

N Quotations and Notes

Nabokov, Vladimir:

human existence is a "brief crack of light between two eternities of darkness." also cited by Graham Greene.

Nabokov, Vladimir:

"The word 'reality' should always have quotation marks around it."

"Satire is a lesson. Parody is a game."

Nadkarni, Nalini:

"...perches aloft were my rescue from the world..."

[https://www.ted.com/talks/](https://www.ted.com/talks/nalini_nadkarni_conserving_the_canopy?language=en)

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"[Trump] is ignorant of his own ignorance."

Steven Nadler

"...there is nothing in life more precious than integrity."

Zygmunt Nagorski

Nahon, Karine via Going Viral bk:

vitality

bottom up, top down

gatekeepers

nodes, access points, influencers

United Breaks Guitars! example

spread, reach, speed, persistence

summary Fig. 7.2

"In the 21st century, power is easier to get, harder to use - and easier to lose."

"...avoid the misery-inducing consequences of wealth based on natural resources..."

Moises Naim

Naipaul:

"parasitism is one of the unacknowledged fruits of fundamentalism."

and Vis NYT Obit Rachel Donadio:

Mr. Naipaul's belief that Islamic societies lead to tyranny, which he essentially attributed to a flaw in Islam, that it "offered no political or practical solution."

"It offered only the faith," he wrote.

"Plot is for those who already know the world; narrative is for those who want to discover it." on writing

V S Naipaul

"It is an elastic idea; it fits all men. So much is contained in it: the idea of the individual, responsibility, choice, the life of the intellect, the idea of vocation and perfectibility and achievement. It is an immense human idea. It cannot be reduced to a fixed system. It cannot generate fanaticism. But it is known to exist, and because of that, other more rigid systems in the end blow away."

V.S. Naipaul 1990 speech, "Our Universal Civilization" via Bret Stephens

Mr Biswas said, "how terrible it would have been...to have lived without even attempting to lay claim to one's portion of the earth."

from Economist obit:

'Truth-telling was his purpose...the further purpose of writing was to give order to his life.'

end of Naipaul

"Anybody with a lot of children is either very rich or very irresponsible. There is no other way."
Hadi Najafi, 25 yrs old, in NY Times Iran population story 6-8-2014

"Don't fight Muslims; fight their ideology."
Nakoula Basseley Nakoula, anti-Muhammad video producer

"Religion is excellent stuff for keeping common people quiet."

"Never interrupt your enemy when he is making a mistake."

"In politics, absurdity is not a handicap."

"In politics, stupidity is not a handicap,"

"Never ascribe to malice that which be adequately explained by incompetence."
Napoleon Bonaparte

"You show me a 50-foot fence and I'll show you a 51-foot ladder..."
Janet Napolitano

"...the repressive quality of government with respect to drug issues is an expression of a repressive bias in the very structure of civilization and also of the prohibitionist leanings that we inherited from our Puritan ancestors. We are living through times, however, where it has become critical to our very survival that we go beyond the overly stable and fossilized spirit of the institutions that we have created."

Claudio Naranjo

"Keynes is ... the Winston Churchill of economics, radiating optimism when things looked bleakest, never so happily engaged as in a national or global emergency."

"Keynes...in a silvery, seductive voice...This is a nightmare, which will pass away with the morning."

Sylvia Nasar

"We are all stewards – not owners...Unbridled, voracious consumption is not consistent with God's plan...Despoiling nature is almost always a result of selfishness...Brigham Young said 'Keep your valley pure.'"

"...members of the LDS Church believe [heaven] will be the very earth upon which we stand today, but in a glorified state."

Marcus Nash, LDS Quorum of Seventy at Stegner Symp 2013

"I cannot help mentioning that the door of a bigoted mind opens outwards so that the only result of the pressure of facts upon it is to close it more snugly."

Ogden Nash

"We all lost our bets. It turns out multitaskers are terrible at every aspect of multitasking. They're terrible at ignoring irrelevant information; they're terrible at keeping information in their head nicely and neatly organized; and they're terrible at switching from one task to another... multitaskers ... seem to think they're great at it and seem totally unfazed and totally able to do more and more and more. ... multitasking ... may be creating people who are unable to think well and clearly.... We've got to make face-to-face time sacred, and we have to bring back the saying we used to hear all the time, and now never hear, 'Look at me when I talk to you.'"

Clifford Nass, NY Times obituary 11-10-2013

"People want to be awakened to a question they didn't even realize they had. And then all of a sudden they're totally possessed by that question and need to know the answer. There is something deeply satisfying about that...
It's about creating a little black hole inside people's minds so it has this gravitational pull — it wants the information, it's seeking out the information. .. The hard part is building the question in such a way that you need to know the answer....the trick is to lead with the question, not the answer."

Latif Nasser, RadioLab, Connections

from NATURE editorial: 21 June 2018:

"The void in opioid research...tackle its roots...a complex tangle of social and political issues including economic disparities, lack of access to comprehensive health care and mental-health services, outdated policies banning evidence-based initiatives such as local safe-injection facilities, a proliferation of deadly synthetic drugs and poor prescribing practices by physicians."

Naughtie, James:

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

"...surveillance capitalism..."

"...the people who founded these powerful corporations were basically high-IQ innocents who had their innocence and idealism knocked out of them by the exigencies of running capitalist organisations."

John Naughton on Facebook, Zuckerberg

Navalny, Aleksei:

"Everyone has the single, most powerful weapon that we need – dignity, the feeling of self-respect....we have voices and votes and we have the power to uphold them."

"He is prepared to lose everything," said the economist Sergei M. Guriev, a confidant of Mr. Navalny who fled to France in 2013 after coming under pressure from the Kremlin. "That makes him different from everyone else."

"Education through dehumanization...If you deal with everything with a sense of humor, you can live it....So, all in all, all is well here."

from Economist review of Lebedev's Untraceable:

"...the best poison is fear. The best poisoning is when people poison themselves."

"To not succumb to provocation, this is the most important thing to learn here...."

All sorts of past must constantly be in the spotlight to displace thoughts about the future and questions about the present....

sleep deprivation is one of the favorite tortures of the special services. No traces remain, and it's impossible to tolerate."

"An official taking a bribe and a policeman pulling a bag over the head of a prisoner tied to a chair are one and the same person. His law is the superiority of the strong over the weak. The superiority of the interests of a corporation over the rights of an individual. The willingness to commit crimes as an act of loyalty."

"I am not afraid of this court, of the penal colony, the F.S.B., of the prosecutors, chemical weapons, Putin and all others. I am not afraid because I believe it is humiliating and useless to be afraid of it all..."

I believe that the worst real crime I could commit is if I get afraid of you and who stands behind you," he said addressing the judge and prosecutors.

"I insulted your dark lord, Putin, by not only surviving, but by returning. Now, he will increase my prison terms forever."

via Daniel Roher film review NYT:

'...his greatest political gift is his ability to control and command social media. He wields it like a sculptor would wield clay...'

Aleksei offers the Russian people a different vision of what their country could be.'

end Navalny

"Every terrorist I've ever interviewed, these people collect wounds. They're collecting these injustices and they just hang on to them, and they feed them and nourish them."

Joe Navarro via SPLC

"...understanding words is not the same as experiencing images."

Victor Navasky

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

Naveed, Rizwan :

"Having looked at the actual hours billed to the world's largest polluters, it is very hard to argue today that McKinsey is the 'greatest private sector catalyst for decarbonization. It may well be the exact opposite."

Nechepurenko, Ivan (NYT Belarus):

"...insidious and often invisible machinery of persuasion, coercion and repression...
a network of spies and monitors known as 'curators'..."

"...we need a new concept of God; a concept that's free of myth, superstition, and fear..."

Jacob Needleman

"The spectacle of what is called religion, or at any rate organized religion, ...seemed to stand for blind belief and reaction, dogma and bigotry, superstition, exploitation and the preservation of vested interests."

"Long experience has taught us that it is dangerous in the interest of truth to suppress opinions and ideas; it has further taught us that it is foolish to imagine that we can do so. It is far easier to meet an evil in the open and defeat it in fair combat in people's minds, than to drive it underground and have no hold on it or proper approach to it. Evil flourishes far more in the shadows than in the light of day."

Jawaharlal Nehru

Neiman:

For eighteenth- century Europeans, the Lisbon earthquake was manifest evil. Today we view evil as a matter of human cruelty, and Auschwitz as its extreme incarnation.

Susan Neiman

Susan Neiman, *Evil in Modern Thought*, 2002 on Kindle:

"The eighteenth century used the word *Lisbon* much as we use the word *Auschwitz* today."

"Climate change suggests that the difference between natural and moral evils no longer matters; what counts is taking moral responsibility for the natural disasters that our reckless use of nature provokes.... When human heedlessness stokes destruction, then leaves the world's poorest people at its mercy, it isn't merely tragic; it's evil."

"The lines between wickedness and decency, in yourself or in others, can be drawn with relative clarity....

Our inability to find something deep that is common to the mass murders committed by terrorists and the starvation furthered by corporate interests does not prevent us from condemning both....

Slow ecological disaster is not intended by the developed nations that fail to regulate the consumption that will surely lead to it - which lessens no one's responsibility to prevent it. ... Camus used plague to stand for evil in general ... Arendt wrote that evil resembles a fungus...".

Rawls thought expt :

"Rawls proposes a thought experiment in which we cover our characters with a veil of ignorance. You are to choose the world you want for yourself and your children without knowing whether you or they will be rich or poor, male or female ... you are to imagine knowing nothing about your talents or inclinations ... the choices you make must be right ones for whoever you turn out to be."

"When human heedlessness stokes destruction, then leaves the world's poorest peoples at its mercy, it isn't merely tragic; it's evil.

...the suppression of Hiroshima, and the focus on Auschwitz, has distorted our moral vision ...the forms of evil perpetuated by U.S. policies ... seem so pale and subdued as to have nearly vanished from view."

"When human heedlessness stokes destruction, then leaves the world's poorest people at its mercy, it isn't merely tragic; it's evil. And nothing but the most banal of intentions is required for it to occur."

The destination is what matters; the pavement is secondary. The world must hold you responsible for what you do, since it's what you do, not what you intend, that resounds in the world....evil intentions are not required for evil actions...

it took over twenty years for West Germany to even begin the process of examining its Nazi past...see her book Moral Clarity...

Climate change suggests that the difference between natural and moral evils no longer matters; what counts is taking moral responsibility for the natural disasters that our reckless use of nature provokes...

The more we focus on simple models of evil, the less practice we have in recognizing more complicated ones..."

see also Kindle notes

from Moral Clarity, 2009:

"As the right was completing its study of the classics, the left was facing conceptual collapse.... Those who view religion as necessary for morality reduce us to the moral level of four -year-olds....

The right wing ... offers a public conception of goodness the left no longer knows how to defend...What the left lacks isn't values, but a standpoint from which all those values make sense - and a language with which to defend them...

Evil should be applied not to persons, but to actions...

there comes a time to judge. Evil presents an unacceptable gap between ideals and reality...

The language of shame is the most effective moral weapon there is. To abandon talk of evil is to leave that weapon in the hands of those who are least equipped to use it.

There is no moral order in the world as it is ...

If there is going to be reason in the world, it is we who have to put it there...

you must work out your ethics on earth...

goodness makes you feel more alive...

"...comparative redemption' - how each community has responded to and reframed its unsavory past...

A nation that erects a monument of shame for the evils of its history in its most prominent space is a nation that is not afraid to confront its own failures..." see Lipstadt review, quotes.

Susan Neiman

end of Neiman

Pessimism is an indulgence. It takes guts to face the problems of the day with hope. To cower or become overwhelmed does not help the situation.

Andrea Nelson, UU env human student

"You need to disappoint your supporters at a rate they can tolerate."

Congressman Bill Nelson

"cynicism and tribalism are very closely related. You protect your tribe, your way of life and thinking, and you try to annihilate anything that might call that into question."

Dean Nelson, evangelist

"Opioids don't touch the pain source; they only turn off the appreciation of the pain in the brain. A small dose ... just changes the sensation from being something that is quite irritating to being something that you don't seem to care about as much."

Lewis Nelson

Nelson, Maggie:

"Loneliness is solitude with a problem."

"Economists think of themselves as scientists, but ... they are more like theologians."

"Theology can be defined as the systematic study of religious thinking and practice."

"...religion is about making claims to truth...about changing people to make them better understand the truth..."

Robert H Nelson, Economics as Religion 2001

"Be here. Be present. Wherever you are, be there."

Willy Nelson

Nemtsov, Boris:

Boris Nemtsov predicted that the lies built by Putin's regime would "collapse in an instant." "In the 1930s, the German people were enchanted by Hitler but now they hate him," Nemtsov said. "This is exactly what will happen to Putin."

Neruda, Pablo:

"You can cut down the flowers but you can't stop the spring"

"If we were not so single-minded
about keeping our lives moving,
and for once could do nothing,
perhaps a huge silence
might interrupt this sadness
of never understanding ourselves
and of threatening ourselves with death.

Pablo Neruda in 'Keeping Quiet'

The Word by Pablo Neruda

The word
was born in the blood,
grew in the dark body, beating,
and took flight through the lips and the mouth.

Farther away and nearer
still, still it came
from dead fathers and from wandering races,
from lands which had turned to stone,
lands weary of their poor tribes,
for when grief took to the roads
the people set out and arrived
and married new land and water
to grow their words again.

And so this is the inheritance;
this is the wavelength which connects us
with dead men and the dawning
of new beings not yet come to light.

Still the atmosphere quivers
with the first word uttered
dressed up
in terror and sighing.
It emerged
from the darkness
and until now there is no thunder
that ever rumbles with the iron voice
of that word,
the first
word uttered—
perhaps it was only a ripple, a single drop,
and yet its great cataract falls and falls.

Later on, the word fills with meaning.
Always with child, it filled up with lives.
Everything was births and sounds—
affirmation, clarity, strength,
negation, destruction, death—
the verb took over all the power
and blended existence with essence
in the electricity of its grace.

Human word, syllable, flank
of extending light and solid silverwork,
hereditary goblet which receives
the communications of the blood—
here is where silence came together with
the wholeness of the human word,
and, for human beings, not to speak is to die—
language extends even to the hair,
the mouth speaks without the lips moving,
all of a sudden, the eyes are words.

I take the word and pass it through my senses
as though it were no more than a human shape;
its arrangements awe me and I find my way
through each resonance of the spoken word—
I utter and I am and, speechless, I approach
across the edge of words silence itself.

I drink to the word, raising
A word or a shining cup;
in it I drink
the pure wine of language
or inexhaustible water,
maternal source of words,
and cup and water and wine
give rise to my song
because the verb is the source
and vivid life—it is blood,
blood which expresses its substance
and so ordains its own unwinding.

Words give glass quality to glass, blood to blood,
and life to life itself.

Pablo Neruda (translated by Alastair Reid)

"Poetry doesn't belong to those who write it," he says. "It belongs to those who need it."
The Postman in el Postino film

"It's like weapons - it's a weapon."
Benjamin Netanyahu on cyber weapons hacking

Neumann, see von Neumann

"At the foundation of well-founded knowledge is knowledge that is not well-founded."
Otto Neurath via Wittgenstein

Annalee Newitz: NYT OPed

"Satire also draws us in by promising to humiliate those who have power over us...

Toxic ideas can be made into literal demons - and defeated...

It's time to slay some monsters."

When free speech metastasises into chaos speech, we no longer know what is true or false. We don't trust each other. ...It turns out that information overload is just as toxic to democracy as censorship is.

"I've escaped from the cult of Trumpworld. I'm free."
Omarosa Manigault Newman

Newman, Sandra: wrote The Men:
"People shouldn't always write nice books."

Newsome, Gavin:
"...respond not with quiet complicity but with action..."

New York Times

"The hallmark of genius ... is creative immensity, the ability to absorb and contain multitudes."
on Bob Dylan's Nobel Prize

"This ... presidential campaign exposed a lot of rot in our democracy's infrastructure, and anger in the populace... history will not be kind to ... the Republicans who, out of cravenness or calculation, sidled up to a man they knew to be unfit for office. Paul Ryan, Mitch McConnell, Ted Cruz, Marco Rubio - weaklings all." 11-7-2016

"For [Trump], facts aren't the point; trust is. Like any autocrat, he wins his followers' trust - let's call it a blind trust - by lying so often and so brazenly that millions of people give up on trying to distinguish truth from falsehood. ... In a confusing world of competing, shouted 'truths', the simplest solution is to trust your leader. ... Trump ... has exploited ... the human impulse to be swayed more by story than by fact."

"Mr. Trump ... [spent] down your credibility as selfishly as he has spent other people's money throughout his business career....Mr. Trump has shown a despot's willingness to invent his own version of the truth and to weaponize the federal government to confirm that version, to serve his ego and to pursue vendettas large and small....

"...Trump has shown himself to be a small man ... engaged in shrinking the presidency to fit himself."

7-30-2017 edit Mr. McCain

"Like a willful toddler, Mr. Trump lives to test limits....his inner circle and his main backers do not consider themselves bound by such pedestrian concepts as truth, ethics or the law."

headline: 'Covering the stains with glitter' re: Beijing Olympics

"it was only in 2008,...that... the court divined an individual right to bear arms hidden somewhere in the 27 words of the Second Amendment."

end Times Editorials, etc.

Newlove, Donald:

"Some creativity should be inhibited."

"God has an incredible sense of humor. Just look around."

Bob Newhart

"What's difficult about getting old is remembering the way things used to be. There were such things as loyalty. The community hadn't disintegrated. The individual had not been deified at the expense of everything around him. I don't think that's just an old codger, you know, wishing for the old days. Goddamn, they were better. There was a lot of ugliness, but there was a lot more grace."

Paul Newman at age 70.

E. O. Wilson, who prefers the term Eremocene, or the Age of Loneliness (eremo coming from the Greek for lonely or bereft).

A singular self-absorbed species, we are racing toward being, ultimately, alone and aloof in a sterile cosmos.

As Laudato si' states, "[A] true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor."

Robert Newman

Newspaper Mottos—from the Newseum brochure (12/02):

"If you don't want it printed, don't let it happen."

Aspen Daily News, Colorado

"If you would avoid criticism, say nothing, do nothing, and be nothing."

Perry Daily Journal, Oklahoma

"What the people don't know will hurt them."

Johnson City Press, Tennessee

"No great discovery was ever made without a bold guess."

I keep the subject constantly before me and wait until the first dawns open little by little into the full light.

I can calculate the movements of stars but not the madness of man.

Nature is pleased with simplicity."

Sir Isaac Newton

"What we could do if we got rid of the bullshit. But unfortunately I don't have a suggestion on how to get rid of it. Some people seem to need the structure it provides."

Dylan Neyme

"Empires rot from the inside even as empowers blame the barbarians."

"...the contest for our American identity wasn't strictly a political affair. It is also a matter of storytelling. ... The struggle over the direction of our country is also a fight over whose words will win and whose images will ignite the collective imagination.

... Great literature cannot exist if it is based on hate, fear, division, exclusion, scapegoating or the use of injustice. Bad literature and demagogues, on the other hand, exploit these very things, and

they do so through telling the kind of demonizing stories good literary writers reject. ... America itself should be a safe and special place. Good writers cannot write honestly if they are incapable of imagining what it is that another feels, thinks and sees. Through identifying with characters and people who are nothing like us, through destroying the walls between ourselves and others, the people who love words — both writers and readers — strive to understand others and break down the boundaries that separate us. Even as each of us is solitary as a reader or a writer, we are reminded of our shared humanity and our inhumanity.

My son need not become a writer, but he will become a storyteller. We are all storytellers of our own lives, of our American identities. I want my son to rise to the challenge of fighting to determine which stories will define our America.”

Viet Thanh Nguyen

C. Thi Nguyen, a philosopher at the University of Utah, has written, it does that “by offering immediate, vivid and quantified evaluations of one’s conversational success. Twitter offers us points for discourse; it scores our communication. And these gamelike features are responsible for much of Twitter’s psychological wallop. Twitter is addictive, in part, because it feels so good to watch those numbers go up and up.”

“Imagine yourself into the shoes of a hostile manipulator. Let’s say you wanted to get people under your political sway. You’d want to design a belief system that was as maximally catchy and sticky as possible...

First...design a belief system that included provisions to distrust all outsiders who didn’t share the belief system...make that belief system utterly clear and coherent, all the better to please its adopters. ... design an echo chamber.

Second...rig the belief system with the appropriate amount of moral certainty and superiority over outsiders, so as to provide all the pleasures of moral condemnation... fill it with moral outrage porn.

Third...entrench that belief system in a communication platform that awarded its users plenty of clear, direct affirmation for agreeing with each other....

the gamified setting of Twitter will do quite nicely. Echo chambers instrumentalize our trust; moral outrage porn instrumentalizes our morality; and gamification instrumentalizes our goals.” see pdf end Nguyen

“I love the heat

Especially when it is so cold

And especially when we are so right to scream

Foul play.

“I like empathy...Sad brings empathy, and empathy is the only human thing we have...

Good work is a vacation. Making something happen that you really daydreamed into happening.”

“...you are here ... because you believe this charade will help you get ahead in the world...the economy ... has become the only thing...We have ... a total dedication to the economy...which is rapidly engulfing and suffocating everything.”

Hugh Nibley, BYU commencement graduation via Roger Terry

“...parenthood starts before conception, at the moment you decide you want a child, and are ready and able to create a safe and loving home for her or him.”

Judy Nicastro

“I ‘left’ the known universe. We were in the middle of nothingness, and the universe was humming and I knew it was a womb for life.”

David Nichols on his first mescaline experience.

"...when Senate Republicans meekly acquit Trump, like terrified jurors under the glaring eye of a Mafia boss who knows their names."

Tom Nichols USA Today edit.

"Where do they teach you to talk like this? Sell crazy somewhere else. We're all stocked up here."

Jack Nicholson in As Good as it Gets, quoted by Tom Friedman

"Disease exposes the assumptions of a society."

Adam Nicolson

Niebuhr:

"The democratic idealists of practically all schools of thought have managed to remain remarkably oblivious to the obvious facts."

Reinhold Niebuhr, via Achen book

"In every civilization its most impressive period seems to precede death by only a moment."

Reinhold Niebuhr

"...man's capacity for justice makes democracy possible; but man's inclination to injustice makes democracy necessary."

"If we should perish, the ruthlessness of the foe would be only the secondary cause of the disaster. The primary cause would be that the strength of a giant nation was directed by eyes too blind to see all the hazards of the struggle; and the blindness would be induced not by some accident of nature or history but by hatred and vainglory."

Reinhold Niebuhr The Serenity Prayer:

"God, give us grace to accept with serenity the things that cannot be changed, courage to change the things that should be changed, and the wisdom to distinguish the one from the other."

"An adequate religion is always an ultimate optimism which has entertained all the facts which lead to pessimism."

"... it is almost impossible to be sane and Christian at the same time."

"It is an illusion of idealistic children of light to imagine what we can destroy evil merely by avowing ideals."

'[Niebuhr] spoke unembarrassed about evil as a real and permanent force in human life.' from review by Adam Kirsch

"The whole art of politics consists in directing rationally the irrationalities of men."

Reinhold Niebuhr

"...dreams of managing history...tutors of mankind in its pilgrimage to perfection..."

Obama answered, "I take away [from Niebuhr] the compelling idea that there's serious evil in the world"; that "we should be humble and modest in our belief we can eliminate these things, but we shouldn't use that as an excuse for cynicism and inaction"; that "we have to make these efforts knowing they are hard, and not swinging from naive idealism to bitter realism."

"Letter from Birmingham Jail" Martin Luther King wrote, "Individuals may see the moral light and voluntarily give up their unjust posture; but, as Reinhold Niebuhr has reminded us, groups tend to be more immoral than individuals."

end Niebuhr

"In Germany they came first for the Communists, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Communist. Then they came for the Jews, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Jew. Then they came for the trade unionists, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a trade unionist. Then they came for the Catholics, and I didn't speak up because I was a Protestant. Then they came for me, and by that time no one was left to speak up."

"First they came for the Socialists, and I didn't speak up, because I wasn't a Socialist... Then they came for the Jews, and I didn't speak up, because I wasn't a Jew. Then they came for me, and there was no one left to speak up for me."

Martin Niemöller

feld, Emi:

"...no publicly traded company is a family." on Google.

--Pastor Martin Niemöller, 1945

"You can't have security without stability...the United States...must do more to curtail demand for drugs."

Enrique Pena Nieto, President, Mexico

Nietzsche:

"In individuals, insanity is rare; but in groups, parties, nations and epochs, it is the rule."

— Friedrich Nietzsche

"Almost 2,000 years and no new God!"

"He who has a why to live can bear with almost any how."

"We have art in order not to die of the truth."

"Madness ... is the exception in individuals, but the rule in groups."

Friedrich Nietzsche

"What I relate is the history of the next two centuries. I describe what is coming, what can no longer come differently: the advent of nihilism. This future speaks even now in a hundred signs; this destiny announces itself everywhere...For some time now, our ... culture has been moving as toward a catastrophe, with a tortured tension that is growing from decade to decade: restlessly, violently, headlong like a river that wants to reach the end, that no longer reflects, that is afraid to reflect."

F Nietzsche 1888

"Only something that continues *to hurt* stays in the memory."

He who has a why to live for can bear almost any low."

Nietzsche

"We have art in order not to die to the truth."

"All things are subject to interpretation, and whichever interpretation prevails at a given time is a function of power and not truth." Friedrich Nietzsche

Nietzsche detected the handwriting of envy everywhere, observing, "Envy and jealousy are the private parts of the human soul."

"The disease called man."

"Nietzsche observe[d] that convictions are more dangerous enemies of truth than lies."

Rivka Galchen

"Can one believe that such things are still believed?"

"That which does not kill you makes you stronger."

"In true man, there is a child hidden, who wants to play."

"Danger, disquiet, anxiety attend the unknown—the first instinct is to eliminate these distressing states. First principle: any explanation is better than none...The cause-creating drive is thus conditioned and excited by the feeling of fear."

"Without music life would be a mistake,"

end Friedrich Nietzsche

"...to affect thro' the eyes what we fail to convey to the public through their word-proof ears."

Florence Nightingale on 'coxcomb' pie chart

"...nostalgia: ...people long to relive the past only when they are sure it is irretrievable gone."

Vadim Nikitin

"We don't see things as they are, we see them as we are."

"The secret of a full life is to live and relate to others as if they might not be there tomorrow, as you may not be there tomorrow."

Anais Nin

"Without leaders who inspire hope for a future of peace, young ... have lost the ability to dream, to envision a different reality..."

Ori Nir

"American infants learn nouns most rapidly, while Asian infants learn verbs."

Richard Nisbett

Nixon:

"This malaise exists primarily among those who are best fed, best housed, best clothed...the people of the United States need a dream, they need a vision, they need a purpose bigger than themselves."

"unless in every life an individual at some point in time is engaged in a cause bigger than himself, that life can be a very empty one."

"About the time you are writing a line you have written so often that you want to throw up, that is the time the American people will hear it."

"Anybody who wants to be an ambassador must at least give \$250,000."

Richard Nixon

Richard Nixon's 1970 [State of the Union Address](#), which includes a lengthy discussion on the need to address, "The great question of the seventies" and whether we,

"shall ... surrender to our surroundings, or shall we make our peace with nature and begin to make reparations for the damage we have done to our air, to our land, and to our water?"

"Restoring nature to its natural state is a cause beyond party and beyond factions. It has become a common cause of all the people of this country. It is a cause of particular concern to young Americans, because they more than we will reap the grim consequences of our failure to act on programs which are needed now if we are to prevent disaster later."

"Clean air, clean water, open spaces--these should once again be the birthright of every American. If we act now, they can be."

"Always remember others may hate you,
but those who hate you don't win - unless you hate them.
And then you destroy yourself."

-- Richard Nixon, Farewell Address; Woodward interview

"A man is not finished when he is defeated. He is finished when he quits,"

"...never forget: The press is the enemy. The press is the enemy. The press is the enemy. The establishment is the enemy. The professors are the enemy. The professors are the enemy. Write that on a blackboard 100 times and never forget it."

end Nixon

"Born a Crime ... liberal hatred."

"*The Chronicles of Narnia* for me captured a certain adolescent desire to step into another world. It was also the desire to step into a world where your weirdness was normal. All of a sudden, you step into a world where all the things you were not make you who you are. In Narnia, you're weird, but everyone is weird."

Trevor Noah

Like magic, the wall was gone.

Jesse Noakes on MDMA

"Perhaps my factories will put an end to war sooner than your congresses: on the day that two army corps can mutually annihilate each other in a second, all civilized nations will surely recoil with horror and disband their troops...."

I would like to invent a substance or a machine with such terrible power of mass destruction that war would thereby be made impossible for ever."

Alfred Nobel

'No one can ignore a black woman on a horse'

Brianna Noble

Algorithms of Oppression bk; slow media

Safiya Umoja Noble

Nocera:

"This is how the Big Lie works..." [NYT 12-24-2011]

Repetition is all important to spreading a Big Lie."

Joe Nocera

"...gun violence in poor neighborhoods ... like the epidemics ... in Africa. Maps that charted gun violence showed clustering ... just like maps tracking infectious diseases. The greatest predictor of violence was another case of violence, which also mirrors epidemics. ...the key is intervention...find the disease carriers....gang members are often looking for reasons not to resort to gun violence."

Joe Nocera on Gary Slutkin

There are an estimated 300 million guns in America, and that's not going to change anytime soon. But to read The Gun Report is to be struck anew at the reality that most of the people who die from guns would still be alive if we just had fewer of them. The guys in the movie theater would have had a fistfight instead of a shooting. The momentary flush of anger would pass. The suicidal person might have taken a pause if taking one's life were more difficult. And on, and on. The idea that guns, on balance, save lives — which is one of the most common sentiments expressed in the pro-gun comments posted to The Gun Report — is ludicrous.

On the contrary: The clearest message The Gun Report sends is the most obvious. Guns make killing way too easy.

"Journalism is the first rough draft of history."

Joe Nocera

"They don't care about your kids. I do,"

tree-huggers, the bird and bunny lovers and the rock lickers

As Noel explained: "Sometimes ... we need to have the courage to do nothing."

Mike Noel

"This country has managed to avoid a class war by giving poor white people an array of minorities to abuse, a trick that has benefited rich white people for centuries.

...we have tolerated the creation of a terrifying set of powers that now rest in the small hands of a man who has been waiting his entire life to take revenge on each and every enemy who has slighted him. ...Every new outrage is a test of what we will tolerate. If the government can roll out troops to a large swath of major cities ...under the guise of stopping some kids from spray-painting some courthouse, it is a fairly good indicator that the spirit of the broader American public will not rouse itself to stand in the way of fascism's tightening grip."

Hamilton Nolan

Praxeological evil includes human motivations and emotions, not just judgments of right or wrong behavior. The intent behind this labeling is to begin seeing evil from a new and all-inclusive perspective - one not limited to habitual definitions, or justifications.

... Evil is a condition which does not meet a medical or disease model of illness, primarily because of the supporting evidence of conscious motivations and free will. Additionally, praxeological evil, unlike a mental disorder, can not be treated with medication or traditional psychotherapy, and unlike a disease, it does not have a proven predictable course.

... In defining pervasive or praxeological evil, we will take into account these four specific attributes of an individual's life.

... all four of these elements simultaneously exist - throughout a person's life span.

... Praxeological evil is a catastrophic diagnosis.

... They consciously induce or enhance entropy, which causes a systematic breakdown or destruction within personal relationships or society as a whole.

... praxeological evil stands alone. It is not mental illness; it is not personality disorder. It is a conscious state of being. It is a chosen lifestyle. It is the core of character. And that character is narcissistic."

"They do have conscious knowledge of the judicious differences between good and evil; they know when - and they know why - they are choosing evil."

... we believe the evil person knows that they are evil, regardless of their characteristic self-protectionism and intense denial.

... they secretly believe that they are internally capable of manipulating all people and situations to their personal advantage, which results in the development of specific intentional behaviors, rather than impulsive reactions.

... evil is not only who they are, but also what they are, or at least what they have become.

This subtle quality of lovelessness, with its emotional compensation, is a trademark of the praxeologically evil person.

... no street drug or pharmaceutical intervention can arrest praxeological evil, and no exorcism of evil spirits will alter the evil that exists in certain human beings.

... great potential exists for praxeologically evil individuals to have praxeologically evil family members in preceding generations.

Most praxeologically evil individuals will continue to be predators and perpetrators. They will continue, despite their conscious knowledge of the destruction of their actions, to threaten the emotional, physical and community health of all they meet. These individuals should be locked away when laws are violated.

Richard K Nongard see pdf book

"...almost everyone involved in politics or covering politics now is getting dumber.

They're getting lost in a sea of dumb. ...

People in politics now are getting what they know through the internet, ... by nature quick, lifeless and shallow reads that link to other quick, dry and shallow reads that everyone else has also read. It all becomes a big lying loop."

Peggy Noonan

Wall Street Journal columnist

Catholic University of America, May 13, 2017

"The protected make public policy. The unprotected live in it."

Peggy Noonan, 2016

Nordell, Jessica:

Scalia wrote a strinkingly wide-eyed assertion that gives "the distinct impression that Scalia had never had a job."

via Szalai review: She cites research suggesting that subtle bias can in some cases be more detrimental than overt bias, because navigating ambiguity is so mentally and emotionally taxing. It can leave people “questioning their own perceptions,” she writes, “a sort of internal gaslighting.”

“Here, my illness was a cultural pathology so saturating it took me years to recognize,” she writes. “The End of Bias” argues for a more profound sense of responsibility; Nordell describes bias as a kind of theft, one that deprives individuals and undermines entire societies...

Nordhaus, Ted:

“Fear may be inevitable, but despair is a choice.”

“There is a difference between a *hard* choice and a *false* choice.”

“The challenge for American liberals and environmentalists isn’t to convince the American people that they are poor, insecure, and low status but rather the opposite: to speak to their wealth, security, and high status. It is this posture that motivates our higher aspirations for fulfillment. The way to get insecure Americans to embrace an expansive, generous, and progressive politics is not to tell them that they are weak but rather to point out all the ways in which they are strong.”

“...creating a movement...a set of trends that could become the raw material of a new politics:

the continuing importance of association and affiliation in American life;

the rising importance and strength of weak ties;

greater flexibility in work, family, political, and community life;

and the rising importance of creativity to the knowledge economy.”

“...a pragmatic politics needs a definition of global warming that is

easy to represent by a mental image;

communicates an abrupt, perceptible, immediate change in the environment;

does not make people feel guilty;

has a solution that is not perceived to require tremendous sacrifice; and

gives people a sense of control.”

“Wealth will be defined as that which provides us with the freedom to become unique individuals.”

Ted Nordhaus and Michael Shallenberger in Break Through 2007

Nordhaus, William:

“An appreciation of [*Laudato Si*’s] poetic and epic

qualities is completely absent from secondhand accounts....

Markets can work miracles when

they work properly, but that power can be subverted and do the economic

equivalent of the devil’s work when price signals are distorted....

“*Laudato Si*’ does not recognize the fact that environmental problems are caused by market distortions rather than by markets per se.”

William Nordhaus

The Spirit of Green: The Economics of Collisions and Contagions in a Crowded World

Nordhaus, William D.

Plagues are as old as climate change is new, but the solutions have a common core of approaches.

Memories may escape the action of will, may sleep a long time, but when stirred by the right influence, though that influence be light as a shadow, they flash into full stature and life with everything in place....

Many critical issues facing humanity today—global warming and ozone depletion, COVID-19, financial crises, cyberwarfare, and nuclear proliferation—are similarly global in effect and resist the control of both markets and national governments.

Philip II of Spain, the surpassing wooden-head of all sovereigns: "No experience of the failure of his policy could shake his belief in its essential excellence."
end Nordhaus

"To write a book such as mine, you have to spend a lot of time with evil..."
Jay Nordlinger

"...all human beings have rights. That's a perfect antidote to the naive feeling that we can attack those we don't like. Inquiry, reason, open-mindedness: these all tend to dampen our cognitive biases and boost our cognitive immune response...cognitive immunotherapy."
Andrew Norman

"Pigeonholes are for pigeons."
Jessye Norman

"Nobody learns anything about politics after they are 21."
"No one's life is ever a complete waste. Some serve as bad examples."
"Bipartisanship is another name for date rape."
"George W. Bush was elected president of the United States of America because of the Muslim vote." - via Mehdi Hasan pdf
Grover Norquist

"...poetry seemed too small a vessel. So I turned to prose...
...tribalism, that evil and ultimately self-destructive mythology that identifies others as less than human...
...when it comes to coping with evil, ignorance is our worst enemy.
Kathleen Norris, Native EVIL

Norris, Michelle: Wash Post oped see pdf.

"The United States does not yet have the stomach to look over its shoulder and stare directly at the evil on which this great country stands....
slavery is rendered as the shameful act of a smattering of Southern plantation owners and not a sprawling economic and social framework with tentacles that stamped almost every aspect of American life...

Historians often look to "collective memory" — how groups of people typically recall past events — to help decipher a nation's identity and soul.. collective forgetting can be just as revealing...
...German word Vergangenheitsaufarbeitung. It's a mouthful that translates loosely to "working off the past..."

A bronze marker bears the inscription: "That was but a prelude; where they burn books, they will ultimately burn people as well..."

...paths forward from a dark past [are] instructive because it sheds light not on comparative evil but instead contrasting redemption..."

'...anyone who closes his eyes to the past is blind to the present. Whoever refuses to remember the inhumanity is prone to new risk of infection.' quoting West German President Richard von Weizsäcker, 1985.

"The Germans decided that discomfort could make them stronger by creating guardrails against a returning evil. We instead have reached for blinders....

Vergangenheitsaufarbeitung ...doesn't even translate well into English...it really means ... trying to build an ever bigger, ever more complicated structure off a foundation with serious cracks. Those flaws must be addressed, assessed, fixed and made sturdy before the foundation can take more weight... The reason Vergangenheitsaufarbeitung took root in Germany was because its most ardent and committed proponents were closer to the ground. It wasn't limited to the ivory tower, the C-suite or the pulpit. History was challenged from below..."

"Reality is complicated and messy. Ideologies get rid of the messiness and impose a simpler solution. So, it may not be surprising that people with less cognitive capacity will be attracted to simplifying ideologies."

Brian Nosek

"There's a part of me that always wanted to paint outside the lines....
Trump is the outward manifestation of white male panic."

Lynn Nottage, playwright

"Evolution is not an argument against God, any more than gravity is."

Michael Nowak

"Optimism is an essential ingredient for innovation. How else can the individual welcome change over security, adventure over staying in safe places."

Robert N. Noyce

"Philosophy means the love of wisdom."

Robert Nozick

Objectivity: "A phenomenon is objective to the extent to which it is invariant under a range of possible transformations."

Robert Nozick, Invariances,

Sam Nunberg, an adviser on his campaign, told me recently. "He doesn't drink. He doesn't do drugs. His drug is himself."

"The misconception is that the president does not know what he does not know. In my experience, the reality is that the president knows what he does not know and does not think he needs to know it."

SAM NUNBERG

"Living machines are not intelligently designed and will often be redundant and overly complex."

Paul Nurse, Rockefeller Univ.

"... the future inevitably imagines itself superior to the past."

Emily Nussbaum reviewing *Handmaid's Tale* TV in NYer pdf

Nussbaum, Felix, via Shulamit Ran:

"If I perish – do not let my paintings die."

Martha Nussbaum: The Monarchy of Fear

"...all the monarch needs is enough fear to produce obedience. In a democracy we need much more: love of the good, hope for the future, a determination to combat the corrosive forces of hatred, disgust, and rage - all fed, I claim, by fear..."

Thinking is hard, fear and blame are easy...

Philosophy...is a gentle discipline...

fear: anger, disgust, and envy...

Fear, genetically first among the emotions, persists beneath all and infects them all, nibbling around the edges of love and reciprocity...

Politics begins where we begin. (birth fear pain ...Lucretius, Rousseau)
 ...early need creates problems for the type of political order...human life ...begins...in
 monarchy...by making slaves of others...Babies ...rule or die...
 Fear is not only the earliest emotion in human life, it is also the most broadly shared within the
 animal kingdom...
 Fear is intensely narcissistic...fear is the emotion of an absolute monarch, who cares about
 nothing and nobody else.
 The human baby ...has only one way of getting what it wants: using other people.
 How do infants overcome the narcissism of fear?...It involves...a move out of monarchy in the
 direction of democratic reciprocity...
 Fear always simmers beneath the surface of moral concern, and it threatens to destabilize
 democracy, since democracy requires all of us to limit our narcissism and embrace reciprocity...
 Anger, Child of Fear...
 ...anger is a poison to democratic politics, and it is all the worse when fueled by a lurking fear and
 a sense of helplessness...
 Dignity, unlike reputation, is equal and inalienable...
 We impute blame, often, even when there is no blame to be apportioned. The world is full of
 accidents. Sometimes a disaster is just a disaster. Sometimes illness and hardship are just illness
 and hardship...Things do just fall apart...
 ...in losing fear, we also lose love...
 Freedom is beautiful, and we must be prepared to suffer for it, but we must focus on defending
 what we love rather than 'disgorging our venom on the land ' [Aeschylus]...
 [King's I have a dream speech...anger redirection]...anger redirection...
 King: ' Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and
 hatred...'
 ...projective disgust...
 ...implicit bias...
 Rawls, justice, envy...
 Melanie Klein...envy.
 A typical large American high school is a veritable cauldron of envy...
 Hamilton and Miranda: ...a choice of two possible political lives, the life of love and service to the
 new nation, and the life of fear-driven envy and zero-sum competition...
 ...the suggestion of assassination does [not] have a place in democratic discourse...
 New Deal... fear itself...
 ...rights protect democracy from envy...
 [Envy] is deeply rooted in the insecurity of human life itself...
 ...as the bad outcome gets close to certainty, fear turns to despair or fatalism, or to mind-numbing
 terror...
 ...hope has wings, it has feathers like a bird, it soars upward...Hope swells outward, fear shrinks
 back.
 ...hope is crucial to the energetic pursuit of a difficult goal.
 Hope really is a choice, and a practical habit.
 Hope expands and surges forward, fear shrinks back.
 Political hope requires putting disgust on hold.
 National service program needed
 Ralph Ellison...invisible man...
 David Grossman A Horse walks into a bar imaginative surrender
 Hope often has to begin with a few...
 Capabilities:
 Life; Bodily Health; Bodily Integrity; Senses, Imagination, and Thought; Emotions; Practical
 Reason; Affiliation; Other Species; Play; Control over one's Environment (Political and Material).
 The focus is on capabilities...
 ...Americans lack a sense of the common good.
 'passive injustice' via Cicero, The Duties.
 They do not serve the public good..."

"Martha Nussbaum wrote in her great book "Upheavals of Thought," to be emotional is to attach yourself to something you value supremely but don't fully control. To be passionate is to put yourself in danger. via david brooks

Rachel Aviv, New Yorker, on Nussbaum:

"...accept our complicated, messy humanity and not run away from it ...

To be a good human being is to have a kind of openness to the world, the ability to trust uncertain things beyond your own control ...

I am calling for a society of citizens who admit that they are needy and vulnerable.

[Literature provided] an escape from an amoral life into a universe where morality matters.

...most philosophers have been in flight from human existence.

{Society} has to cultivate certain emotions and teach people to enter empathetically into others' lives ...

"Did you stand for something or didn't you?" (quoting John Stuart Mill: I have done my work.)

Martha Nussbaum

"... Americans love payback. They have a conception of masculinity that makes [a future-oriented approach] seem weak and feminine. ... a whole society has this frontier mentality..."

Martha Nussbaum

"Neurological research on fear has shown that the scars of early fright stimuli endure and become a continuing influence on daily life....

...fear is intensely narcissistic...

Donald Winnicott, a great psychoanalyst and pediatrician, invented a concept for what children need if they are to develop concern for others. He called these conditions the facilitating environment. Applying this idea to the family, he showed that the home must have a core of basic loving stability and must be free from sadism and child abuse. But the facilitating environment has economic and social preconditions as well: there must be basic freedom from violence and chaos, from fear of ethnic persecution and terror; there must be enough to eat and basic health care. Working with children who were evacuated from war zones, he understood the psychic costs of external chaos. He recognized that an individual's ability to reach outward is inflected by political concerns, that the personal and the political are inseparable.

...Such a society ... would have to be a freedom-protecting democracy...

He repeatedly connected democracy with psychic health...

Fear always simmers beneath the surface of moral concern...

Hope is the inverse of fear. Both react to uncertainty, but in opposing ways. Hope expands and surges forward, fear shrinks back. Hope is vulnerable, fear is self-protective. This is the difference."

Marsha Nussbaum, excerpt essay Harper's

"When I feel fear I listen to ... Mozart. He's obsessed with this question of how we move into a space of greater brotherhood and equality, and he puts these ideas into his music."

end Martha Nussbaum

Nutt:

"internalizing disorders," disorders where people get locked into a line of thinking about a particular aspect of their life, whether it's depression, thinking negative thoughts... people with OCD get locked into thinking scattering thoughts, and with addiction they're locked into thinking about booze or the syringe. I'm not sure that psychedelics will work for disorders that are more externalizing—like ADHD, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia."

"LSD terrifies governments. It is their ultimate fear because it changes the way people look at the world,"

David Nutt

"...how asylum will end—in a low boil of ambivalence that will eventually consume this foundational principle of the liberal order. "

Nanjala Nyabola

Nye, Bill:

"To leave the world better than you found it, sometimes you have to pick up other people's trash."
— Bill Nye

"The United State is also a one-party state. But with typical American extravagance, they have two of them."

Julius Nyerere

"I am madly in love with collective nouns. They make language so colorful and ticklish. I love throwing them into casual conversation."

Lupita Nyong'o regerring to James Lipton collections