them; they ate fruits and tender plants with delicate refinement; the Neanderthaler devoured raw meat, he slaughtered animals and his fellows. He cut down trees which had always stood, moved rocks from their time-hallowed place, transgressed against every law and tradition of the jungle. He was uncouth, cruel without animal dignity - from the point of view of the highly cultivated apes, a barbaric relapse of history. The last surviving chimpanzees still turn up their noses at the sight of a human being. . .

It is necessary to hammer every sentence into the masses by repetition and simplification. What is presented as right must shine like gold; what is presented as wrong must be black as pitch.

He recognized that it was too late to go back again the same way, to step once more in the graves of his own footprints. Words could undo nothing. Too late for all of them. When the hour came to make their last appearance before the world, none of them could turn the dock into a rostrum, none of them could unveil the truth to the world...

He was a man who had lost his shadow, released from every bond.

...we are sailing without ethical ballast...Perhaps the heart of evil lay there....Perhaps now would come the time of great darkness.

"...every known physical pain was bearable...bad was only the unknown..."

end of Darkness at Noon quotes...see pdf and book

"It all looks beautifully obvious – in the rear view mirror. But there are situations where [one] needs great imaginative power, combined with disrespect for the traditional current of thought, to discover the obvious."

"Innovation is a two-fold threat to academic mediocrities: it endangers their oracular authority, and it evokes the deeper fear that the whole, laboriously constructed intellectual edifice might collapse."

"Treat people like rats and they will learn to bite your fingers off."

"[conformity becomes] a form of betrayal which can be carried out with a clear conscience."

Arthur Koestler

from NYT review by Toulmin: 'Peace' Pill:

[Koestler] places the cause of human paranoia in an "imbalance" between different parts of the brain: specifically, in a "dissonance between the reactions of neocortex and limbic

system.” If we do not always act wisely and calmly, this is because our defective brains do not permit us to do so; and only an “adaptive mutation” will enable us to overcome this defect. Such a “mutation” will have to be produced at the molecular level by beneficent “biochemical engineering.” If we are to avert the ultimate historical catastrophe, we must quickly develop a Pill (his capitalization) to bring about—or imitate—the necessary “mutation.”

P.S. After preparing this review I received a letter from Koestler’s publisher: Dear Reviewer:

On February 26 Macmillan will publish *The Ghost in the Machine*, Arthur Koestler’s first new book since the *Act of Creation* in 1964.

In this book Mr. Koestler proposes a pharmaceutical solution to man’s self destructive urge: a pill to correct the streak of paranoia inherent in a man which, in this post-Hiroshima age, must inevitably lead to extermination.

The birth control pill can save man from outbreeding himself. The pill which Arthur Koestler foresees can save man from genocide.

If there were such a pill—a “peace” pill—would you take it? Publicity Director  
Above the signature was glued a red, heartshaped pellet.

on Koestler by Misi Polyani: ‘The miraculous agility of your mind endows you with excessive powers of breaking intellectual barriers, so you do not sufficiently distinguish between those to be demolished and those to be discovered, built higher and respected.’

“No field of thought can be properly laid out by men who are merely measuring with a ruler...Imagination...sweeping like a searchlight.” Herbert Butterfield in Intro

“A faith is not acquired by reasoning;...it grows like a tree...”

“Their conversion ...was rooted in despair- a despair of Western values.” Crossman - see book pdf

from Cover leaf to *The Ghost in the Machine* (see pdf):

The streak of insanity which runs through the history of our species points to the possibility that somewhere along the line of its ascent to prominence something has gone wrong...a paranoid trend running through man’s history..”

via Louis Menand: ‘Darkness at Noon is partly a meditation on power, a meditation conducted by Rubashov mostly in his own head.’

via George Steiner: ‘...on good days Koestler radiated a rare passion for life, a deep merriment in the face of the unknown. He seemed to exemplify Nietzsche’s insight that there is in men and women a motivation stronger even than love or hatred or fear. It is that of being interested - in a body of knowledge, in a problem, in a hobby, in tomorrow’s newspaper. Koestler was supremely interested.’

“I became converted because I was ripe for it and lived in a disintegrating society thirsting for faith.” That was Arthur Koestler

## **end of Koestler**

July, 1778, ...without any recorded dissent, Congress enacted America’s first whistleblower-protection law: “That it is the duty of all persons in the service of the United States, as well as all other inhabitants thereof, to give the earliest information to Congress or any other proper authority of any misconduct, frauds or misdemeanors

committed by any officers or persons in the service of these states, which may come to their knowledge."

Stephen M Kohn

"Below a certain size, everything fuses, joins, or accumulates. But beyond a certain size, everything collapses or explodes."

Leopold Kohr on economics, commenting on Adam Smith, etc. Kohr influenced Schumacher

"We're all afraid of the unknown, the ghosts under the bed."

Alan Kolaczowski, retired nuclear engineer

"...people have a hard time planning for events that they don't want to imagine happening."

"...global warming is a vast, planet-wide Pigovian problem."

"...history is written not only by men but also by microbes."

Elizabeth Kolbert

Willem Kolff:

His favorite quotation, attributed to William, Prince of Orange, The Netherlands:

"...even without hope you shall undertake;  
and without success, you shall persevere."

"Anything not forbidden is compulsory."

Willem Kolff

"At the time, you could not repair the defect in the [heart] ventricle. They would put blood from the aorta, or from the subclavian artery, into the lungs, so that more blood would be oxygenated. My first reaction was negative — I stuck out my tongue...When ... explained to me what was done, I made a decision that my first reaction to something I hadn't heard about would never be negative again. But this negative reaction is very common. The best thing you can do is not pay attention to it." (via Greg Clark).

Frank Moody asked Chase Peterson how he should deal with WJK (he was part of the surgery department), his answer was, "Oh that's easy, just treat him like an avalanche - get out of the way."

"There are no right or wrong theories, only fruitful and fruitless theories."

"My friends call me a hybrid, my enemies a bastard."

Former U President: 'Every University needs a Willem Kolff - but no more than one!'

from Inventor for Life by Broers, 2006:

Why do I have to be there? I delegate.

"As long as I get ideas that can make a contribution, I carry on working. If I don't, I can't sleep..."

I came out of retirement.

I don't want to talk about Jarvik anymore...

Calamities and disasters have in the long run turned to my advantage...

After all these years, I still come up with new ideas.

Allen B. Wiese: ...his alchemist ability to transform disaster into success.

JA: "Time is precious and he has no patience for unimportant matters..."

Jack Kolff: "...he is never hindered by any circumstances in which he finds himself, whether it's a war, a laboratory fire or his own physical limitations."

"put all their marbles in one basket, and it wasn't our basket."

via Thomas Preston:

"in his fathering of the artificial heart and his insular dedication to technology, Kolff is the J. Robert Oppenheimer of medicine."

Yanke Kolff: 'No child can grow in the shade of an enormous tree.' on kids

"a little healthy risk gives space to life."

Small children small problems. Big"

Horst Klinkmann: 'He was the greatest of inventors and the worst of businessmen.'

### **end Kolff**

"Quotation becomes a way not to add depth to your thinking, but to avoid thinking in the first place..."

I need the Internet for my work. I need it for my research. I need it, often, for my sanity.

With one important caveat. When I need to write or think, I shut the whole thing down....

When we strip away context, we strip away everything that enables us to determine what something really means....

the laziness of not really knowing what you're looking for but hoping to find something that fits, the intellectual equivalent of mindlessly yanking open the fridge....

Carry your context with you."

"...God resides in the cracks between knowledge."

Maria Konnikova

"there is a large carryover from LDS leadership rules, roles, styles and attitudes into Utah's governance and politics. Deference to leaders, conformity, obedience, acceptance, divine inspiration, absence of dissent, exclusion, ratification, respect for authority and protective paternalism are wonderful principles for administering a church or congregation. The propriety, effectiveness and ethics of projecting these principles and expectations into the public sphere and secular government is highly questionable....running government like a congregation constitutes second-rate government...Benign paternalism is second-rate government...Voter silence and complacency spawn second-rate government."

Scott O Konopasek SL Trib op ed

"You can't get back six weeks of blindness."

Jerry Konyndyk

"...relying on the best science is not enough, because it can be pushed aside by politics and economics, or, to put it another way, by greed."

"I had to listen to the American people as well as to talk (sternly) to them."

C Everett Koop, Science, 25 Sept. 98, p. 1950

Kopecek, Jindrich (Henry):

"When you're young, you're more flexible. You can fight the restrictions. When you're older, you get fed up..."

in 2001: "I want to keep my lab until 2010, but I will mtake my last graduate students in 2005. Then only postdocs...There should be change."

Koran see Quran

"...unregulated and unlimited growth is found in nature only in cancers that ultimately destroy their hosts and themselves.

In the name of free markets, prosperity, and democracy, modern society is embarked on a path that ultimately can lead only to the destruction of all three."

Overton Window: the range of public policies that the mainstream population is prepared to consider at a given time.

This current emergency provides the possibility for a new emergence—the birthing of a truly civil civilization dedicated to the well-being of all people and the living Earth.

David C Korten

Korzybski, Alfred:

1933 called Science and Sanity,

Koshgarian, Lindsay, Truthout:

"...corporations that contract with the Pentagon. They collect nearly half of all military spending."

"I didn't write the tax laws, Congressman. You did that."

John Koskinen, IRS commissioner, 2016

Kouchner, Camille:

"My guilt is one of consent...Why am I keeping quiet?"

"Russia is a danger to itself and those around it."

Andrea Kovalev bk rev

Kozlenko, Pavel:

'Guys, why are you speaking in Yiddish?' One of the Yiddish-speaking men replied, 'You know, I'm scared to speak in Russian because if I do Putin will show up and try to liberate us.'

"Second graders, as all teachers know, have only a theoretical connection to their chairs."

"aesthetics count."

"...spirit locked in stone..."

"...eyes loaded with cynical intelligence."

Jonathan Kozol May 6, 2006 SLC

Mat Krahn:

"We all have Schrodinger's virus now. Because we cannot get tested, we can't know whether we have the virus or not. We have to act as if we have the virus so that we don't spread it to others. We have to act as if we've never had the virus because if we didn't have it, we're not immune. Therefore, we both have and don't have the virus. Thus, Schrodinger's virus."

Krakovska, Svitlana Ukrainian scientist IPCC:

"Human-induced climate change and the war on Ukraine have the same roots, fossil fuels, and our dependence on them...We will not surrender in Ukraine. And we hope the world will not surrender in building a climate-resilient future."

"In France, intellectuals have rock-star status."  
Jane Kramer

There have been repeated fines and malfeasance at literally all the investment banks, but it doesn't seem to affect their behavior much," he said. "So I have to conclude it is part of strategy as simple cost/benefit analysis, that fines and legal costs are a small price to pay for the profits."

Richard Kramer

"...skeptics see a deal with a devil dressed in green."  
Sarah Kramer

Krastev, Ivan:

"Today, geopolitical strength is determined not by how much economic power you can wield, but by how much pain you can endure."

"Things are hopeless but not serious."  
"...my writings are written acting...  
diplomats lie to journalists and then believe the headlines."  
Karl Kraus

"Science generally functions by unambiguously determining what is wrong, not what is right. Nature tells us what is wrong by explicitly singling out those ideas that do not agree with the results of repeated experimentation. Ultimately, the correct ideas are harder to pin down."

"Science doesn't prove things to be true. Science only proves things to be false. But that's something that doesn't happen in almost any other area of human activity."

Laurence Krauss

on Feynman by Lawrence M. Krauss:

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

He tried never to take the same path twice."

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"The hunger is not for bread but for ethnic, tribal and nationalist validation. For respect, recognition and purpose."

Charles Krauthammer

“...a view of the world as a hilarious cavalcade of hypocrisy and folly — an attitude embodied by the insolent simpleton’s grin of Alfred E. Neuman, a figure whose origins are untraceable, that seems to have arisen from the collective moronic American unconscious.

By the time most of us hit adolescence and learn that the world is unfair, exploitative and brutal, and that most people in it live in shocking poverty and squalor, and that we’re all somehow implicated in this even though it wasn’t our idea, plus there’s no God and we’re all going to die and the grown-ups have been secretly having sex the whole time, you feel ripped off. You feel lied to.”

“when people lose faith in science, it must be presented to them in the guise of religion to get them to accept it again.” in oped on StarWars and Asimov.

Tim Kreider nyt

Krimsky, Sheldon:

via Jonathan Garlick - ‘He was the Ralph Nader of bioethics.’

he was ‘organized skepticism’...

“When claims are made, you have to start with skepticism until the evidence is so strong that your skepticism disappears. You don’t in science start by saying, ‘Yes, I like this hypothesis, and it must be true.’”

“Americans are obsessed with the supernatural; we all want to be capable of the extraordinary.”

Jeffrey J Kripal

“It would cost less to send the kids to the most expensive private college in the state than it does to lock them up.”

Barry Krisberg on youth incarceration

“Perhaps the greatest gift one can give to another human being is not any thing, not ideas, not knowledge, but one’s full attention.”

Krishnamurti

### **Kristof:**

The high ground that the protesters seized is not an archipelago of parks in America, but the national agenda. The movement has planted economic inequality on the nation’s consciousness

upward mobility in the United States seems more constrained than in the supposed class societies of Europe.

Michael Spence, a Nobel Prize-winning economist who shares a concern about rising inequality, told me that we’ve seen “an evolution from one propertied man, one vote; to one man, one vote; to one person, one vote; trending to one dollar, one vote.”

“A common humanity binds us all, whatever the color of our skin – or passport... Complexity is, er, complicated. It has been a leading excuse for inaction...”

Kristof

“... a consistent pattern: Trump’s contempt for the system of laws that, incredibly, he now presides over....

As Clapper suggested, Trump has been undermining the institutions and mores that undergird our political process; whether or not his conduct was felonious, it has been profoundly subversive.

...most fundamentally, he simply lies at every turn.

...[is he] systematically assaulting the rule of law that makes us free.” [?]



Anne Case and Angus Deaton of Princeton University have chronicled the rise of “deaths of despair” and argue that opioid use in America in part reflects a long-term decline in well-paying jobs for those with a high school education or less.

“We need ...accountability. That means firing not only the men who sexually harass but also the men and women who are complicit.” Kristof via S Sandberg

‘The problem... is structural, an inequality and masculine conception of God that empowers rapists.’

“Authoritarians are pompous creatures with monstrous egos and so tend to be particularly vulnerable to humor. They look mighty but are often balloons in need of a sharp pin.”

“We’re brilliantly programmed to act on the risks that confronted us in the Pleistocene...”  
You’ve won the lottery of life.”

Women and girls are the solution.

the Bible’s teachings about sexuality are murky and inconsistent  
and prone to being hijacked by ideologues. ...Ambiguity is everywhere, – referring to J W Knust’s book.

Ezekiel 16:49 suggests that Sodomites “had pride, excess of food, and prosperous ease, but did not aid the poor and needy.”

...“Did not aid the poor and needy.” Who knew that that’s what the Bible condemns as sodomy?

the banks socialized risk and privatized profits  
for those who want to channel their amorphous frustration into practical demands, here are several specific suggestions:

Impose a financial transactions tax.

¶Close the “[carried interest](#)” and “founders’ stock” loopholes, which may be the most unconscionable tax breaks in America.

adopting the [Volcker Rule](#) to limit banks’ ability to engage in risky and speculative investments.

[bank tax](#). This could be based on an institution’s size and leverage, so that bankers could pay for their cleanups — the finance equivalent of a pollution tax.

“income inequality...the United States is more unequal a society than either Tunisia or Egypt.

Of the 100 highest-paid chief executives in the United States in 2010, [25 took home more pay](#) than their company paid in federal corporate income taxes

The banks have gotten away with privatizing profits and socializing risks, and that’s just another form of bank robbery.

inequality is also a cancer on our national well-being.

this is a chance to save capitalism from crony capitalists ... their platform seems to be socialism for tycoons and capitalism for the rest of us....

Capitalism is so successful an economic system partly because of an internal discipline that allows for loss and even bankruptcy. It's the possibility of failure that creates the opportunity for triumph. Yet many of America's major banks are too big to fail, so they can privatize profits while socializing risk.  
"...altruism and generosity can be hedonistic pleasures."

"Contraceptives no more cause sex than umbrellas cause rain."

"The obsession with schooling is a legacy of Confucianism — a 2,500-year-old tradition of respect for teachers, scholarship and meritocratic exams. That's one reason Confucian countries like China, South Korea and Vietnam are among the world's star performers in the war on poverty."

...our long-term strength will depend less on our aircraft carriers than on the robustness of our kindergartens, less on financing spy satellites than on financing Pell grants.

The basic principle of American life is that we try to respect religious beliefs, and accommodate them where we can. But we ban polygamy, for example, even for the pious. Your freedom to believe does not always give you a freedom to act.

"...wretched political leadership in America in the 1840s and 1850s in the run-up to the Civil War: How could American politicians have been so stubborn as they inched toward cataclysm? Watching today ... I'm gaining a better insight."

"...the greatest threat to extremism isn't a drone overhead but a girl with a book."

"...silence would be a perversion of politeness."

"...the Taliban ... shot Malala because girls' education threatens everything that they stand for. The greatest risk for violent extremists ... isn't American drones. It's educated girls." Kristof, and quoting an unnamed 19 yr old in Peshawar: "It is a war between two ideologies, between the light of education and darkness."

"...threats that we in journalism are not very good at covering. We did a wretched job covering risks from lead and tobacco in the early years; instead of watchdogs, we were lap dogs... Endocrinology... published an editorial asserting that corporate interests are abusing science today with endocrine disruptors the way they once did with lead: for the 'production of uncertainty...the evidence is undeniable: that endocrine-disrupting chemicals pose a threat to human health.'"

Chinese writer Lu Xun: "Lies written in ink cannot disguise facts written in blood."

"I may not believe in God, but I do believe in nuns....quoting Sister Jeannine Gramick: 'It is about love. It is who you fall in love with that makes you lesbian and gay. Love is the important thing here, not sex'."

Jo Piazza, quoted by Nicholas Kristof

"The shade of a person is just a cover to their story,  
And there is no reason not to open their book."

Natalia Immordino, 10 years old, quoted by Kristof, his poetry contest

"America is only Baby Satan. We have Big Satan right here at home."  
an Ayatollah aide to Kristof

"Congress is addressing inequality by exacerbating it at both ends."

"...you need an empathy transplant."

"...religion is invariably a tangle of contradictory teachings....  
...analysts who have tallied the number of violent or cruel passages in the Quran and the Bible count more than twice as many in the Bible."  
"ISIS empowers Trump, who inadvertently empowers ISIS. He's not confronting a national security threat; he's creating one."

"His life is a vacuum of principle. The lights are on, but no one's home."

N Kristof on Trump

"Trump 'values' are primarily narcissism, nepotism and nihilism....  
when a president incites hatred, civilization winces."

"...dishonor is like a cancer that spreads inexorably as it feeds upon ambition, protects itself with lies and doubles down with cover-ups...it is proving infectious...the epidemic gas rippled through much of the GOP...turning lawmakers into enablers and hypocrites."

"...reminding people of dangers makes them temporarily more conservative."

from Smarsh review of Tightrope:

As the United States awakens from one of its foundational myths — that we are a democracy without castes — the official record of our times is being written largely by people born to socioeconomic advantage. This irony, in which those on the fortunate end of historic wealth inequality attempt to chronicle a populist movement produced by that inequality, often results in dubious journalism.

"...gratuitous cruelty posturing as policy..."

"...one of the perils in life is being proven right..."

'complexify' issues so they become less binary and more nuanced, enabling someone on the other side to acknowledge areas of ambivalence." column review of Adam Grant Think Again bk.

## **end of Kristof**

### **Irving Kristol:**

"curbing one's passions and moderating one's opinions in order to achieve a large consensus that will ensure domestic tranquility."

"The longer we stare at Nazism, the more our eyes focus on Hitler...Hitler was Nazism."

Irving Kristol

"...every generation faces a barbarian threat in its own children, who need to be civilized."

"In the same way as men cannot for long tolerate a sense of spiritual meaninglessness in their individual lives, so they cannot for long accept a society in which power, privilege, and property are not distributed according to some morally meaningful criteria."

Kristol via David Brooks

Kristol, via David Horowitz

"Although we cannot be immortal, the world is, and ... every increase in our understanding of it, and in our power to sing its song, is a further, deeper experience of the deathlessness of the world."

"[God is] the eternal intelligibility of the world itself, now expanded to include the whole of reality."

"the supreme goal of democracy is to promote the uniqueness of every individual"

Anthony Kronman via David Brooks

### **Paul Krugman quotes:**

"All economic statistics are best seen as a peculiarly boring form of science fiction."

"...the gulf between our two major political parties is so wide. Republicans and Democrats don't just have different priorities; they live in different intellectual and moral universes.

"...the strange triumph of failed ideas."

"When an ideology backed by vast wealth and immense power confronts inconvenient facts, ...the facts lose."

the reason Mr. Romney acts the way he does... he is running a campaign of almost pathological dishonesty.

...Once you've decided to hide your beliefs and say whatever you think will get you the nomination, to pretend to agree with people you privately believe are fools, why worry at all about truth?

...Romney is so deeply committed to insincerity that neither side can trust him to do what it considers to be the right thing."

"...a lie wrapped in an absurdity swaddled in paranoia...everything bad is the result of a dastardly liberal plot...by endorsing the right's paranoid fantasies he [Romney] is helping to further a dangerous trend in America's political life."

"The rich are different from you and me: they have more influence...politicians spend a lot of time hanging out with the wealthy...America must make hard choices, they'll say; we all have to be willing to make sacrifices. But when they say 'we', they mean 'you'. Sacrifice is for the little people."

"A commitment to greenhouse gas reduction would, in the short-to-medium run, have the same economic effects as a major technological innovation: It would give businesses a reason to invest in new equipment and facilities even in the face of excess capacity. And given the current state of the economy, that's just what the doctor ordered."

inequality is a major reason the economy is still so depressed and unemployment so high. For we have responded to crisis with a mix of paralysis and confusion — both of which have a lot to do with the distorting effects of great wealth on our society....

Today, Washington is marked by a combination of bitter partisanship and intellectual confusion — and both are, I would argue, largely the result of extreme income inequality...

political polarization has closely tracked income inequality, and there's every reason to believe that the relationship is causal. Specifically, money buys power, and the increasing wealth of a tiny minority has effectively bought the allegiance of one of our two major political parties, in the process destroying any prospect for cooperation.

And the takeover of half our political spectrum by the 0.01 percent is, I'd argue, also responsible for the degradation of our economic discourse, which has made any sensible discussion of what we should be...

a party that, as Mr. Mann and Mr. Ornstein note, is "unpersuaded by conventional understanding of facts, evidence, and science."

"...at the G-7 summit in Taormina, in which six of the advanced world's leaders strolled together a few hundred yards through the historic city, ...Trump followed behind, driven in an electric golf cart."

"Trump may be not just ignorant but deeply out of it...a mind is a terrible thing to lose."

"Making Ignorance Great Again: Climate is a casualty in the war on truth."

"... the malevolence of the administration will continue to be tempered by its incompetence." (via Robert Borosage)

"The more blacks, the less compassion [most] white voters feel."

"...men who never admit error, never apologize and, crucially, never learn from their mistakes. Needless to say, men who think admitting error makes you look weak just keep making bigger mistakes; delusions of infallibility eventually lead to disaster...the insistence on clinging to false ideas and refuted claims...is a disease that infested the modern Republican Party long before Trump...men with that character flaw should never be placed in positions of policy responsibility."

"Bitcoin ... is a bubble wrapped in techno-mysticism inside a cocoon of libertarian ideology."

"... this administration doesn't do expertise, in any field. Not only do experts have a nasty habit of telling you things you don't want to hear, their loyalty is suspect: You never know when their professional ethics might kick in."

Trump has assembled an administration of the worst and the dimmest."

"...elite negligence in the face of national decline is the core issue..."

"...high-end resentment, the anger of highly privileged people who nonetheless feel that they aren't privileged enough or that their privileges might be eroded by social change, suffuses the modern conservative movement....

...And nothing makes a man accustomed to privilege angrier than the prospect of losing some of that privilege...

...the soul of Trumpism. It's not about "populism" ...it's about the rage of white men, upper class as well as working class, who perceive a threat to their privileged position."

"America invaded Iraq because the Bush administration wanted a war. ...We were, in a fundamental sense, lied into war.... Why did they want a war? ... Some saw Iraq as a sort of pilot project, preparation for a series of regime changes.... there was a definite climate of fear among politicians and pundits in 2002 and 2003,... let's get the Iraq story right....the invasion was a mistake. But ...it was worse than a mistake, it was a crime."

Krugman in Errors and Lies NYT column

'...the only 'experts' left standing are those who made all the approved mistakes. It's kind of a fraternity of failure: men and women united by a shared history of getting everything wrong, and refusing to admit it."

"...this romanticized and sanitized version of the economy led most economists to ignore all the things that can go wrong. They turned a blind eye to the limitations of human rationality that often leads to bubbles and busts; to the problems of institutions that run amok; to the imperfections of markets – especially financial markets- that can cause the economy's operating system to undergo sudden, unpredictable crashes; and to the dangers created when regulators don't believe in regulation."

...the belief in efficient financial markets blinded many if not most economists to the emergence of the biggest financial bubble in history.  
... economists have to ... face up to the inconvenient reality that financial markets fall far short of perfection, that they are subject to extraordinary delusions and the madness of crowds... they have to admit ... that Keynesian economics remains the best framework we have for making sense of recessions and depressions... they'll have to do their best to incorporate the realities of finance into macroeconomics.  
...economists need to abandon the neat but wrong solution of assuming that everyone is rational and markets work perfectly. The vision that emerges as the profession rethinks its foundations may not be all that clear; it certainly won't be neat; but we can hope that it will have the virtue of being at least partly right.

...those demanding spending cuts now are like medieval doctors who treated the sick by bleeding them, and thereby made them even sicker.  
What Republicans have just gotten away with calls our whole system of government into question. After all, how can American democracy work if whichever party is most prepared to be ruthless, to threaten the nation's economic security, gets to dictate policy? And the answer is, maybe it can't.

Our problems are almost entirely one-sided...caused by the rise of an extremist right that is prepared to create repeated crises rather than give an inch on its demands....  
The real question facing America...is whether extremists now blocking any kind of reasonable policy can be defeated and marginalized."

"...Rick Perry...campaign...: faith in miracles...the alleged economic miracle in Texas... is a myth. ... one in four Texans lacks health insurance, the highest proportion in the nation....almost 10 percent of Texan workers earn the minimum wage or less, well above the national average....the glowing portrait [of Texas] is false. His prescriptions for job creation would work about as well in practice as his prayer-based attempt to end Texas's crippling drought."

modern conservatism is actually a deeply radical movement, one that is hostile to....a society that, acting through the government, tries to mitigate some of the 'common hazards of life' through such programs as Social Security, unemployment insurance, Medicare and Medicaid."

"...men in suits not only don't have any monopoly on wisdom, they have very little wisdom to offer."  
It's a terrible thing when an individual loses his or her grip on reality. But it's much worse when the same thing happens to a whole political party

"What caused the financial industry to grow much faster than the rest of the economy starting around 1980 was a ... process of deregulation that continued right up to the eve of the 2008 crisis...  
an era of ever-growing inequality of income and wealth....  
the same political forces that promoted financial deregulation fostered overall inequality in a variety of ways...  
it seemed as if Wall Street had effectively bribed and bullied our political system... until a few weeks ago.

"A society committed to the notion that government is always bad will have bad government."

"The problem ... isn't ignorance. It's wishful thinking."...

When faith — including faith-based economics — meets evidence, evidence doesn't stand a chance.... it turns out that money is indeed a kind of theological issue... quite a few influential conservatives, including Mr. Ryan, draw their inspiration from [Ayn Rand novels](#) in which the gold standard takes on essentially sacred status..."[Atlas Shrugged] is a perennial favorite among adolescent boys. Most boys eventually outgrow it."

the FOF theory - that's for "fools and frauds". It goes as follows: to be a good Republican right now, you have to affirm your belief in things that any halfway intelligent politician can see are plainly false. This leaves room for only two kinds of candidates: those who just aren't smart and/or rational enough to understand the problem, and those who are completely cynical, willing to say anything to get ahead.... what you have are fairly dim types like Perry, on the one side, and the utterly cynical Romney, on the other. (Gingrich manages to be both a fool and a fraud).

"...the perfect is the enemy of the good...To understand the lies, you first have to understand the truth."  
What ails the Arab world is a deficit of freedom, a deficit of modern education and a deficit of women's empowerment.

Conservative leaders are indeed ideologically extreme, but they're also deeply incompetent. So much so, in fact, that the [Dunning-Kruger effect](#) — the truly incompetent can't even recognize their own incompetence — reigns supreme.  
... the modern Republican Party is no longer capable of thinking seriously about policy. Whether the issue is climate change or inflation, party members believe what they want to believe, and any contrary evidence is dismissed as a [hoax](#), the product of vast liberal [conspiracies](#).... the G.O.P. bubble; it's still a party dominated by wishful thinking, and all but impervious to inconvenient facts.

"...I don't mean lousy as in 'bad'; I also mean it in the original sense, 'infested with lice'."

"Extreme inequality, it turns out, creates a class of people who are alarmingly detached from reality — and simultaneously gives these people great power.... the rich are different from you and me.... We're...talking about wheeler-dealers, men who push money around and get rich by skimming some off the top as it sloshes by..  
F.D.R.'s famous 1936 Madison Square Garden [speech](#), in which he spoke of the hatred he faced from the forces of "organized money," and declared, "I welcome their hatred.""

"...support for a false dogma can become politically mandatory, and how overwhelming contrary evidence only makes such dogmas stronger and more extreme....false doctrines become badges of identity...the process of intellectual devolution seems to have reached a point of no return."

"Truthiness...term for things that aren't true, but feel true to some people...a tendency to prefer truthiness to more complicated truth is ... associated with political conservatism."

"[He is] a stupid person's idea of what a thoughtful person sounds like." on Dick Amey,

"....the biggest secret of the Republican triumph [Nov. 4, 2014] surely lies in the discovery that obstructionism bordering on sabotage is a winning political strategy."

What explains the modern right's propensity for panic? Part of it, no doubt, is the familiar point that many bullies are also cowards. But I think it's also linked to the apocalyptic mind-set that has developed among Republicans during the Obama years.

... The point is that at this point panic is what the right is all about, and the Republican nomination will go to whoever can most effectively channel that panic.

"We're looking at a party that has turned its back on science at a time when doing so puts the very future of civilization at risk. That's the truth, and it needs to be faced head on."

"... the establishment's problem with Mr. Trump isn't the con he brings; it's the cons he disrupts."

"... appeasing the modern American right is a losing proposition. Nothing you do convinces them that you're being fair, because fairness has nothing to do with it. ... they're trying to create bias, not end it, and weakness ... only encourages them to do more."

"...it takes willful blindness not to see the parallels between the rise of fascism and our current political nightmare....

republican institutions don't protect against tyranny when powerful people start defying political norms. And tyranny, when it comes, can flourish even while maintaining a republican facade. ...

the process of destroying democratic substance while preserving forms is already underway. ...

what directly drives the attack on democracy ... is simple careerism on the part of the apparatchiks within a system insulated from outside pressures by gerrymandered districts, unshakable partisan loyalty, and lots and lots of plutocratic financial support. ... toeing the party line and defending the party's rule are all that matters....

The erosion of democratic foundations has been underway for decades. ...

American democracy is very much on the edge."

"... hyping the trivial obscures reality. ...

fake policy ... is the natural counterpart to fake populous. ...

what can Mr. Trump do to keep the scam going? ..."

"... Republican quagmire ... The whole party ... has been faking it for years. Republicans seem utterly shocked to find themselves facing reality."

"... ever since Reagan, Republicans have basically played a con game on American voters...

The modern Republican Party is no country for honest men...

playing the Party's political game requires both a willingness to and a talent for saying one thing while doing another...

The nature of the modern G.O.P.'s game gives it a bias against democracy."

"...the real crisis is an upsurge in hatred — unreasoning hatred that bears no relationship to anything the victims have done. And anyone making excuses for that hatred — who tries, for example, to turn it into a "both sides" story — is, in effect, an apologist for crimes against humanity."



“The Orwellification of the G.O.P. didn’t start with Trump. On the contrary, the party has been moving in that direction for years...For Republicans, ignorance has been strength for a long time.”

“When people who hold most of the levers of power [blame shadowy forces], their fantasizing isn’t a delusion, it’s a tool: a way to delegitimize opposition, to create excuses not just for disregarding but for punishing anyone who dares to criticize their actions... The G.O.P. is an authoritarian regime in waiting.”

“...cockroach ideas - false claims you may think you’ve gotten rid of, but keep coming back.”

“...climate denial is rooted in greed, opportunism, and ego....evil on a whole different level...Republicans don’t just have bad ideas; at this point they are, necessarily, bad people.”

“...demented anger is a significant factor in modern American political life. ...a lot of [politics] is driven by unreasoning rage.” responding to Nunes’ plastic straw outburst.

“...cruelty and corruption are intertwined in Trump administration policy. Every betrayal of American principles also seems, somehow, to produce financial benefits for Trump and his friends.”

“...with great wealth comes great pettiness... many of the superrich aren’t satisfied with living like kings... They also expect to be treated like kings, lionized as job creators and heroes of prosperity, and consider any criticism an unforgivable act of lèse-majesté... for such people, the prospect of a Warren presidency is a nightmarish threat — not to their wallets, but to their egos.”

“The political reactions are more terrifying than the fires.”

from Arguing with Zombies, 2020 book:

“zombie ideas - ideas that should have been killed by contrary evidence, but instead keep shambling along, eating people’s brains...”

four rules for punditry:

Stay with the easy stuff

Write in English

Be honest about dishonesty

Don’t be afraid to talk about motives...

When you’re confronting bad-faith arguments, the public should be informed not just that these arguments are wrong, but that they are in fact being made in bad faith...

we should be honest about the dishonesty that pervades political debate...

If you’re having a real good-faith debate, impugning the other side’s motives is a bad thing. If you’re debating bad-faith opponents, acknowledging their motives is just a matter of being honest about what’s going on...”

“...the economy is in the equivalent of a medically induced coma.”

“...why...a close alliance between modern conservatism and quackery?...conservative reliance on fake experts.”

“Your feelings don’t give you the right to ruin other people’s lives.”

“...vaccine sabotage... Vaccination ... should be considered a public duty, not a personal choice.”

“Medicine...is an area where it's a bad idea to leave people entirely to their own devices...”

### **end of Krugman quotes**

“If you really love that person and want to help them, be with them. Sit with them. You don't have to talk. You don't have to do anything. But really be there.”

Elizabeth Kubler-Ross

“Human beings must learn to love nature. Today the countryside is obsolete....Big metropolitan places have appeared everywhere. We are in the garbage. If this continues, nature will die....Nature is so beautiful. If human beings disappeared, how peaceful it would be.”

Shin Kubota, Mr. Immortal Jellyfish Man, karaoke

“We want to melt those guns into ploughshares”

Heidi Kuhn

Kulka, Otto Dov:

“...two modes of knowing — historical scholarship and analysis on one side, reflective memory and the work of the imagination on the other....

[the camp, he knew, was one place where] “the future is the only certain thing that does not exist.”

“The struggle of man against power is the struggle of memory against forgetting.”

Milan Kundera

“I write to bear the world as it slowly crumbles into nothingness.”

Gunter Kunert nyt obit

“...the mass media looked on all events as isolated — errors that the system could correct. The sense of the 1960s alternative press was that these issues were all connected, that they indicated a certain sickness of the society. And this sickness has not decreased.”

Art Kunkin NYT obit

“For disaster capitalists, it is a stun grenade thrown into a crowded room...

'overwhelming the system with disinformation, distraction, and denial' or in

#SteveBannon's words: 'flooding the zone with sh.t.'

“A writer never knows what kind of world a book will land in, what will change around the words on a page.”

Hari Kunzru

Kurkov, Andrey:

“I write in Russian. I am not a Russian writer,” he said. “Literature is dead in Russia.”

This would be part of the speech. “Russians, during the past twenty years, agreed to be left without any kind of freedom, to be censored, and it was done voluntarily,”

Years ago, he wrote a novel in which an angel is perplexed by the absence of Soviets in Heaven. “So he goes down in order to find an honest, proper person who will be the first

Soviet,” Kurkov said. Does he find one? “Yeah,” he said. “But I really don’t remember if this person makes it to Heaven. I have written too much.”

Kurti, Albin, PM, Kosovo:

“Putin’s attack on Ukraine is an attempt to sit down with President Biden for a Yalta 2 kind of conference. This is my impression. Let’s divide the world, because if we do not divide the world, we will keep fighting. ... This is how he wants to, I believe, frame it.”

on Jared Kushner:

"He's incredibly pragmatic, always cool in the face of adversity; he finds it unproductive to focus on the problem (versus the solution) or to react emotionally," via Ivanka  
“We’ve read enough books.”

Jared Kushner

“The time arrives for a silent truth to become a public truth, a collective truth; the pressure of great human need bids the time arrive.  
One ought to be careful about claiming too much for art, but fires die for lack of kindling.  
Resistance is sending up a signal flare in the darkness.”

Tony Kushner in Dissent bk

Kuttner, Robert: “...individualism of desperation....  
the alliance of plutocracy with aspiring autocracy.”

Kyi, Suu:

"It is not power that corrupts but fear...Fearlessness may be a gift, but perhaps more precious is the courage acquired through endeavor, courage that comes from cultivating the habit of refusing to let fear dictate one's actions."

"Among the basic freedoms to which men aspire..., freedom from fear stands out as both a means and an end."

“An election alone is not going to change our country. It’s the people — the change in the spirit of the people which will change our nation.”

“I mean a revolution that will help our people to overcome fear, to overcome poverty, to overcome indifference,” she said, “and to take the fate of their country into their own hands.”

"To be forgotten is to die a little."

"Suffering degrades, embitters, and enrages."

"It is never easy to convince those who have acquired power forcibly of the wisdom of peaceful change."

Aung San Suu Kyi’s name, incidentally, translates as “Bright Collection of Small Victories.”

**end Suu Kyi**