

S Quotations

Saadawi, Nawal El:

"Writing became a weapon with which to fight the system...

The written word for me became an act of rebellion against injustice exercised in the name of religion, or morals, or love...

Women are pushed to be just bodies, either to be veiled under religion or to be veiled by makeup.

They are taught that they shouldn't face the world with their real face...

You cannot be radical and have money. It's impossible."

from NYT obit: writing a book in prison on toilet paper with eye liner.

Sabato, Ernesto:

from El Tunel:

"Is a certain individual a menace to society? Then eliminate him and let that be an end to it. That is what I could call a *good deed*.

I frankly confess that I now regret not having used my time to better advantage when I was a free man...for not having done away with six or seven individuals I could name." on assassination

Sachs, Jeffrey:

We are at the end of the 30-year Reagan era, a period that has culminated in soaring income for the top 1 percent and crushing unemployment or income stagnation for much of the rest....

Reagan's was a fateful misdiagnosis. He ... fought a bogeyman, the government. Decades on, America pays the price of that misdiagnosis, with a nation singularly unprepared to face the global economic, energy and environmental challenges of our time.

Washington still channels Reaganomics....

Government would die by fiscal asphyxiation...

Corporate taxes as a share of national income are at the

lowest levels in recent history. Rich households take home the greatest share of income since the

Great Depression. Twice before in American history, powerful corporate interests dominated

Washington and brought America to a state of unacceptable inequality, instability and corruption.

Both times a social and political movement arose to restore democracy and shared prosperity.

The first age of inequality was the Gilded Age at the end of the 19th century... The second Gilded

Age was the Roaring Twenties... a third progressive era is likely to be in the making. This

one should aim for three things. The first is a revival of crucial public services, especially

education, training, public investment and environmental protection. The second is the end of a

climate of impunity that encouraged nearly every Wall Street firm to commit financial fraud. The

third is to re-establish the supremacy of people votes over dollar votes in Washington...

the new progressive era will need a fresh and gutsy generation of candidates to seek election

victories not through wealthy campaign financiers but through free social media.

"The United States currently treats the rest of the world, and especially the developing world, as if it barely exists."

Jeffrey Sachs The Economist July 14, 2001, page 32

"The Western economics profession has been spoiled rotten by rational expectations thinking, by diverting our attention away from the profound misunderstandings that are part of every deep crisis."

"It's been decades since the United States has had a progressive economic strategy, and mainstream economists have forgotten what one can deliver. In fact, Sander's recipes are supported by overwhelming evidence - notable from countries that already follow the policies he advocates. On health care, growth and income inequality, Sanders wins the policy debate hands down."

Jeffrey Sachs The Price of Civilization:

"America has developed the world's most competitive market society but has squandered its civic virtue along the way...The economic crisis ... reflects a deep, threatening, and ongoing deterioration of our national politics and culture of power....Big Oil owns the Republicans while Wall Street owns the Democrats...we need to be ready to pay the price of civilization through multiple acts of good citizenship: bearing our fair share of taxes, educating ourselves deeply about society's needs, acting as vigilant stewards for future generations, and remembering that compassion is the glue that holds society together."

Our greatest national illusion is that a healthy society can be organized around the single-minded pursuit of wealth."

"We are living through a new Gilded Age exceeding the gaudy excesses of the 1870s and the 1920s...The last time America had such massive inequality of wealth and income was on the eve of the Great Depression...the inequality today may ... be greater than in 1929... Dishonesty is a contagious social disease; once it gets started, it tends to spread..."

Samuelson's 5 core ideas...p. 28; adam smith, p. 32

The main effect of the Reagan Revolution...was a new antipathy to the role of government, a new disdain for the poor,,,, and a new invitation to the rich to shed their moral responsibilities to the rest of society...a lot of pent-up greed was released."

"Hayak sides with Adam Smith in recognizing the importance of government provision of public goods.

We need a mindful society ... take seriously our own well-being, our relations with others, and the operation of our politics.

Mindfulness 8, p. 165

Unemployment is the single largest factor in the public's unhappiness and political restiveness. Goals and targets, p. 186

"...it is the provision of public services...that is the key to the elimination of poverty among families with children...Sweden study

GDP...measures everything except that which makes life worthwhile.

[Youth} ... will live naturally with diversity,'...accept a more activist government,...be more attuned to environmental needs,...the Millennial generation's tolerance and optimism are mobilized for collective political action."

"Peace is not the mere absence of war. It is the active pursuit of morality. Immoral leaders are prone to lead us to war, because they stoke conflict, uncertainty, doubt, and extremism."

end Jeffrey Sachs

Sacks, Jonathan, Rabbi:

We ... feel pain when we see others suffering. We are hard-wired for empathy. We are moral animals....we form larger and more complex groups than any other life-form.

A result is that we have two patterns of reaction in the brain, one focusing on potential danger to us as individuals, the other ... taking a more considered view of the consequences of our actions for us and others. The first is immediate, instinctive and emotive. The second is reflective and rational.

"The 21st century has left us with a maximum of choice and a minimum of meaning."

'Secularization of knowledge, ... of power, ... of culture, ... of morality....seek meaning...

Jonathan Sacks, rabbi, author of Not in God's Name.

Oliver Sacks:

"Mirror neurons give human beings our feeling of empathy, which is the ability to feel pain that others are experiencing," said Sacks.

Dualism was described by Sacks as having two main tenets:

1. Dualism makes you dehumanize your opponents who then become enemies of God. When you see your enemy as less than human you lose empathy and they become a cancer which must be removed from the face of the earth.
2. Dualism defines you as a victim so that you remove yourself from moral responsibility. This allows you to ask the question, "Who did this to me?" creating an "us vs. them" mentality.

"Over a lifetime, I have written millions of words, but the act of writing seems as fresh, and as much fun, as when I started it nearly seventy years ago."

Oliver Sacks, last sentence in his memoir *On the Move: A Life*.

"...haunted by the density of reality."

"Individuality is deeply imbued in us from the very start, at the neuronal level. . . . We are destined, whether we wish it or not, to a life of particularity and self-development, to make our own individual paths through life."

"Losing conscious memory of what I have said before, and having no text, I discover my themes afresh each time, and they often seem to me brand-new. This type of forgetting may be necessary for a creative or healthy cryptomnesia, one that allows old thoughts to be reassembled, retranscribed, recategorized, given new and fresh implications. Sometimes these forgettings extend to autoplagiarism, where I find myself reproducing entire phrases or sentences as if new, and this may be compounded, sometimes, by a genuine forgetfulness."

"...creativity may require such forgettings, in order that one's memories and ideas can be born again and seen in new contexts and perspectives."
"...writing, had always been my best way of dealing with complex or frightening situations."

from NY Times review of Memoir 4-28-2015:

And writing. Always writing. He began keeping journals when he was 14, and says that at last count he had nearly a thousand in addition to voluminous correspondence and over a thousand clinical notes a year on patients, kept over many decades. Writing takes him to another place, Dr. Sacks says, "where I am totally absorbed and oblivious to distracting thoughts, worries, preoccupations, or indeed the passage of time."

"In those rare, heavenly states of mind," he goes on, "I may write nonstop until I can no longer see the paper. Only then do I realize that evening has come, and that I have been writing all day." That writing, which Dr. Sacks says gives him a pleasure "unlike any other,"

from NY Times obit:

"I invariably reply to people under 10, over 90 or in prison." related to the 10,000 letters a year he received.

"I love to discover potential in people who aren't thought to have any."

wrote Oaxaca Journal;

film The Music Never Stopped

"I ... ignore my hallucinations, and occasionally enjoy them.

I like seeing what my brain is up to when it is at play."

"Language, that most human invention, can enable what, in principle, should not be possible. It can allow all of us, even the congenitally blind, to see with another person's eyes."

"...listening with a third ear — listening to what is behind the babble." on Shengold in NYT obit from *Gratitude*:

"I am now face to face with dying, but I am not finished with living."

“...At eighty, the marks of decay are all too visible. One’s reactions are a little slower, names more frequently elude one, and one’s energies must be husbanded,...
...I feel a sudden clear focus and perspective. There is no time for anything inessential. I must focus on myself, my work, and my friends. ..
There will be no one like us when we are gone, but then there is no one like anyone else, ever. When people die, they cannot be replaced. They leave holes that cannot be filled, for it is the fate—the genetic and neural fate—of every human being to be a unique individual, to find his own path, to live his own life, to die his own death...”
on Grandin: Oliver Sacks wrote at the end of the foreword that the book provided “a bridge between our world and hers, and allows us to glimpse into a quite other sort of mind.”

Everything in Its Place: First Loves and Last Tales. last book
Sacks, Oliver

on writing:
I first came to New York City in 1965, and at that time I had a horrid, poky little apartment in which there were almost no surfaces to read or write on. I was just able, holding an elbow awkwardly aloft, to write some of Migraine on the top of the refrigerator. I longed for spaciousness. Fortunately, the library at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, where I worked, had this in abundance.
FRIGYES KARINTHY, born in 1887, was a well-known Hungarian
This is a remarkable description of what it feels like to have the very foundations of perception, of consciousness, of self, undermined—
Dr. Eben Alexander, who describes, in his book Proof of Heaven: A Neurosurgeon’s Journey into the Afterlife
We speak of “poles apart,” but the poles of mania and depression are so close

Muybridge, a superb and inventive photographer (his
Muybridge went back

only two types of non-pharmaceutical “therapy” to be vitally important for patients with chronic neurological diseases: music and gardens.
Night of the Ginkgo
Will it be November 20th, 25th, 30th? Whenever
Everything is public now,
There is no privacy and apparently little desire for it in a world devoted to nonstop use of social media.
E. M. Forster in his 1909 short story “The Machine Stops
Such fears have been expressed at the highest intellectual and moral levels.
Martin Rees, Our Final Hour, subtitled A Scientist’s Warning—How Terror, Error, and Environmental Disaster Threaten Humankind’s Future in This Century.

I worry more about the subtle, pervasive draining out of meaning, of intimate contact, from our society and culture.
Hume... 1738 Treatise of Human Nature:
mankind is “nothing but a bundle or collection of different perceptions, which succeed each other with an inconceivable rapidity, and are in a perpetual flux and movement.”
As a neurologist, I have seen many patients rendered amnesic by destruction of the memory systems in their brains, and I cannot help feeling that these people, having lost any sense of a past or a future and caught in a flutter of ephemeral, ever-changing sensations, have in some way been reduced from human beings to Humean ones.
What we are seeing—and bringing on ourselves—resembles a neurological catastrophe on a gigantic scale.

end Sacks

“Each line we attempt to draw crisply, nature has already blurred with the smudgy brush of deep relation.”

Carl Safina

Sagan, Carl::

Cosmos 1:

Maya, Huxley quote.

[On coast, Big Sur]: We wish to pursue the truth no matter where it leads. To find the truth we need imagination and skepticism both. We will not be afraid to speculate, but we need to be careful to separate speculation from fact.

...explore the Cosmos in a ship of the imagination...Come with me...

Science is more than a body of knowledge; it is a way of thinking. I have a foreboding of an America in my children's or grandchildren's time – when the United States is a service and information economy; when nearly all the key manufacturing industries have slipped away to other countries; when awesome technological powers are in the hands of a very few, and no one representing the public interest can even grasp the issues; when the people have lost the ability to set their own agendas or knowledgeably question those in authority; when, clutching our crystals and nervously consulting our horoscopes, our critical faculties in decline, unable to distinguish between what feels good and what's true, we slide, almost without noticing, back into superstition and darkness.

Carl Sagan, from *Demon-Haunted World* (1995)

"Somewhere, something incredible is waiting to be known."

"Imagination will often carry us to worlds that never were. But without it we go nowhere."

final interview 5-27-1996 C Rose:

We've arranged a society on science and technology in which nobody understands anything about science and technology, and this combustible mixture of ignorance and power sooner or later is going to blow up in our faces. I mean, who is running the science and technology in a democracy if the people don't know anything about it.

"Anything else you're interested in is not going to happen if you can't breathe the air and drink the water. Don't sit this one out. Do something."

"Faith is belief in the absence of evidence."

on Earth and Civilization: "I dream about it. And sometimes they're bad dreams."

on Alexandria: "When the mob came to burn the place down, there was nobody to stop them."

The Pale Blue Dot from Space - Earth

"That's here. That's home. That's us. On it everyone you love, everyone you know, everyone you ever heard of, every human being who ever was, lived out their lives. The aggregate of our joy and suffering, thousands of confident religions, ideologies and economic doctrines, every hunter and forager, every hero and coward, every creator and destroyer of civilization, every king and peasant, every young couple in love, every mother and father, hopeful child, inventor and explorer, every teacher of morals, every corrupt politician, every superstar, every supreme leader, every saint and sinner in the history of our species lived there - on a mote of dust suspended in a sunbeam."

"Somewhere, there is something incredible waiting to be known."

I wish you a world free of demons and full of light."

dedication to grandson Tonio

"Any intelligent civilization on any planet will eventually have to use the energy of its parent star, exclusively."

"Keeping an open mind is a virtue—but as space engineer James Oberget once said, not so open that your brains fall out."

"Look again at that dot. That's here. That's home. That's us. On it everyone you love, everyone

you know, everyone you ever heard of, every human being who ever was, lived out their lives. The aggregate of our joy and suffering, thousands of confident religions, ideologies, and economic doctrines, every hunter and forager, every hero and coward, every creator and destroyer of civilization, every king and peasant, every young couple in love, every mother and father, hopeful child, inventor and explorer, every teacher of morals, every corrupt politician, every "superstar," every "supreme leader," every saint and sinner in the history of our species lived there - on a mote of dust suspended in a sunbeam.

"The Earth is a very small stage in a vast cosmic arena. Think of the rivers of blood spilled by all those generals and emperors, so that, in glory and triumph, they could become the momentary masters of a fraction of a dot. Think of the endless cruelties visited by the inhabitants of one corner of this pixel on the scarcely distinguishable inhabitants of some other corner, how frequent their misunderstandings, how eager they are to kill one another, how fervent their hatreds.

"Our posturings, our imagined self-importance, the delusion that we have some privileged position in the Universe, are challenged by this point of pale light. Our planet is a lonely speck in the great enveloping cosmic dark. In our obscurity, in all this vastness, there is no hint that help will come from elsewhere to save us from ourselves.

"The Earth is the only world known so far to harbor life. There is nowhere else, at least in the near future, to which our species could migrate. Visit yes. Settle, not yet. Like it or not, for the moment the Earth is where we make our stand."

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LCaRHxD0Ctl>

"Who are we, if not measured by our impact on others? That's who we are! We're not who we say we are, we're not who we want to be — we are the sum of the influence and impact that we have, in our lives, on others."

Keeping an open mind is a virtue—but, as the space engineer James Oberger once said, not so open that your brains fall out.

"For Ann Druyan: In the vastness of space and the immensity of time, it is my joy to spend a planet and an epoch with Annie." from Cosmos dedication.

"...what is called for is an exquisite balance between two conflicting needs: the most skeptical scrutiny of all hypotheses that are served up to us and at the same time an openness to new ideas...If you are only skeptical, then no new ideas make it through to you... If you are open to the point of gullibility...then you cannot distinguish the useful ideas from the worthless ones."

Carl Sagan, 1987 lecture.

"There is no question that language can almost free us of feeling. Perhaps that is one of its functions—to let us consider the world without in the process becoming entirely overwhelmed by feeling. If so, then the invention of language is simultaneously a blessing and a curse." Sagan's view of human ordinariness was framed as the "principle of mediocrity."

Sagan, filling the auditorium with his baritone, lingering luxuriantly on his consonants as always: "That's here. That's home. That's us. On it, everyone you love, everyone you know, everyone you have ever heard of, every human being who ever was, lived out their lives...[E]very king and peasant, every young couple in love, every mother and father, hopeful child, inventor and explorer, every revered teacher of morals, every corrupt politician, every superstar, every supreme leader, every saint and sinner in the history of our species lived there—on a mote of dust suspended in a sunbeam."

"The unmistakable message of our expulsion from Paradise [Genesis] is that happiness can only be achieved in a state of thoughtless obedience and ignorance."

Ann Druyan, discussing Carl Sagan's work.
Druyan loves to tell the story of a porter at Union Station in Washington, D.C. who refused to let Sagan pay him for handling luggage, saying, "You gave me the universe."

"Our contemplations of the cosmos stir us. There is a tingling in the spine, a faint sensation as if a distant memory of falling from a great height. We know we are approaching the grandest of mysteries." in opening scene of Cosmos series

"A book is proof that humans are capable of working magic. It's a flat object, made from a tree, with flexible parts on which are imprinted lots of funny dark squiggles. But one glance at it and you're inside the mind of another person, maybe somebody dead for thousands of years."

from **Shadows of Forgotten Ancestors**, 1992:

from **Billions and Billions**, 1997 Sagan died Dec. 1996).

"We make our world significant by the courage of our questions and by the depth of our answers."
...there's a kind of traumatic amnesia that happens, so that when it's all over you've almost forgotten the pain

When too much cynicism threatens to engulf us, it is buoying to remember how pervasive goodness is...

quotes Einstein 'conceive of a god...', p. 221

Carl Sagan: A Life **Davidson, Keay**

Dyson's hero was the brilliant but cantankerous geneticist J. B. S. Haldane.
the mind is haunted by ghosts, by irrational forces of desire and repression. Freud believed that these ghosts surface in symbolic forms. One form is the self-destructive group behavior called war.

The Freudian and Einsteinian revolutions posed big questions, questions that tormented Carl Sagan much of his adult life. Reason and irrationalism—polar opposites, yet uncomfortably united.

Humanity, he believed, must reconcile its rational and irrational sides.

Trotsky observed one of the 1905 pogroms. He noted how "the gang rushes through the town, drunk on vodka and the smell of blood."

Many immigrants' hearts raced as they read this passage in a guidebook: "Hold fast, this is most necessary in America. Forget your past, your customs, and your ideals. Select a goal and pursue it with all your might. . . . You will experience a bad time but sooner or later you will achieve your goal. . . . Do not take a moment's rest."

Arrogance often hides insecurity; pretentiousness usually conceals ignorance.

his brain's neurological mirages; he was too confident an atheist

Emotionally, that optimism would be his greatest strength; intellectually, it would be his greatest liability. It was a mental blinder that kept him politically naive ...

Lowell abandoned the diplomatic corps to found an astronomical observatory in Flagstaff, Arizona, bankrolled by family money.

The drying-up of the planet is certain to proceed until its surface can support no life at all. Slowly but surely time will snuff it out. When the last ember is thus extinguished, the planet will roll a dead world through space, its evolutionary career forever ended.

The former utopian H. G. Wells announced that the end of the world was nigh and penned his grim farewell book, *Mind at the End of Its Tether*.

To educate people about nuclear war...one must scare them nearly to death. For "reasoning, argument, pleading will never keep man from pulling down the world about his own head. Only fear, terrible shattering fear of the consequences can persuade him to turn aside

"Fear—fill the whole Earth with fear—fear of man's own evil."

seems reasonable to suppose that wherever in the Universe the proper conditions arise, life must inevitably come into existence"

"Life as we know it" is principally any organism with a carbon-hydrogen-oxygen-nitrogen metabolism. That is to say, without oxygen, hydrogen, nitrogen, and carbon, life as we know it is impossible. . . . [But:] Almost beyond the shadow of a doubt, there is life as we don't know it. Albert Einstein: "Common sense is actually nothing more than a deposit of prejudices laid down in the mind prior to the age of 18."

T. S. Eliot wrote that for Christianity to thrive, "Any large number of free-thinking Jews" is "undesirable."

Chicago - "The Athens of the Midwest," admirers called it. Sagan was one of the last beneficiaries of its controversial "Hutchins program" of classically oriented education.

The topic of this lecture was extraterrestrial life. Muller opened the talk by announcing that he had just returned from a trip to some other planets, on which he had found life forms, and that he wanted to show some slides of those alien beings. There followed, Sagan recalled, slides "of the most astonishing creatures . . . much more bizarre than you can ever think about, much more bizarre than anything in science fiction." After stunning his audience with this array of exotic beings, Muller delightedly announced that he had made a terrible mistake; he had shown them the wrong slides and what they'd been looking at were the microscopic organisms found in a drop of normal Earth pond water. Muller's intent, Sagan recalled, was to impress on his audience just how amazing life right here on Earth is, and he definitely made his point.

[Sagan] showed up unannounced" in Linus Pauling's office.

"It was stunning," Sagan later reflected, "how many passionately argued and defended claims to knowledge had amounted to nothing. It slowly dawned on me that, human fallibility being what it is, there might be other explanations for flying saucers." In time, Sagan would become a devastatingly effective critic of the UFO cult—indeed, of the flood of pseudoscience and superstition engulfing America in the second half of the twentieth century. A sign of how far Sagan's skepticism evolved during his undergraduate years is that in 1955, only one year after he had written his defense of UFOs to Muller, he began to doubt one of his most cherished hopes: that life exists on Mars. As a boy, he had thrilled to read about the "canals" of Mars

Sagan's friend Peter Pesch. "She was marvelous—interested in ideas, concepts, completely open-minded, tolerant, excited, loved to talk. She was so intense; she still is. Very perceptive and very warm and with an absolutely first-rate mind, which makes a terrific combination. A huge heart and a terrific intelligence."

Margulis says, "I didn't have an intellectual background to rebel against."

Sheldon Glashow, observed after Sagan became a TV celebrity that Sagan's youthful persuasiveness had "convinced [Lynn] to study biology rather than English." Slyly, Glashow added: "Lynn is possibly Sagan's greatest contribution to science."

Kuiper introduced Sagan to order-of-magnitude calculations. For someone like Sagan, who relished big numbers, these types of calculations were a revelation. Sometimes referred to as back-of-the-envelope calculations, this rough "guesstimating" method allows for fast checks on ideas and for fairly free-wheeling experimentation to see what numbers might work. "It cut through nonsense like a knife through butter,"

Like so many aloof intellectuals, the young Sagan seemed to think in terms of People rather than of Humanity rather than humans.

Sagan suggested that a possible solution lay in an organic molecule called adenosine triphosphate, or ATP, an essential energy source within cells. He believed that somehow ATP formed on the early Earth, providing the energy necessary for long-chain proteins to form. (Sagan got this idea from H. F. Blum's classic of theoretical biology, *Time's Arrow and Evolution*, 1951. the design of the organism is merely to provide for gene multiplication and survival. . .

He did not simply want to inform readers and audiences; he wanted to enchant them.

Carl had the vision. And the vision wins."

Sagan would spend the summer working in the University of Colorado physics department with the legendary physicist and science popularizer George Gamow.

academic year at Yerkes when the Soviet Union launched the first space satellite, Sputnik.

People turned on their radios

Fallout also worried Joshua Lederberg. A month after the Sputnik launch, the University of Wisconsin professor traveled to Calcutta, India, to confer with the legendary British geneticist J. B. S. Haldane...

Haldane had recently retreated to India "as a refugee from the U.S. occupation of Britain."

Haldane had revived the idea, referring to such cosmic biota as “astroplankton.”²⁴ In a June 1958 paper for *Science* titled “Moondust,”

the value of listening closely to someone who has that degree of rigor and imagination at the same time

Undaunted by consensus opinion, Sagan speculated as follows:

In the 1960s, he had an extremely uncomplicated understanding of why wars begin. He thought they constituted a way for humanity, in effect, to blow off steam. So why not blow off the same steam in a more peaceful manner, by touring the planets? Spaceflight is a “good thing. More effort up there, less chance of fighting down here.”

“William James wrote an essay—in 1903, I believe—about alternatives to war [and said] what you had to do was find alternatives to war which were ‘manly.’

...solution to racism. Scientists could invent “semi-intelligent” robots, “unquestionably inferior to almost all human beings on Earth. Those with a burning need to hate can hate such simulacra of life.”

“greenhouse” model for the atmosphere of Venus. Long before the present public

“I remember finding that interesting.

the 1950s, Roger Revelle of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography

He was on fire with his ideas.

he focused on the forest and sometimes badly neglected the trees.

“Carl’s mind was the most restless I’ve ever encountered.”

“There was a prevailing view that cameras were a complete waste of time,” Sagan recalled. But he felt they were important “precisely because they could answer questions we were too stupid to ask.”

Theories are easily shot down, while truths are gruelingly difficult to establish.

The “hit of the conference,” Drake recalls, was a speech by John C. Lilly. He argued that Earth has at least one other intelligent species—dolphins. A neuroscientist...

In the 1960s or early 1970s (the exact date is unclear), Sagan visited Lilly’s lab and swam with the dolphins. He also tried out one of Lilly’s isolation tanks. (So did the physicist Richard Feynman, who, Lilly recalls, “gave me one of his books and wrote in it: ‘Thank you, Dr. Lilly, for the hallucinations.’

In his best-selling book *The Cosmic Connection* (1973), Sagan included a chapter about his experiences with the dolphins,

Lilly: “It’s like trying to experience what happens in orgasm. Try to put that in language!”

In his 1908 book *Worlds in the Making*, Arrhenius wrote: “It is . . . very probable that there Sagan . . . and his wife at that time, Linda Salzman, did all the work designing the plaque, Sagan served briefly as an adviser on the film *2001: A Space Odyssey*. He defended space exploration as “a good thing. More effort up there, less chance of fighting down here.”

the famed paleontologist George Gaylord Simpson, who wrote an anti-SETI essay titled “The Nonprevalence of Humanoids.” Simpson argued against looking

He wore his Optimist hat in public, when he talked blithely about the possibility (however remote) of “advanced life forms” on Mars. But in conversations with colleagues, he often donned his Skeptic hat.

Sagan urged them not to show the aliens at all. “I said it would be a disaster to portray the extraterrestrials,”

Our planet is in danger of becoming a vast closed society, with its tensions and enormous energies turned inward upon itself.”

Sagan apparently viewed social conflict in the same way he viewed war: as a kind of thermodynamic phenomenon. Society accumulates pressure like an overheating pot; so take the lid off and let the steam out—or in human terms, head skyward.

spaceflight offered a welcome distraction from this terrestrial mayhem.

Sagan loved clever epigraphs, and opened each chapter with fitting literary quotes. (His Hutchins education

Karl Popper’s praise for “bold conjectures.” The philosopher Deborah A. Redman paraphrases Popper’s view as follows: “Not only should science proliferate theories as much as possible, subjecting them to crucial tests so that science grows, it should propose ‘bold conjectures,’ that

is, conjectures that run a great risk of being false. Highly falsifiable theories (those that rule out more) are preferred to less falsifiable ones. . . . [S]cientists should not be cautious."

Someone once asked Mamie Eisenhower why she had married Ike, and she replied: "Because we had nothing in common."

he continued doing science as he liked to do it: by flitting, butterflylike, from flower to flower. Not for him was the life of the pigeonholed

During intense conversation, his dark eyes gazed at you as if you were the sole other sentient being in the cosmos.

When he entered a room, the conversational level noticeably improved, as it must have in Oscar Wilde's day when he sauntered into a salon.

he was a six-foot gravity well toward whom everyone naturally gravitated.

crank ideas were nothing new. Historically, they tend to come in waves, sometimes stirred by larger societal tensions such as wars and economic dislocations.

he developed a more complex view of the tension between rationalism and irrationalism, one prefigured by the structure of the human brain.

[Ithaca] a nearby state park, which Sagan thought rivaled the beauty of Zion National Park. That clinched it. Sagan accepted the job.

Grinspoon's 1971 book *Marihuana Reconsidered* included a long essay by an unidentified "Mr. X," who described his happy experiences with the drug.

I test whether I'm high by closing my eyes and looking for the flashes. They come long before there are any alterations in my visual or other perceptions. I would guess this is a signal-to-noise problem, the visual noise level being very low with my eyes closed. . . . [Flashed images resemble] cartoons: just the outlines of figures, caricatures, not photographs. I think this is simply a matter of information compression: it would be impossible to grasp the total

A potato will have a texture, body, and taste like that of other potatoes, but much more so.") In sex, too: marijuana "gives an exquisite sensitivity, but on the other hand it postpones orgasm: in part by distracting me with the profusion of images

the user has an illusion of great insight, but it does not survive scrutiny in the morning. I am convinced that this is an error, and that the devastating insights achieved when high are real insights; the main problem is putting these insights in a form acceptable to the quite different self that we are when we're down the next day. Some of the hardest work I've ever done has been to put such insights down on tape or in writing. The problem is that ten even more interesting ideas or images have to be lost in the effort of recording one.

I find that most of the insights I achieve when high are into social issues. . . . I can remember one occasion, taking a shower with my wife while high, in which I had an idea on the origins and invalidities of racism in terms of gaussian distribution curves. It was a point obvious in a way, but rarely talked about. I drew the curves

in soap on the shower wall, and went to write the idea down. One idea led to another, and at the end of about an hour of extremely hard work I found I had written eleven short essays on a wide range of social, political, philosophical, and human biological topics. . . . I have used them in university commencement addresses, public lectures, and in my books. .

frightened men, I may tend to disbelieve; but when I'm high I know about this disbelief. And so I have a tape in which I exhort myself to take such remarks seriously. I say "Listen closely, you sonofabitch of the morning! This stuff is real!"

an understandable and very human tendency towards the selective rejection of disquieting data, and the lengths to which a sufficiently desperate theoretician may be driven.

Objectivity is often not only unattainable, it can be undesirable.

By the 1960s, many Americans were revolting against what they perceived as the smug tyranny of "experts."

Where we have an emotional stake in an idea, we are most likely to deceive ourselves."

Sagan suggested that at the root of the UFO craze was a cultural problem—boredom.

there is a kind of drudgery to everyday life that cries out for profound novelties; and the idea of extraterrestrial visitation is a culturally acceptable novelty."

psychological explanations for UFOs. (Carl Jung had engaged in similar theorizing in his last book, *Flying Saucers*, published in 1959.)

the two astronomers visited Leary in prison. Leary was “dressed
Dorion Sagan, scoffs that “the search for extraterrestrial intelligence is a replacement for religion
in a secular age”
society was going to hell—and some of its finest minds were praying for celestial salvation.
the man and woman were based on “the classical models of Greek sculpture and the drawings of
Leonardo da Vinci.”
“physics and chemistry
are so constructed as to make the origin of life easy.”
A small chance of a major catastrophe is worth taking note of.”
The nation needed someone who could make science seem like a cause, a calling, an ideal;
someone whose description of the rings of Saturn or the icy clouds of Venus or the organic mists
of Jupiter was so poetic, so stylishly delivered, that it sent a shudder
down the spine. Nothing less would do.
Enter Jerome Agel.
Agel decided to create “a book about the cosmos, the universe, the planets, and about the
possibility of extraterrestrial life.”

he needed
“He was the Leonard Bernstein of science. He was the best thing to happen to American science
since Sputnik.”
urgent: not “How do I make a living?” but rather, “How do I make a life worth living?”

Sagan did not write *The Cosmic Connection*; he dictated it, in part “during a very long
transcontinental trip in a very short automobile.”
“The secret of evolution is time and death,”
The *Cosmic Connection* is “a book that is very nearly perfect,” science writer Edward Edelson
wrote in the *Washington Post*. Sagan’s literary style is not easily paraphrased, Edelson observed,
because he “builds to his effects with care; his paragraphs, not his sentences, are the basic unit.”

Carson was an amateur astronomer with a sincere interest in science, and he was respectful of
intellectuals and activists.

His unique manner of speech—the punched consonants, the deliberate emphasis on certain
vowels, the sudden accelerations and equally sudden slowdowns that made his bass pitch
melodious rather than monotonous—fascinated and entertained viewers.

knew that the best way to sell the Future is casually, without hysterics or wild promises—to sell it
as if it were not merely desirable but inevitable, as if it were a destination toward which all
humanity is logically bound,

Sagan loved intelligent conversation—to him it was the essence of good living—and Ferris
provided it.
How does one distinguish a bona fide scientific hypothesis from a pseudoscientific one? The
classic response is that of
hypothesis can be considered “scientific” (which is not necessarily the same thing as saying it is
“true”) unless it generates predictions that are conceivably disprovable (“falsifiable,” in Popper’s
term).
A hallmark of pseudoscientific hypotheses is their vagueness and malleability:

Margaret Mead was of the anthropological bent. She felt this might be interesting whether it’s true
or not.”

Pseudoscientific and occult ideas are as old as humanity. Yet in the 1970s, their resurgent
popularity, coincident with the rise of various cults—

American Humanist Association, formed the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims
of the Paranormal (CSICOP, pronounced “sci-cop”),

More subtle means were required to combat pseudoscience. One must not talk to the people as if they are children babbling about Santa Claus; rather, they must be educated, patiently and respectfully so. And for that educational mission, Carl Sagan was ideally suited.

"Some ideas are considered 'far out' for reasons that involve a lack of imagination or nerve—rather than a lack of scientific plausibility,"

macrobes," he and Lederberg called them—become something of a cult figure. His office was flooded with inquiries, a fair percentage of which came from people Sagan and his staff privately referred to as "fissured ceramics" (crackpots),

The Dragons of Eden. Dragons represents Sagan's attempt to understand, at the neurological level, the grand dichotomies that had always haunted him—reason versus unreason, science versus faith, desire versus objectivity.

Dragons was obviously written under the inspiration of marijuana.

"There are many people who are, in their conscious lives, almost entirely rational, and many who are almost entirely intuitive. Each group, with very little appreciation of the reciprocal value of these two kinds of cognitive ability, derides the other: 'muddled' and 'amoral' are typical adjectives used in the more polite of such exchanges. Why should we have two different, accurate and complementary modes of thinking which are so poorly integrated with each other?"

"myth" he meant not falsehood ("its present popular meaning") but, rather, "a metaphor of some subtlety on a subject difficult to describe in any other way."

The only repository of such a biological memory is, of course, the genetic code. contradictory worldviews better understand each other? He was asking a question not unlike C. P. Snow's question about the Two Cultures almost two decades earlier.

Druyan and Sagan finally met at Ephron's dinner party, a

Druyan recalls him asking them plaintively: "Can I be a girlfriend, too?" 6

convinced that he had been speaking to them personally and directly from his television set." called his grandest artistic project, the Voyager

The Voyager message gives no hint of humanity's potential for barbarity.

As Lester Grinspoon told the journalist Roger Bingham a few years later, "I think Carl used to lead more with his intellect: now, he leads equally with his humanity. It's very impressive, the degree to which he's grown in this respect. . . . Carl is more and more comfortable with, more and more aware of human beings as other than carriers of cerebral cortices."

But human emotions would be difficult to explain to aliens. The best way to do so, he reasoned, would be through music.

But Druyan had a way of encouraging doubters to listen, really listen to what a musician was trying to say.

Murmurs of Earth, their subsequent collection of essays about the making of the record.

The result is the cosmic equivalent of a Hallmark greeting card—all sweetness and light, but with no deep, dark truths. Leon Trotsky. To me, he's still one of the greatest historical writers of all time."

Annie Druyan is like a celestial diplomat." I thought [Carl and Annie] were the same person, they were just different gender projections of a single multidimensional [being]."

Her credo was: "People over concepts."

The series would mimic Jacob Bronowski's series The Ascent of Man in trying to present its host's unitary vision of life, science, and society.

successful Bronowski series, which Sagan had admired (he quoted Bronowski on both the opening and the closing pages of The Dragons of Eden).

She shrewdly suggested making one of the heroes of the series the ancient female scientist Hypatia. During the shooting of the opening scene on the idyllic, flower-dappled cliffs at Monterey, California

and if you gave him a bowl of chocolate pudding, the whole situation became much better.” Haines-Stiles realized this after observing how excruciatingly hard Sagan worked: “I saw how hard he pushed himself. . . . he would worry away until he got the right word.” Haines-Stiles watched in astonishment

‘merchant of awe.’

Sagan was a contradictory figure, a man with one foot in science and the other in imagination, one in logic and the other in Edgar Rice Burroughs. broader habit of Sagan’s that might be called “covert autobiography.” (Voltaire is the pen name of François-Marie Arouet.)

Sinclair Lewis’s famous novel of a noble doctor-scientist, Arrowsmith, whose character Max Gottlieb was based on a real-life biologist, the Jewish humanist and outspoken atheist Jacques Loeb (1859–1924). Arrowsmith is the kind of book that probably encouraged many young people to enter science (Nobel Prize-winning chemist Glenn Seaborg, see, the film version of Contact would end more ambiguously, by omitting the pi plot twist. The first half of Contact is stronger than the rest. At its best, it is a scientific version of Aldous Huxley’s Point Counter Point—a true novel of ideas, with long, fascinating conversations. Contact’s Ellie studied the universe all her life, but had overlooked its clearest message: For small creatures such as we the vastness is bearable only through love. to learn whether other civilizations have survived a technological adolescence akin to ours. An alien message would imply (he said), that “We have survived.”

defeated president’s farewell address in January 1981. Carter’s speech included these words from Sagan: Nuclear weapons are an expression of one side of our human character. But there’s another side. The same rocket technology that delivers nuclear warheads has also taken us peacefully into space.

The Dragons of Eden, the dark side of human nature, the hypothetical reptilian complex within the brain. were real people to whom he felt a new closeness and about whom he felt newly protective. Their planet was threatened. To save them, he had to save the planet.

Reagan was a simple soul, unashamed of his ignorance

Reagan told March 1983 television speech that American scientists develop a technology able to render nuclear weapons “impotent and obsolete.”

immediately knew he was talking about an antimissile system that would shoot down ICBMs. (It sounded, in fact, something like the fantasy weapon of the 1940 film Murder in the Air; in which an exotic device shot down a spy plane. The star of that film had been the twenty-seven-year-old Ronald Reagan. Reagan’s proposed shield was the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI), or “Star Wars”

it distressed him bitterly that more than half the world’s scientists were at work on weapons of mass destruction . . . that the science that he loved and saw as a great liberation was aimed at our children’s heads.” (the “wizards of Armageddon,” journalist Fred Kaplan once called the latter),

label TTAPS was eerily appropriate, as if they were playing taps for humanity.

(The decision to bomb Hiroshima was bitterly criticized by the former commander in chief of the Allied forces during World War II, Dwight D. Eisenhower.)
his total disdain for regular physical exercise.
Sagan's energy came from pure intellectual enthusiasm.

James Bamford's classic 1983 study of the NSA, *The Puzzle Palace*, Lambros D. Callimahos was a master
Sagan called for a massive weapons cutback by both sides in a solo article for *Foreign Affairs*, which is read by many world leaders.

War Games, a popular movie of the time) that "the only way to win a nuclear war is not to play it."

with the publication of Jonathan Schell's *The Fate of the Earth*My instincts as a scientist come into sharp conflict with my instincts as a human being.
one of the rare instances of a genuine conflict between the demands of science and the demands of humanity.

wave of moral outrage which Sagan has created must be directed against the evil of nuclear war itself and not merely against its consequences.

1986, he and other protesters went to the Nevada nuclear test site to demand a ban on nuclear tests.

Druyan says. "Our parents were always saying to us, 'Don't be a "good German."'

odd thing happened to Contact between the publication of the novel in 1985 and the release of the film version in 1997.
What had happened to Sagan's attitude toward religion in the twelve years between the book and the movie?

cynical old saying, which goes something like this: "Religion is anathema to the intellectuals, consolation to the masses, and useful to the politicians."
scientist Stephen Schneider and

the nuclear winter hypothesis appears to have affected the Soviet government more than the American. "In the first half of the 1980s, the

growing acknowledgment of "the irrelevance of nuclear war,"
Sagan conversed respectfully with children, as if they were little adults.
"He really paid attention to what kids said. He took you seriously,"
"he had really faced his own mortality and decided that he just didn't have any time to waste for anyone or anything except what he was passionate about."
"Old age is a shipwreck," Charles de Gaulle said.
the most vitriolic—and perhaps the funniest—assault on the Academy by one of its own in long memory. Margulis described
She sat there "squirming with disdain alternating with fury." Miller, she said, did a "creditable" such a high proportion of henpecked conformists,
"raging hormonal imbalances . . . propel men to violence [and] make them less than optimal for leadership of a modern state."
"My father has a paragraphical sentence structure,
father's qualities: cool self-confidence in the face of evil.

Sagan's book *Pale Blue Dot* was published. It primarily concerned space exploration,

the last year of Sagan's life was his one movie, *Contact*, firmly on the road to completion. He was dead before it opened.

a sense of "patriarchal entitlement"

he knew he would die relatively young, so “he had to do so much in a short period of time.” “Annie had the task . . . of turning his mind from the heavens to the earth, of making him a humanist.

Sagan’s realization that despite his scorn for religion, the scientific quest itself reflects a kind of faith—faith not only in one’s dream (say, in aliens) but also in the ultimate rationality of the universe.

“Hypatia.” She is highly accomplished in her field (not radioastronomy) but is largely unknown to the public.

remarkable order and diversity of life. “Now we live in a time,” he said in a Contact script session, “where we understand that order can be extracted out of chaos, the most beautiful order from the most random chaos,

a scholar who once told science historian Joseph Needham: “Joseph, to have a liberal arts education you must be familiar with five fields: science, philosophy, religion, art, and history. If you are familiar with those five fields, you’ll have a good education and you can go on to many other things. But if you are missing any one of the five you will lack a proper liberal education.” Needham himself added: “I see no need to unify them.”

“It might be useful for scientists now and again to list some of their mistakes,” Sagan wrote.

In the 1960s he traveled to Tuskegee, Alabama, to give a talk at an all-black school entitled, “Is There Intelligent Life on Earth?” At times it must have seemed like there wasn’t. . . . He was an incredible debater.

Writing in the liberal Jewish journal Tikkun, editor Michael Lerner praised Contact as “a meaning-oriented film that challenges a narrow empiricist scientific method and calls for an expanded conception of ‘experience.’ In the dominant materialistic worldview Lerner added optimistically: “Contact dares to question the dominant scientism. It is not anti-science. Nor are we. Science has an important role to play. But the empiricist worldview that has come to be the dominant shaper of ‘common sense’ . . . is deeply distorting to our public and private lives.” He traced the film’s “box-office success” to “a deep spiritual revival” under way

The “real dream of science” is to understand the universe not “as I want it to be, to make myself feel less afraid of the vastness, but the universe as it really is.”

Sagan Planet Walk,
Ithaca Sciencenter.

“Bill Nye the Science Guy,” one of Sagan’s former students.

Sojourner (named for the nineteenth-century civil rights activist Sojourner Truth).
end Davidson biography

Shadows of Forgotten Ancestors

Sagan, Carl; Druyan, Ann

physicist Niels Bohr’s aphorism, “Clarity through breadth.”
haunting 1964 film by Sergei Parajanov gave us our title. As for essential inspiration
Nanrei Kobori: God is an invention of Man. So the nature of God is only a shallow mystery. The deep mystery is the nature of Man.
We have not met our forgotten ancestors, but we begin to sense their presence in the dark. We recognize their shadows here and there.

Darwin's transcendantly democratic insight that all humans are descended from the same non-human ancestors, that we are all members of one family, is inevitably distorted when viewed with the impaired vision of a civilization permeated by racism.

the raging hormonal imbalances that propel men to violence make them less than optimal for leadership of a modern state. If we believe sexism to be a prejudicial
If some of our proclivities are inborn, as surely must be the case, it hardly follows that we cannot learn to modify, mitigate, enhance, or redirect the resulting behavior.

while the slaves might now
The Huxley/ Wilberforce debate
"Darwin's Bulldog."

Girls have been educated either to be drudges or toys, beneath men; or a sort of angels above him The possibility that women are meant to be men's comrades, their fellows, and their equals, so far as Nature puts no bar on
that equality, does not seem to have entered into the minds of those who have had the conduct of the education of girls." The first step to a better world, he said, was "Emancipate girls" Their hair "will not curl less gracefully outside the head by reason of there being brains within"

In a shaft of sunlight, even when the air is still, you can sometimes see a tribe of dust motes dancing. They move in zigzag paths as if animated, motivated, propelled by some small but earnest purpose.

Life doesn't know where it's going. It has no long-term plan. There's no end in mind. There's no mind to keep an end in mind. The process is the opposite of teleology. Life is profligate, blind, at this level unconcerned with notions of justice. It can afford to waste multitudes.

Natural selection elicits, evokes, draws forth a complex set of molecular responses that may superficially look like foresight, intelligence, a master Molecular Biologist tinkering with the genes; but in fact all that is happening is mutation and reproduction, interacting with a changing external environment.——

"The mind cannot grasp the full meaning of the term of a million or a hundred million years," Darwin wrote in 1844,

Physical reality has a permanence and stability, an obsessive regularity to it, while historical reality tends to be fickle and fluid, less predictable, less rigidly determined by those laws of Nature we know.

Biology is much more like language and history than it is like physics and chemistry.

we invent formulations about "contingent reality" to disguise our ignorance. There

you have to get from here to there. One crisis at a time is life's motto.

The beauty of life is in its impermanence.

A delicate balance has evolved between hostility to the outside group and cooperation with the inside group. Them and us. The first intimations of xenophobia and ethnocentrism evolved early.

Big carnivores

Rabid animals are afraid of no one.

In a profound but largely unremarked intimacy, the plants and animals live off each other's bodily wastes.

The atmosphere of the Earth connects these processes, and establishes the great symbiosis between plants and animals.

The atmosphere brings beings all over the world into contact; it establishes another kind of biological unity to the planet.

modern words ("inspire," literally, breathe in; "aspire," breathe toward; "conspire," breathe with; "perspire," breathe through; "transpire," breathe across; "respire," breathe again; and "expire," breathe out) and

there is an element in the life of the eukaryotic cell that seems a little like farce.

Again we glimpse deep imperfections at the heart of life.

dependent on the near-perfect functioning of an elaborate molecular bureaucracy,

Extinction is the norm. Survival is the triumphant exception.

the organisms at the top of the food chain seem inefficient to the point of irresponsibility.*

after the ethologist reminds us, imprinting might lead, in unscrupulous higher animals, to misuse.
The young are so ready

to learn who to love and who to hate.

"In the ways of Nature," said Marcus Aurelius, "there is no evil to be found" Highlight(orange) - Order. Hierarchy. Discipline. BENITO MUSSOLINI, proposed national slogan

With very few exceptions, animal societies are not democracies. Some are absolute monarchies, some fluid oligarchies, some—especially on the female side—hereditary aristocracies.

Violence does occur when the rank order is uncertain or is in a state of flux.

Whatever inconveniences hierarchy may impose are offset by the resulting social stability.

But when it comes to fighting mice of another group, suddenly democratic forms come into play and the subordinates fight side-by-side with the alphas.

The dominance hierarchy—with relative status fixed for considerable periods of time, and the institutionalization of ritualized rather than real combat in settling serious disputes—is a key survival mechanism.

U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, not known for his looks, explained a beautiful actress's attraction to him in these words: "Power is the greatest aphrodisiac."

Many ancient voices speak within us. We are capable of muting some, once they no longer serve our best interests, and amplifying others as our need for them increases. This is cause for hope.

The very recent history of human warfare provides a contrast: The alphas—generally old men—sequester themselves in safety, often where the young women are, and dispatch the subordinates—generally young men—

out to fight and die. In no other species have alpha males gotten away with such cushy arrangements for themselves. It does require at least implicit cooperation between the alphas of rival groups, but this can often be arranged.

Apart from the social insects, no other species has been clever enough to invent war. It is an institution optimally configured to benefit the alphas.

There is a proper amount of whatever it is that makes one male, the ancient Greeks recognized, and too much or too little can get you into trouble.

wizard's potion is testosterone.

In the individual brain cells, the presence of testosterone activates otherwise untranscribed and ignored segments of the ACGT sequence, synthesizing a set of key enzymes.

DNA-mediated delight in

truffles, the French culinary delight, produce exactly the same steroid and in a higher concentration than in boar spit.

depends on how much male steroid you encountered in the first few weeks after conception.

Anabolic steroids are molecules very like, but usually not identical to, testosterone.

decreases in testosterone levels following defeat are usually much more marked than any increases following victory.

Testosterone seems to play a vital role as both the cause and the effect of aggression,

Musical variety is the means by which more testosterone is converted into more birds.

Fear is accompanied by a characteristic

odor, a fear pheromone, easily recognized by others.

Perhaps this inborn fear of raptors is akin to the fear of "monsters" that almost all babies manifest around the time they become toddlers.

When the child begins to amble off on its own, it helps for it to know—in its marrow—that there are monsters out there.

marking is like nametags on luggage, "no trespassing" signs on private property, or heroic portraits of the national leader in public places. When he withdraws, he takes his rivals' semen with him.

The dragonfly male is spared much of this; he merely rewrites his mate's sexual history.

Overgeneralization is an evolutionary mistake. But organisms that are too narrowly specialized, that perform exceedingly well but only in a single, restrictive environmental niche, also tend to become extinct;

These nonhereditary differences between one group and another—even arbitrary differences, only distantly connected with any adaptive advantage, but serving to preserve group independence and coherence—are called, collectively, culture.

Behavioral differences eventually lead to genetic differences, and vice versa. Incomplete isolation—just the right mix of aloofness and sexual abandon with other groups—generates diversity. And diversity is the raw material on which selection operates.

Chapter 14 - Gangland (very creative!):

Brought face to face with these blurred copies of himself, the least thoughtful of men is conscious of a certain shock, due perhaps, not so much to disgust at the aspect of what looks like an insulting caricature, as to the awakening of a sudden and profound mistrust of time-honoured theories and strongly-rooted prejudices regarding his own position in nature, and his relations to the under-world of life;

while that which remains a dim suspicion for the unthinking, becomes a vast argument, fraught with the deepest consequences, for all who are acquainted with the recent progress of the ...

sciences. T. H. HUXLEY Evidence as to Man's Place in Nature

Linnaeus trimmed his sails, made a social compromise, and placed us in a genus by ourselves—although he outraged many by declaring us, with the apes and monkeys, a member of the same order. It's hard to fault him. Like Copernicus, Galileo, and Descartes, he was about as brave as his age would allow.

Linnaeus wrote: I demand of you, and of the whole world, that you show me a generic character ... by which to distinguish between Man and Ape. I myself most assuredly know of none. I wish somebody would indicate one to me. But, if I had called man an ape, or vice versa, I would have fallen under the ban of all the ecclesiastics. It may be that as a naturalist I ought to have done so. T. H. Huxley. ?

He described his research program in these words, notable among other respects for their extraterrestrial perspective: [L]et us endeavour for a moment to disconnect our thinking selves from the mask of humanity;

more than enough to account for Huxley's metaphorical description of the difference between apes and humans: "a hair in the balance-wheel, a little rust on a pinion, a bend in a tooth of the escapement, a something so slight that only the practised eye of the watchmaker can discover it." monologues of the preceding chapter—the first and third by a middle-ranking female, the second by a high-ranking male—are not intended to refer, exactly, to humans. Instead, we've tried to depict what it's like to be a chimp in chimp society.

Jane Goodall

the core of chimpanzee social life in the wild resembles some forms of human social organization, especially under great stress—in prisons, say, or urban and motorcycle gangs, or crime syndicates, or tyrannies and absolute monarchies.

Beneath a thin varnish of civilization, it sometimes seems, there's a chimp struggling to bust out—to take off the absurd clothes and the restraining social conventions and let loose.

They apparently hold grudges, nurse resentments, and harbor thoughts of revenge. They plan future courses of action.

Except for the part about the good eating, being a male chimp is a little like being in the army. perhaps even minor illnesses cured, by the laying-on of hands.

Regal touching,

They crave reassurance. They are natural followers. They have an irresistible need to be led. it's not all bluff; if it were, it wouldn't work. There must be a credible threat of violence. A kind of menace maintenance is required.

Chimpanzee strategy is encapsulated in the earliest comprehensive account we have of human military affairs, the sixth-century B.C. work The Art of War, by Sun Tzu: "The supreme act of war is to subdue the enemy without fighting."

The roots of tyranny and freedom trace back to long before recorded history, and are etched in our genes.

an alpha male maintaining his status for a decade is not unknown either. Perhaps coincidentally, these terms of office are roughly those typical of human governments.

before a tribunal. Indeed the root of "testify" and "testimony" is the Latin word, testis.

Captivity somehow brings forth a more democratic spirit. When jammed together, chimps make an extra effort to get the social machinery humming. In this remarkable transformation it is the females who are the peacemakers.

chimps are not rats: Under crowded conditions they make extraordinary efforts to be more friendly, to be slower to anger, to mediate disputes, to be polite—and the female role in calming the testosterone-besotted males is crucial.

we can't help wondering what would happen if women played a role in world politics proportionate to their numbers.

We're constrained by the rules that, through society, we impose on ourselves. But relax the rules, even hypothetically, and we can see what's been churning and fermenting inside us all along. Beneath the elegant varnish of law and civilization, of language and sensibility—remarkable accomplishments, to be sure—just how different from chimpanzees are we?

For a society to be successful, it must be consonant with the nature and character of the individuals who must live in it. If those contriving social structures overlook who these individuals are, or sentimentalize their nature, or are incompetent social engineers, disaster can result.

Gibbon life seems downright operatic.

As is usually true, adult males were the slowest to catch on, obstinate to the last; The conservative, near immobility of popular prejudice, the reluctance

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to adopt a new practice even if its advantages are clear, is a tendency not restricted to Japanese macaques.

Darwin's formulation of this answer was: "Animals whom we have made our slaves, we do not like to consider our equals."

[T]he human brain is an imperfect instrument built up through long geological periods. Some of its levels of operation are more primitive and archaic than others. Our heads, modern man has learned, may contain weird and irrational shadows out of the subhuman past—shadows that under stress can sometimes elongate and fall darkly across the threshold of our rational lives. Man has lost the faith of the eighteenth century in the enlightening power of pure reason, for he has come to know that he is not a consistently reasoning animal. We have frightened ourselves with our own black nature and instead of thinking "We are men now, not beasts, and must live like men," we have eyed each other with wary suspicion and whispered in our hearts, "We will trust no one. Man is evil. Man is an animal. He has come from the dark wood and the caves."

The possibility that we might be "no more than" deluxe model apes, that the differences between them and us might be almost wholly differences of degree and not of kind,

Just a few years after *The Origin of Species* was published, Huxley wrote:

[D]esiring, as I do, to reach the wider circle of the intelligent public, it would be unworthy cowardice were I to ignore the repugnance with which the majority of my readers are likely to meet the conclusions to which the most careful and conscientious study I have been able to give to this matter, has led me.

"Reason more than anything else is man," said Aristotle.

Mark Twain countered: I think it is open to dispute ... [The] strongest count against [man's] intelligence is the fact that with that [historical] record back of him he blandly sets himself up as the head animal.

"We are conscious of an animal in us," wrote Henry David Thoreau, "which awakens in proportion as our higher nature slumbers."

It goes back at least to Plato, who described how in dreams, "when the gentler part of the soul slumbers and the control of Reason is withdrawn ... the Wild Beast in us ... becomes rampant."

That Wild Beast, Plato goes on, "will cast off all shame and prudence at such moments and stop at nothing"—including incest, murder, and "forbidden food."

the most potent form of verbal abuse in English and many other languages is "Fuck you," with the pronoun "I" implicit at the beginning. The speaker is vividly asserting his claim to higher status, and his contempt for those he considers subordinate. Characteristically, humans have converted a postural image into a linguistic one with barely a change in nuance.

It is satisfying to say. It serves its purpose. It is a badge of the primate order, revealing something of our nature despite all our denials and pretensions.

In inventing tools and weapons, in contriving civilization, we have disinhibited the controls—sometimes thoughtlessly and inadvertently, but sometimes with cool premeditation.

Most of the increase in our brain size and the improvements in our brain architecture occurred very quickly—in only the last few million years. There might be some bugs still to be worked out.

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this is nothing new for the Earth. Humans would then be just the latest in a long sequence of upstart species that arrive on-stage, make some alterations in the scenery, kill off some of the

cast, and then themselves exit stage-left forever. New players appear in the next act. The Earth abides.

the potential tragedy grows. The many sorrows of our recent history suggest that we humans have a learning disability.

And with a sigh of relief we are apt to surrender to the will of the alpha, or long for an alpha we can surrender to.

we cannot wait for natural selection to further mitigate these ancient primate algorithms. That would take too long. We must work with what tools we have—

to understand who we are, how we got to be that way, and how to transcend our deficiencies.

Then we can begin to create a society less apt to bring out the worst in us.

It is not possible to be ignorant of the end of things if we know their beginning.

THOMAS AQUINAS Summa Theologica

The Demon-Haunted World: Science as a Candle in the Dark
Sagan, Carl

Ubi dubium ibi libertas: Where there is doubt, there is freedom. LATIN PROVERB

The ink was barely dry on the Bill of Rights before politicians found a way to subvert it—by cashing in on fear and patriotic hysteria. In 1798, the ruling Federalist Party knew that the button to push was ethnic and cultural prejudice.

“It is the absolute right of the state to supervise the formation of public opinion,” said Josef Goebbels, the Nazi propaganda minister.

1984 was not just an engaging political fantasy; it was based on the Stalinist Soviet Union, where the rewriting of history was institutionalized.

In the late 1980s and before, Ann Druyan and I would routinely smuggle copies of Trotsky’s History of the Russian Revolution into the USSR—so our colleagues could know a little about their own political

Linus Pauling (1901–1994)

His Nobel Prize was awarded for the application of quantum mechanical insights—resonances, and what is called hybridization of orbitals—to explain the nature of the chemical bond that joins atoms together into molecules.

“That man is a real genius” was Albert Einstein’s assessment.

When Ann and I once asked Pauling about the roots of his dedication to social issues, he gave a memorable reply: “I did it to be worthy of the respect of my wife,” Helen Ava Pauling. He won a second Nobel Prize, t

“I was put on Earth to make certain discoveries,” said Enrico Fermi, “and what the political leaders do with them is not my business.”

The unprecedented powers that science now makes available must be accompanied by unprecedented levels of ethical focus and concern by the scientific community—as well as the most broadly based public education into the importance of science and democracy.

Sakharov in the Cold War year

1968 boldly wrote—in a book published in the West and widely distributed in samizdat in the USSR—“Freedom of thought is the only guarantee against an infection of peoples by the mass myths, which, in the hands of treacherous hypocrites and demagogues, can be transformed into bloody dictatorships.”

It is not the function of our government to keep the citizen from falling into error; it is the function of the citizen to keep the government from falling into error. U.S. SUPREME COURT JUSTICE

ROBERT H. JACKSON, 1950

“Science and its philosophical corollaries,” wrote the American historian Clinton Rossiter, were perhaps the most important intellectual force shaping the destiny of eighteenth-century America Jefferson...days before his death, wrote that it was the “light of science” that had demonstrated that “the mass of mankind has not been born with saddles on their backs,” nor were a favored few born “booted and spurred.”

In every government on earth is some trace of human weakness, some germ of corruption and degeneracy, which cunning will discover and wickedness insensibly open, cultivate and improve. Every government degenerates when trusted to the rulers of the people alone. The people

themselves therefore are its only safe depositories. And to render even them safe, their minds must be improved ... Jefferson had little to do with the actual writing he believed that the habit of skepticism is an essential prerequisite for responsible citizenship. He argued that the cost of education is trivial compared to the cost of ignorance, of leaving the government to the wolves. He taught that the country is safe only when the people rule. I wish that the oath of citizenship taken by recent immigrants, and the pledge that students routinely recite, included something like "I promise to question everything my leaders tell me." That would be really to Thomas Jefferson's point. "I promise to use my critical faculties. I promise to develop my independence of thought. I promise to educate myself so I can make my own judgments." I also wish that the Pledge of Allegiance were directed at the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, as it is when the President takes his oath of office, rather than to the flag and the nation.

if there is one key and characteristic U.S. ideology, it is that there are no mandatory and no forbidden ideologies.

On Liberty, the English philosopher John Stuart Mill argued that silencing an opinion is "a peculiar evil." If the opinion is right, we are robbed of the "opportunity of exchanging error for truth"; and if it's wrong, we are deprived of a deeper understanding of the truth in "its collision with error." Jefferson made the same point even more strongly: "If a nation expects to be both ignorant and free in a state of civilization, it expects what never was and never will be."

Hugo Black, in his youth, was a member of the Ku Klux Klan; he later became a Supreme Court justice...

It was said that when he was a young man, he dressed up in white robes and scared black folks; when he got older, he dressed up in black robes and scared white folks.

Justice Black (in the Supreme Court decision *Engel v. Vitale*, 1962) described the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment this way: Its first and most immediate purpose rested on the belief that a union of government and religion tends to destroy government and degrade religion.

Education on the value of free speech and the other freedoms reserved by the Bill of Rights, about what happens when you don't have them, and about how to exercise and protect them, should be an essential prerequisite for being an American citizen—or indeed a citizen of any nation,

Dedication

TO TONIO, MY GRANDSON. I WISH YOU A WORLD FREE OF DEMONS AND FULL OF LIGHT.

end Carl Sagan

Sahl, Mort:

"Are there any groups I haven't offended?"

"Joe McCarthy doesn't question what you say so much as your right to say it."

"I work as a disturber,"

Marshall Sahlins, *Stone Age Economics*:

"We are inclined to think of hunters and gatherers as *poor* because they don't have anything; perhaps better to think of them for that reason as *free*."

"Why should we plant when there are so many mongomongo nuts in the world?"

"Utility falls quickly at the margin of portability ... a valuation of smaller things over bigger..."

The amount of work increases with the evolution of culture, and the amount of leisure decreases.

The world's most primitive peoples have few possessions, but *they are not poor*."

"Perfection is achieved, not when there is nothing more to add, but when there is nothing left to take away."

Antoine de Saint-Exupéry's *The Little Prince*: "What is essential is invisible to the eye."

Antoine de Saint-Exupéry in *The Little Prince*

"Survival is Insufficient."

Emily St. John Mandel, via *Star Wars*

"You must unlearn what you have learned." Yoda
"Fear is the path to the dark side. Fear leads to anger, anger leads to hate." Yoda
"You will know good from bad when you are calm. At peace." Yoda
Master Yoda in Star Wars - The Empire Strikes Back

"Sometimes you have to leave a space in your life for life to happen."
Buffy St. Marie

"You think I have visions
because I am an Indian.
I have visions because
there are visions to be seen."
Buffy Sainte-Marie via ZlInn

Sakharov, Andrei:
""Freedom of thought requires the defense of all thinking and honest people. [It] is the only
guarantee against an infection of people by mass myths, which, in the hands of treacherous
hypocrites and demagogues, can be transformed into bloody dictatorship."
Nobel: a spokesman for the conscience of mankind."

"Every generation of Americans faces moments when we must choose between the pressures of
the now and the protection of the timeless."
Ken Salazar

"...you have a great thing...you have a president for 4 or 8 years, and then out. If you are an
enemy of the minister of culture and he bans your plays, you will be banned for only 4 or 8 years.
The beautiful idea is to limit the damage one human being can do to another. It's a beautiful idea.
Do you know how beautiful it is?"
Ali Salem, Egyptian playwright.

"...we must learn what we have been [before we can]...transcend it."
William Saletan reviewing Haidt

Salgado, Sebastian:
via Luc Sante: Salgado's pictures brim with a "vacuous universality. . . of misery"

"Novels grow in the dark...
You've got to learn not to say the obvious...."
fire between the words."
"I'll read my books and
I'll drink coffee and
I'll listen Fsteinto music.
And I'll bolt the door."
J.D. Salinger

"our greatest responsibility is to be good ancestors,"
Jonas Salk

Saltas, John - City Weekly:
"Take away their superpower - anonymity - and those folks would return to the decent citizens
they were raised to be. ..Pull away the masks. Deny the #avatars."

Salman, Mohanned bin (MBS):

via Graeme Wood:

As MBS told me... 'It's sometimes a decision between bad and worse.'"

Samet, Elizabeth D:

"...confidence...can also be deadly, feeding a pernicious American sentimentality that short-circuits reason." via Szalai NYT review.

"The world has two types of economists - those who work to make the rich even richer and those of us who work to make the poor less poor."

José Luis Sampedro indignatos

Salt Lake Tribune:

...it rings horribly hollow for a herd of politicians who never tire of demeaning every fiscal stimulus effort, who see no point in President Obama's jobs bill or his infrastructure initiatives, to suddenly protest that a tiny slice into the Defense Department's giant civilian workforce is a knife in the back of the local economy.

Our elected officials have surrendered the right to argue for any federal money to be spent as a job creator because, according to them, governments don't create jobs."

Salt Lake Tribune Editorial Hill Hypocrisy

'...rebels without a clue...it's not going to happen...[thus] Utah politicians can continue to blame many of their own failures, particularly their inability to structure a tax code that adequately supports public and higher education, on the fact that such a large portion of the state's lands pay no taxes."

sl trib editorial on legislature taking federal lands

"...the goal of the ACA [Affordable Care Act] remains clear: providing health insurance to as many people as we possibly can. Every other nation that even flirts with the definition of civilized has long accepted that as a base requirement."

SL Tribune Editorial: Obamacare in Utah 12-13-2012

Saltzman, Mark:

"Reading is direct, affective, and influential: it is experience decoded by by your personal clockwork. When a good text meets its wished-for reader, learning is easy and life is rich and variegated....the Foundation had its focus on the student, head bowed in thought, desk lamp brightening an open book."

"The word weapon was up till the fourteenth century synonymous with penis....still hold their phallic spell..."

Anthony Sampson, book, p. 336

Samsung:

ad: 'Reality. What a letdown.'

"I do not perceive that my value-judgment ideology has changed systematically since the age of 25."

Robert Samuelson youth

"Leadership is conspicuous by its absence."

"So far as I can tell, nothing that I have written has ever had the slightest effect on what actually happened."

Robert Samuelson

"...the grotesqueness of thoughtlessness masquerading as thought....

By depriving us of the sphere in which real identities can be formed, the labor-consumption cycle turns us into slaves - in some cases, pampered slaves, but slaves nevertheless. Beyond that, this cycle eats away at the world itself....

The more a bureaucracy - the rule of Nobody - holds sway, the greater our anxiety grows about keeping things together. "

Scott Samuelson

'Blood doesn't matter to us unless it's spilling.'

character by Jenny Torres Sanchez

"[Conservative media have] become worryingly untethered from reality as the impetus to satisfy the demand for red meat overtakes any motivation to report accurately." epistemic closure

"The New York Times is not fundamentally trying to be liberal; they're trying to get it right."

Julian Sanchez

"...money had transcended being currency to become our very culture, conquering our imaginations and infiltrating domains that had nothing to do with it."

Anand Giridharadas, from Michael Sandel

Sanders, Bernie:

via Bernard Weisberger:

"...social democracy simply means a system that leaves room for small enterprises and individual liberty but also recognizes the fact that we're all part of a larger community, and what hurts any one group of us eventually hurts us all. So there are some things we don't leave to the so called free market."

"We have a president who is a pathological liar. Trump lies all of the time. He lies in order to undermine the foundations of American democracy."

"Democratic socialism is what Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal did. FDR's unfinished vision of a second bill of rights, an 'economic bill of rights', is my vision today." via Mason B Williams and Sanders

Sanderson, Catherine A - The Psychology of Good and Evil, excellent! audiobook, Chirp.

Sanderson, Eric W:

"Water demands a place to go... Let's let the streams run free."

Sanders, Ken:

"I want to do it because it's my last chance to reinvent myself..."

"I'm not ready to quit. For one thing, I have too many bloody books."

When your life expectancy is 15 years and less, then you get counted as old."

Warren Sanderson, via Gail Collins 9-29-2016

"I have come to believe that, rather than trying to use persuasive papers and reports to attempt to change the minds of those who are making decisions, the more effective way to transform societal priorities and public policies is to change the climate and environment in which decisions are made. When our government, corporate, and other societal institutions are responsive to — and, frankly, fearful of — the people who most bear the brunt of inequality and injustice, then better priorities, practices, and policies follow."

Susan Sandler

"There are no accidents. There are simply irresponsible, stubborn, cowardly adults unwilling to stand up against the gun lobby and those who support it."

Jodi Sandoval on guns and children

"We need to look at a way to help the people that have not been criminals in this country or the people that were brought here at a young age to remain."

Stephen Sandstrom

People have a tragic flaw: Sometimes we want others to do the thinking for us. And across the ages promoters and con men have been more than willing to oblige. They invite us to indulge in the fantasy that a newfound father figure will fix it all, though it never works out that way.

Mark Sanford

Lobsang Sangay: "There is no 'socialism' in Tibet, there is colonialism."

Sankar, Sam:

"The [fossil fuel] industry is paying law firms tons of money in an effort to dodge responsibility and block regulatory reforms that could help avert this crisis."

Sanna

p.219 pix in Popova, A Velocity of Being, Alessandro Sanna, walking the books

"Only the dead have seen the end of war."

"There is no cure for birth and death, save to enjoy the interval."

George Santayana

"I don't have the spine to withstand colorless writing for very long, and furthermore I suspect that colorless writing is indicative of colorless thought."

Luc Sante

"The Mormon Church has been expanding at a steady pace ... using lessons in subsistence farming as a doorway into the church. ...becoming a Mormon has brought them closer to the fundamental Navajo values of charity, camaraderie and respect for the land."

Fernando Santos NY Times

Santos-Dumont, Antonio:

via Nancy Winters' book:

'...he was described as having the agility of a cat, the short feet of a climber, the hands of an engineer, an extraordinary restless manner and an unshakable certainty....on death:

"One is frightened only when he still thinks he has a chance."

"Why is self-organization so beautiful to my atheistic self? Because if complex, adaptive systems don't require a blue print, they don't require a blue print maker. If they don't require lightning bolts, they don't require Someone hurtling lightning bolts."

Robert Sapolsky, Stanford Univ.

Jose Saramago:

"Unless I can see things with these eyes of mine that the earth will one day devour, I don't believe in them."

"Either god is evil, or he is mad."

Roberto Ignacio Diaz review on Saramago's Cain.

"Unless I can see things with these eyes of mine,...I don't believe in them." And

"I have nothing to say, so I said nothing."

"...what would become of us if poetry were not there to help us understand how little clarity there is in the things we call clear."

On words in Nobel Writers on ...

"[I] wrote *Blindness* to remind those who might read it that we pervert reason when we humiliate life, that human dignity is insulted every day by the powerful of our world, that the universal lie

has replaced the plural truths, that man stopped respecting himself when he lost the respect due to his fellow-creatures..."

"[I am] the echo of the conjoined voices of my characters."

"Characters become the Masters and the Author their Apprentice."

"The possibility of the Impossible."

end Jose Saramago

"... what acting depends on is imagination, which creates empathy and also leads to activism....

'Politically correct' is almost as good an expression as 'right to life'. There's nothing political about hatred, and there's nothing correct about it either."

Susan Sarandon

Armen Sarkissian, the Armenian president:

"We are living in a quantum world because more than half of life is virtual," he said. The notion of democracies functioning through elections every few years is outdated. He called Armenia "one of the first labs" to find new "rules or behavior" for a world where every individual has a voice that "is exercised and expressed daily." via Roger Cohen

"The environment is man's first right. Without a clean environment man cannot exist to claim other rights, be they political, social, or economic."

"It's the guard and you the living who are in prison, the ultimate prison from which you cannot escape because you do not know that you are incarcerated. Your happiness is the happiness of ignorance and your ignorance is it that keeps you in the prison, which is your life." from his epitaph Africa Kills Her Sun

Ken Saro-Wira, Nigerian journalist, executed

One must think like a hero to behave like a merely decent human being.

May Sarton

Sartre:

"A man is always a teller of tales, he lives surrounded by his stories and the stories of others, he sees everything that happens to him through them; and he tries to live his life as if he were recounting it."

"...as man apprehends himself as free and wishes to use his freedom...then his activity is to play."

"In one sense choice is possible, but what is not possible is not to choose."

"Man is nothing more than what he makes of himself."

"The finest book in the world will not redeem the suffering of a child. One does not redeem evil, one fights it."

"Never believe antisemites are completely unaware of the absurdity of their replies," Sartre said. Their adversaries use words responsibly, while they "delight in acting in bad faith, since they seek not to persuade by sound argument but to intimidate and disconcert".

"Never believe that anti-Semites are completely unaware of the absurdity of their replies. They know that their remarks are frivolous, open to challenge. But they are amusing themselves, for it is their adversary who is obliged to use words responsibly, since he believes in words."

"Hell is other people."

Jean-Paul Sartre described the Latin revolutionary Che Guevara as "the most complete human being of our age."

end J P Sartre

"It's hard to doubt the sincerity ...what I'd criticize is their extremely flawed self-reflection, their amazing, idiotic disastrous attempts to realize their own vision."

“...we’ve overestimated intelligence as a world- changing force; it is idiocy that holds sway.”
Crispin Sartwell

“...depths of despair...”
Ben Sasse

“...in every society gender relations are structured to preserve the power of men, but it’s always achieved in a different way.”

“A man does not have roots, he has feet.”
Riad Sattouf see pdf

Saturday Night Live:

via Michael Che: “You know, I’ll bet if someone explained how long impeachment takes to John Wilkes Booth, he’d like say, ‘OK, but where’s he at right now?’”

“Let us globalize compassion....We are here to tell children, especially, that you need to stand up. You need to speak up for your rights. It is you who can change the world.”
Kailash Satyarthi, Nobel Peace Prize, 2014

Saudi King (Crown Prince’s father) via 60 Minutes:

“If you read the history of 1000 years, then you have the experience of a thousand years.”

“Reason might now decide to leave the room, replaced by the politics of fear. And where Germany goes, the rest of Europe will follow.”
Anna Sauerbrey

Sauiani, Reshma (Girls who Code):

“Men are more comfortable making decisions without knowing everything.”

John Ralston Saul: On Equilibrium - Six Qualities:

Common Sense

Ethics

Imagination

Intuition

Memory

Reason

Common Sense:

“... permanent psychic uncertainty.

...the complexity of our methodology obscures the naivety of our assumptions.

Thomas Paine

Mussolini

...common sense taken in isolation and turned in on itself becomes nonsense.

...justice is a constant assertion that we can know things of which we are not certain;

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

The primary mechanism of public debate is common sense. The secondary may be reason, but ethics and memory, imagination and even intuition play a role. ...our qualities are shaped by acting as each other’s mirror...

...any demeaning of common sense leads to the degradation of debate and therefore weakens the legitimacy of the citizenry

...shared knowledge, clear language matched with complexity, and complexity itself, all mean that we are both capable of and willing to live with unresolved questions.

Common sense requires ... a state of calming the face of welcome uncertainty or indeed of unwelcome uncertainty.

...economics is a domain particularly given to mysticism, romanticism and to sudden optimistic enthusiasm...Fashion and economics are often interchangeable terms.

A sensible society ... never lets such a perpetually virginal domain as economics get control of the public agenda.

...demagoguery ...inverting reality to make nonsense appear to be common sense.

Ethics:

Ethics is like a muscle which must be exercised daily in order to be used in a normal manner....A corporatist society is organized precisely in order to marginalize ethics.

...ethics itself is a public matter. And it is only sustainable for citizens if it is taken to be a public matter and is supported by our public structures.

Theatrical to the good life is to be conscious of the good death...To integrate the idea and the reality of the end into life itself.

Adam Smith

Socrates: All knowledge that is divorced from justice must be called cunning."

Thomas Jefferson: "Ethics are muscles which ... will gain strength by exercise."

Thomas de Koninck: "... ignorant stupidity belongs to those who don't know but think they do know."

Jung: "... nothing has a more divisive and alienating effect upon society than ... moral complacency and lack of responsibility."

Adam Smith

South Africa truth ...Ubuntu

charity

Imagination:

"... to imagine without the context of our other qualities is to decline into fantasy.

Statius: "Fear first created Gods in the world."

"The quality which most naturally undermines their assertion of certainty is imagination.

...you should always avoid unnecessary answers, avoid making up your mind too soon.

Alienation ... is the inability to imagine your society and therefore to imagine yourself in it.

... reason must be kept in discomfort; kept away from its taste for self-satisfaction; balanced with imagination order to enjoy the uncertainty of dissent.

Bronowski: "Dissent is the mark of freedom, as originality is the mark of independence of mind."

Adam Smith

"... imagination is the key to the reality of responsible individualism."

Thomas Paine: "... the three great faculties of the mind": memory, judgment, and imagination.

"... myriad shapeless managerial or specialist truths, combined with a shapeless mass of technological details, create great noise.... we are distracted by this cacophony. ... this noise so distracts us ... that many of us ... are effectively rendered illiterate..."

"... the essential democratic expression: an ability too imagine the whole, to accept uncertainty, to draw in our other qualities."

Intuition:

"Movement is life. Certainty is death. Movement and uncertainty is reality."

"...intuition is a way of increasing our effective consciousness by non-rational means."

matriarchy

pre-Nazi, Hitler.

art, poetry

Memory:

"Memory is not the past. It is the water you swim through, the words you speak, your gestures, your expectations. ...Memory has a shape..."

Without a context there is no civilization, no society."

"In many ways, memory is the opposite of truth."

...memory is a layering of timelessness..."

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

Nazi, despair,

"The desire to forget spend the door to fantasy."

Reason:

"If you try to squeeze reality or individualism inside reason, they simply won't function."
Camus: "There is no freedom without both intelligence and reciprocal comprehension."
"... the human race does not progress. We may slowly evolve in scientific terms. But in terms of our own qualities don't change. ...this inability to progress is the human disease....the essential strength of reason. Our ability to think is our ability to illuminate our disease."

*see also Koestler Janus Effect quotes.

"Don Quixote has become a reminder that little is what it appears to be and we must live with complexity."

"Totalitarianism was Mussolini's term for the rational state."

"the fear of danger ... is the fear of uncertainty. And because of that fear, reason can swing into deformity perhaps faster than any of other qualities.

All that is needed is a troubled time or a voice capable of exacerbating our fears, playing upon them, or a critical mass of insecure minds in a critical space."

Normality:

Armaments

love

hatred

Happiness

Friendship

"...friendship has always been a proof of our ability to free ourselves from the exclusivity of love and the narrowing passivity of self-interest.... friendship is the ability to imagine the *other*....It is the beginnings of tolerance.Friendship is a relationship filled with uncertainty."

Last sentence in book:

"We understand the truer comfort of a permanent psychic discomfort in which we seek to identify reality. And we deal with reality through the creative tensions with which we attempt to balance our qualities. This is our eternal movement toward equilibrium."

end of John Ralston Saul

"...Monty Python – watching them was the first time I felt that comedy and truth were one and the same thing, and that truth didn't have to be expressed in traditional or linear or quotidian ways and, in fact, the great truths can't be."

George Saunders

"The more the world around me confuses me, the better it feels to escape." on writing

Gerda Saunders

via Jennifer Senior NYT rev.: "She imagines the whole fate of the universe as it unspools. ... The question is when she will 'cross from being alive to the living death of madness - when people will say Gerda is no longer Gerda'." dementia

"We're living in America...where truth has died."

Michael Savage

"Reality is always somewhere between theory and practice."

Jordi Savall, Barcelona musician

"There is a time ... when the operation of the machine becomes so odious, makes you so sick at heart, that you can't take part. You can't even passively take part, and you have to put your body upon the gears and the wheels, upon all the apparatuses, and you've got to stop it. You've got to indicate to the people who run it, the people who own it, that unless you're free, the machine will be prevented from working....

Freedom of speech is something that represents the very dignity of what a human being is . . .

That's what marks us off from the stones and the stars. You can speak freely. It is almost impossible for me to describe. It is the thing that marks us as just below the angels."

Mario Savio

"In the end, we will be defined not only by what we create but by what we refuse to destroy."

John Sawhill

Scalia, Justice Antonin:

"...government has the powers to get 'revenge' and 'execute wrath'."
Justice Scalia, via Maureen Dowd

"Scalia's ... originalism is not a method of judicial interpretation, it is a device to import his values into the Constitution." Jim Newton

"Scalia's dueling public claims: that separating faith from public life is impossible and, at the same time, that he himself has done just that on the Court." Dahlia Lithwick

via Akhil Reed Amar: "Too often, Justice Scalia stopped reading. He failed to read the Constitution's text all the way to the end — to give due weight to its transformative amendments added by post-founding reformers. And he failed to read modern originalist scholarship that has conclusively disproved many of the historical canards that were prominent in the 1950s when he attended law school."

in NYT piece by Katie Rogers.: 'the Supreme Court ruled in the 2010 Citizens United case to uphold public disclosure — with Justice Antonin Scalia, the court's conservative stalwart, arguing later that without such revelations "democracy is doomed".

via Jessica Nordell: Scalia wrote a strikingly wide-eyed assertion that gives "the distinct impression that Scalia had never had a job."

via Bob Springmeyer:

"the problem of handgun violence in this country is serious and that the Constitution leaves the government with "a variety of tools for combating that problem, including some measures regulating handguns." Heller merely established the constitutional baseline that the government may not disarm citizens in their homes. The opinion expressly recognized "presumptively lawful" regulations such as "laws imposing conditions and qualifications on the commercial sale of arms," as well as bans on carrying weapons in "sensitive places," like schools, and it noted with approval the "historical tradition of prohibiting the carrying of 'dangerous and unusual weapons.'" Heller also recognized the immense public interest in "prohibitions on the possession of firearms by felons and the mentally ill."

Former Supreme Court Justice Scalia — the foremost proponent of originalism, who throughout his tenure stressed the limited role of courts in difficult policy debates — could not have been clearer in the closing passage of Heller.

Kate Shaw and John Bash

end of Scalia

"They'll be internet pessimists and realists...with an intense emphasis on on the value of curation"...privacy settings...
John Scalzi

"...because information constantly increases, there's never going to be privacy..."
David Scalzo

Scarry:

The Body in Pain by **Elaine Scarry**

T S Eliot: a magic lantern threw the nerves in patterns on a screen...

“...language has begun to become capable of providing an external image of interior events....”

“Melzack’s assumption that the human voice ...is capable of accurately exposing even the most resistant aspects of material reality.... he has found in language...the felt experience of pain, the signs of accompanying disease, and ... even the secrets of the neurological and physiological pathways themselves....[including] his formulation ...of the Gate-control Theory of Pain.”
...trust in language also characterizes the work of ... Amnesty International...individual patients... artists.....the passage of pain into speech.
...the act of verbally expressing pain is a necessary prelude to the collective task of diminishing pain...the human voice must aspire to become a precise reflection of ... reality.
[In the] courtroom ... the lawyer ... who speaks for the plaintiff ... must communicate the reality of ... physical pain to people who are not themselves in pain (the jurors)....

p. 172: Physical pain is not only itself resistant to language but also actively destroys language, deconstructing it into the pre-language of cries and groans...To hear those cries is to witness the shattering of language.. Conversely, when the person in pain rediscovers speech and so regains his powers of self-objectification, it is almost to be present at the birth, or rebirth, of language.

p.7: ...to have great pain is to have certainty; to hear that another person has pain is to have doubt. The doubt of other persons ... amplifies the suffering of those already in pain...

Melzack and Torgeson ... began to arrange [patients’] words into coherent groups which, by making visible the consistency interior to any one set of words, worked to bestow visibility on the characteristics of pain...[see p. 7 for specific examples].
...even the artist ... ordinarily falls silent before pain...
...pain enters into our midst as at once something that cannot be denied and something that cannot be confirmed.To have pain is to have certainty; to hear about pain is to have doubt.
An element of physical pain is its obliteration of the contents of consciousness. Pain annihilates not only the objects of complex thought and emotion but also the objects of the most elemental acts of perception.
...the person’s pain causes his world to disintegrate; and, at the same time, the disintegration of the world is here, in the most literal way possible, made painful, made the direct cause of the pain.
...a person in pain reverts to sounds prior to language, the cries and screams of human hurt...the person inflicting pain reverts to a pre-language, uncaring noises...

...nothing exists for it other than its own pain. In both instances, the body enters a process of symbolic substitution, but in opposite directions: in imaginative making, the body finds a substitute or sign that can "represent" its pain or take its place; in torture, the body itself is made to represent, through the concreteness of its pain, the otherwise abstract agency and power of the torturer.”

Elaine Scarry via review by Suleiman

“... pleasure tends to be world-building and pain to be world-destroying...
the number of texts, of great pieces of literature, that depict physical pain is actually tiny.
...it is hard to find . . . someone who has been in prolonged severe physical pain who has written a book that is then read and even partially understood by the readers.
...up until about 1941, moments when Germany brutalized people in concentration camps or let them be freer very much corresponded to whether they were seeming to win or seeming to lose the war. And we can see a similar pattern in other countries.
We had to go ahead and actually invent something called a Department of Homeland Defense because the Department of Defense itself is actually a Department of Non-Homeland Defense.
...”

see review by Koenigsberg Library of Social Science, pdf

"it is not the pain but the regime that is incontestably real, not the pain but the regime that is total, not the pain but the regime that is able to eclipse all else, not the pain but the regime that is able to dissolve the world" (p. 56), via Morris review.

Morris: ‘Pain so obliterates in consciousness the extended world outside the place of torture that nothing exists except the body....’

Scarry: "The goal of the torturer is to make ... the body emphatically and crushingly present by destroying it, and to make ... the voice absent by destroying it" (p. 49), via Morris.

Morris: 'Body and voice, in their complex and interlocked relationships, become for Scarry absolutely fundamental to understanding the process by which we create - or alternatively destroy - the world we inhabit.'

Morris: 'Torture is the subject with which she opens because it represents a total reduction, a zero condition of the body, a point of nothingness where mind and world fall back into utter, if temporary, annihilation. The body in pain stands in danger of regressing to a state in which there is nothing except the body, in which pain represents the nothingness to which our condition of embodiment always implicitly leads back. The blinding agonies of torture provide, as we have seen, a situation where the body so engulfs consciousness that the created world is finally blocked out, unraveled, destroyed.'

Morris: '...once a patient has lived for, say, six months with pain that is unresponsive and unrelenting, a qualitative change seems to occur....Time, however, not intensity, is the essential measurement.'

p.55: Torture aspires to the totality of pain...

Quoting Artaud: 'pain as it intensifies and deepens, multiplies its resources and means of access at every level of the sensibility'.

via Hong review:

Torture is the means by which the pain (of another) is converted into power; the elaborate truth-making ritual involved is essentially a 'grotesque, compensatory drama' for this conversion.

Torture thus intensifies pain, objectifies it, then denies it, and calls the result power. (p.28)

...a human being reverts to ... sounds anterior to language ...when overwhelmed by pain...
the human body is the original site of reality. What is remembered in the body is well remembered. The body is our primary truth, our inescapable fate..."

end of Scarry

Geopolitics is eternal. That is why competition persists no matter how much idealists might wish otherwise. A main objective of U.S. strategy, therefore, should be to prevent the accumulation of activities and trends that harm U.S. interests and values, rather than to pursue grand projects such as trying to determine how China or other countries should govern themselves...

Nadia Schadlow.

"Akrasia refers to acting against one's better judgement..."

Without dissent, conventional wisdom will go unchallenged and moral progress becomes essentially impossible.

dissent...

disagreement...

indirect moral enhancement

G Owen Schaefer:

Schaefer, Bret:

"[On Putin]...in classic propaganda terms, to accuse others of that which you are guilty."

"...Thomas Jefferson denied that Jesus was the son of God...[he] rejected as self-evidently absurd the Trinity, the Virgin Birth, and the Resurrection....he argued [that] generations of the clergy ... had perverted the simple humanity of Jesus the reformer."

"It is incontrovertible historical fact ...his absolute determination never to admit religion into any institutions of the public realm."

"...the current fairy-tale version of American origins that passes muster for history by those who don't actually read very much of it."

"True history is the enemy of reverence."

"Gibbons ...so luminously argued...there is no surer sign of a country's cultural and political decay than an obtuse blindness to its unmistakable beginnings."

Simon Schama

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

Otto Scharmer via Tom Friedman

"...the modern American does not look at democracy before he defines it; he defines it first and then is confused by what he sees. . . . We become cynical about democracy because the public does not act the way the simplistic definition of democracy says that it should act, or we try to whip the public into doing things it does not want to do, is unable to do, and has too much sense to do. The crisis here is not a crisis in democracy but a crisis in theory."

E. E. Schattschneider,

Schatz, Brian - Senator, Hawaii: "The road to autocracy is paved with overly chill responses from people who would see this all with great clarity if only it were happening in a faraway place."

Jonathan Schell:

"Gandhi had said that once people disown the state under which they live they have nearly established their own government....

Under a totalitarian regime, which seeks to mobilize the entire population in support of its ideological cause, the people become a sort of army on whose obedience the regime relies.... Once the unraveling of the single, indivisible fabric of totalitarianism began, the rapidity of the disintegration could be startling.. In Havel's prophetic words, 'Everything suddenly appears in another light.'...

...the prime human obligation is to act fearlessly and publicly in accord with one's beliefs; that one should withdraw cooperation from destructive institutions; that this should be done without violence....

Violence ... was to be shunned for another reason: it was useless...Someone once remarked to Napoleon that you can't mine coal with bayonets...

Nonviolent action can be a source of revolutionary power, which erodes the ancien regime from within ... and lays the foundation for a new state....the rise of nonviolent revolution is totalitarianism's antidote and cure, pointing the way to a recovery of democracy...

"...violence is what the state uses when its other powers have failed."

"Republicans have ... a strong desire to take up residence in an imaginary world, an alternate reality ...when the target of the insurrection is ... the factual universe, with all its unwelcome restrictions and psychological burdens, then the more flagrant the violation of truth, the keener the thrill. ...when we act, we create our own reality...If we don't like the real world, we can do away with it. ...information, instead of connecting them to what is real, actually armors them against it."

Jonathan Schell, and on Paul Ryan

"The active many can overcome the ruthless few.... Nonviolence is a means by which the active many can overcome the ruthless few."

S Schell, quoted via McKibben

"...an ever heavier shroud of censorship has cast China into an increasingly deep state of historical darkness."

"...history and memory were Freud's allies and forgetting was his enemy."

Orville Schell

Albert Einstein once concluded his life experience in the sentence: „It is impossible to solve a problem with the same means that caused this problem.“ It is also impossible to solve a problem with the same people who have caused the problem. The main problem of the world is the already existing and culminating energy crises.

Herman Scheer

"Whites and blacks may not mind each other's presence, may even prefer integration, but may nevertheless wish to avoid minority status."

Thomas Schelling

Schick, Nina:

Infocalypse ... the increasingly dangerous and untrustworthy information ecosystem within which most humans now live...

Stalinism, his creed became synonymous with the rewriting of history, including of the visual record.

the Internet is "a vast wormhole of darkness that eats itself."

"He had a great way of irritating government officials because he always came up with the truth."

Bob Schieffer (CBS) on Daniel Schorr

"...man plays only when he is in the fullest sense of the word a human being, and he is fully a human being only when he plays."

Friedrich Schiller via Rifkin

"The American Dream, in the 1930s, meant freedom, mutual respect and equality of opportunity. It had more to do with morality than material success. ... [It represents] core values."

Robert J Schiller

"Absolute power destroys principles, degrades habits and attacks desire, the intangible grace of life...Journalism [must]...follow the dark labyrinths of power....

If the Devil offers me an interview, I go to hell."

Julio Scherer Garcia, Mexican journalist

"...an inexplicable fondness for despots..."

There can be no exoneration without a legitimate trial.

Adam Schiff

"Witches remain in business so long as we feel powerless: they offer the blessed relief of assigning blame; they allow us to distill spite, that heady brew of vindication and humiliation."

Stacy Schiff

"...the problem is not Hitler, but his audience....what was bound to happen to the rest of Europe...This is the Moronic Evil..."

William S Schlamm, review of Mein Kampf, NYT via Gal Beckerman NYT Bk Rev

"History is to the nation as memory is to the individual."

"We look upon our epoch as a time of troubles, an age of anxiety. The grounds of our civilization, of our certitude, are breaking up under our feet, and familiar ideas and institutions vanish as we reach for them, like shadows in the falling dusk."

"...all important problems are insoluble. The bgood comes from the continuing struggle to try and solve them."

Arthur Schlesinger

"...democracy [is] the system best able peacefully and constructively to channel the dangerous instincts of a fallible species."

Charles Lane on Arthur M Schlesinger Jr.

"...the world was built by people willing to get their hands dirty."

Kelley Schlise, NYT college essays

Schlossberg, Harvey:

Memoir: Psychologist with a Gun...Hold Your Fire film.

'I won't drop it'....Well, then lay it down...

"Let me see if I can see the world the way he sees it, see what he's feeling, what's pressuring him and then see what the alternate types of solutions are. And then I can offer them to him. And maybe he'll be able to see the same thing. It's kind of entering into his madness to help him find solutions."

"If you're worried about food, you don't want to die."

Schmemmann, Serge:

"Everybody gets the 'Moscow Eye' soon after they arrive and it soon goes away."
on Havana Syndrome...Just because you're paranoid doesn't mean you're wrong...

"Twenty years ago everyone believed civilization was driven by ecological forces. I think what we are learning is that civilization is a product of the human mind."

Klaus Schmidt

"...being a scientist-advocate is not an oxymoron. Just because we are scientists does not mean that we should check our citizenship at the door of a public meeting."

"In my view, staying out of the fray is not taking the 'high ground'; it is just passing the buck."

"Know thy audience

Know thy self

Know thy stuff"

Stephen Schneider

"With our country under threat from its own leadership, we have moved into a world in which necessary secrets must give way to necessary leaks. Now that the president has declared our free press to be the "enemy of the American people," it is past time to open the floodgates."

Gabriel Schoenfeld

Scholl, Sophie, -White Rose:

"...the symbol of the white rose was intended to represent purity and innocence in the face of evil." Hans Scholl see wiki white rose: he cried out "Es lebe die Freiheit! – Long live freedom!", as the blade fell.[8]

"The German people slumber on in dull, stupid sleep and encourage the fascist criminals. Each wants to be exonerated of guilt, each one continues on his way with the most placid, calm conscience. But he cannot be exonerated; he is guilty, guilty, guilty!"

2nd leaflet of the White Rose.

"Not in the flight of thought

But in the act alone there is freedom."

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

"Christel Probst ... had come where he now was because for him there was something worse than arrest, trial, and execution....living...under the system ...that was the enemy of all the decencies on which civilized intercourse...rested.

...Goebbels...Minister of Public Enlightenment and Propaganda..."

Sophie Scholl in A Noble Treason

end Sophie Scholl

"The world is my idea."

Arthur Schopenhauer

"Every man takes the limits of his own field of vision for the limits of the world."

"A man must have grown old and lived long in order to see how short life is."

"Talent hits a target no one else can hit; Genius hits a target no one else can see."

"...a great mind becomes ordinary the moment its energies are dispersed." (via Prochnik)

"Just remember once you are over the hill, you begin to pick up speed". Arthur Schopenhauer.
"...contempt is the unsullied conviction of the worthlessness of another."

Arthur Schopenhauer

Schrager, Allison:

"...this pandemic is essentially an exercise in risk management." in New Scientist.

Thomas Schramme, ed. Being Amoral

"APD - antisocial personality disorder - a pervasive pattern of disregard for, and violation of, the rights of others ...psychopathy."

Heidi L. Malbom: psychopaths...what stands out most is their disregard for the well-being of others...this singular lack of a moral sense is unique...

Gwen Adshead: the psychopath knows the words but not the music (quoting John and Quay, 1962)...semantic dementia, alexithymia...Wannsee...

Schramme: moral agency...patience...

"They are the post-9/11 generation, raised in an era of economic and national insecurity. They've never known a time when terrorism and school shootings weren't the norm. They grew up watching their parents weather a severe recession, and, perhaps most important, they hit puberty at a time when technology and social media were transforming society."

quoting 'Faith-Ann': "We're all like little volcanoes. We're getting this constant pressure., from our phones, from our relationships, from the way things are today."

Susanna Schrobsdorff *The Kids are not all Right*, TIME, 11-7-2016

"It is rare that the spirit of slavery and intellectual cowardice express themselves with such fullness in a written text."

Ekaterina Schulmann, NYT quote of the day 3-17-2020 re Putin and Constitutional Ct in Russia

Schulte, Joshua:

"...privacy and individual security are antithetical, increasing one ultimately decreases the other."

"... the fragile balance between profit and conscience."

Howard Schultz

"Twitter is ... a parasite ... that hijacks the nervous system...causing...[us] to behave in ways against ...[our] best interests...I am one of its hosts, so effectively has it hacked my brain."

"[Thoreau] wanted to try what we would today call subsistence living, a condition attractive chiefly to those not obliged to endure it."

Kathryn Schulz

Schumacher, EF:

"What am I to do with my life?"

"It is not physical sleep that is the enemy of man; it is the drifting, wandering, shiftless moving of his attention that makes him incompetent, miserable, and less-than-fully-human. Without self-awareness, i.e., without a consciousness that is conscious of itself, man merely imagines that he is in control of himself, that he has free will, and is able to carry out his intentions."

"...total absence of ego would mean total objectivity and total effectiveness."

"Any fool can make things complicated, but it requires a genius to make things simple."

"Economics without Buddhism is like sex without love."

"I certainly never feel discouraged. I can't myself raise the winds that might blow us, or this ship, into a better world. But I can at least put up the sail so that when the wind comes, I can catch it."

"Buddhist economics is the systematic study of how to attain given ends with the minimum means."

"The bigger the organization, the less it is possible for any member of it to act freely as a moral being...big organizations often behave very badly, very immorally ... It is not the people of the organization but its size that is at fault."

"...insane work cannot produce a sane society."

"...poverty prevails when people have enough to keep body and soul together but little to spare, whereas in misery they cannot keep body and soul together, and even the soul suffers deprivation."

The continuation of scientific advance in the direction of ever-increasing violence, culminating in nuclear fission and moving on to nuclear fusion, is a prospect of terror threatening the abolition of man. Yet it is not written in the stars that this must be the direction. There is also a life-giving and life-enhancing possibility, the conscious exploration and cultivation of all relatively non-violent, harmonious, organic methods of co-operating with that enormous, wonderful, incomprehensible system of God-given nature, of which we are a part and which we certainly have not made ourselves."

"...we behave as if we had no past and no future."

George Kennan via Schumacher

"Self-knowledge...must consist of two parts—
knowing my own inner self...and
knowing myself as I am known by others."

"Our intentions tend to be much more real to us than our actions, and this can lead to a great deal of misunderstanding with other people, to whom our actions tend to be much more real than our intentions."

Guide for the Perplexed, 1977. "The quality of our understanding depends decisively on the detachment, objectivity, and care with which we learn to study ourselves—both what goes on inside us...and how we appear as objective phenomena in the eyes of others...Instruction on cultivating self-knowledge of this dual kind is the main content of all traditional religious teachings.
end **E F Schumacher**

"[Schumann's self-confessed objective was to] "send light into the very depths of the human heart. I am affected by everything that goes on in the world - politics, literature, and people. I think it over in my own way, and then I long to express those feelings in music."

Schumann, Susan Goodfellow notes

"The swamp has never been more foul or more fetid than under this president."

"...Republicans ... are totallyt supine in their obeisance to Trump."

Chuck Schumer

"The first thing a man will do for his ideals is lie."

"The typical citizen drops down to a lower level of mental performance as soon as he enters the political field. He becomes a primitive again."

"the typical citizen drops down to a lower level of mental performance as soon as he enters the political eld. He argues and analyzes in a way which he would readily recognize as infantile within the sphere of his real interests."

Joseph A Schumpeter

"People like [Chad] need so much more: He needed the kind of long-term support services that we routinely provide to people who have cancer and other life-threatening illnesses. He needed job training. Mental-health counseling. Housing support. Most of all, he needed medication-assisted treatment, the only evidence-based treatment for opioid addiction."

Janice Lynch Schuster

"Capitalism, in its current form, no longer fits the world around us. We have failed to learn the lessons from the financial crisis of 2009."

Klaus Schwab, executive chairman of the World Economic Forum

Living off money that ultimately does not exist and living off natural resources that are non-renewable are two aspects of the same problem....

People living beyond
their means effectively
force future generations
to live below their means.

Christian Schwagerl

"theocratic fascism – faith-based fundamentalist movements that seek political power and do not shy away from terror."

David Schweickart

"Man has lost the capacity to foresee and forestall. He will end by destroying the earth."

"Man can hardly recognize the devils of his own creation."

Albert Schweitzer

"Politicians have developed a dizzying array of legislative tactics to bring in money... It's time we stop pitying the poor politicians and start being wary of them — for they play the shakedown game as well as anyone."

Peter Schweizer

"Perhaps imagination is only intelligence having fun

[‘amoral familism’ is defined as] "...a narrow dedication to the interests of oneself and one's immediate family and a thoroughgoing absence of intellectual or political integrity, disinterestedness, trust, solidarity, generosity, civic virtue, or professional pride, along with equal measures of cynicism about and servility towards all forms of authority." based on Edward Banfield's analysis of southern Italy

George Scialabba

Scott, A. O.:

"The massacre was a war crime supervised by peacekeepers - a failure of institutional resolve, of humanity, of civilization." NYT film review

Bruce R Scott The Concept of Capitalism, 2009 in Andrade library:

"...the freedoms of capitalism are always conditional on ... a set of laws and regulation, and those laws and regulations emanate from government ... not the private sector.

Capitalism requires more than markets, firms, and individual economic actors; it requires structure, security, and adaptability that only government, in the form of human decisions, can provide consistently and accountably over time as circumstances constantly change.

...the state can provide the necessary corrective measures to prevent capitalists or other organized groups from abusing the common for their own advantage...

Capitalism is a three-level system...that is political and administrative as well as economic.

...property rights are societal constructs and not gifts of nature.

Capitalism has three major coordinating mechanisms...One of the visible hands belongs to government, and it guides the system...The other visible hand belongs to the management of ... large firms.

As Abraham Lincoln implied at Gettysburg, government *by* the people is no assurance that it is *for* the people.

Capitalism is analogous to organized sports.

end Bruce R Scott

"Science's task is to explain the natural world: what it is, how it works, and why it is the way it is. Ethics is about the oughts and the shoulds."

Eugenie Scott in a book review Nature 10 Apr 08

Scott, James C: *Against the Grain*:

"anthropocene I suggest that we begin with the use of fire, the first great hominid tool for landscaping..."

History at its best is the most subversive discipline, inasmuch as it can tell us how things that we are likely to take for granted came to be...

nonstate peoples ... 'barbarians'...

... a thin Anthropocene dates from the use of fire roughly half 1 million years ago and extends up through agriculture and grazing and the resulting deforestation, and siltation.

The global environmental impact of the domestication of fire, plants, and grazing animals..."

"I've often been accused of being wrong but rarely of being obscure or incomprehensible."

James C Scott

"[He] has the audacity of someone who wants to get to the root of evil and cut..."

friend on James C Scott, via Samuel Moyn

"Politics deals in their fragile amalgam of shared assumptions, values, prohibitions and freedoms that make civic reality a possibility..."

Enlightenment comes from breaking the bonds holding you in this shadow-theatre and emerging from [Plato's] cave into the realm of realities...

quotes Nietzsche: How the real world finally became a fable...

quotes Anil Seth...

referring to Donald Hoffman...there is too much reality for it to be useful to us. To perceive reality as it really is would be paralyzing...we filter out the details of reality that aren't useful to us... 'our perceptions will be tuned to fitness, but not to truth.'

Our aim is therefore to establish a sustainable, shared *f*steinerhallucination - a social reality."

Laurence Scott

Scott, MacKenzie:

"...it would be better if disproportionate wealth were not concentrated in a small number of hands...we are all attempting to give away a fortune that was enabled by systems in need of change."

"The Lost Horse parable..."

I distinctly remember the moment when it first occurred to me that I loved writing differently than I loved riding my bike or swimming...

social structures which present opportunities to some people, and obstacles to countless others. We are all human. And we all have enormous energy to devote to helping and protecting those we love."

via mentor Toni Morrison: 'Writing something long is all about the timed release of information.'

"The World Doesn't Require You." Book, stories

Rion Amilcar Scott

Scranton, Roy

,"... as the Buddhists teach, nothing is ever what it is for very long, and nothing is ever lost.

Things morph from one form to another, as matter and energy coalesce and transition back and forth from waves into beings. Any truly empirical view of life must admit the universe is flux, time change, and death nothing more than the shift between states. As the earth's gyres and floes wheel and pass, diminish and crescendo, there is no final end. Every wheel turns another, turns into another, and every end is a new beginning."

"The real gap is between the fantasy of American heroism and the reality of what the American military does, between the myth of violence and the truth of war. The real gap is between our subconscious belief that righteous violence can redeem us, even ennoble us, and the chastening truth that violence debases and corrupts.

... in the frightened months after Sept. 11, the myth of violence was more

powerful than the truth of war.

... we could honor our great dissenters and conscientious objectors. And instead of blowing things up, maybe we could try building something."

"We have to learn to die ... as a civilization....The greatest challenge we face is a philosophical one ... understanding that this civilization is already dead."

end Roy Scranton

"That's the smell of money,"

David Sealock, Petroteq's chief executive, smelling Vernal shale oil NYT

"We did not inherit the Earth from our parents. We are borrowing it from our children."

attributed to Chief Seattle

"Our concern with history...is a concern with preformed images already imprinted on our brains, images at which we keep staring while the truth lies elsewhere, away from it all, somewhere as yet undiscovered."

W G Sebald, Austerlitz

Tomas Sedlacek Economics of Good and Evil, 2011:

"Wild things are not in the past...They are within us.

Economics carries out a euthanasia of the living world...

A model is nothing more than a story...an autobiography.

...the home run of any ideology or idea is to become so deep-rooted as to seem natural and 'always there'.

Adam Smith considers the key human characteristic, which is: *sympathy*. If we lose it, we will become either animals or machines.

The invisible hand is a mystical god, working in mysterious ... ways with more than a touch of miracle to produce a holistic beneficence that is not predictable from the unholy motivations of the self-interested actors.

Boli, John, quoted by Sedlacek

Today's economic anthropology ... the invisible hand of the market will recast personal vices into general welfare...Private vices cause public welfare.

...our current fiscal policy is Bastard Keynesianism.

Keynes calls 'economic bliss' (p.237)

....consumption behaves like a drug.

...the need for greed philosophy...greed is the necessary condition for progress of a society... Mandeville.

We must consider Mandeville, not Adam Smith, the very first modern economist.

...economics does better in an ethical environment where the actors abide by the rules of the game.

Martin Luther ...stated that faith is set up as the antithesis of reason...he called reason 'the devil's whore'.

Society therefore requires neither a *tyrant* nor a *central planner* but a *regulator*.

charitas...gravity... (p. 153 of Good and Evil)

Christianity doubts the absolute right to private property.

God, as King David says (Psalm 115:16), 'has given the earth to the children of men', given it to mankind in common.

see Mill quote

Thales can be considered to be the first economist ever.

In Hebrew thought...we are finishers of the creation, keepers of the Garden.

Debt can transfer energy from the future to the present...saving can accumulate energy from the past and send it to the present. time travel

Do not mistreat an alien or oppress him, for you were aliens...Exodus 22:21

...we are merely aliens and strangers who have the land only rented to us for a fixed time.

A period of fifty years roughly corresponded to the life span at the time...see pp. 76-77.

Moses...it is better to remain hungry and liberated than to be a slave with food 'at no cost'.

Love the Law.

Gilgamesh

...homo economicus...a mere production and consumption unit.
We have created a self-inflicted blindness.
end Sedlacek

Seeger, Pete:

"Rulers should be careful about what songs are allowed to be sung."
Pete Seeger attributed to Plato

"Realize that little things lead to bigger things. That's what *Seeds* is all about. And there's a wonderful parable in the New Testament: The sower scatters seeds. Some seeds fall in the pathway and get stamped on, and they don't grow. Some fall on the rocks, and they don't grow. But some seeds fall on fallow ground, and they grow and multiply a thousandfold. Who knows where some good little thing that you've done may bring results years later that you never dreamed of....
it may be children realizing that you can't live without love, you can't live without fun and laughter, you can't live without friends—and I say, "Long live teachers of children," because they can show children how they can save the world.... "The business of business is now society..."
"This machine surrounds hate and forces it to surrender." Words painted on **Pete Seeger's** banjo

"Health is not simply the absence of disease: it is something positive, a joyful attitude toward life, and a cheerful acceptance of the responsibilities that life puts upon the individual."
HE Segrist, quoted by Lester Breslow, 1999

"The memoir...the sweetness of a life tasted twice, first in the living, then in the telling."
Parul Sehgal NYT pdf

"A political system that expects failure doesn't try very hard to produce anything else."
Gerald Seib, Wall St J columnist

Seidman, Dov:
from *How?*:

"...trusting his customers to make their own change...honesty cafes..."

...when there is no "we" anymore, because "we" no longer share basic truths, then there is no legitimate authority and no unifying basis for our continued association."
"...there was no moral wave....no widespread rejection of the kind of leadership that divides us..."
Dov Seidman via tom friedman.

"People like Mr. Breivik and Mr. Tarrant spread myths and conspiracies dressed up as facts. They use guns to be read. Their thoughts thrive in the darkness..."
Asne Seierstad

"Society is built on denial of death." "In order to get things done, people have to constantly deny their own mortality. Freud's theory is that mental illness is the inability to deny death and these people go mad because they can't ignore death. Why are we chit-chatting? Why are we ignoring this massive thing?" Her chosen genre was always going to be the most suitable vehicle for such intense and abstract psychodrama. "Horror is always about the fear of dying," she notes. "It's about running from death, essentially."
Amy Seimetz

Sekula, Allan:

"the pornography of the 'direct' representation of misery."
the exhaustion of empathy,

"Throughout history, it has been the inaction of those who could have acted; the indifference of those who should have known better; the silence of the voice of justice when it mattered most; that has made it possible for evil to triumph."

Haile Selassie

Selgin, George:

"It's like language. It's value depends on how many people agree to use it." re Money.

"There are two faces to identity: the first generates creativity, and the second spurs hostility."

Amartya Sen, via McCormack - see Intro in his ed. book

"Violence is fomented by the imposition of singular and belligerent identities on gullible people."

"...the very idea of 'development' ... is inevitably based on a particular class of values..."

"...choices 'of the people, by the people, for the people'...isx the subject of 'social choice'."

Amartya Sen, Nobel laureate

"A corrupted state,

an economic system indifferent to social goods,

a society in which equal opportunity and educational achievement count for little,

a pervasive worry about job loss:

four beliefs that combine to produce feelings of dread –

the most paralyzing and isolating of emotions."

Richard Sennett

Sendak via Kakutani:

"... the pleasures of childhood — easy access to the realm of fantasy and imagination, an untamed capacity for wonder and surprise — but also its dark side: fears of abandonment and loss; a sense of vulnerability in a chaotic world where control, even understanding, feels elusive....

Fantasy, Sendak would remain convinced, 'is the best means children have for taming wild things,' that is, all the emotions that 'are an ordinary part of children's lives — fear, anger, hate and frustration — and that children can perceive only as ungovernable and dangerous forces.'"

"We are always complaining that our days are few, and acting as though there would be no end of them."

Seneca

"Trump ... pathologies only permit an infantile version of the world...The pandemic has left him shaken, not stirred."

"...the very human desire to reconcile the irreconcilable."

Jennifer Senior

Sentsov via Andrew Higgins NYT:

Sentsov infuriated the Kremlin by insisting that he and fellow Russian-speakers in Crimea never wanted or needed to be saved.

Pretending otherwise, he said in a recent interview, is nothing more than "political necrophilia," a ghoulish mission to make Russia great again by embracing the corpse of Soviet power...

"All wars eventually end in peace," he said. "But peace between Russia and Ukraine will not happen so long as Putin is in power."

Sentsov, Oleg:

"... there is a feeling that our nation is being born and our connections to Russia are being cut."

Serling, Rod:

on Rod Serling by Emily Nussbaum:

"Rod Serling's 'The Twilight Zone', aired in the fifties and sixties,...was an oasis in a bland era. Through sci-fi metaphor, Serling could talk about civil rights and the Red Scare without the censors stepping in."

via Andrew Delbanco NY Review Books:

Nathaniel Hawthorne neutral quote: 'the feeling of being in a place that's simultaneously familiar and alien, a "neutral territory," as Nathaniel Hawthorne described it, "somewhere between the real world and fairy-land, where the Actual and the Imaginary may meet, and each imbue itself with the nature of the other."

Spielberg 1983 film on Serling:

Delbanco: ' [Serling] attributed racism, along with anti-Semitism and xenophobia, ... to ignorance that could be ameliorated by education.'

'We're living full-time...on the edge of dysfunction, craving and dreading human contact, stalked by a menace that seems nowhere and everywhere.'

"[Serling deplored] a sickness known as hate. Not a virus, not a microbe, not a germ - but a sickness nonetheless, highly contagious, deadly in its effects...look for it in the mirror. Look for it before the light goes out altogether."

end Serling

"*Siempre adelante!* Keep moving forward!"

Junipero Serra via Pope Francis

Serwer, Adam:

The Cruelty Is the Point: The Past, Present, and Future of Trump's America

I use lowercase when referring to racial terms such as "black" or "white." This is against the prevailing trend in letters, but I do it because I fear that capitalization reinforces the notion that race is a biological reality rather than a social reality. Racism and bigotry are very real, but race itself is a biological fiction.

Sessa, Ben:

"Only hurt people hurt others...say, what happened to you."

Seth, Anil:

Being You: A New Science of Consciousness

anesthesia is the art of turning people into objects.

"wetware" to underline that brains are not computers made of meat. They are chemical

consciousness has more to do with being alive than with being intelligent.

A curtain had been pulled back revealing something too intimate to be so openly on view. I was looking directly into the mechanics of a human self.

when life in the first person reaches its conclusion, perhaps it's not so bad if a little mystery remains.

Our reality is merely a controlled hallucination, reined in by our senses....

The world we experience comes as much from the inside-out as the outside-in...

When we agree about our hallucinations, we call that reality."

Seuss:

"He called the method whereby he manipulated his universe to appear reasonable to an ever skeptical audience 'logical insanity'."

Donald Pease on T Seuss Giesel

"Only a genius of the ridiculous could possibly deal with the cosmic and lethal madness of the nuclear arms race..."

Maurice Sendak on Dr. Seuss

[Dr. Seuss: children's books "have a greater potential for good or evil, than any other form of literature on earth."](#)

"The more that you read,

the more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
the more places you'll go."

Dr. Seuss

"A *thneed* is something someone wants you to *need*."
based on Dr. Seuss

"Forget the terrible
News you've read.
Your mind's at ease
In an ostrich head!"

Dr Seuss Ostrich Bonnet cartoon April 29, 1941

"What this country needs is a good mental insecticide."
Seuss cartoon June 11, 1942

"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not."
end Dr. Seuss

Severin, Tim:

W. Jeffrey Bolster, a history scholar, wrote, "Severin operates at the intersection of imagination, action and myth, as ripe a spot as any for finding a wondrous white whale."

"Writing about my own travels requires me to be sharper, more precise, more defined in order to recount what happened. By contrast, writing historical fiction is a looser, more evocative process that invokes the imagination and allows the story line to take its own course." NYT obit, writing, history.

"You can't have a masterpiece without madness."

Michel Seydoux on Alejandro Jodorowsky

"Men Wanted for hazardous journey; small wages, bitter cold, long months of complete darkness, constant danger, safe return doubtful, honor and recognition in case of success."

Ernest Shackleton, classified ad

Shafak:

"Books helped me to dig tunnels of escape, tunnels leading to freedom."

"There are two things...we Turks...don't do well: optimism and irony."

Read those writers who bear witness to the silences and the silenced.

When I start writing the novel, I avoid reading novels, and I only read poetry for awhile.

I love the waltz of the heart and mind. The pessimism of the mind and the optimism of the heart.

(via Gramsci)

Cioran

from 10 Minutes.. novel:

...the apocalypse was not the worst thing that could happen. The possibility of an immediate and wholesale decimation of civilization was not half as frightening as the simple realization that our individual passing had no impact on the order of things, and life would go on just the same with or without us. Now *that*, she had always thought, was terrifying...

the end of childhood comes not when a child's body changes with puberty, but when her mind is finally able to see her life through the eyes of an outsider...

...childhood was a big, blue wave that lifted you up, carried you forth and, just when you thought it would last forever, vanished from sight...

she was only a half-broken horse, too frightened to bolt, too lame to dare, but still able to remember the sweet taste of, and therefore to yearn for, freedom...

hope is a hazardous chemical capable of triggering a chain reaction in the human soul...

in the desert of life, the fool travels alone and the wise by caravan...

It was reserved for three types of dead: the unwanted, the unworthy and the unidentified...

Democracy, human rights, freedom of speech - what was the point, if we were all about to die anyhow? The way the cemeteries were organized and the dead were treated...was the most striking difference between civilizations...

Elif Shafak

Shah, Anuz K: NATURE Mag 3-10-2022:

"...when people know more about others, they think others know more about them...our sense of anonymity depends not only on what people know about us but also on what we know about them." anonymous. stranger

"...pandemics are ...probabilistic events, made more likely by human agency. ... humans can do more to avert pandemics, minimizing the probability that they will spread. [This] will require a fundamental restructuring of the global economy, [which is now based] upon the accelerating consumption of natural resources."

Sonia Shah

'*vivir bien*,' a phrase that can be translated as living well. '*Vivir bien*' is often defined by the Andean nation's leaders as pursuing the collective good in balance with the Earth, and contrasted with 'living better,' which is seeking to amass wealth at the expense of the planet or other people.

Sara Shahriari on Evo Morales

Shakespeare:

"I would challenge you to a battle of wits, but I see you are unarmed."

Shakespeare's words put in the mouth of Mark Anthony who is praising Caesar the just assassinated Julius Caesar: "The good that men do oft is interred in their bones, the evil lives after them."

via Dowd: 'Shakespeare knew that character is revealed when the stakes are high.'

...Drew Lichtenberg, resident dramaturge at the Shakespeare Theater Company, points out, Hamlet's disquiet about suicide and dying has a resonance in the part of the world now bearing the slings and arrows of a demented dictator.

"There's a long tradition in Central European countries, such as Poland or Ukraine, of embracing Shakespeare and especially Hamlet as a kind of metaphor for the broader political situation," he said. "Poland and Ukraine both have had periods where they didn't exist, where their language was erased and replaced by either German or Russian as the official language and culture of the state. They know what it is 'not to be.'"

"'Tis the time's plague, when madmen lead the blind."

"Nothing will come of nothing: speak again."

W Shakespeare, via Raj Patel

"The evil that men [sic] do lives after them. The good is often interred with their bones." Judge George O'Toole spoke these lines from Shakespeare's Julius Caesar

Hamlet: Shakespeare gave Hamlet, enduring a different kind of claustrophobia: "I could be bounded in a nutshell, and count myself a king of infinite space."

"...it dawned on me that what I was actually entering was a school. There were no teachers, no textbooks, no instructions; yet there was definitely structure and order to it...And...there were grades."

"...the use of psychotropic substances is at the root of perhaps all religions."

Benny Shannon

"...financial markets...often follow the path of least regulation...
economists are more often wrong than right."

Ruchir Sharma

"...secrecy is a cancer on the body of democracy."

Ryan Shapiro

"You are a publisher!"

Adam Sharp, on Twitter, Stewart's 2017 conf.

"If people are not afraid of the dictatorship, that dictatorship is in big trouble.

As long as people lack self-confidence they are unlikely to do anything other than obey, cooperate with, and submit to their rulers."

All regimes have fundamental weaknesses, Sharp explains. Nonviolent struggle "concentrates on weakening them further and cutting off their sources of power" until the regime dissolves. "That's the ultimate goal.

"Dictatorships in particular have specific characteristics that render them highly vulnerable to skillfully implemented political defiance

Take that complicity away, and the ruler will be exposed as naked, a Wizard of Oz character with the curtains pulled back. At the same time, the more the populace resists, the more they will realize their own innate power and, like Dorothy, discover that they had possessed the means of shaping their own destiny all along. (by Sasha Abramsky in The Nation, 3-16-2011)

see also Einstein quote

"[Hannity's] dance ... has the effect of nourishing the more wild-eyed beliefs of his fans while providing Hannity a degree of plausible deniability."

Matthew Shaer nyt mag pdf

Sharp, Gene:

"As soon as you choose to fight with violence you're choosing to fight against your opponents' best weapons and you have to be smarter than that. Psychological weapons, social weapons, economic weapons and political weapons [are] ultimately more powerful against oppression, tyranny and violence."

"Dictators are never as strong as they tell you they are and people are never as weak as they think they are."

"Here we were in this jungle, reading Gene Sharp's work by candlelight. This guy has tremendous insight into society and the dynamics of social power." Colonel Helvey recalled

"If you don't know what you're doing, you are likely to get into big trouble."

"My dream....at end of film...

psychological weapons, ... towards beginning of film

end Gene Sharp

George Bernard Shaw:

"All great truths begin as blasphemies."

St. Joan: "He who tells too much truth shall surely be hanged."

Between persons of equal income there is no social distinction except the distinction of merit...

That is why idiots are always in favour of inequality of income (their only chance of eminence), and the really great in favour of equality.

Think of the whole country as a big household, and the whole nation as a big family...What do you see? Half-fed, badly clothed, abominable housed children ... and the money that should go to feed and clothe and house them being spent on bottles of scent, pearl necklaces, pet dogs, ... cars...the nation that spends money on champagne before it has provided enough milk for its babies...is a badly managed, silly, vain, stupid, ignorant nation."

"Every man over 40 is a scoundrel." see Weinberg

"All progress depends on not being reasonable."
My reputation grows with every failure."
"Those who cannot change their minds
cannot change anything."

"[Don't be] a feverish, selfish little clod of ailments and grievances complaining that the world will not devote itself to making me happy..."

This is the true joy of life, the being used up for a purpose recognized by yourself as a mighty one; being a force of nature instead of a feverish, selfish little clod of ailments and grievances, complaining that the world will not devote itself to making you happy.

I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the community, and as long as I live, it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can. I want to be thoroughly used up when I die, for the harder I work, the more I live.

Life is no "brief candle" to me. It is a sort of splendid torch which I have got hold of for a moment, and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations.

"Without art, the crudeness of reality would make the world unbearable."
"My way of joking is to tell the truth: it is the funniest joke in the world."
"Patriotism is, fundamentally, a conviction that a particular country is the best in the world because you were born in it."
George Bernard Shaw said: "I want to be thoroughly used up when I die, for the harder I work the more I live. I rejoice in life for its own sake."
"A man learns to skate by staggering about and making a fool of himself. Indeed, he progresses in all things by resolutely making a fool of himself."
"Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything."
We are made wise not by the recollection of our past,
but by the responsibility for our future.

"common sense is instinct. Enough of it is genius."

"The reasonable man adapts himself to the world; the unreasonable man persists in trying to adapt the world to himself. Therefore all progress depends on the unreasonable man."
"We don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing."
end G B Shaw

Julia Shaw, Evil, 2019:

"Machiavellianism - a duplicitous interpersonal style, a cynical disregard for morality, and a focus on self-interest and personal gain..."

...mental illness is a risk factor for substance abuse, which in turn is a risk factor for violence...
Money changes our relationship with morality... Cognitive dissonance - when we say one thing but do another, or hold inconsistent beliefs..

...we often bring our beliefs in line with our behaviour, and money can change the way we do this..

Hypocrisy can flourish in certain social and cultural environments. Social habits can cast a veil over our moral conflicts, by normalising behaviours and making them invisible and resistant to change..

Without profitability ... most human slavery would vanish..

Via Baumeister: 'Pure evil is marked ... by eight attributes, most of which are also found in popular perceptions of slavery.'...myth of pure evil.

Perhaps a system that encourages profit over all else has the potential to make us all into monsters..

via Palazzo: 'Ethical blindness can be defined as the temporary inability of a decision maker to see the ethical dimension of a decision at stake.'

...also called administrative evil..

...the complicity that comes with doing nothing..

via Goebbel's secretary: 'Those people nowadays who stay they would have stood up against the Nazis - I believe they are sincere in meaning that, but believe me, most of them wouldn't have.'
..public acts of violence need spectators..
Failure to prevent or discourage a harmful act might be almost as bad as directly committing the act itself..
via Arendt: 'Ultimately, the entire human race sits invisibly behind the defendant in the dock.'
..The bright side of your dark side..
Zimbardo heroic dehumanize..
It's time to rethink Evil.
end Julia Shaw

"...as they plan for the future
with minds from the past."
Ken Shaw, from Hotel Topaz

"...the 1960s represented the last burst of the human being before he was extinguished...this is the beginning of the rest of the future...from now on there will simply be all these robots walking around feeling nothing, thinking nothing. And there will be nobody left almost to remind them that there was once a species called a human being, with feelings and thoughts. ... history and memory are right now being erased, ...soon no one will remember that life existed on the planet."
Wallace Shawn and Andre Gregory, My Dinner with Andre, 1981; quoted by Roszak

"...functional indifference, born of cynicism...delirium of fear...
Pat Shea

"the marketplace has changed and there will never again be enough jobs for everyone who wants one -- no matter who is in the White House or in Congress. Job losses will only get worse as the 21st century progresses. Global capital will continue to move jobs to places on the planet that have the lowest labor costs. Technology will continue to improve, eliminating countless jobs. BIG...basic income guarantee... Jobs are not the answer."
Allan Sheehen

"... a good scientist is a humble and listening science and ...one...that is [not] sure ...what he reads in textbooks."
Dan Shechtman

"the arithmetic of life...
write it as a scene...creative nonfiction...
The rest of us are out there in the mainstream of a spinning and distracted society, trying to make some sense of our one and only voyage through its ambiguities."
Gail Sheehy

"I have a great deal of interest in peace and human rights and civil disobedience to address grievances to speak truth to power."
Martin Sheen

"...conservatives think they now have a massive media empire. In truth, they have constructed an intellectual ghetto that no one else wants to visit."
Matthew Sheffield

"Americans have had a paranoid streak throughout their history, which this guy [Trump] understands better than anybody."
Hank Sheinkopf

"All modern democracies have become means for mediating powerful lobbying interests."

Rupert Sheldrake

Shellenberger, Michael :
San Fransicko: Why Progressives Ruin Cities

Disorder and the loss of freedom go hand in hand. Political leaders who fail to maintain order are often replaced by leaders who sacrifice freedom. The West was the meeting point between "savagery and civilization." Psychologist Viktor Frankl agreed. "Freedom is only part of the story and half of the truth," he wrote. "In fact, freedom is in danger of degenerating into mere arbitrariness unless it is lived in terms of responsibility." the frontier is also characterized by the capacity for "perennial rebirth," and "beginning over again." Today that starts with valuing freedom as a state of affiliation, not disaffiliation, and of responsibility to, not freedom from, one another as fellow Americans. build what Frankl proposed: a Statue of Responsibility. In the Bible, a witness is not only someone who sees something important, she is also somebody who takes responsibility by sharing what she sees. end Shellenberger

"Invention does not consist in creating out of void, but out of chaos."

Mary Shelley, quoted in Feynman's Rainbow, 2003.

"I had worked hard for nearly two nyears, for the sole purpose of infusing life into an inanimate body...I had desired it with an ardor that far exceeded moderation; but now that I have finished, the beauty of the dream vanished, and breathless horror and disgust filled my heart."

Mary Shelley, Frankenstein

There is but one solution to the intricate riddle of life; to improve ourselves, and contribute to the happiness of others.

Mary Shelley

Leonard Shengold:

"Soul murder is achieved by a combination of torture, deprivation, and brainwashing... the power of rational thought must be interfered with, the victim's ability to know what has happened to him must be compromised..."

Soul murder...what has happened to people who were abused or neglected as children to the extent that they have been largely of their capacity to feel love for others and for themselves. Soullmurder is not a diagnosis; it is a descriptive metaphor for acrimie: killing the joy in life in another human being...

Denial is a very primitive mental defense, a defense that continues to be needed when one lives under concentration camp conditions...

Keats quote...

Glass Castle

neurogenesis

...to deform a soul usually takes chronic and repetitive abuse...

"In his book "Achilles in Vietnam," Dr. Shay describes moral injury as a result of being ordered to do something in a "high-stakes situation" that violates an individual's deeply held beliefs about what is right." via

Aaron Pratt Shepherd

"...moral injury is a persistent sense of guilt and shame, and an ethical "drift," whereby veterans no longer have a clear sense of right and wrong, or of what makes their lives meaningful."

Aaron Pratt Shepherd

"...weather is your mood, but climate is your personality."

Marshall Shepherd

“...mass culture draws collective power from blocking individual development.”
C L Rawlins on Paul Shepherd

“The paperless society is about as plausible as the paperless bathroom.”
Jesse Shera, IT Librarian

“I am tired and sick of war. Its glory is all moonshine. It is only those who have never fired a shot nor heard the shrieks and groans of the wounded who cry aloud for blood, for vengeance, for desolation. War is hell.”
Gen. William T Sherman 1863

“...valuing science for pure pleasure is more of a bulwark against the politicization of science than facts alone.”
Michael Shermer refer to Landrum pdf

Sherrell, Daniel:
“We are not living in normal times, and every American knows it.”

Lamor Shifman: Memes in Digital Culture

“Although [memes] spread on a micro basis, their impact is on the macro level: memes shape the mindsets, forms of behavior, and actions of social groups...
attention economy...

factors for virality:

- positivity (and humor)
- Provoking Emotions
- Packaging
- Prestige (celebrities, experts..)
- Positioning (hubs, bridges, nodes..)
- Participation

simplicity, repetitiveness, ordinary people, humor, whimsy all helpful.

gaps enhance spreadability via encouraging added 'content'.

easy replication and imitation - and modification.

genres

political memes:

- persuasion, advocacy
- action
- expression and discussion.

democratic subversion

see Yes we Can viral video

elite blogs help virality

shared slogans

people empowerment

empty text boxes (add your own!)

counter memes

culture jamming (anti logos, e.g.) Adbusters

Ryan Milner, Occupy memes

"... 'agenticity' – the tendency to believe that the world is controlled by intentional agents, usually invisible, from the top down...souls, spirits, ghosts, gods, demons, angels, aliens, ..."

Michael Shermer

Limor **Shiffman**'s book Memes in Digital Culture where she writes:

Dawkins defines memes as small cultural units of transmission, analogous to genes, that spread from person to person by copying or imitation. Examples include cultural artifacts such as melodies, catchphrases, and clothing fashions, as well as abstract beliefs (for instance the

concept of God). Like genes, memes are defined as replicators that undergo variation, competition, selection, and retention." (9)

Internet meme:

(a) a group of digital items sharing common characteristics of content, form, and/or stance;

(b) were created with awareness of each other; and

(c) were circulated, imitated, and/or transformed via the Internet by many users.

Internet memes [are] socially constructed public discourses in which different memetic variants represent diverse voices and perspectives.

Robert J Shiller narrative economics

contagious stories, memes

metaphors

sartre quote

epidemic

framing

Milosz fear quote p. 57

Shillinglaw Susan Intro to Steinbeck's Of Mice and Men; see under Steinbeck

Shipler:

"...Sept. 11, 2001...There go our civil liberties.

...the Bill of Rights restricts only government, not private entities.

...the law is too important to be left to the lawyers.

...the most terrifying possibility since 9/11 has not been terrorism ...but the prospect that Americans will give up their rights in pursuing the chimera of security.

The framers built the constitutional structure on a critical concept: the assumption that individual rights exist as a natural condition, that government cannot bestow rights on the people, for the people already possess them.

...the beauty of the sparse text: ...it does not shackle today rigidly to yesterday...it allows constitutional protections to broaden as consciousness evolves and values mature.

state and human rights...p. 9

Thomas Hickey and Capitalism, p. 13

IRS Ideological Organizations Audit Project p. 17

p. 25 semantics and spin

Wishing away history had bipartisan support.

Freedom demands a certain risk...It is the police state, not the open society, that strives to abolish risk.

...note the circular nature of the political spectrum, a line whose extreme ends, left and right, are bent around until they meet at a place where they share some unattractive traits: an unyielding sense of certainty that they have a monopoly on truth, and a raging intolerance of those who differ."

Most justices don't grow and evolve into their assume powers, but rather freeze themselves in place wherever they began, as if they had a lifetime appointment to honor whatever political constituency placed them on the bench."

...the rights of the lowliest criminal are not his alone. They belong to us all."

David K Shipler

from The Working Poor:

"Most of the people ... do not have the luxury of rage. They are caught in exhausting struggles...they suffer in good times and bad....

being poor means being unprotected. You might as well try playing quarterback with no helmet, no padding, no training, and no experience...

Hopelessness...helplessness...the state of mind...

the first step is to see the problems, and the first problem is the failure to see the people...

Poverty is like a bleeding wound. It weakens the defenses. It lowers resistance. It attracts predators...

the best way to learn about a country is to visit its prisons, hospitals, and schools...

the lower their income and education, the less inclined Americans are to believe that voting makes a difference...Balloting seems driven more by aspiration than complaint...self-delusion distorts behavior at the polls, it has damaging consequences for those of low income.... The state exists not just to preserve freedom. It exists also to protect the weak. It exists to strengthen the vulnerable, to empower the powerless, to promote justice. It exists to facilitate 'the pursuit of happiness'...It should leave individuals alone in their private lives, and should pool the society's resources for the common good."

quoting Sandy Brash, 12 yrs old: 'You know, Mom, being poor is very expensive.'
quoting Leary Brock: 'There's a lot of talent that's been layered over with years of maybe drug abuse or alcohol abuse or physical abuse, no telling what. But the layers have begun to peel off, and ... oh, looks like a little diamond under there.'
David K Shipler

Mary Shelley:

"Invention does not consist in creating out of void, but out of chaos."

"Learn from me, if not by my precepts, at least by my example, how dangerous is the acquirement of knowledge, and how much happier that man is who believes his native town to be the world, than he who aspires to become greater than his nature will allow."

Mary Shelley

"I have ... endeavored to preserve the truth of the elementary principles of human nature, while I have not scrupled to innovate upon their combinations."

Mary Shelley

"If the study to which you apply yourself has a tendency to weaken your affections, and to destroy your taste for those simple pleasures in which no alloy can possibly mix, then that study is certainly unlawful, that is to say, not befitting the human mind."

"If this rule were always observed; if no man allowed any pursuit whatsoever to interfere with the tranquility of his domestic affections, Greece had not been enslaved; Caesar would have spared his country; America would have been discovered more gradually; and the empires of Mexico and Peru had not been destroyed."

Frankenstein, or, The Modern Prometheus, by Mary Shelley

"The odious and disgusting aristocracy of wealth is built upon the ruins of all that is good in chivalry ... luxury is the forerunner of a barbarism scarcely capable of cure."

Percy Bysshe Shelley

Shikongo, Ina-Marie (Nambibian activist at COP26):

"Your world is built on the blood of our people."

"...the Founding Fathers knew that while the impulse to economic freedom was often good in people, it needed to be carefully bound ... in order to avoid the kinds of rapacious behavior we see today. The Colonies and later the states enacted laws to regulate what people could sell and buy (sumptuary laws). They enacted high taxes on things bad for individuals and for democracy (luxury taxes). They banned or heavily regulated "speculation," the kinds of legalized gambling we see shot all through Wall Street and Main Street today."

Kimball Shinkoskey

Shishkin, Mikhail:

"The empire must be removed from minds and souls like a malignant tumour. Only then can new states push through reforms.

...A population hoping for a benevolent tsar cannot be turned into responsible voters in an hour.

...Putin is a symptom, not the disease."

Shiva, Vandana:

"We are either going to have a future where women lead the way to make peace with the Earth or we are not going to have a human future at all."

— Vandana Shiva

"Liberalism has only one overriding aim: to secure the political conditions that are necessary for the exercise of personal freedom. ...cruelty is an absolute evil.....there is a natural affinity between the liberal and the skeptic.

What liberalism requires is the possibility of making the evil of cruelty and fear the basic norm of its political practices and prescriptions."

Judith N Shklar

Leonard Shlain:

"...the Roman Catholic Church recognizes age seven as the onset of moral consciousness...the Confucian Chinese consider age seven the onset of maturity....records in the second century mention thirteen as the age of religious manhood."

Madness is extreme irrationality.

The image of Justice is a blindfolded goddess holding scales. Mercy, fairness, and compassion are qualities primarily associated with the right side of our psyche.

"Throughout history, the group that arms itself with a book will generally annihilate the group that depends on oral teachings.

When men began to spend extensive time in each other's company, they amplified each other's hunter-killer instincts.

Men need the counsel of women to help them sort out what is important from what is folly.

The Protestant Ethic: a personal and social order based on simplicity, modesty, hard work, self-reliance, moral rectitude, and an abiding faith in the majesty of the Lord.

...the Communist Manifesto, Western culture's fourth 'sacred' alphabetic book....An economic theory presented in written form by a dead white male became, essentially, a religion.

...education and cultural sophistication were no guarantee against barbarity.

...all left hemispheres must be checked at the gates of the Magic Kingdom, where right-hemispheric myth and fairy tale come alive.

The starched shirt collar with a tie hanging down between its two pointed tabs – an abstract representation of male genitalia – has long been a symbol of patriarchal dominance.

"...neurons that fail to synch fail to link."

Western culture, with its monotheistic religions, dualistic philosophies, perspective art, and written legal codes, is the direct result of the reconfiguration of the brains of those who learned and relied on alphabets and its dependence on left-brain thinking."

Leonard Shlain

from Alphabet vs the Goddess:

the relationship between literacy and patriarchy

mother Goddess in Egypt she was Isis,...

Leonardo's Brain:

"Space is the stage upon which all verbal action takes place, and time sets the pace of the narrative...Leonardo was an individual who had an altered perception of these two conditions, and it was this that contributed to his extraordinary creativity...

...think of [Leonardo] as an artist who did not necessarily see things in terms of standard time...

...a possibly gay, left-handed, nearly ambidextrous and singularly creative Renaissance male.

The outlier, Leonardo da Vinci...

The appearance of Leonardo in the gene pool gives us hope. He lived in an age when war was accepted. Yet, later in life, he rejected war and concentrated on the search for truth and beauty. He believed he was part of nature and wanted to understand and paint it, not control it."

end Shlain, died May 11, 2009

"Is the dismissal of teachers easier to accept than the burning of books?"

Vera Shlakman

"The Amersterdam attitude: Together, we maintain a society of individuals."

Russell Shorto

"Most people are average, neither black nor white. They're gray. A dirty shade of gray. ...I try to write about these people..."

"... envy of Mozart will lead you forward; envy of talentless losers will take you backward."

"The times are new, but the informers are old [after Stalin's death]."

"There should be no meaningless music. Only write essential notes, necessary sounds, nothing superfluous."

Dimitri Shostakovich

Shriver, Lionel:

"Herd behavior is by nature mindless."

"...cultural cowardice...the end point is fascistic. Because it's about control. It's about silence. It's about obedience. It's about conformism. It's about imposing a way of thinking."

character: "I don't want to die, but I need to die."

"In the 2014 film *Still Alice*, Julianne Moore plays a linguistics professor diagnosed with early onset Alzheimer's at 50. She leaves a list of simple questions for her future self, along with the location of the sleeping tablets if she draws a blank. But when Alice fails her own competency test and finds the tablets, she gets distracted and forgets what she was about to do. She's missed her chance to exert control. In dementia circles, this is known as the "five-minutes-to-12 syndrome". The temptation is to hang on until it's too late, and the opportunity to exercise agency over the end of your life has passed."

"...once I started a book I was obliged to finish it. This is the dumbest rule I've ever instituted."

"I don't want to die, but I need to die." Shriver's mother.

Should We Stay or Should We Go: A Novel

Shriver, Lionel

There is a natural tendency of any isolated system to degenerate into a more disordered state.—
The Second Law

dying by degrees, it cheats everyone.

It's as if our full-time job in future is watching a fruit bowl rot."

"...very few people sustain that 'quality of life' we currently take for granted beyond about the age of eighty. The chronic conditions come thick and furious. Even if the mind doesn't go, the body implodes, and daily life almost exclusively concerns pain. ...

every advancing year entails a whole new set of things that you used to do and now you can't.

Worlds shrink,

"I am proposing that we get to eighty and then commit suicide."

We should really keep the means to a quick exit at the ready on principle.

We're not living for longer. We're dying for longer!"

you're apt to lose the very part of yourself that makes judgements and

action. We have a narrow window in which to exercise control."

pure chance like roulette.

Over the course of a mere ten days, the entire political and cultural landscape transformed, as if someone had pressed fast-forward on the country's remote.

Whatever people go out of their way to tell you that they are not doing is a reliable indicator of what they are doing.

Reminiscent of Fahrenheit 451, in which memorists become walking banned books, the demanding exercise argued for concision.

I've no more idea what matters than I did when I was five.

I think unbridled freedom and passivity amount to the same thing. Being able to do anything is like being able to do nothing.

it's all a running in place. Nothing changes.

Spiritually at least, we're paralysed. We're physically able to speak, but we can't say anything new, so what's the difference? Our only real activity is helpless mental

churn.

the universe simply is. It needn't justify itself, and by analogy we needn't justify our presence in it, either."

"Maybe not suffering is a kind of suffering,"
"I'm jealous of our old urgency."
these establishments are warehouses for the pre-dead.
there's such a thing as being too far-sighted...
...there was only one thing worse than being very, very old: being very, very old and broke.so
leaving loose ends dangling was part and parcel of mortality."
Looking back, I think it must have been right around my eightieth birthday that everything
started to go wrong.

Lionel Shriver

Shteyngart:

"In the age of Google, when everything you say is forever searchable, the future belongs to those
who leave no footprints."

"We had a values breakdown – a national epidemic of get-rich-quickism and something-for-
nothingism."

"Our generation's leaders never dare utter the word 'sacrifice'. All solutions must be painless."

"...values...a willingness to postpone gratification, invest for the future, work harder than the next
guy and hold (our) kids to the highest expectation."

"Values matter more than ever."

We're basically taunting — there is no other word for it — the two most merciless forces on earth:
the market and Mother Nature.

America has no energy policy, no climate policy and no long-term plan to deal with it" ...it's

important to learn how another person thinks, to enter the mind of another person. The whole

idea of empathy is gone..When civilization takes a nosedive, how can you look away? You've got
to be there."

Shteyngart, the pandemic was not so much a shock as a culmination of his lifelong belief that
we're living on the edge of disaster. "The constant state where terrible things are happening to
every single member of society, where you can't escape, that's going to be the new normal, so
we have to change the way we write. It's a moment where we don't have the political, social,
societal will to avert catastrophe...You think apocalyptically..

The idea of dying, for the first time in my life, was not abhorrent...

To my friends, who saw me through the worst year ever..."

"... there are no real bubbles, not forever. The coronavirus slips in, invisible, seeking the
vulnerable."

"He distanced his gaze from the country he inhabited."

"...people started dying and our president continued lying....our individualism and distrust (and
racism and ingrained ignorance) made us useless in the face of calamity

end Gary Shteyngart

Shulgin, Alexander:

1978: MDMA induced "an easily controlled altered state of consciousness with emotional and
sensual overtones."

I found it hard to accept that such a simple, unsophisticated molecule, containing barely 30 atoms, could
carry within its structure such complexities of thought patterns, of sensory license, of visual magic. It was
inescapable that the molecule didn't do anything itself, but rather, allowed the human mind to make these
changes. It could only serve as a catalyst, unleashing and promoting channels of mental processes that were

native, that lay inculcate in the normal brain. And why should a modest cactus contain such an effective catalyst, expressible only in man? ...

Here was the start of my quest of caring. I began the study of these drugs, not from the viewpoint of classification and simple assignment of potency, but inquiring into the values of human interaction that can result from their study in terms of personal development. I became aware that it was of little merit merely to observe what a drug does to the human nervous system, unless one also observes how it permits a person to interact with others, and especially, how it allows him to acknowledge himself.

from My twenty year quest, Shulgin

"MDMA has a number of correct chemical names...each listener conjures up an image of the chemicals being described according to his/her discipline: the chemist sees the carbon chain, the pharmacologist sees the stimulant, and the policeman sees the drug laws."

"...our entire universe is contained in the mind and the spirit. We may choose not to find access to it, we may even deny its existence, but it is indeed there inside us, and there are chemicals that can catalyze its availability."

Ariadne, was patented and tested under the name Dimoxamine as a drug for "restoring motivation in senile geriatric patients."

Alexander Shulgin

from Pihkal:

"Psychedelics might best be defined as physically non-addictive compounds which temporarily alter the state of one's consciousness.

Our generation is the first, ever, to have made the search for self-awareness a crime.

You feel the urge to ask, to probe, to use what little time may be left to you, to search for ways to tie together all the loose ends, to understand what demands to be understood.

...there is the need to explore the world that lies just beyond the immediate limits of our senses and our understanding...continues on p, xviii

"How long will this last, this delicious feeling of being alive, of having penetrated the veil which hides beauty and the wonders of celestial vistas? It doesn't matter, as there can be nothing but gratitude for even a glimpse of what exists for those who can become open to it."

Paternalism is the name for a system in which the authorities supply our needs and - in exchange - are allowed to dictate our conduct, both public and private. Provincialism is narrowness of outlook, social unification by the acceptance of a single code of ethics, the limiting of interests and forms of experience to those already established as traditional.

...wisdom is the ability to understand others; it is the understanding of yourself that is enlightenment.

...that old rubric that LSD is an odorless, colorless and tasteless drug. Don't believe it. Odorless yes, and colorless when completely pure, yes, but tasteless, no. It is slightly bitter.

...MDMA is penicillin for the soul.

...there's nothing better than a suspicion that time's running out, to keep you working hard."

On MDMA: ...it makes possible for them to have remarkable insights into the way they're living, what they're doing with their lives...It's a drug that seems to allow insight, but it lets them see and understand without being afraid. It doesn't threaten them with any loss of control....it does away with the fear barrier, the fear people have of seeing what's going on inside them, who they are. That's something I consider truly unforgivable - giving somebody a psychoactive drug of any kind without telling them and getting their consent.

...this drug tends to cause a bit of dehydration...nystagmus...Most people have a touch of it with MDMA.

MDMA is highly anorexic. You probably won't feel like eating for quite a few hours... you might still get light flashes at the periphery of your vision.

It is only a self-inflicted pattern of thought and behavior that keeps us from living all parts of ourselves continuously. We are taught, really driven, to believe that whatever is in our depths must be kept bound and in its place, in our interactions with ourselves and others, else we are naught but animals.

From the skin inward is my jurisdiction, is it not? I choose what may or may not cross that border. Here I am the Customs Agent. I am the Coast Guard. I am the sole legal and spiritual Governor of this territory, and only the laws I choose to enact within myself are applicable...not subject to the beliefs, morals, laws or preferences of any other person! I am a sovereign state, and I feel that my borders are more sacred than the politically drawn boundaries of any country." pp. 449-450 (via Walsh).

from Tihkal:

"Since almost all discoveries about the physical world can be used for both benign and lethal purposes, it is essential that we begin to develop a way of exploring and understanding those forces within our unconscious selves which will inevitably make those decisions. I ... devote myself to the work of discovering new keys to an understanding of the human mind... MDMA allows a personal perspective, which is called 'insight', with a minimum amount of fear and self-censoring

"Are you still a Republican?" to an old friend.

I don't have a goal. I'm looking for learning."

You have to ignore 99% of what is around you. Psychedelics allow you to access part of that which you have been ignoring."

"...the search for understanding oneself, that defines, in my eyes, a religion...faith has nothing to do with true religion...faith is a statement of acceptance, acceptance of a system that is not of your own making."

PIHKAL on MDMA:

"I feel absolutely clean inside, and there is nothing but pure euphoria. I have never felt so great, or believed this to be possible. The cleanliness, clarity, and marvelous feeling of solid inner strength continued through the rest of the day, and evening, and into the next day. I am overcome by the profundity of the experience..."

David Presti on Shulgin at Memorial:

"Some kinds of work are simply too big for universities, for government research institutes, and for industries - impressive as these institutions are. Sasha's work was like this. It was too big to be done in a multimillion dollar laboratory. It, instead, required an alchemist's den, courageous spirit, a careful focus of attention, and a goodly dose of mystical insight. Then the stuff of legend happened. Thank you, Sasha."

Greg Manning, quoting Sasha:

"That's the point. All I am is a toolmaker. People use my tools to unlock doors, access rooms full of wisdom and knowledge and spirituality that already exist within them. I am just a toolmaker."

Greg Manning at Memorial - on Dementia:

"I asked Sasha to repeat some thing he had just said. And he said 'Oops. Can't remember.' I said, 'How does that feel, Sasha, to not have all that stuff running around in your brain anymore?'

Sasha said 'It's very freeing. I'm in shy amazement of the world in front of me that I haven't touched yet.' Thank you, Sasha."

end Sasha Shulgin

"there are some things you don't argue about because it's a waste of time."

On MDMA: "It's a very lovely feeling, very peaceful and gentle..."

...the drug that always restored my balance, my sense of humor and objectivity. It was an old, beloved friend.

in Tihkal: "I believe that there is an intense, unconscious fear of the hidden depths of the human psyche,... long quote on p. 38..."

...there really are fates worse than death, and that finding yourself trapped in timelessness might well be one of them.

Ann Shulgin

"I do not wait for committees to arrive at these conclusions,

I do things unilaterally and then give folks a chance to catch up."
Tom Shults

"I fear people have lost that sense of dread."
George P. Shultz 1-2018

"If I have learned anything in my years of therapy, it is that the human psyche defaults to shallowness. We cling to our denials."
Judith Shulevitz

"Utah can't be first if we are always last."
Shumway

"...there is no stronger bastion of pre-civil-rights-America whiteness than the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints."
Mr. Romney ... conjures it [the past] as a total social, cultural and political experience that must be resurrected and reinhabited.
Barack Obama years, far from being the way forward, are in fact a historical aberration, a tear in the white space-time continuum.
Lee Siegel on Mormons, Romney

"Baleful words with archaic roots rattle in the mouth like loose teeth: plutocracy, kleptocracy, gerontocracy, kakistocracy. The anti-democratic pathologies generated by American democracy have now overwhelmed it."
Lee Siegel nyt
"...aversion to suspending moral judgment is a new development in cultural life."
"Out of this dark cast of mind arose the hunger for a strong, avenging figure whose arrival has sent even more mentally harrowing shock waves through society...
my fantasies... dreams of escape that would obliterate my pain without ending my life...
...'Over the Rainbow'... the first two notes — "Some-where" — are identical, separated by an octave. The seven notes between them correspond to the seven colors of a rainbow. Thus the song musically embodies the leap from unfulfilling Kansas to the enchanted world of Oz...
The process of struggling to conceive of a positive idea of the future that would enable me to leap out of my depression I have begun to call, to myself, 'octave thinking.'..."
Lee Siegel NYT oped

"... demagogues are a symptom rather than a cause."
Michael Signer

"... my joy exists with pain. I don't see those two things as completely separate. All of life is woven together, and separating the strands is impossible."
Anya Krugovoy Silver, NYT obit

"You've never changed someone's mind by arguing. Or facts, Facts don't change people's minds....it takes a personal experience to get woke to things...
I want to make stuff that matters and put my whole self into it...
...it hit me hard. I just felt like it opened up my mind like a good hallucinogen..."
Sarah Silverman

"Inequality in developed and developing countries is politically dangerous. Over time it is likely to produce political instability and authoritarianism."
Damon Silvers

"...you have to go beyond that blacked-out material to find the truth."
Rich Silverstein on redaction, CIR

Silvestrov, Valentin:

"It's very obvious that this is not a problem of Ukraine and Russia. It is a problem of civilization."
Ukraine composer.

"How trees talk to each other". TED talk

"We don't ask good questions about the interconnectedness of the forest, because we're all trained as reductionists. We pick it apart and study one process at a time, even though we know these processes don't happen in isolation. ...

One teaspoon of forest soil contains several miles of fungal filaments...when the biggest, oldest trees are cut down in a forest, the survival rate of younger trees is substantially diminished."

Suzanne Simard

"What information consumes is rather obvious: it consumes the attention of its recipients. ...A 'wealth of information creates a poverty of attention.'"

Herbert Simon

Simon, Paul:

All lies and jest

Still, a man hears what he wants to hear

And disregards the rest

Paul Simon once sang, "Sometimes even music cannot substitute for tears."

Simonyte, Ingrida - Lithuania PM:

"[Putin's speech] put Kafka and Orwell to shame...there were no lows too low, no lies too blatant."

"I wasn't the fastest guy in the world. I wouldn't have done well in an Olympiad or math contest. But I like to ponder. And pondering things, just sort of thinking about it and thinking about it, turns out to be a pretty good approach."

"I'm happy to be one of the rich folks, but I think government ought to do as much as it can to help ordinary folks get on with their lives,"

James Simons

John Simons, ed., In/visible War, w John Louis Lucaites, 2017:

...the in/visibility of war in the twenty-first century: a public culture in which war is continuous and altogether present, but largely unseen and/or unacknowledged...

the Military-Industrial-Media-Entertainment (MIME) Network...

Disavowal cannot be undone in a straightforward way by showing that there is war...bring citizens to acknowledge that they already know, to look differently at what they already see...

'The world disappears in war, and war as a phenomenon disappears from the eyes of the world.'

Paul Virilio

...'relentless persistence' of images that functioned as 'weapons in the military-visual complex...

designed to overwhelm response.' Nicholas Mirzoeff

see ML on line for last chapter For cobtebts: AmKS

Jon Simons and John Louis Lucaites: In/Visible War , ed. 2017:

...the paradoxical in/visibility of war in the twenty-first century: a public culture in which war is continuous and altogether present, buit largely unseen and/or unacknowledged...

war has become the norm in the same way that anything that becomes ordinary escapes regular notice...

the Military-Industrial-Media-Entertainment (MIME) Network...

"We find in your houses and courts nothing but sparkling pomp and showy dress, boldness and presumptuousness of heart, insatiable avarice, hatred and envy, backbiting, betraying, harloting, seduction, gaming, carousing, dancing, swearing, stabbing, and violence...The pitiful moaning

and misery of the wretched men does not reach your ears. The sweat of the poor we find in your house, and the innocent blood on your hands."

Menno Simons, Foundations of Christian Doctrine, 1539

"I'm a fact man and if it don't add up, I don't buy it; I don't believe in hocus-pocus."

JR Simplot in 1999 interview

"If you have integrity, nothing else matters. If you don't have integrity, nothing else matters."
Humor is the universal solvent against the abrasive elements of life...."

"Nobody has called for sacrifice since World War II."

Anybody who doesn't take flak isn't a leader."

Loopholes have been plastered into the tax code by the sharpest lobbyists representing the wealthiest interests in America."

Alan Simpson

"But Marge, what if we pick the wrong religion? Every week we're just making God madder and matter."

Homer Simpson

"America cannot be great if we go broke."

Preamble to Simpson-Bowles report, 2010

"...people stay mad for a very short amount of time...I know how quickly they move on to something else."

Tank Sinatra, memer.

"...those pecuniary standards of culture which estimate the excellence of a man by the amount of other people's happiness he can possess and destroy."

"It is difficult to get a man to understand something when his salary depends upon his not understanding it."

The university president, Upton

Sinclair wrote in *The Goose-Step*, was "the most universal faker and the most variegated prevaricator that has yet appeared in the civilized world."

Upton Sinclair

Sinema, Kyrsten:

"...what's harder though is ignoring the chaos and getting out of our comfort zones to build coalitions and get things done."

"You have to have passion to have compassion."

I B Singer (Terkel interview)

On Isadore Singer, Mathematician:

'He had a very romantic vision of living life to the fullest through math, with style and panache, and he wielded his taste and style as a tool in mathematics like no one else.' NYT obit

Margaret Thaler Singer Cults in our Midst see pd

Sirleaf, Ellen Johnson:

"If your dreams don't scare you, they aren't big enough."

quoted by UU Pres Taylor Randall

Sitaraman:

"... the Constitution was written and adopted with the understanding that the political system it established could only work in a fairly equal economy, with no vast concentration of wealth and power at the top, no wasteland of poverty and exploitation at the bottom, and a big mass of the "middling sort" of people at the center."

Ganesh Sitaraman

book flyleaf:

"... inequality is more than just a moral or economic problem; it threatens the very core of our constitutional system."

"In the fifth century, Athens used ostracism fifteen times, largely to exclude people who were feared to have grown too powerful and were suspected of wanting to become tyrants...."

Harrington quotes...

Cato discussion

Hume discussion

Montesquieu on Rome..."

"... Constitution ... isn't designed for a society with economic inequality."

end Sitaraman

Six, Diana:

"I ended up drawing myself morphing from being an ecologist to the guys who walked around during the plague to bring out the bodies." from ecologist to coroner essay.

Somewhere along the way, I had gone from being an ecologist to a coroner. I am no longer documenting life. I'm describing loss, decline, death. And that is what is accounting for my kind of overwhelming sense of grief.

'Every time I hear about a government program that is going to spend billions of dollars on some carbon capture and storage program, I just laugh and think, what is wrong with a tree?'

Nigel Sizer

Education is what survives when what has been learned has been forgotten."

BF Skinner

Skalak, Tom:

"The habit of inquiry must be nurtured...."

Gwet the right people, the rest will follow.

"Views once considered extremist far right are now considered ordinary, views once considered centrist are now considered ultraliberal and views genuinely to the left are largely absent in the mass media."

Holly Sklar

Skocpol, Theda:

a radicalized "marriage of convenience between anti-government free-market plutocrats and racially anxious ethno-nationalist activists and voters."

Skoll, Jeff:

"Many of the problems of our modern world, ranging from disease to drugs to crime to terrorism, derive from the inequities between rich and poor...be they rich nation vs poor nation or rich community vs. poor community. It is in the best interests of the well-off to help empower those who are not as well-off to improve their lives."

Jeff Skoll, eBay founder 03.25.02

Skochilenko, Alexandra:

"I'm not an activist. I am an artist, a performer." She considers her time in jail as an antiwar protest, calling it her "largest work."

"It not only cannot be stopped by our authorities but it comes with their full support and funding." via Wash Post see pdf

Slade, Louise:

via Hamid Faridi: 'She...could swim among the molecules and understand them at their most fundamental level. Her strength was her impressive knowledge of how those molecules interact to create flavor and texture.' ... food polymer science.

"For every bit of garbage that this predator is going to spew into the zeitgeist, I'm going to write something beautiful...She compares the administration to a bunch of 15-year-olds arguing with each other, and she is frightened not only about the impact that language can have but also "how quickly we can forget to use it in a dignified way". The opposition to Trump can be waged on numerous fronts, she thinks – one of which is the reclamation of gentle, thoughtful, beautiful expression. I think we can be discouraged from speaking in tones that are more comforting or are more aesthetically pleasing because we're being lured into combat all the time," she says.

Jenny Slate via Ralph Jones The Guardian

Lauren Slater: "...her mind has been saved and her body destroyed." Parul Sehgal reviewing Lauren Slater's *Blue Dreams* (earlier *Prozac Diary*).

"Individualism is rooted in the attempt to deny the reality of human interdependence."

"My whole academic career was guided by choosing the path of least specialization,"

"if you take LSD and take it seriously, you never look at the world the same way again."

"I am addicted to the ocean."

"Fortunately, I've drifted into obscurity."

Philip E Slater

...citizens inability to cooperate, to negotiate actively about the things that concern us."

Philip E Slater, quoted by Vitello in ny times obituary

from *Pursuit of Loneliness*, 1976:

"One of the most costly of our ancient blunders was creating the idea of property. ...originally all property was stolen. A title search ... just establishes that it wasn't *recently* stolen."

I'd rather have our mistakes in the past than in the future.

Individualism ... is a narcotic.

Individualism is rooted in the attempt to deny the reality of human interdependence.

Toilet Assumption - the notion that unwanted matter, unwanted difficulties, unwanted complexities and obstacles will disappear if they're removed from our immediate field of vision.

from *The Chrysalis Effect - The Metamorphosis of Global Culture*, 2009:

"Today we're ... undergoing a transition between two global cultural systems with opposing values and assumptions: one of them thousands of years old and dying, but still tenacious, exhausting itself in ever more violent resurgences; the other in its youth, but growing stronger every day.

...it is...the ending of an old world, the beginning of a new one....

We've never been more concerned over our environment yet never more destructive of it; never more distrustful of technology yet never more dependent on it; never more opposed to violence yet never more fascinated with it; never more ego-driven and never more hungry to lose ourselves in something beyond ego; never more health conscious yet never more unhealthy. And while we've never had more ways of connecting with each other, we've never felt more disconnected.

When an old cultural system begins to give way to a new one its inconsistencies come under attack. There is an increase in fundamentalism - a call for ideological purity. These ... attempts to shore up the old system ... actually weaken it further.

Fundamentalist ideologues ... are more committed to the idea of the system than the compromised reality. They are not only willing to go down with the ship, they're willing to sink it to prove their devotion.

Human beings are perhaps never more frightening than when they are convinced beyond doubt that they are right.

The use of military metaphors tends to block creativity and limit our imagination ... You can't shoot your way out of ignorance, poverty, ill health, or environmental destruction.

A butterfly is not merely a caterpillar with wings. It has a completely different metabolism."

end of Slater

Slaughter, Anne Marie:

Renewal: From Crisis to Transformation in Our Lives, Work, and Politics
our adjectives for outrage and incredulity are dull and stale from overuse.
that personal transformation can illuminate and inspire social change.
universalizing “we” is more often a mark of power and
privilege than of solidarity.

What matters is that we can face and accept a common past—told and held by all Americans,
even as we bear its weight very differently—and imagine a common future as a plurality nation.

The most used de-words were words like “depressed,” “dependent,” “decline,” and “despair,”
to crowd out the de-words with re-words, words like
‘rebound,’ ‘rediscover,’ ‘redesign,’ ‘reverse,’ ‘renew,’ ‘reenergize,’ ‘reemerge.’

James Baldwin said, “urban renewal ought to be called ‘Negro removal.’”

2026, the 250th

anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and hence the founding of the country known as
the United States of America, will thus be a historical hinge, a transition from 250 years of being a
white nation with nonwhite minorities to 250 years—or however long we survive—of something
else.

that we will become a plurality nation.

“Plurality,” on the other hand, suggests pluralism, an affirmative recognition and valuing of
diversity.

Thinking of ourselves as carrying plural identities may make it easier to limit “us”
and “them” to more malleable and adoptable affiliations, like fan groups of sports teams or music
bands.

national motto, “E Pluribus Unum,” or “out of many, one,” to “Plures et Unum,” “many and one.”

Jennifer Richeson writes in response to Fukuyama: “Identifying as American does not require the
relinquishing of other identities.

Journalist Nikole Hannah-Jones won a Pulitzer Prize for her work on the 1619 Project, an
ongoing initiative commemorating

“Our founding ideals were false when they were written,” she writes. “Black people have fought to
make them true.”

because waking up has been the kind of growth that requires unlearning as much as learning.

who the “we” is that you are speaking for and who you are not speaking for?

“We are in a mess,” she confided. The only way out is the “archaic definition” of “dreaming”: “to
envision; a series of images of unusual vividness, clarity, order and significance.”

Barack Obama’s eulogy for congressman and civil rights icon John Lewis, who died in July 2020:

He as much as anyone in our history brought this country a little bit closer to our highest ideals.

And someday, when we do finish that long journey toward freedom; when we do form a more
perfect union—whether it’s years from now,

or decades, or even if it takes another two centuries—John Lewis will be a founding father of that
fuller, fairer, better America.

The Fourth of July will also see the signing of the legislation to change our national motto from E
Pluribus Unum to Plures et Unum.

end A-M Slaughter

“I have always thought an author’s most important tool is empathy. This is not to say that I feel
sympathy for bad people, but I always seek to understand why they do the things they do.

There is always a reason, and that reason, to me, is the heart of that character.”

“I had a character slip antifreeze into the agent’s drinks. Ethylene glycol poisoning is extremely
slow and lethal — shutting down the victim’s organs one by one, keeping him cognizant until the
very end so that he knows that he’s completely helpless.” death murder

Karin Slaughter

“We love it until it’s born and then it’s somebody else’s problem.”

Louise Slaughter, Rep Demo NY

Sleeper, Jim: Liberal Racism, 1999:

“Full citizenship in the American republic entails a commitment to join in a race-transcendent
human experiment.”

Du Bois, 1903: The problem of the twentieth century is the problem of the color line.
"The problem of the twenty-first century is the challenge of racelessness, of the color line's complete dissolution....liberals must let race go."

"It's the integrity that you bring to the fight that counts....
you do things on your own, but you don't tell anyone about it."
Ken Sleight, Abbey's Seldom-Seen Smith...

Sloane, Mona:
"AI technologies are typically built at the request of people in power – which makes users vulnerable."

"The playground for madness is vast."
Sloterdijk, Peter

"...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."
Gary Slutkin via Joe Nocera

Smarsh, Sarah:
"Anger is a contagious energy that jumps quickly from one person to the next. It will seize your mind and body as its host. If allowed to explode, it will hurt others. If allowed to implode, it will hurt you. I had to learn early how to transmute it for the sake of my own survival. I found that it can be the source of a powerful alchemy. If we are up to the task, it could help us create something good together."

"A cellphone's embodied energy is one-quarter of a car."
Vaclav Smil

"...it is necessary that Americans understand the extraordinary nature of their energy consumption...almost twice the level in the largest and most affluent EU nations...Yet this energy profligacy has not translated into any real benefits for the country."
Vaclav Smil 2009

"Russia has freedom of speech, but in America there is freedom after speech."
Yakov Smirnof, comedian

Adam Smith:

"The overwhelming conceit which the greater part of men have of their own abilities and their absurd presumption in their own good fortune."
'The subjects of every state ought to contribute towards the support of the government, as nearly as possible, in proportion to their respective abilities.'

All money is a matter of belief. —Adam Smith via Eisenstein, Charles

"The necessities of life occasion the great expense of the poor. They find it difficult to get food, and the greater part of their little revenue is spent in getting it. **The luxuries and vanities of life occasion the principal expense of the rich,** and a magnificent house embellishes and sets off to the best advantage all the other luxuries and vanities which they possess. A tax upon house-rents, therefore, would in general fall heaviest upon the rich; and in this sort of inequality there would not, perhaps, be anything unreasonable. **It is not very unreasonable that the rich**

should contribute to the public expense, not only in proportion to their revenue, but something more than in that proportion."

"No society can surely be flourishing and happy, of which the far greater part of the members are poor and miserable."

"Science is the great antidote to the poison of enthusiasm and superstition."

Gross sophistry has scarce ever had any influence upon the opinions of mankind, except in matters of philosophy and speculation; and in these it has frequently had the greatest....Pneumatics.

[men who consult lawyers, lobbyists, PR people are men] of equivocation and mental reservation, ...who seriously and deliberately meant to deceive, but who, at the same time, wished to flatter himself that he had really told the truth."

"All government is but an imperfect remedy for the deficiency of...wisdom and virtue."

Wherever there is great property, there is great inequality.

[on government:] "First, the duty of protecting the society from the violence and invasion of other independent societies; secondly, the duty of protecting...every member of the society from from the injustice or oppression of every other member of it...; thirdly, the duty of erecting and maintaining certain public works and certain public institutions, which it can never be for the interest of any individual, or small number of individuals, to erect and maintain."

It is not very unreasonable that the rich should contribute to the public expence, not only in proportion to their revenue, but something more than in that proportion."

[The desire for power pushes a man to]...the highest degree of arrogance...to erect his own judgment into the supreme standard of right and wrong...to fancy himself the only wise and worthy man..."

...the landlords, like all other men, love to reap when they never sowed."

the oppression of the poor must establish the monopoly of the rich...

[profit] is always highest in the countries which are going fastest to ruin."

People of the same trade seldom meet together...but the conversation ends in a conspiracy against the public."

[property rights]...in the strength and dexterity of his hands...in the strength and dexterity of his mind."

...virtue...is...the fine polish to the wheels of society.

"The subjects of every state ought to contribute towards the support of the government, as nearly as possible, in proportion to their respective abilities."

"... they who feed, clothe, and lodge the whole body of the people, should have such a share of the produce of their own labor as to be themselves tolerably well fed, clothed, and lodged."

Adam Smith, quoted by Obama

Adam Smith (often seen simplistically as the first guru of free-market economics) wrote in "The Wealth of Nations," there are "two distinct objects" of an economy: "first, to provide a plentiful revenue or subsistence for the people, or, more properly, to enable them to provide such a revenue or subsistence for themselves; and secondly, to supply the state or commonwealth with a revenue sufficient for the public services."

quoted by Amartya Sen

as quoted or written by O'Rourke:

"If he did not reject religion, he rejected religiosity...Smith was always averse to religious controversy and, indeed, to religion."

Adam Smith as quoted by Jonathan Wight in *Saving Adam Smith*:

A conscience is man's internal capacity to judge his own conduct, and to align it with a sense of duty to a moral standard....

Prudence, benevolence and justice are the character of virtue.
The key to a conscience is to exercise your moral imagination.
To the extent that a conscience develops during your lifetime, you are said to progress as a virtuous person.

...people are actually ruled by the *caricatures* of the views of defunct economists.

...happiness is fairly immune to economic fortune.

The first and chief design of government is to prevent one individual from encroaching against another : to protect the weak, to curb the violent, and to chastise the guilty. Justice is the main pillar that upholds the edifice of society. If it stops working,...the great fabric of human society must in a moment crumble into atoms.

Justice is the pre-condition for social order.

...Montesquieu cautioned that the spirit of a republic is *virtue*.

What can be added to the happiness of a man who is in health, who is out of debt, and has a clear conscience?"

...the unbridled pursuit of riches 'corrupts', robbing us of the very things that can provide meaning and ultimate happiness."

via Wight: "...superior prudence is the best head joined to the best heart."

"The man of the most perfect virtue...who joins...an exquisite sensibility to the sympathetic feelings of others."

'...mere coincidence it [Wealth of Nations] was published in the spring of 1776? Coincidence that your Declaration of Independence came out four months later?"

"Moral sentiments are emotions or feelings about right and wrong."

"My book on *Moral Sentiments* is what made my reputation ... allowed me to retire from academics. I was barely 40!"

"Wherever there is a great deal of property, there is great inequality. That's why a wealthy society is in far greater need of more government to protect every member from injustice or oppression."

"Justice is the pre-condition for social order. Upon that foundation you will build commerce. To rush into it any other way is folly."

"Markets are spurred by base elements of human nature. You balance these with benevolence and justice to form a civilized society."

"...economic freedom cannot well survive without morals, especially at the top."

Adam Smith and John Maynard Keynes shared the same birthday, June 5.

"...the desire of being believed, or the desire of persuading, of leading and directing other people, seems to be one of the strongest of all our natural desires."

"How selfish soever man may be supposed, there are evidently some principles in his nature, which interest him in the fortune of others, and render their happiness necessary to him, though he derives nothing from it except the pleasure of seeing it."

Adam Smith, *Theory of Moral...* : subtitled: An essay towards the analysis of the principles by which men naturally judge the conduct and character, first of their neighbour, and afterwards of themselves."

"It's a tragedy, young minds set so quickly, and older minds are like rusted iron fortresses."

end of Jonathan Wight on Adam Smith

Vicarious emotion is strikingly similar to how philosopher and economist Adam Smith defined empathy—which he called "fellow feeling"—in his essay, "The Theory of Moral Sentiments":
"changing places in fancy with the sufferer."

Via Nico Lang salon.com
end Adam Smith

Smith, Betty: A Tree Grows in Brooklyn:

"They sounded like words that came in a can; the freshness was cooked out of them."

Francie character

"Every day you must read one page from some good book to your child. Every day this must be until the child learns to read. Then *she* must read every day. This is the secret...."

And you must tell the child the legends ... the fairy tales...The child must have...imagination. ... a secret world in which live things that never were...when the world becomes too ugly for living in, the child can reach back and live in her imagination. ...You must own a bit of land."

Mary character

Brad Smith, Microsoft:

"When your technology changes the world," he writes, "you bear a responsibility to help address the world that you have helped create." And governments, he writes, "need to move faster and start to catch up with the pace of technology."

Bill Gates, according to Mr. Smith, "learned that life actually does require compromise and governments actually are stronger than companies," if only after a bruising confrontation.

Mr. Smith is a fan. He calls Europe's General Data Protection Regulation "a Magna Carta for data." The law, which took effect last year, lets people request their online data and restricts how businesses obtain and handle information. At another point, Mr. Smith said Europe is "the world's best hope for privacy's future."

Smith, Clint:

"For so many of them, history isn't the story of what actually happened; it is just the story they want to believe. It is not a public story we all share, but an intimate one, passed down like an heirloom, that shapes their sense of who they are. Confederate history is family history, history as eulogy, in which loyalty takes precedence over truth."

"Bias is an unavoidable feature of life, the result of the necessarily limited view of the world that any single person or group can achieve. But social bias can be reflected and amplified by artificial intelligence in dangerous ways..."

Craig S Smith, NYT

Smith, Dorothy E:

"... the intellectual and cultural world we'd participated in had been put together from men's standpoint....

As women, we have been living in an intellectual, cultural and political world, from whose making we had been almost entirely excluded and in which we had been recognized as no more than marginal voices."

Smith, Emily E:

"Millennials appear to be more interested in living lives defined by meaning than by what some would call happiness. They report being less focused on financial success than they are on making a difference ...

define meaning as a cognitive and emotional assessment of the degree to which we feel our lives have purpose, value and impact. ...connection to something bigger than the self.... a meaningful life saw themselves as more other-oriented — by being, more specifically, a "giver." ...Happiness was associated with being more self-oriented — by being a "taker" ... a meaning mind-set — ... they seek connections, give to others, and orient themselves to a larger purpose...benefits to economic deprivation....Millennials have been forced to reconsider what a successful life constitutes. By focusing on making a positive difference in the lives of others, rather than on more materialistic markers of success, they are setting themselves up for the meaningful life they yearn to have — the very thing that Frankl realized makes life worth living."

Emily E Smith and Jennifer L Aaker

"We make the mistake of trying to tell people everything we know. Instead of aiming a fire hose at their brains, we should be whispering to their hearts."

Hal Smith and John Taylor

"...the greatest error anyone can make is to assume that, because an elderly person is in a wheelchair or speaks with quiet deliberation, they have nothing important to contribute to society."

"I must remind them to be vigilant against demagogues because the ugly spectre of fascism has started to stir again across the globe. It was contained once behind the thick walls of a functioning

welfare state but, as they have now begun to crumble, all past evils are running out like mice through rotting floorboards.”

Harry Leslie Smith, see Kindle memoir

“...not being seen begins with not being heard.”

Jeremy M Smith character Alien.

Smith, Joseph:

“...almost all people, when they get a little power...begin to cover their sins , gratify their pride and vain ambition and exercise control, domination and compulsion upon the souls of the children of men; hence, many are elected but few are statesmen, true servants of the public.”

Joseph Smith D&C 121:37

“...truth will cut its own way.”

Joseph Smith via Mike Lee

Smith, Margaret Chase:

“Four Horsemen of Calumny — Fear, Ignorance, Bigotry and Smear.”

“Having hallucinations for a fiction writer is redundant. ... when you can't draw things, to some degree, it makes you blind. ...I don't find the first word I'm after. But I'll take the second word, the third word. I'll take it because I like new ways of expressing things. It makes the work alive.”

Martin Cruz Smith on writing and Parkinsons

“... climate change ... is a war of attrition whose consequences have accumulated slowly enough to be almost imperceptible and through the repetition of millions of individual actions ... [it is] an existential question that concerns us all....

a willed blindness to the asnomalies that threaten our sense of order....

a strong undercurrent of mourning and loss ... {culture] relies on the permanence of this seasonal cycle...

the horror of seeing categories of meaning that had seemed solid and unchanging begin to dissolve and lost their outlines...

an arc of disintegration and collapse...”

Namara Smith in review of Ali Smith, Autumn, see pdf

“The people have the power

The power to dream

To rule

To wrestle the world from fools”

Patti Smith

“Field geologists are like cockroaches - they will survive in a post-apocalypse world.”

Paul Smith in New Scientist

“...the definition of business: Solutions that create problems in need of solutions.”

...his covert mission - making the bullet obsolete, via Goodyear

Rick Smith, CEO Taser, Axon via Goodyear, New Yorker

“War no longer exists. ...war as a massive deciding event in a dispute in international affairs: such war no longer exists.”

Rupert Smith 2005

Smith, Sally:

"Behind every feminist is an unenlightened man."

"Great novels enter us. They reconfigure our sense of who we are and what we feel. They urge a part of ourselves to take flight, to merge with something alive outside of us, the proxy for which is often the novelist herself. In this way, great literature helps us to feel recognised, comprehended, accompanied."

Tracy K Smith on Toni Morrison

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

J C Smuts

"My agenda is to fight back the darkness by trying to bring the light of human reason...I want to replace weapons with words. I want every citizen to be a debater."

Alfred C Snider

"The euphoria of secrecy goes to the head."

"The problem with getting on a moral escalator is it is hard to get off."

C P Snow

The Two Cultures; Science and Government

"When you think of the long and gloomy history of man, you will find far more hideous crimes have been committed in the name of obedience than have been committed in the name of rebellion."

C P Snow via Philip Zimbardo

"Focusing on the faults of a woman, no matter how minor, while being willing to ignore the faults of a man, no matter how major, is called misogyny. It's a double standard that is unfairly applied to a woman..."

Misty Snow

Edward Snowden:

"Great minds do not need a university to make them any more credible: they get what they need and quietly blaze their trails into history..."

...young Internet aficionados whose skills the agencies need for counterterrorism and cyberdefense sometimes brings an antiauthority spirit that does not fit the security bureaucracy... Society really seems to have developed an unquestioning obedience towards spooky types... Truth is coming, and it cannot be stopped."

"...the system does not work. You have to report wrongdoing to those most responsible for it... If the highest officials in government can break the law without fearing punishment or even any repercussions at all, secret powers become tremendously dangerous."

"...systematic violations of law by my government ... created a moral duty to act. ...my government continues to treat dissent as defection, and seeks to criminalize political speech with felony charges that provide no defense....speaking the truth is not a crime."

"Government needs to have a trust relationship with the public ... public debate is not possible without public knowledge."

"it's getting to the point—you don't have to have done anything wrong. You simply have to eventually fall under suspicion from somebody, even by a wrong call. And then they can use this system to go back in time and scrutinize every decision you've ever made, every friend you've ever discussed something with. And attack you on that basis to sort of derive suspicion from an innocent life and paint anyone in the context of a wrongdoer."

Edward J Snowden

"If I defected at all, I defected from the government to the public."

I didn't want to change society. I wanted to give society a chance to determine if it should change itself."

"I have been to the darkest corners of government, and what they fear is light."

"The only thing I can't live with is knowing I did nothing."

Edward Snowden

"I really am a nice guy... I act arrogant and cruel because I was not hugged enough as a child, and the public education system turned it's [sic] wretched, spiked back on me."

Ed Snowden at 18 yrs old

"It's ironic that officials are giving classified information to journalists in an effort to discredit me for giving classified information to journalists. The difference is that I did so to inform the public about the government's actions, and they're doing so to misinform the public about mine."

Edward Snowden

"...social and political movements don't happen overnight. They don't bring change immediately - you have to build a critical mass of understanding of the issues ..."

"...to maintain the garden of liberty ... is a generational thing that we must all do continuously. We only have the rights that we protect. It doesn't matter what we say or think we have. It's not enough to believe in something; it matters what we actually defend....When people say, 'I have nothing to hide,' what they're saying is, 'My rights don't matter.' Because you don't need to justify your rights as a citizen - that inverts the model of responsibility. The government must justify its intrusion into your rights...."

there are two tracks of reform: there's the political and the technical...The issue is too abstract for average people, who have too many things going on in their lives....People are not prepared to contest power...We have a system of education that is really a sort of euphemism for indoctrination. It's not designed to create critical thinkers."

Edward Snowden

We are witnessing the emergence of a post-terror generation, one that rejects a worldview defined by a singular tragedy. For the first time since the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, we see the outline of a politics that turns away from reaction and fear in favor of resilience and reason. With each court victory, with every change in the law, we demonstrate facts are more convincing than fear. As a society, we rediscover that the value of a right is not in what it hides, but in what it protects.

Edward Snowden NY Times 6-5-2015

"I no longer have to worry about what happens tomorrow because I'm happy with what I've done today."

Edward Snowden in Oliver Stone film.

"...defense is not enough. We need to create an offence for a free and open society. We need to recognize that one of the central problems right now is one of debate. Words no longer have the same meaning that they once meant."

"This is a country that ... is born from an act of treason. We were all rebels willing to risk the rope in order to create something that was less ordered and more free."

end Edward Snowden

Snyder, Rachel Louise:

"The easier a gun is to reach, the easier it becomes to succumb to a moment of desperation."

Timothy Snyder:

"[The Nazis] will not suddenly deprive German Jews of their constitutional rights, nor enclose them in ghettos, nor subject them to the jealous and murderous impulses of the mob. They cannot do this because a number of critical factors hold powers in check."

Timothy Snyder quoting 1933 German newspaper

"...the politics of eternity. ...eternity places one nation at the centre of a cyclical story of victimhood. Time is no longer a line into the future, but a circle that endlessly returns the same threats from the past....Eternity politicians spread the conviction that government cannot aid society as a whole, but can only guard against threats. Progress gives way to doom. ...eternity politicians deny truth and seek to reduce life to spectacle and feeling. The politics of eternity destroys history."

"Hitler believed in telling lies so big that their very scale left some residue of credibility."

On Tyranny:

History does not repeat, but it does instruct...

History can familiarize, and it can warn...

Anticipatory obedience is a political tragedy...

The biggest wallet pays for the most blinding lights...

Post-truth is pre-fascism...

totalitarianism [is]...the erasure of the difference between private and public life... (citing Arendt)

The fact that most Americans do not have passports has become a problem for American democracy...

the politics of inevitability is like a coma, the politics of eternity is like hypnosis...

The danger we now face is of a passage from the politics of inevitability to the politics of eternity, from a naive and flawed sort of democratic republic to a confused and cynical sort of fascist oligarchy...

Snyder, Timothy On Tyranny, 2017 see K:

History can familiarize, and it can warn...

Anticipatory obedience is a political tragedy...

'schizo-fascism' [describes] people who are themselves unambiguously fascists [but who] refer to others as fascists...

"Post-truth is pre-fascism, and Trump has been our post-truth president."

"Democracy ...[requires] accepting the equality of others, heeding their voices and counting their votes."

...Russian Christian fascism...

the term "Nazi" does not refer to anyone in particular, it is a justification for endless war and cleansing.

"Fascism was never defeated as an idea... In all its varieties, it was about the triumph of will over reason..."

Fascists calling other people "fascists" is fascism taken to its illogical extreme as a cult of unreason."

end Timothy Snyder

"There are victories and defeats in politics," he said in 1986, "and what is necessary is to maintain your convictions, to keep battling."

Mario Soares

"The uncertainties will not go away until the future becomes the past."

Adam Sobel NYT. uncertainty

Sobel, Noam:

"...thousands of fear-laden specimens...we throw them out of airplanes."

Israeli paratrooper smell research

Socrates:

"Citizens of Athens, aren't you ashamed to care so much about making all the money you can and advancing your reputation and prestige, while for truth and wisdom and the improvement of your souls you have no thought or care?"

Socrates, as quoted by Nozick

"There is only one good, that is knowledge; there is only one evil, that is ignorance."

"Can I ask you a question?" Socrates

"He is richest who is content with the least, for content is the wealth of nature."

Socrates declared that "The more [men] think of making a fortune, the less they think of virtue."

"Socrates said that there is only one good - knowledge - and one evil - ignorance....ignorance does not absolve us of culpability for the evil we perpetrate on others...innocence is actually the

only face of evil...our only moral obligation is to discover the ways that our ignorant acts harm others. 'The unexamined life is not worth living'."

Joanne LaFleur in SL Trib op-ed

"Beauty comes first. Victory is secondary. What matters is joy."

Socrates Brasileiro ...

end Socrates

Soddy:

"The flow of energy should be the primary concern of economics."

"Money is the nothing you get for something before you can get anything."

"The ruling passion of the age is to convert wealth into debt."

Frederick Soddy

from Frederick Soddy, 1933:

"The only way banking today can be made safe both for the banker and the nation is for the nation to be the banker."

The simple question...the scientists asks... 'Where does it come from and where does it go to?'... suffices whether we deal with matter, energy, or money."

"...this secret minting of money is called banking."

"The production of Wealth, as distinct from Debt, obeys the physical laws of conservation and the exact reasoning of the physical sciences can be applied...Its production demands a continuous supply of fresh energy....The phenomenon of unemployment and destitution ...is solely due to ignorance of the nature of wealth and the principles of economics, and to the confusions between wealth and debt..."

"...the world's real problem was faulty economics."

Daly quoting Soddy

Solbert, Ronni:

"Art is my sanity, joy, frustration and passion."

Rebecca Solnit:

"...the wonderful comes wrapped in the terrible, joy in sorrow, courage in fear,"

"...hope is a gift you don't have to surrender, a power you don't have to throw away."

"Sometimes the right thing to do in ordinary times is exactly the wrong thing to do in extraordinary times....inaction and caution may seem so much more rational than action - unless you're in a burning building or on a sinking ship."

Rebecca Solnit

"Exploring the world is one of the best ways of exploring the mind, and walking travels both terrains....

The Mind at three miles an hour ...

peripatetic means 'one who walks habitually and extensively'."

Rebecca Solnit

"Democracy thrives best in a society whose water is drinkable, whose schools impart a decent education, whose denizens have adequate incomes and hope for the future. People have less time, less energy, and fewer resources to participate in civic life when they lack reliable access to food and shelter, when they are over- worked and scrambling to stay afloat, when they have been burdened with immense debt by the cost of an education or housing or health care, when they have been criminalized, marginalized, terrorized. ...

...demographics matter only in a democracy, in a system in which every citizen has equal power and equal access to representation. ...Today's Republicans are democracy's enemy, and it is theirs. ...

As the non-white population swells, Republican scenarios for holding power will look more and more like those of apartheid-era South Africa..."

Rebecca Solnit

"the future we foresee is not the one we get."

R Solnit

"There are two kinds of borders: those that limit where we can go and those that limit what people can do to us. ...

My race and gender determine the borders I can cross, the places I can go, just as yours do for you. ...Feminism has long been a campaign to open closed spaces ... And to close spaces that ... bosses and husbands have historically treated as open. ...The domination of space by the powerful might be called structural violence....

when you're not a conduit you may as well be a dead end."

R Solnit

"[Arendt said] 'the banality of evil' was the inability to hear another voice, the inability to have a dialogue either with oneself or the imagination to have a dialogue with the world, the moral world."

"...narcissists, sociopaths, and egomaniacs are people for whom others don't exist....I always pair privilege with obliviousness; obliviousness is privilege's form of deprivation."

"The man in the white house sits, naked and obscene, a pustule of ego, in the harsh light, a man whose grasp exceeded his understanding, because his understanding was dulled by indulgence. He must know somewhere below the surface he skates on that he has destroyed his image, and like Dorian Gray before him, will be devoured by his own corrosion in due time too. One way or another this will kill him..."

Rebecca Solnit

"To recognize a pattern and a meaning and an order in the world you didn't quite see before is exhilarating, and sometimes even exalting, and there is a moral beauty in the actions people perform out of generosity and courage that stirs and fortifies me — it's why I read and write about political activism and public life."

Rebecca Solnit

"He [Trump] has lived his life in a world without consequences...Feedback is what steers most of us straight, and power and privilege mean that you can avoid it if you want. When you're a star they let you do stupid things, and he has done so many."

from Hope in the Dark:

"...hope...is not the belief that everything was, is, or will be fine...

...grief and hope can coexist...

When you recognize uncertainty, you recognize that you may be able to influence the outcomes - you alone or you in concert with a few dozen or several million others. Hope is an embrace of the unknown and the unknowable, an alternative to the certainty of both optimists and pessimists.

...history is full of people whose influence was most powerful after they were gone.

...hope is in the dark around the edges, not the limelight of center stage.

...every conflict is in part a battle over the story we tell, or who tells and who is heard.

...capitalism is an ongoing disaster anticapitalism alleviates.

...a disaster is a lot like a revolution when it comes to disruption and improvisation, to new roles and an unnerving or exhilarating sense that now anything is possible.

Baldwin, Malcolm X Brueggman Zinn LeGuin Marom quotes

Hope gets you there; work gets you through.

...the collective memory we call history.

Cajun Navy...

Sometimes your enemies know what your friends cannot believe...

I write to give aid and comfort to people who feel overwhelmed by the defeatist perspective. to encourage people to stand up and participate, to look forward at what we can do and back at what we have done..."

from Call Them by Their True Names:

"There are so many ways to tell a lie...Language can erase , distort, point in the wrong direction, throw out decoys and distractions. It can bury the bodies or uncover them..."

"...the revolt against brutality begins with a revolt against the language that hides that brutality... Being careful and precise about language is one way to oppose the disintegration of meaning, to encourage the beloved community and the conversations that inculcate hope and vision..."

"...there is no one else in their world, because when you are not willing to hear how others feel, what others need, when you do not care, you are not willing to acknowledge others' existence.

That's how it's lonely at the top"

"...our species was for most of its history a child..

We have for two centuries been in a sort of wild adolescence, too reckless and impatient to pay attention to consequences...

Juvenility and maturity are no longer categories attached to how long you've been on Earth, but how far you see and how much you care."

"[Trump's] incompetence was as indelible as his corruption and malice..."

Climate chaos destroys the past as well as the future.

"Republicans enabled a campaign of mass death and disablement, thinking it would be primarily mean death and illness for those they regarded as opponents."

...we are dismantling the trophies of the ugly old world of sanctified inequality

via M. Alexander: We are the mighty river they are trying to dam.

The right is trying to push the water back behind the dam. ..

...a shift in worldview from the autonomous individual of hypercapitalism and social darwinism to a recognition of both the natural and social worlds as orchestras of interdependence, of survival as an essentially collaborative and cooperative business.

"Gullability means malleability and manipulability..."

meaning has become transactional...

Authoritarians want to control the truth. Truth has its own authority, an authority a strong man must defeat, at least in the minds of his followers."

"...by the subculture whose sacrament is the gun." Cult

the American right wing is that it is a cult manipulated by corporations and vested interests profiting mightily off its obsessions.

Gun culture reminds me of rape culture, specifically the conventions that hold the victims rather than the perpetrators responsible for limiting the violence.

{the} pregnant are being denied even jurisdiction over their own bodies while gun owners assert their rights over the bodies of others.

If guns are icons it's because violence is a sacrament defended as a right and an identity.

end Solnit

"...the daily task of disinfecting one's own mind."

Andrew Solomon

Solomon, Norman:

"...gun control is a great idea. For the small guns. And the big ones [armaments]."

"Societal inertia, rather than the inertia of the climate system, is ... the critical challenge if we wish to begin to decrease the rate of CO2-induced global warming..."

Susan Solomon and H Damon Mathews

Robert Solow:

"There is no reason at all why capitalism could not survive without slow or even no growth....

There is nothing intrinsic in the system that says it cannot exist happily in a stationary state."

"Any decent person should find having extreme poverty coexisting in the same society with extreme wealth immoral."

"No amount of [apparent] statistical evidence will make a statement invulnerable to common sense."

Solzhenitsyn ??:

"I remember very well that right after officer candidate school I experienced the *happiness of simplification*, of being a military man and *not having to think things through*...the happiness of forgetting some of the spiritual subtleties inculcated since childhood."

"Yes, a human being hesitates and bobs back and forth between good and evil all his life...when, through the density of evil actions, the result either of their own extreme degree or of the

absoluteness of his power, he suddenly crosses that threshold, he has left humanity behind, and without, perhaps, the possibility of return.”

“If only there were evil people somewhere insidiously committing evil deeds and it were necessary only to separate them from the rest of us and destroy them. But the line dividing good and evil cuts through the heart of every human being. And who is willing to destroy a piece of his own heart?”

“There always is this fallacious belief: ‘It would not be the same here; here such things are impossible.’ Alas, all the evil of the 20th century is possible everywhere on earth.”

Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn

from Haim Gordon: “Solzhenitsyn [made a] forceful and clear demand that his readers assume responsibility for the political evil prevalent in the Soviet Union...[but] he did not say enough...Solzhenitsyn explains that the threshold is easily crossed when greed and lust for power are allowed to run rampant.”
end Solzhenitsyn

“...the Jewish religion has the same leading ideas as Capitalism.”

Werner Sombart, via Sedlacek

Sommerfeld, Arnold:

“...the name of relativity theory was an unfortunate choice; the relativity of space and time is not the essential thing, which is the independence of laws of nature from the viewpoint of the observer.”

Sondheim, Steven:

Imelda Staunton, who starred in productions including *Gypsy* and *Follies*, called Sondheim “the Shakespeare of the musical world”. She said: “His stories will live as long as Shakespeare’s because he speaks about people, about emotional difficulties, about the need we all have for love or recognition and to be noticed. A lot of musicals are about happy things – but his musicals are about the difficult things.”

Sondheim always remained true to Hammerstein’s vision that a song within a musical was “a one-act play which either intensifies a moment or moves the story forward”.

“I’ve never found anybody I could work with as quickly as myself, or with less argument,”

Sondheim told the *New York Times* in 1966

His lyrics are extravagantly clever, packed with rhymes

From his *Company*: “The concerts you enjoy together / Neighbours you annoy together / Children you destroy together / That keep marriage intact.”

...haiku-like lines

“‘But we want...’ / ‘No, you can’t / And we won’t...’ / ‘But we need it, / And we want...’ / ‘Will you grant-?’ / ‘If you don’t...’ / ‘We concede it...’”

Send in the Clowns has been recorded more than 500 times by different artists.

four principles underlay “everything I’ve ever written”. These were: “Content Dictates Form, Less is More, God is in the Details – all in the service of Clarity.”

“But for those who dare / the world is there / to change.”

Mark Lawson obit: ‘His work simply had to wait to rhyme with his time’.

Via *Economist* obit: ‘He had to let the lyrics sit lightly on the melodic line, bubble and rise, while ensuring that the music made them shine and sometimes explode.’

end Sondheim

“Was there a quid pro quo? The answer is yes...Everyone was in the loop. It was no secret.”
...we followed the president’s orders.”

Gordon Sondland

Sonnenfeld, Jeffrey:

Susan Sontag:

character: "That seems to be the way we live, the way we live now...the end of bravado, the end of folly, the end of trusting life, the end of taking life for granted." new yorker fiction
'Let's by all means grieve together, but let's not be stupid together.'

Soon-Shiong, Patrick:

"You see this Apache basket? The word 'Nantan' stands for 'he who speaks for the people. I'm an honorary Navajo, and I'm on the Apache council. Because my job, frankly, is to help the marginalized and underserved."

"Fake news is the social cancer of our time...social media allows it to metastasize....Journalists like scientists...truth honest publish transparency from Newshr interview.

Patrick Soon-Shiong, new owner of the LA Times

Sophocles:

"Whoever neglects the arts... has lost the past and is dead to the future."

Theodore C Sorensen on John Kennedy:

"...the essence of decision is choice; and, to choose, it is first necessary to know.

"Consistently wise decisions can only be made by those whose wisdom is constantly challenged. ...there can be no wisdom without dissent, no progress without diversity, no greatness without responsibility."

Theodore Sorensen

"...women have to be more competent in order to gain power..."

Amy Davidson Sorkin

"Unmanageable debt is the match that lights the fire of every crises."

Andrew Russ Sorkin

Sorokin, Vladimir:

[he raised a toast to Stalin—not as the victor of World War

II or the hero of Soviet industrialization, but as] "the creator of the repressive mechanism thanks to which I was able to succeed as a writer."

Soros:

"In an open society, the role of the state is to protect the freedom of the individual; in a closed society, the role of the individual is to serve the rulers of the state."

political philanthropy

Technology with Fangs

Xi harbors a guilty secret. He never told the Chinese people that they had been inoculated with a vaccine that was designed for the original Wuhan variant of the disease, but which offers little protection against new variants.

Xi cannot afford to come clean about this, because he is at a very delicate moment in his career.

His second term in office expires this fall, and he wants to be appointed to an unprecedented third term and eventually become ruler for life.

a cease fire is unattainable, because [Putin] cannot be trusted ...

Most of us accept the idea that we must eventually die, but we take it for granted that our civilization will survive.

Therefore, we must mobilize all our resources to bring the war to an early end. The best and perhaps only way to preserve our civilization is to defeat Putin. That's the bottom line.

"That niche consists in empowering civil society to hold government accountable....

Popper's hidden assumption that freedom of speech and thought will produce a better

understanding of reality is valid only for the study of natural phenomena. Extending it to human affairs is part of what I have called the 'Enlightenment fallacy'...

The adoption of Orwellian techniques gave the Republican propaganda machine a competitive advantage in electoral politics. The other side has tried to catch up with them but has been hampered by a lingering attachment to the pursuit of truth....

Deliberately misleading propaganda techniques can destroy an open society. Nazi propaganda methods were powerful enough to destroy the Weimar Republic. Different but in some ways similar methods have been used in the United States and further refined. ...

The American public was unwilling to face harsh reality and was positively asking to be deceived by demanding easy answers to difficult problems....

the reluctance to face harsh reality coupled with the refinement of the techniques of deception – explains why America is failing to meet the requirements of an open society...

We need to undertake a profound rethinking of the workings of our political system and recognize that half-truths are misleading.”

“I only remember the future.”

from In Defense of Open Society essays, 2019:

“...in abnormal times the normal rules don't apply and people obey them at their peril...

it is not about money; it is about the complicated relationship between thinking and reality...

the survival of our entire civilization is at stake...

Mankind's abilities to harness the forces of nature, both for constructive and destructive purposes, continues to grow while our ability to govern ourselves properly fluctuates, and is now at a low ebb...

Companies earn their profits by exploiting their environment...the physical environment...the social environment...social media companies influence how people think and behave without [those people] even being aware of it...

There is a similarity between internet platforms and gambling casinos...

It takes a real effort to assert and defend what John Stuart Mill called 'the freedom of mind'...

People without the freedom of mind can be easily manipulated.

...an alliance between authoritarian states and ... large, data-rich IT monopolies [will] bring together nascent systems of corporate surveillance with an already developed system of state-sponsored surveillance. This may well result in a web of totalitarian control...not even George Orwell could have imagined.

...Russia has become a mafia state that has adopted a nationalist ideology...

from George Soros: Crisis of Global Capitalism

"In the social sciences, thinking forms part of the subject matter whereas the natural sciences deal with phenomena that occur independently of what anybody thinks.

...the global capitalist system is unsound and unsustainable ... it is coming apart at the seams.

...financial markets are inherently unstable. The global capitalist system is based on the belief that financial markets...tend toward equilibrium....This belief is false.

The basic unit for political and social life remains the nation-state. ...Global financial markets are largely beyond the control of national or international authorities.

...market fundamentalism has rendered the global capitalistic system unsound and unsustainable...market fundamentalism is today a greater threat to open society than any totalitarian ideology. Market fundamentalism...misinterprets how markets work , giving them an unduly large role to play.

The disenchantment with politics has fed market fundamentalism and the rise of market fundamentalism has, in turn, contributed to the failure of politics.

One of the great defects of the global capitalist system is that it has allowed the market mechanism and the profit motive to penetrate into fields of activity where they do not properly belong.

...the two way connection between present decisions and future events...I call reflexivity.

Rule-making involves collective decisions, or politics. Playing by the rules involves individual decisions, or market behavior.

The promotion of self-interest to a moral principle has corrupted politics and the failure of politics has become the strongest argument in favor of giving markets an ever freer reign.

The functions that cannot and should not be governed purely by market forces include many of the most important things in human life, ranging from moral values to family relationships to aesthetic and intellectual achievements.

...market forces, if they are given complete authority even in the purely economic and financial arenas, produce chaos and could ultimately lead to the downfall of the global capitalist system. Capitalism needs democracy as a counterweight because the capitalist system by itself shows no tendency towards equilibrium.

Market fundamentalism seeks to abolish collective decision making and to impose the supremacy of market values over all political and social values.

...we need a correct balance between politics and markets, between rule-making and playing by the rules.

We have a global economy without a global society. The situation is untenable...we need some global system of political decision making.

...market values have eroded professional values...ethical standards once thought intrinsic are not standing up very well to market pressures.

American culture is characterized by a denial of death.

Death itself is a fact of life...the thought is much more terrifying than the reality.

Soros in *The New Paradigm for Financial Markets*, 2008:

"It means the end of a long period of relative stability based on the United States as the dominant power and the dollar as the main international reserve currency. I foresee a period of political and financial instability, hopefully to be followed by the emergence of a new world order."

There is something inconsistent about a globalized economy and political arrangements based on the principle of sovereignty.

The current crisis marks the end of an era of credit expansion based on the dollar as the international reserve currency.

Soros in *The Soros Lectures*, 2010:

"...what is wrong with America? People are not particularly concerned with the pursuit of truth.

They have been conditioned by ever more sophisticated techniques of manipulation to the point where they do not mind being deceived; indeed, they seem to positively invite it. ... They are more interested in being entertained than informed."

...reality can be manipulated."

the Bush administration's propaganda machine...'when we act, we create our own reality. And while you're studying that reality...we'll act again, creating other newer realities.'

In the absence of perfect knowledge we need beliefs. I happen to believe in harsh reality, while other people believe in God."

I entered the realm of values.

...democracy is conditional on the electorate's commitment to the pursuit of truth.

...economists...largely disregard questions of ethics and values.

By claiming to be value-free, market fundamentalism has actually undermined moral values.

...,taking it for granted that all human behavior is guided by self-interest leaves no room for the exercise of moral judgment – and society cannot exist without some ethical precepts.

The distinguishing feature of the market mechanism is that it is *amoral*....the *amorality* of market values has penetrated into areas where it does not properly belong.

...money pollutes politics and special interests trump the public interest.

The market mechanism may be flawed, but the political process is even more so. Participants in the political process are even more fallible than market participants because politics revolves around social values, whereas markets take the participants' values as given.

I condemn market fundamentalism as a false and dangerous doctrine.

Global markets need global regulation ... We are at the end of an era, but we are not fully aware of it.

International capitalism in its present form has proven itself inherently unstable because it lacks adequate regulation.

*Random chance seems to have operated in our favor ...
there was no deity involved.
Schmidt?*

"Limited liability is one reason corporations must be chartered by ... states in the United States... the chartering authority has the right to supervise and regulate the corporations..."

The corporation of the future:...

"Revoke corporate charters..."

Exclude or expel unwanted corporations...

Roll back limited liability...

Eliminate corporate personhood...

Get corporations out of politics...

Reform corporate lobbying...

"...many of the great economists have long envisioned capitalism's evolution into something else."

Corporations, long identified as our principal economic actors, are now also our principal *political* actors. The result is a combined economic and political system of great power and voraciousness, pursuing its own economic interests without serious concern for the values of fairness, justice, or sustainability that democratic government might have provided. people act out of both fear and love—to avoid disaster and to realize a dream or positive vision...

"The ruthless economy – it creates a world of wounds.

...meaningful changes will require a rebirth of marches, protests, demonstrations, direct action, and nonviolent civil disobedience."

"GDP stands for grossly distorted picture, and it's a very misleading measure of how well we're doing as a society."

...growth...doesn't deliver, and it detracts us and deflects us from investing in the things that really

do need to grow, like jobs, like education, like green energy technology, like modern infrastructure..."

"Working only within the system ...will not succeed when what is needed is transformative change in the system itself..."

"The United States' response to the climate crisis has been beyond pathetic. It is probably the greatest dereliction of civic responsibility in the history of the Republic."

"...I came to conclude that I, and my community, had accepted and perpetuated a monstrous injustice...and ... that the great bulk of what I had come to believe was nonsense. When one's worldview and the institutions one believes in collapse, it can be entirely liberating."

"I'm proud of my enemies," Soros said. "When I look at the enemies I have all over the world, I must be doing something right."

"In abnormal times the normal rules don't apply and people obey them at their peril."

end of George Soros

"Without risks there is no life."

Tivadar Soros, father of George; his memoir: Masquerade

"For the first time, I had a chance to think, and began reading everything I could - history, philosophy, and law."

Martin Sostre

"A memoir, as I understand it, makes no pretense of denying its subjectivity. Its matter is one person's memory, and memory by nature is selective and colored by emotion."

"I was fifteen years old when I understood how it is that things break down: people can't imagine someone else's point of view."

"... a chain of emotion can persuade when one forged of logic won't hold."

"I am not a champion of lost causes, but of causes not yet won." quoting Norman Thomas

"...you cannot value dreams according to the odds of their coming true. Their real value is in stirring within us the will to aspire .. [to] move you forward..."

My highest aspiration for my work on the Court is to grow in understanding beyond what I can foresee, beyond any borders visible from this vantage. ...

I argued ... not from a set position but by way of exploring ideas and testing them against whatever challenge might be offered. I love the heat of thoughtful conversation ...

...if you enthroned principle above even reason, weren't you then abdicating the responsibilities of a thinking person?"

"Will this institution survive the stench that this creates in the public perception that the constitution and its reading are just political acts?" Justice Sonia Sotomayor

"There's a big difference between being ignorant and being stupid... No one is born a citizen. You have to be taught what that means." via Egan

Sonya Sotomayor

"...empathy is a useful tool ... - not in the colloquial sense of sharing another person's perspective, but in the clinical sense of being able to see the world through another person's eyes."

Ali Souffan via NYT Kakutani

Justice Souter predicting the rise of Trump in 2012; start the video at 1:07:25 and listen through the applause at 1:11:00.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yVJhXQB1TAk&feature=youtu.be>

Part of transcript:

"An ignorant people can never remain a free people. ... quoting Ben Franklin, 'A Republic, if you can keep it', Souter continues:

"You can't keep it in ignorance. ... When problems get bad enough ... someone will step up and say 'Give me total power...'. That's how the Roman Republic fell. Somebody will come forward ..., we'll say 'Take the ball and run with it - do what you have to do.' That's the way Democracy dies. If something is not done to improve the level of civic knowledge ... that is what you should worry about at night."

via Paul Ehrlich

Soyinka, Wole:

"As one approaches an elder's status, one ceases to indulge in battles." Yoruba wisdom.

Speckhardt, Roy:

"...the fresh ideas and energy that come with new leadership..."

"A powerful man who remains a boy emotionally endangers the *polis*."

Barry Spector

Speer on Hitler; see Hitler

Spence, Jonathan:

"Death is never too far away."

via Emily Hahn: 'Jonathan Spence has punctured the translators' balloon and let out all the gas.'

via Janet Y Chen: 'He seemed to spin gold out of thin air. I don't believe he ever gave the same lecture twice.'

via Arnold R Isaccs: '...the key to understanding Tiananmen lies in China's past, not in our own political myths.'

via Orville Schell: 'Mao Zedong used to extol the virtue of 'a blank sheet of paper' that begged to be written upon.'

"Education has for its object the formation of character."

Herbert Spencer

"America was ... a white country designed for ourselves and our posterity. It is our creation, it is our inheritance and belongs to us. The white race travels forever on an upward past. To be white is to be a creator, an explorer, a conqueror."

"Race is real. Race matters. Race is the foundation of identity."

"Wanna talk to a racist?"

Richard B Spencer, alt-right leader

"...my generation is a generation of great talkers overly fond of conferences."

"I've held many influential positions in this town, but none seem as important as the one I'm in right now."

to a reporter while in jail in Wash DC

James Gustave Speth

Donald Trump is a liar / water is wet

Elizabeth Spiers

ethylene," Dr. Henry A. Spiller said. "In the first stages, it produces disembodied euphoria, an altered mental status and a pleasant sensation. It's what street people would call getting high. The greater the dose, the deeper you go." Once a person stops breathing ethylene, he added, the effects wear off quickly.

from ny times Delphi oracle story

"MICC - Military-Industrial-Congressional Complex...

a voracious appetite for money that is sustained by a self-serving flood of ideological propaganda, cloaked by a stifling climate of excessive secrecy...

...today [2011] the defense industry is dominated by three giant all-purpose weapons manufacturers [including] Boeing."

Charles Spinney, via Cockburn

Spinoza:

"All things excellent are as difficult as they are rare."

Spinoza via Gardner, David P., UU president oct. 1983

"...Germans are not willing to trade in our liberty for potentially better security . Germans have experienced firsthand what happens when the government knows too much about someone."

Malte Spitz

Spong, Paul:

"...change can happen at the speed of thought."

Springmeyer, Bob:

newsletter 2-2022:

'One way to augment our thinking spaces is by blurring the boundaries among the three largest domains of accumulated human creativity—art, technology, and science.

Science's edifice is built on the foundation of previous science—as Newton put it, “by standing on the shoulders of giants.”

Technology, on the other hand, is about both building and disrupting.

Artists live in a more chaotic world. They pose problems rather than solving them.

Engineering cuts across all three domains, but especially those of science and technology.

Source: National Academy of Engineering (NAE), 2/17/22'

Springstein, Bruce:

lyrics:

Don't tell me a lie and sell it as a fact
I've been down that road before and I ain't going back
And don't you brag to me that you never read a book
I never put my faith in a con man and his crooks

“We are alive
And though our bodies lie alone
Here in the dark
Our spirits rise
To carry the fire
And light the spark
To stand shoulder to shoulder
And heart to heart!”
end Springstein

Sreedhar, Anita:

“...our individual flourishing is bound up in collective well-being.”

“When you don't have resources, you become resourceful.”

K. R. Sridhar

Stack, Megan K.:

“...hatred of the West and of the West's collaborators was not a sideshow or an occasional propaganda point but the very foundation of Mr. Putin's rule...It wasn't enough for Moscow to rise; America must pay...Andrei Lugovoi...Boris Nemstov

“For this huge sum of money to be spent on an edifice for commerce and conspicuous consumption seems at best misguided.”

Derek Staffanson, Mormon, on City Creek Center

“LSD ... seems to provide a ‘guts reaction’ to the facts, giving them a vivid immediacy and evaporating the inertia that blocks true intellectual curiosity.”

P G Stafford and B H Golightly

Roger Stahl Through the Crosshairs 2018, Militainment 2010.

“...the atom bomb and its attendant doctrine of mutually assured destruction...madness trickled down as an undiagnosed mass psychosis in the guise of everyday common sense...

...a ‘blockbuster’...originally referred to a large aerial bomb...

‘militainment’ entered the public lexicon...

Staley, Willy NYT:

“Billionaires are ...the purest distillation of the brutality and stupidity of arranging a society this way.”

on Stalin via Arendt:

The power, which Marx thought was born when the idea seized the masses, was discovered to reside, not in the idea itself, but in its logical process which [in Stalin's words] 'like a mighty tentacle seizes you on all sides as in a vise and from whose grip you are powerless to tear yourself away; you must either surrender or make up your mind to utter defeat.'

"Death solves all problems. No man, no problem."

Joseph Stalin via Hitchens

via Kasperov: As Joseph Stalin used to say, It doesn't matter how you vote. What's important is who counts.

"...denier" tends to "imply a resolute refusal to look at established facts or evidence; it's got a much more dogmatic ring to it than 'skeptic' does."

Kory Stamper, lexicographer

"In a condition of society and under an industrialized organization which places labor completely at the mercy of capital, the accumulation of capital will necessarily be rapid, and an unequal distribution of wealth is at once to be observed."

Leland Stanford via Jim Hightower

Jason Stanley:

"Stanley is trying to spark public alarm. He doesn't want Americans to respond to Trump's racist, authoritarian offenses by moving their moral goal posts. The greater danger isn't hyperbole, it's normalization."

Peter Beinart in NYT review of Stanley, Jason; How Fascism Works

"...my father warned me, 'if they had chosen someone else, some of us would have been among the very best Nazis.'"

"We are now in fascism's legal phase."

"Jesus not only comforted the afflicted, but afflicted the comfortable."

Elizabeth Cady Stanton

Stanton, Gregory:

"[denial] is among the surest indicators of further genocidal massacres"

"War is the great waste, as much in the preparation for it as in the waging of it."

Starhawk

Star Trek:

"It's capitalism, Jim. But not as we know it."

"Without followers, evil cannot spread."

"It is curious how often you humans manage to obtain that which you do not want."

"I'm frequently appalled by the low regard you Earthmen have for life."

"Physical reality is consistent with universal laws. Where the laws do not operate, there is no reality."

I object to intellect without discipline. I object to power without constructive purpose."

"When you eliminate the impossible, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth."

Spock in Star Trek

Scotty to Captain Kirk numerous times "But I canna change the laws of physics, Captain!"

"People are no longer obsessed with the accumulation of things. We've eliminated hunger, want, the need for possessions. We've grown out of our infancy."

Captain Picard, Star Trek

"The Force can have a strong influence on the weak-minded."
Obi-Wan Kenobi in Star Wars

"Resist
Recall
Replace
Rejoice"
Joanne Staudacher Occupy protest sign

"A title should be like a watermark—it bleeds through every page of the book."
Tom Steenbank discussing The Grapes of Wrath

"...our cynicism advances the desires of the powerful ... When no one believes there might be as better solution, those who benefit from the status quo are safe."
Alex Steffen

"...the misgovernment of the American people is misgovernment by the American people."
Lincoln Steffens

Stegner:

"Hard writing makes easy reading." Wallace Stegner

"It is almost impossible to write fiction about the Mormons, for the reason that Mormon institutions and Mormon society are so peculiar that they call for constant explanation."

Wallace Stegner (Mormon Country)

"...visiting [our remaining wild places] is good for us when we are young, because of the incomparable sanity it can bring, as vacation, and rest, into our insane lives. And, it is important to us when we are old because it is there - important, that is, simply as an idea."

"No society is healthy without both the will to create anew and the will to save the best of the old: it is not the triumph of either tendency, but the constant, elastic tension between the two that should be called our great tradition."

The Geography of Hope, from Stegner PBS documentary, also Abbey interview.

via Bruce Babbitt: 'When I first read Beyond the Hundredth Meridian, shortly after it was published in 1954, it was as though someone had thrown a rock through the window. Stegner showed us the limitations of aridity and the need for human institutions to respond in a cooperative way. He provided me in that moment with a way of thinking about the American West, the importance of finding true partnership between human beings and the land.'

paraphrasing Wallace Stegner: '...build a society to match our scenery.'
Lauren Wood

"[He took] a can-opener to my closed mind..... he pried open my closed skull.
It is ultimately the love of books that I owe them."

Wallace Stegner essay in Remembering, 1981 UU Press

end Stegner

Alexandra Stein:

"...she helped shape my pity into political anger...

[My Mom said] 'We should have had marbles. That's what we used in the thirties - in the Great Depression demonstrations - we used to bring marbles and throw them, under the horses' hooves. I didn't think they still used horses.'...

the years of the consolidation of apartheid. Decisions and commitments had to be made - there was no fence to straddle...

later book: Terror, Love and Brainwashing ML online:

"... a cult. The same social structure forms the basis of totalitarian movements and states... the people who find themselves in cults, extremist groups or even totalitarian nations are ordinary people who did not choose that situation. Rather, the situation - of the group - chose them..."

what is the meaning of 'intentional' when the self has been hijacked...this question [is] the heart off this book...

"What good are roots if you can't take them with you?"
Gertrude Stein

"Politics is the mother of all illnesses."
Jill Stein

John Steinbeck:

"Nobel saw some of the cruel and bloody misuses of his inventions. He may have even foreseen the end result of all his probing — access to ultimate violence, to final destruction. Some say that he became cynical, but I do not believe this. I think he strove to invent a control — a safety valve. I think he found it finally only in the human mind and the human spirit.

To me, his thinking is clearly indicated in the categories of these awards. They are offered for increased and continuing knowledge of man and of his world — for understanding and communication, which are the functions of literature. And they are offered for demonstrations of the capacity for peace — the culmination of all the others."

"Literature is as old as speech. It grew out of human need for it and it has not changed except to become more needed. The skalds, the bards, the writers are not separate and exclusive. From the beginning, their functions, their duties, their responsibilities have been decreed by our species."

"We didn't have any self-admitted proletarians. Everyone was a temporarily embarrassed capitalist."

from Travels with Charley:

Rocinante, ... the name of Don Quixote's horse.

I see too many men delay their exits with a sickly, slow reluctance to leave the stage. It's bad theatre as well as bad living.

A sad soul can kill you quicker, far quicker, than a germ.

...to find out where you are going, you must know where you are...

...speech is so much more than words and sentences.

...there used to be a thing ... called the People. Find out where the People have gone...that's the commodity the Declaration was talking about, and Mr. Lincoln.

I wonder why progress looks so much like destruction.

To the sequoias everyone is a stranger, a barbarian. [redwoods]

...,progress may be a progression toward strangulation.

"...seems to lie solely in the aching urge of the writer to convey something he feels important to the reader."

"...in Europe poverty is a misfortune, but in America it is shameful."
on writing

"Maybe there ain't no sin and there ain't no virtue. There's just what people does. Some things folks do is nice, and some ain't so nice, and that's all any man got a right to say."

The bank is something more than men, I tell you. It's the monster. Men made it, but they can't control it."

John Steinbeck character, Grapes of Wrath

"...I'll be all around in the dark - I'll be everywhere. Wherever you can look - wherever there's a fight, so hungry people can eat, I'll be there. Wherever there's a cop beatin' up a guy, I'll be there. I'll be in the way guys yell when they're mad. I'll be in the way kids laugh when they're hungry and they know supper's ready, and when the people are eatin' the stuff they raise and livin' in the houses they build - I'll be there, too."

Tom Joad in The Grapes of Wrath

"a bank or a company can't do that, because those creatures don't breathe air, don't eat side-meat. They breathe profits; they eat the interest on money. If they don't get it, they die the way you die without air, without side-meat. It is a sad thing, but it is so. It is just so. ..The bank—the monster has to have profits all the time. It can't wait. It'll die. No, taxes go on. When the monster stops growing, it dies. It can't stay one size."

from *Grapes of Wrath*

"...a great teacher is a great artist...there are as few of these as there are of any other great artists. Teaching might even be the greatest of the arts since the medium is the human mind and spirit."

"The little screaming fact that sounds through all history is that repression works only to strengthen and knit the repressed."

"...it is always the herd men who win battles and the free men who win wars."

Mayor Orden in Steinbeck's *The Moon is Down* Chapter 8.

"Teaching might be the greatest of the arts since the medium is the human mind and spirit."

"To finish is sadness to a writer - a little death. He puts the last word down and it is done. But it isn't really done. The story goes on and leaves the writer behind, for no story is ever done."

"I believe there are monsters born in the world to human parents. Some you can see....if a twisted gene ... can produce physical monsters may not the same process produce a malformed soul?"

Cathy Ames in *East of Eden* evil

"... there is no creative unit in the human save the individual working alone."

see *Sea of Cortez: On Ed Ricketts*

"... the best mind I have ever known."

We did not think of ourselves as poor then. We simply had no money...

We had a game which we playfully called speculative metaphysics...

there is no creative unit in the human save the individual working alone...

we pursued the fireflies of our thinking...

His mind always tried to enlarge the smallest picture...

Association with him was deep participation with him, never competition...

on philanthropy...receiving... (p. lxxv)

Ed: 'Adults, in their dealing with children, are insane. And children know it too. Adults lay down rules they would not think of following, speak truths they do not believe. And yet they expect children to obey the rules, believe the truths, and admire and respect their parents for this nonsense...adults simply become set in a maze of prejudices and dreams and sets of rules whose origins they do not know and would not dare inspect for fear the whole structure might topple over them...children instinctively know this.'

Sea of Cortez - Intro:

"The design of a book is the pattern of a reality controlled and shaped by the mind of the writer...

We wanted to see everything our eyes would accommodate, to think what we could, and, out of our seeing and thinking, to build some kind of structure in modeled imitation of the observed reality...

we were determined not to let a passion of unassailable little truths draw in the horizons and crowd the sky down on us...

p. 37-39 [on gravity]: Perhaps, next to that of the sea, the strongest memory in us is that of the moon...

more than a thousand million years ago, the tides were tremendous...The moon-pull must have been the most important single environmental factor of littoral animals. Displacement and body weight then must certainly have decreased and increased tremendously with the rotation and phases of the moon...

Tidal effects are mysterious and dark in the soul, and it may well be noted that even today the effect of the tides is more valid and strong and widespread than is generally supposed... One could safely predict that all physiological processes correspondingly might be shown to be influenced by the tides...

The harvest of symbols in our minds seems to have been planted in the soft rich soil of our pre-humanity. Symbol, the serpent, the sea, and the moon might well be only the signal light that the psycho-physiologic warp exists...

p. 46: For the paradoxes are becoming so great that leaders of people must be less and less intelligent to stand their own leadership.

p. 102-3 [on war]: It is a rule in paleontology that ornamentation and complication precede extinction...

Conscious thought seems to have little effect on the action or direction of our species. There is a war now which no one wants to fight, in which no one can see a gain - a zombie war of sleep-walkers which nevertheless goes on out of all control of intelligence...the same men, just as honestly, are devoting many billions to manufacture, transportation, and detonation of explosives to protect the people they would not feed....

in spite of overwhelming evidence to the contrary, the trait of hope still controls the future, and man, not a species, but a triumphant race, will approach perfection...

p. 112-115: There is a strange duality in the human which makes for an ethical paradox. We have definitions of good qualities and of bad;...And yet in our structure of society, the so-called and considered good qualities are invariable concomitants of failure, while the bad ones are the cornerstones of success...

Man might be described fairly adequately, if simply, as a two-legged paradox.

p.114 [golf]: The great drive of our people stems from insecurity...the violent interest in little games, the mental rat-mazes of contract bridge, and the purposeful striking of little white balls with sticks, comes from an inner sterility....

Boredom arises not so often from too little to think about, as from too much, and none of it clear, or clean, or simple.

p. 119-20: The Pearl.

p.164-170 [on thinking]: ...there are three distinct types of thinking, two of them theological...wish-fulfillment delusion...people...suffering mental constrictions...

Even erroneous beliefs are real things, and have to be considered proportional to their spread or intensity...

p.191 [mule]: ...the mule has developed his anti-socialself-sufficiency. He knows he can out-think a horse and he is pretty sure he can out-think a human. In both respects he is correct. ...his mental pattern, conditioned by centuries of this cynical intellectualism, is set, and he is complete, sullen, treacherous, loving no one, selfish, and self-centered...

p. 196: The process of gathering knowledge does not lead to knowing.

p. 197-8 [on hunting, trophies, borrego]...

p. 213-14 [on science, hypothesis, belief]: There is one great difficulty with a good hypothesis. When it is completed and rounded, the corners smooth and the content cohesive and coherent, it is likely to become a thing in itself, a work of art...it is no light matter to make up one's mind about anything...and once made up, it is even harder to abandon the position. When a hypothesis is deeply accepted it becomes a growth which only a kind of surgery can amputate. Thus, beliefs persist long after their factual bases have been removed...

The things of our minds have for us a greater toughness than external reality.

p. 269: Where this is little danger, there seems to be little stimulation....

quoting Tacitus: '...exposure to a warm climate and a soft rich food supply ...will ruin troops quicker than anything else.'... If these things are true in a biologic sense, what is to become of the fed, warm, protected citizenry of the ideal future state?...

p. 307-8: We had had many discussions at the galley table and there had been many honest attempts to understand each other's thinking.
There are several kinds of reception possible. There is the mind which lies in wait with traps for flaws, so set that it may miss, though not grasping it, a soundness. There is a second which is not reception at all, but blind flight because of laziness, or because some pattern is disturbed by the processes of the discussion. The best reception of all is that which is easy and relaxed, which says in effect, 'Let me absorb this thing. Let me try to understand it without private barriers. When I have understood what you are saying, only then will I subject it to my own scrutiny and my own criticism. This is the finest of all critical approaches and the rarest. The smallest and meanest of all is that which, being frightened or outraged by thinking outside or beyond its pattern, revenges itself senselessly; leaps on a misspelled word or mispronunciation... We have known a critic to base a viscous criticism on a misplaced letter in a word, when actually he was venting rage on an idea he hated. These are the suspicious ones, the self-protective ones, living lives of difficult defense, insuring themselves against folly with folly - stubbornly self-protective at too high a cost.

p. 308: Ideas are not dangerous unless they find seeding place in some earth more profound than the mind...
the idea is dangerous only when planted in unease and disquietude. But being so planted, it ceases to be idea and becomes emotion and then religion.

p. 314: ...processes of coordination and disintegration follow each other with great regularity, and the index of the coordination is the measure of the disintegration which follows...
there is no loss like that which comes to a man when a perfect and certain pattern has dissolved about him.

p. 315: We tried always to understand that the reality we observed was partly us; the speculation, our product.

p. 321, last: The Western Flyer sang its deep note into the wind.

end Sea of Cortez quotes.

"[My characters symbolize the] over-essence of people."

"And it came about ... that the storyteller grew into being, so that the people gathered ... to hear the gifted ones. And they listened while the tales were told, and their participation made the stories great."

"You can't go home again because home has ceased to exist except in the mothballs of memory."

"A writer lives in awe of words, for they can be cruel or kind."

"My whole work drive has been aimed at making people understand each other."

...the gods are on a vacation, and about the only heroes left are the scientists and the poor....
I am assailed with my own ignorance and inability...Honesty.

Steinbeck's three final books diagnose symptoms of social decay—racism and homophobia, consumerism and corruption, environmental destruction and deadening self-involvement—that continue today. from steinbecknow.com site

from East of Eden (via D Brooks):

"Humans are caught — in their lives, in their thoughts, in their hungers and ambitions, in their avarice and cruelty, and in their kindness and generosity too — in a net of good and evil. I think this is the only story we have and that it occurs on all levels of feeling and intelligence. Virtue and vice were warp and woof of our first consciousness, and they will be the fabric of our last. ... A

man, after he has brushed off the dust and chips of his life, will have left only the hard clean questions: was it good or was it evil? Have I done well — or ill.”

“...I like to write. I feel good when I am doing it - better than when I'm not. I find joy in the texture and tone and rhythms of words and sentences, and when these happily combine in a 'thing' that has texture and tone and emotion and design and architecture, there comes a fine feeling - a satisfaction like that which follows good and shared love. .. My work is and has been fun. Within myself, I find no hunger to inquire further.” from Rationale piece

“Ed Ricketts says that when he was little he was in trouble all the time until he suddenly realized that adults were crazy. Then, when he knew that, everything was all right and he could be nice to them...he never found occasion to revise that opinion.”

“I don't think *The Grapes of Wrath* is obscure in what it tries to say...Its structure is very carefully worked out and it is no more intended to be inspected than is the skeletal structure of a pretty girl. Just read it, don't count it!”

Jim Casy: “...man, unlike any other thing organic or inorganic in the universe, grows beyond his work, walks up the stairs of his concepts, emerges ahead of his accomplishments.”

“...hit the reader below the belt..get into a reader - open him up and while he is open introduce things on an intellectual level which he would not or could not receive unless he were opened up.” 1953 via DeMott.

“This must be a good book.. It simply must.I haven't any choice. It must be far and away the best thing I have ever attempted - slow but sure, piling detail on detail until a picture and an experience emerge. Until the whole throbbing thing emerges.”

“I've done my damndest to rip a reader's nerves to rags, I don't want him satisfied. I've tried to make the reader participate in the reality, what he takes from it will be scaled entirely on his own depth or hollowness...layers...”

I think anger is the healthiest thing in the world.

by DeMott:

“Steinbeck's greatest books are an antidote to - if not a blatant call to resist - the tidal wave of vain posturing, fake news, obfuscation, debasement of language, and outright lies that seem to be the stock market in trade of our previously callous and incompetent current administration.”
...Steinbeck [said, 1938] he was improvising his own 'new method' of fictional technique: one that combined a suitably elastic form and elevated style to express the far-reaching strategy of the migrant drama...

...he devised a contrapuntal structure...

exposition and background: 1,3,5,7,9,11,12,14,17,19,21,23,25, 27, 29

narrative chapters: 2,4,6,8,10,13,16,18,20,22,24,26,30.

Chapter 15 is a swing [duel] chapter.

Steinbeck's combinatory method...

History surrounds fiction; fiction embeds history. Text and content are integrally related to each other in a kind of necessary complementarity, whose totality can not be separated, subdivided, or segregated without risking distortion of its many layers of meaning..

symphone analogy via DeMott

Grapes is a sustained indictment about a natural world despoiled by a greivous range of causes - Natural disaster, poor land-use practices, rapacious acquisitiveness, and technological arrogance.”

The Grapes of Wrath is at once an elegy for and a challenge to live in harmony with the earth.”

...writing...was a way of building a home in the architectural spaces of his imagination. (This creative and interior level of engagement is the elusive, unacknowledged fifth layer of Steinbeck's novel).

Steinbeck lived to write....'It's stopping work that does the damage'.

Ideally, for a few hours each day, the world Steinbeck created took precedence over the one in which he lived. ...at times Steinbeck didn't know where one began and the other left off...

...he entered the architecture of his own novel and lived in its fictive space...

Robert DeMott

"[My father] taught me rules I do not think are abrogated by our nervous and hysterical times. These laws have not been annulled, these rules of attitudes. He taught me glory to God, honor to my family, loyalty to my friends, respect for the law, love of country, and instant and open revolt against tyranny, whether it comes from the bully in the schoolyard, the foreign dictator, or the local demagogue. And if this be treason, gentlemen, make the most of it."

Steinbeck essay re: Trial of Arthur Miller via HUAC, via DeMott

via William Conlogue (via DeMott): Steinbeck portrayed whites being treated as if they were nonwhite."

via Charles Shindo: Steinbeck's desire to instill a sense of justice in his audience.

via Michael Szalay: The Grapes of Wrath ...makes compassion, empathy, and commitment not only possible but desirable in a class-stratified society.

"The uninstructed eye sees things the expert does not notice. Mine is a completely naïve eye on Paris — but it is an eye of delight."

"...the drums of daily doom"...on the daily newspaper

"I want to put a tag of shame on the greedy bastards who are responsible for this." on writing Wrath.

from Of Mice and Men intro by Shillinglaw:

"In every bit of honest writing in the world ... there is a base theme. Try to understand men. If you understand each other you will be kind to each other. Knowing a man well never leads to hate and nearly always leads to love. Try to understand each other..."

...Is thinking...

[entropic will]. I can do anything when my will is clean and straight. Anything...

playable novel [Of Mice and Men]..."

via Des News story on his Nobel: "The best novels," he once said, "are about families coming together or families coming apart." He was a master at depicting both. Steinbeck was a journalist first and a novelist second. American writers that last usually are.'

The Moon is Down:

"The people don't like to be conquered, sir, and so they will not be. Free men cannot start a war, but once it is started, they can fight on in defeat. Herd men, followers of a leader, cannot do that, and so it is always the herd men who win battles and the free men who win wars."

These words of defiance, warning and resolve appear at the end of John Steinbeck's short novel "The Moon is Down," Zelensky

Orden, the democratic mayor, declares, "I am a little man, and this is a little town, but there must be a spark in little men that can burst into a flame."

"I am not a very brave man who will have made them a little braver," the mayor tells Lanser shortly before Lanser condemns him to death. ...I wrote 'The Moon Is Down' as a kind of celebration of the durability of democracy."

via Charles Edel Wash Post

The Moon Is Down (Twentieth-century Classics)

four days after France signed an armistice with Germany, he met with President Roosevelt to The refugees intrigued Steinbeck with stories about the activities of underground resistance movements in their native lands.

entitled "Reflections on a Lunar Eclipse" how

placed the story in an unnamed country,

"cold and stern like Norway, cunning and implacable like Denmark, reasonable like France."

act 2 of Macbeth. Just before Banquo and Fleance encounter Macbeth on his way to murder

Duncan, Banquo asks his son, "How goes the night, boy?" Fleance replies, "The moon is down; I have not heard the clock," foreshadowing the descent of evil on the kingdom.

and I wrote The Moon Is Down as a kind of celebration of the durability of democracy.

via Gavin Jones:
Reclaiming John Steinbeck: Writing for the Future of Humanity
Jones, Gavin

Failure and the American Writer: A Literary History (Cambridge University Press, 2014).

Steinbeck's famous remark about *The Grapes of*

Wrath that he was attempting to write history while it was happening?

"Anger is a symbol of thought and evaluation," opined Steinbeck in the late 1950s: "I think anger is the healthiest thing in the world." 29 In Steinbeck's work, sentimental tenderness is often the flipside of sharp outrage.

Barthes calls the "writerly" text, one that forces us into a critical engagement with it, challenging us as readers to reenact the actions of the writer as we attempt to understand the text's shifting codes, hence giving us an enjoyment higher than mere pleasure or pleasantness. Harry Thornton Moore's *The Novels of John Steinbeck* (1939), begins with a map of "The Steinbeck Country" For Steinbeck, race is also about "the human race"—or rather, humanity as a species—and is centered on what Wilson recognized as Steinbeck's constant "preoccupation with biology." (At Stanford, Steinbeck petitioned to take a course in the medical school on the dissection of cadavers, because he "wanted to know more about people."

Curiosity was one of Steinbeck's favorite words, which he used to describe the peculiar effects that his works seemed to have on their readers, impacts that often seemed difficult to comprehend, describe, or analyze.

special power in Steinbeck's writing to draw attention to ideas difficult to hold in view.

a prelude to Steinbeck's more permanent move East, *Cannery Row* (1945) marks the end of the first half of Steinbeck's

In a letter to his editor, Steinbeck observed, "no critic has discovered the reason for those little inner chapters in *C.R.* ... Mostly all lay readers know. Only the critics don't." a problem of audience haunts Steinbeck's work, work that seems at times mired in the contradictions of local history while at other points it looks to the stars to philosophize about the future of humanity. Who was Steinbeck writing for?

Steinbeck claimed that *Cannery Row* was a peculiar kind of war narrative, a book written not about but for the troops, a book "written for a group of soldiers who had said to me, 'Write something funny that isn't about the war. Write something for us to read—we're sick of war.'" (Steinbeck described the novel in general as "born out of homesickness"). 5

Steinbeck's disclaimer at the beginning of *Cannery Row* describes the book as both a "fiction" Episodes within episodes, episodes following episodes—*Cannery Row* is almost all digression. Ad Reinhardt cartoon from the mid-1940s, in which the abstract canvas looks back at a mocking viewer who questions what the canvas represents only to hear the reply: "What do you represent?"

It doesn't matter. Life is just an episode anyway. Who cares?

end of Steinbeck

"...we have too much concern about privacy, labeling and stereotyping about the civil liberties of people who have horribly distorted thinking. In our concern for the rights of people with mental illness, we have come to neglect the rights of ordinary Americans to be safe from the fear of being shot..."

The most common source of severe psychosis in young adults is schizophrenia ... a physiologic disorder caused by changes in the prefrontal cortex, an area of the brain that is essential for language, abstract thinking and appropriate social behavior."

Paul Steinberg, psychiatrist NY Times op-ed 12- 26-2012

"We can no longer pretend that simply letting the market decide what is best for us will lead to anything but disaster....

material de-growth of the richest nations is imperative for medium and long-range planetary stability."

Julia Steinberger

Steinem, Gloria:

"The truth will set you free, but first it will piss you off."

George Steiner:

'...the paradox of literature's moral power and its impotence in the face of an event like the Holocaust...' in George Steiner obituary NYT

"you can use human speech both to love, to build, to forgive, and also to torture, to hate, to destroy and to annihilate."

"It is the unwritten book which might have made the difference. Which might have allowed one to fail better. Or perhaps not."

"[Reading] commit us to a vision, should engage our humanity, should make us less capable of passing by."

George Steiner NYT obit

"How are we to grasp psychologically, socially, the capacity of human beings to perform, to respond to, say, Bach or Schubert in the evening, and to torture other human beings the next morning?..."

The hand speaks truths and joys which the tongue cannot...

...organized religions have had much to contribute to the horrors of history...

A tortuous but unmistakable road winds from the medieval pogroms to the Nazi death-camps.

Islam has slain since its inception.

...religious wars ... have been among the cruelest and most costly on record...

quoting Hobbes on wit, muses, etc.

I hope to find my own exit."

end George Steiner

Karen Stenner:

"Exposure to difference, talking about difference, and applauding difference — the hallmarks of liberal democracy — are the surest ways to aggravate those who are innately intolerant, and to guarantee the increased expression of their predispositions in manifestly intolerant attitudes and behaviors. Paradoxically, then, it would seem that we can best limit intolerance of difference by parading, talking about, and applauding our sameness."

...racial, political, and moral intolerance ... are really kindred spirits: primarily driven by the same fundamental predisposition, fueled by the same motives, exacerbated by the same fears....

democracy does not produce community, it *requires* community. ...

... living in a liberal democracy vastly increases the likelihood that authoritarian predispositions will be expressed in intolerant attitudes and behaviors....

If there are inherent predispositions to intolerance of difference, if citizens so predisposed pop up in all societies, and if those predispositions are actually activated by the experience of living in a vibrant democracy, then freedom feeds fear that undermines freedom, and democracy is its own undoing. ...

some people will never live comfortably in a modern liberal democracy. ..."

Karen Stenner, 2005

"...authoritarians are truly the most changeable, the most readily malleable, the most easily exploitable, for better or worse. They are simple-minded avoiders of complexity far more than closed-minded avoiders of change....

Karen Stenner 2009

"[Our values] ... are the product of deep-seated, largely heritable predispositions that cause us to vary in our preference for and in our ability to cope with freedom and diversity, novelty and complexity, vs oneness and sameness."

end Karen Stenner

"...judo is Putin's sport of choice, not chess as a game."

William Brangham Newshour via Angela Stent

"There is near consensus in the empirical literature that politicians' positions more accurately reflect the views of their donors than those of their constituents."

Bret Stephens:

"If you find writing easy, you're doing it wrong."

"You do not subjugate a people by taking everything from them. You subjugate them by giving them something they know you can take away. Desperate people aren't always obedient. Dependent people usually are."

"It's about his addiction to betrayal... This is a presidency whose defining feature isn't ideology, much less policy. It's neurosis.... at heart he was a destructive opportunist with no core convictions beyond his own immediate advantage."

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"... to disagree well you must first understand well. You have to read deeply, listen carefully, watch closely. You need to grant your adversary moral respect; give him the intellectual benefit of doubt; have sympathy for his motives and participate empathically with his line of reasoning. And you need to allow for the possibility that you might yet be persuaded of what he has to say.... Intelligent disagreement is the lifeblood of any thriving society. Yet we in the United States are raising a younger generation who have never been taught either the how or the why of disagreement, and who seem to think that free speech is a one-way right: Namely, their right to disinvite, shout down or abuse anyone they dislike, lest they run the risk of listening to that person — or even allowing someone else to listen. The results are evident in the parlous state of our universities, and the frayed edges of our democracies."

Bret Stephens

"He was the 'banality of evil' incarnate." On Vegas shooter, Paddock

"As with anything and everything Trump, we're being asked to take a ride with a drunken driver."

"If you can't speak freely, you'll quickly lose the ability to think clearly. Your ideas will be built on a pile of assumptions you've never examined for yourself and may thus be unable to defend from radical challenges.... free speech... is our salvation from intellectual mediocrity and social ossification."

"... conservatives {have} decided the best way to deal with Trump's personality — the lying, narcissism, bullying, bigotry, crassness, name calling, ignorance, paranoia, incompetence and pettiness — is to pretend it doesn't matter. 'Character Doesn't Count' has become a de facto G.O.P. motto. Virtue Doesn't Matter might be another."

"... *Fire and Fury* has so thoroughly succeeded in lowering public expectations for Trump that it makes it that much easier for him to exceed them."

"... greatness, like happiness, lies less in the achievement than in the striving - and in the question of what we are striving for." (see also Naipaul).

"There's more than one type of intelligence. Trump's is feral. It strikes fast. It knows where to sing the fang into the vein..."

The secret of Trump's politics is to mix fear and confidence — the threat of disaster and the promise of protection... It's how all demagogues work.

... the real threat of the Trump presidency isn't economic or political catastrophe. It's moral and institutional corrosion."

"... hatred corrodes the container it's carried in."

"There are people who are unfunny because they are witless... Trump is anti-funny. Humor humanizes.... Used well, it puts people at ease... Good jokes highlight the ridiculous. Trump's jokes merely ridicule."

We reconcile ourselves to the decadence of the present only if we choose to remain ignorant of the achievements of the past.

The indifference takes an accumulating toll. Repeated and presumptive inaction in the face of humanitarian atrocities emboldens those who commit the atrocities. It exposes the language and legal architecture of human rights as feckless virtue signaling. And it desensitizes us to the suffering of others.

This is the West almost as it looked in the 1930s: internally divided and inward looking, hesitant in

the face of aggression, incanting political pieties in which it no longer believed—and so determined not to repeat the mistakes of the last war that it sleepwalked its way into the next. The only thing missing is a skillful political marauder — Trump isn't him — ready to tear the whole thing down.

“...a neophyte politician with the quiet charisma that comes with inner composure;...he seeks stable balances, not permanent solutions. He's sane.”

“...moral plasticity'on BorisJohnson

“...everyone else who joined the administration without illusions, participated in it without defiance, and exited it without shame. How do people like Bolton, Reince Priebus, Gary Cohn, Rex Tillerson or (when he eventually departs) Pompeo justify their witting, willing service to this witless, wicked president?...

citing Arendt: [...partisans exhibit] a curiously varying mixture of gullibility and cynicism with which each member, depending upon his rank and standing in the movement, is expected to react to the changing lying statements of the leaders and the central unchanging ideological fiction of the movement.”

“Only the truly gullible can act totally cynically and imagine they can escape history's damning verdict.”

“...appearances of strength tend to obscure realities of weakness, hidden cracks behind imposing facades...For Beijing, the crack is that the regime is based on lying. It isn't just the historical lies,...Nor is it merely the political lies,...The real problem with the lying is that a regime that lies nonstop to others eventually lies to itself as well.”

“Coward Culture at work at MIT...the mediocrity that can come from trying to please the majority.”

“...many movements ... overspill their initial causes of action...”

on AMA revised Language Guide:

“...It's Orwellian. It's a blunt attempt to turn everyday speech into a perpetual, politicized and nearly unconscious indictment of the system.”

“Pence was a worm who, for a few hours on Jan. 6, turned into a glowworm...”

[Trump is] not complicit. Guilty...His crime is treason.”

end of Bret Stephens

"The Book is thousands of years old, written in obscure languages, from a mysterious and incomprehensible time and place."

R J Stephens and K W Giberson

“Lech Walsea, a union activist scaling a wall to begin an occupation of the Gdansk Shipyard, defying the Kremlin, ...set in motion the forces that would lead to Poland's independence and earn him a Nobel Prize.”

Andy Stern

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

“...the deepening of our historical experiences [should not lead us to abandon our faith in] the possibilities of human progress [but rather to] a stronger sense of the precariousness of human freedom and to a still greater dedication to it.” via Robert Kagan

“... the condition of the liberal spirit in America today ... it is in the extinction of that spirit that the death of a republic begins.”

Fritz Stern via Judt

“We are gambling the planet.”

Nicholas Stern

"A democracy cannot function effectively when its constituent members believe laws are being bought and sold."

"...money, like water, will always find an outlet."

Justice John Paul Stevens

"Learning on the job is essential to the process of judging.

"At bottom, the Court's opinion is thus a rejection of the common sense of the American people, who have recognized a need to prevent corporations from undermining self government since the founding, and who have fought against the distinctive corrupting potential of corporate electioneering since the days of Theodore Roosevelt. It is a strange time to repudiate that common sense.

"[The Court's 3 grave errors:] recognized an individual Second Amendment right to own guns... second biggest error Citizens United...money in politics...Bush v. Gore..."

Justice John Paul Stevens

"Racism is the original sin of the modern Republican Party...

Mr. Trump has served a useful purpose by exposing the deep flaws ...long-developing fault lines of the Republican Party...This collapse of a major political party as a moral governing force is unlike anything we have seen in modern American politics. The closest parallel is the demise of the Communist Party in the Soviet Union, when the dissonance between what the party said it stood for and what citizens actually experienced was so great that it was unsustainable."

"The Republican party has been a cartel...The Republicans exist for the pursuit of power for no purpose."

"The hallmark of the Republican Party is cowardice."

Race is the original sin of the Republican Party

cowardice is contagious and courage is far less contagious. And I think the hallmark of the Republican Party is cowardice.

the Republican Party really isn't a political party. It's a cartel. Why do cartels exist? Why does OPEC exist? To sell oil. Nobody says, "What is the moral purpose of OPEC?"

a major political party that validates hate, it's very hard to undo. And that's what the Republican Party has done.

Stuart Stevens

"After the final 'no' there comes a 'yes'

And on that 'Yes' the future world depends.

Wallace Stevens

I offer my opponents a bargain: if they will stop telling lies about us, I will stop telling the truth about them. -

Adlai Stevenson, campaign speech, 1952

"Governor Stevenson! All thinking people are for you....

That's not enough, I need a majority."

"Patriotism is not short, frenzied outbursts of emotion, but the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime."

Adlai Stevenson

Stevenson, Betsy:

"...we all have more pain than the world typically knows."

"Racism is a disease - you have to treat it..."

Bryan Stevenson, Lynching Museum, 60 minutes.

"The great evil of American slavery wasn't involuntary servitude: It was the ideology of white supremacy, in which people persuaded themselves that black people aren't fully human....

In Germany, there are no Adolf Hitler statues. They don't want to embrace something so horrific. That's not true in America."

Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption

Poem: UNCRIED TEARS

Imagine teardrops left uncried

From pain trapped inside

Waiting to escape Through the windows of your eyes

"Why won't you let us out?" The tears question the conscience

"Relinquish your fears and doubts And heal yourself in the process."

The conscience told the tears "I know you really want me to cry But if I release you from bondage,
In gaining your freedom you die."

The tears gave it some thought Before giving the conscience an answer

"If crying brings you to triumph Then dying's not such a disaster."

IAN E. MANUEL, Union Correctional Institution

"...if the anguish of all the stressed lives, the pain of all of the oppressed people in all of the
menaced spaces of Monroe County could be gathered in some carefully constructed receptacle,
it could power something extraordinary, operate as some astonishing alternative fuel capable of
igniting previously impossible action. And who knew what might come of it—righteous
disruption or transformational redemption? Maybe both."

Bryan Stevenson

"Fear is for people who don't get out very much."

'...travel...is inherently political. To stay in a family-owned hotel in Bulgaria is to strengthen global
democracy; to pack light is to break the iron logic of consumerism; to ride a train across Europe is
to challenge the fossil-fuel industry. Travel...is an engine for improving humankind, for connecting
people and removing their prejudices, for knocking distant cultures together to make unlikely
sparks of joy and insight...' via Sam Anderson NYT Mag

"Getting high releases the human in me...Intelligence is a rubber band. Getting high is stretching
it."

"If more Americans had a history degree and put it to good use, this world would be better off.
Yesterday's history informs today's news...which becomes tomorrow's history."

Rick Steves

on Chris Stewart:

"His evil interests are an abomination of responsible purpose and proof that he has no respect for
the American citizen." SL Trib 3-16-2014 letter by Robert McKinnie

"Russia's going to mess with our elections, and they did....

the greatest threat we face is that throughout the world there is no longer accepted truth...

news and democracy - you can't separate the two of them...

Chris Stewart, 2017 conf

"...if a man began to think of himself as divinely appointed, he was close to thinking of himself as
God – and at that point lay insanity..."

Man: the noise-producing animal.

At the funeral of *homo sapiens* there will be few mourners.

The Dark Ages were closing in.

...time was history, and history was tradition, and tradition was civilization.

It's better to have no opinion of God at all than to have one that is unworthy of Him."

and, quoting Ecclesiastes: Men go and come, but earth abides.

George R Stewart from *Earth Abides*

"On any exponential curve, yesterday is invisible and tomorrow is explosive."

I Stewart, Does God Play Dice, 2nd ed, p. 131

“a surge of concerted deliberate lying by a different class of criminal — sophisticated, educated, affluent and represented in many cases by the best lawyers” that “threatens to swamp the legal system and undermine the prosecution of white-collar crime.”

James B Stewart

"When the legend becomes fact, print the legend."
editor to Jimmy Stewart in Liberty Valence film

Jon Stewart:

"We have entered an age of insecurity – economic insecurity, physical insecurity, political insecurity. ...Insecurity breeds fear. And fear – fear of change, fear of decline, fear of strangers and an unfamiliar world – is corroding the trust and interdependence on which civil societies rest."
"Something is profoundly wrong with the way we live today...We know what things costs but have no idea what they are worth.

We can't go on living like this...unregulated capitalism is its own worst enemy: sooner or later it must fall prey to its own excesses and turn again to the state for rescue."

"The press is our immune system – if it reacts to everything we get sicker.
If we amplify everything we hear nothing."

"Creativity comes from limits, not freedom."

"The police are a reflection of a society...

400 years of quarantining a race of people...

The enemy is noise. The goal is clarity...

[The news media] is designed for engagement ...an information-laundering perpetual-radicalization machine. It's like porn...The algorithm is not designed for thoughtful engagement and clarity. It's designed to make you look at it longer...

The media's job is to deconstruct the manipulation, not to just call it alie...to understand the lie's purpose...

undermining the credibility of the institutions that people look to for help defining and making sense of reality is the key to bending reality to your will...

Are we all just extras in this guy's movie?...

Our system right now is set up so that minor disagreements become arguments. Arguments become conflagrations. Conflagrations become feuds. Feuds become wars...

We're basically having giant public fights about symbolism, while the reality of our situation goes unexamined...

the real thing is the corruption and incompetence that we don't even think about...

our biggest problems as humans is ignorance, not malevolence. Ignorance is an entirely curable disease."

"When did fact checking separate from journalism?"

"Buy the beloved country."

Jon Stewart

"Bullshit is everywhere. The good news is this: bullshitters have gotten pretty lazy, and their work is easily detected. And looking for it is kind of a pleasant way to pass the time, like an I Spy of bullshit. So I say to you tonight, my friends, the best defense against bullshit is vigilance—so if you smell something, say something....

Conmedy doesn't change the world, but it's a bellwether. We're the banana peel in the coal mine."

from Mark Twain Prize event:

Steve Carell: Jon strives to make sense of the insane and find joy in the darkness.

David Chapelle: It's a miracle to watch you work...You are a cure to what ails our culture.

Samantha Bee: Jon is the godfather of righteous courage.

Apple TV-The Problem with Jon Stewart

end Jon Stewart

"I think that to rid ourselves of the entrenched voracious type of capitalism that is in this country that perpetuates sexism and racism, I don't think that can come nonviolently."

Lynne Stewart leftist lawyer, obit pdf

"Science needs the emotions as well as the intellect."

Philip Stewart

Joseph Stiglitz:

"...decisions about public policies ...need to speak both to the heart and the head..."

Joseph Stiglitz

"...we now have a government that is of the 1 percent, by the 1 percent and for the 1 percent...", as Nobel Prize winning economist Joseph Stiglitz so eloquently articulated

"...one big part of the reason we have so much inequality is that the top 1 percent want it that way. The most obvious example involves tax policy. Lowering tax rates on capital gains, which is how the rich receive a large portion of their income, has given the wealthiest Americans close to a free ride. Monopolies and near monopolies have always been a source of economic power....

Much of today's inequality is due to manipulation of the financial system, enabled by changes in the rules that have been bought and paid for by the financial industry itself—one of its best investments ever. Wealth begets power, which begets more wealth."

Joseph Stiglitz

"The American political system is overrun by money. Economic inequality translates into political inequality, and political inequality yields increasing economic inequality."

Joseph Stiglitz

"Inequality is a matter not so much of *capitalism* in the 20th century as of *democracy* in the 20th century..."

Joseph Stiglitz see also Atkinson...

"The only upside of the concentration of the wealth at the top is that they have more money to pay in taxes."

"The invisible hand of the market depended on the heavier hand of the state."

end Joseph Stiglitz

"Dictators live in their own self- created bubble of adulation and impunity, which leads them to huge misjudgments when they are forced to act outside of the bubble....

The murder of a prominent critic of Fascism shocked Italy and the world. Before Mr. Matteotti's disappearance and murder, Italy's democratic allies had been prepared to believe that despite Mussolini's violent rise to power, he intended to respect the rules and freedoms of parliamentary democracy."

Alexander Stille pdf

The Roosevelts “not only understood the *use* of power, but they knew the *enjoyment* of power, too...Whether a man is burdened by power or enjoys power; whether he is trapped by responsibility or made free by it; whether he is moved by other people and outer forces or moves them – that is the essence of leadership.”

Henry L Stimson

“Every move you make ... I’ll be watching you...”

Sting - The Police lyrics on NSA cartoon!

“And when the winter comes and the trees lie bare
And you just stare out the window in the darkness there
Well I was always late for every meal you’ll swear
But keep my place and the empty chair
And somehow I’ll be there.”

Sting, The Empty Chair Oscars 2017 re James FOLEY (see quote)

Stockman, David:

IT is obvious that the nation’s desperate fiscal condition requires higher taxes on the middle class, not just the richest 2 percent. Likewise, entitlement reform requires means-testing the giant Social Security and Medicare programs, not merely squeezing the far smaller safety net in areas like Medicaid and food stamps.

Unfortunately, in proposing tax increases only for the very rich, President Obama has denied the first of these fiscal truths, while Representative Paul D. Ryan, the chairman of the House Budget Committee, has contradicted the second by putting the entire burden of entitlement reform on the poor. The resulting squabble is not only deepening the fiscal stalemate, but also bringing us dangerously close to class war.

A quasi-bankrupt nation saddled with rampant casino capitalism on Wall Street and a disemboweled, offshored economy on Main Street requires practical and equitable ways to pay its bills.

the Ryan plan appears to be an attack on the poor in order to coddle the rich.

Democrats are immobilized because Keynesians insist on kicking the budgetary can down the road until cyclical “demand” has in their estimation fully recovered, while Republicans sit on their hands because supply-siders insist on letting the deficit fester until tax cuts work their alleged revenue magic.

Functioning like monetary roach motels, central banks have become a place where Treasury bonds go in but never come out — thereby causing bond prices to be far higher and interest yields much lower than would obtain in a market that wasn’t rigged.

end David A Stockman, NY Times 4-24-2011

Stockman, Farah:

‘[Putin]...has been watching for the last...20 years — he’s been watching the United States do things like this, in his mind. He hated what we did in Libya. He was furious. He hated the Iraq war invasion. He has been seeing us throw our might around and call it international law....basically what triggered this buildup of troops was that the pro-Russian TV channels were turned off [in Ukraine].

“At its core, sexual harassment is about power, and politics is the ultimate power profession.”

Sheryl Jay Stolberg

"With a free press. if the government does something wrong, it will become known and the government can fix it. But if something goes wrong with a free press, the country will go straight to hell."

Jeremy J Stone (and his father).

"If we set apart what we regard as evil from what we do not, the trait that really makes the difference is *empathy*. ... The other idea concerns *compassion*."

Michael H Stone, *Anatomy of Evil*, K

Stone-Manning, Tracy:

"Nature is the best engineering we have on the planet, and we should do all we can to get things back to as natural a condition as possible and then let nature take over."

"...collateral damage...the belief that there are some citizens whose rights should be respected, and others, far more numerous, who can instead be excluded from the enjoyment of rights, who can be sacrificed...."

humanitarian war ... in the name of human rights, human beings can and must be killed.

...When the only 'value' is profit, there are no longer friends or enemies, only customers...

Gino Strada

We need to "...overhaul the teaching of economics—founded on the proposition that there is no economy without a planet."

David Strahan

"The Western financial system is rapidly coming to resemble .. a vast casino.

Susan Strange

Straubel, JB:

from Time 6-20-2022 profile:

'... wasteful systems and poor engineering are like bad music. Good engineering feels like art.'

"...I have a direct line of sight towards an entire economy that doesn't need fossil fuels and doesn't need to pay more to do it."

J B Straubel, Tesla CTO

Streeck Wolfgang How will Capitalism End?:

An Age of Entropy competitive hedonism ...

"...capitalism's shotgun marriage with democracy since 1945 is breaking up...The capitalist system is at present stricken with at least five worsening disorders for which no cure is at hand: declining growth, oligarchy, starvation of the public sphere, corruption and international anarchy."

"It's terrifying to put the target on your forehead, and it sets you up for all sorts of attacks ... [but] You have to. You don't have an option. You have to."

"The great gift of human beings is that we have the power of empathy, we can all sense a mysterious connection to each other."

Meryl Streep

Streisand, Barbra:

"...who is this God they invoke, who is so petty and mean?

Is God really against gun control and food stamps for poor children?...

"I am also very proud to be a liberal," she told the packed auditorium. "Why is that so terrible these days? The liberals were liberators — they fought slavery, fought for women to have the right to vote, fought against Hitler, Stalin, fought to end segregation, fought to end apartheid. Liberals put an end to child labor and they gave us the five-day workweek! What's to be ashamed of? Such a record should be worn as a badge of honor!"

end Streisand

"All writing is communication; creative writing is communication through revelation - it is the Self escaping into the open. No writer long remains incognito.

William Strunk, Jr. and E.B. White

"People follow the people who are supposed to be leaders."

Francis X. Suarez, mayor Miami

"I follow no doctrine. I don't belong to a church or a temple or a synagogue or an ashram."

If you want to spring out of bed in the morning, may I suggest finding a cause you can pour your heart and soul into ... my advice for staying young ... and relevant."

"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better, it's not." The Lorax, by Dr. Suess

"Financial crises tend to radicalize electorates."

Amir Sufi

"I am a human being, living out of all prejudice and going to the unknown... I do not belong to any religion. These classifications are out of date."

Fadwa Suleiman

Andrew Sullivan:

"...disenfranchisement...the sense that the world is shifting deeply and inexorably beyond our ability to control it through our democratic institutions....

most seem to believe that what we currently have is not real capitalism, but a mixture of debt, cronyism, and corruption."

"Fear is always the would-be tyrant's greatest ally."

We have lost authoritative sources for even a common set of facts. And without such common empirical ground, the emotional component of politics becomes inflamed and reason retreats even further. The more emotive the candidate, the more supporters he or she will get.

Trump is an extinction-level event.

"A free society means being free of those who rule over you — to do the things you care about ... in that blessed space where politics doesn't intervene."

"a late-stage democracy, dripping with decadence and corruption, with elites dedicated primarily to enriching themselves, and a people well past any kind of civic virtue, morphs so easily into tyranny." similar to Plato

Andrew Sullivan

"...what often seem like short-term tactical blunders turn out in the long run to be strategically shrewd.

...most actual living, breathing American Catholics ...tend to be more liberal than most Americans...

Obama's greatest skill is in getting his opponents to overreach and self-destruct."

"I've managed to see Scorsese's Silence twice in the last couple of weeks. It literally silenced me. It's a surpassingly beautiful movie — but its genius lies in the complexity of its understanding of what faith really is. For some secular liberals, faith is some kind of easy, simple abdication of reason — a liberation from reality. For Scorsese, it's a riddle wrapped in a mystery, and often inseparable from crippling, perpetual doubt. You see this in the main protagonist's evolution: from a certain, absolutist arrogance to a long sacrifice of pride toward a deeper spiritual truth. Faith is a result, in the end, of living, of seeing your previous certainties crumble and be rebuilt, shakily, on new grounds. God is almost always silent, hidden, and sometimes most painfully so in the face of hideous injustice or suffering. A life of faith is therefore not real unless it is riddled with despair. "

end Andrew Sullivan

Sullivan, Margaret:

"...the difference between propaganda and journalism."

"I was in high school, a teen who took my tortured emotions seriously, writing them down in my journals, composing free verse and looking for some help in understanding myself...the authority figures in my life, too, "just couldn't understand the idiomatic logic that went on in my head."..

" on Joni Mitchell

via Margaret Sullivan:

You don't need belief. All you need is confusion.

That's how authoritarian leaders manage to control the populace, the great German political philosopher Hannah Arendt once explained.

Putin tactic: actual lies spread by what looks like the debunking of lies.

"The reason that it's so effective is because you don't actually have to convince someone that it's true. It's sufficient to make people uncertain as to what they should trust," Patrick Warren of Clemson University

"...the strategy is to deny, accuse and obfuscate....

In the digital age, keeping reality under lock and key isn't as feasible as in Hannah Arendt's day. What is possible, though, is sowing endless doubt."

Margaret Sullivan

"The answer is surely not to try to stop technical change, but the answer is not to just suppose that everything's going to be O.K. because the magic of the market will assure that's true."

Lawrence Summers

"We may have our first post-rational president. Trump has rejected the view of modern science on global climate change, embraced economic forecasts and trade theories outside the range of reputable opinion, and relied on the idea of alternative facts rather than evidence-based truth."

"Outsiders like me can make a positive contribution by raising concerns and being a bit of a pressure point against inertia."

Lawrence Summers

Sun, Liping:

"[political correctness] is a burden, a kind of shackle America has placed on itself, a kind of self-inflicted bondage."

"I did what I could, where I was, with what I had."

Helen Suzman

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

James Suzman

"the pursuit of endless growth is suicidal."

"I am what I do, not what I say."

12 yr old daughter at 1992 Earth Summit Rio Conference...

David Suzuki

"If you know the truth and others don't, that's one way you can reassert feelings of having agency."

Viren Swami, quoted by Koerth-Baker, conspiracy theories

"...the President would be incapable of avoiding perjuring himself."

via Jonathan Swan in Bruni NYT

"...our nearly inexplicable love of a nearly uninhabitable place."on Texas

Mimi Swartz

"Reality is Trump's Kryptonite."

Peter Sweeney

Jonathan Swift:

"When a true genius appears in this world, you may know him by this sign: ...the dunces are all in confederacy against him."

"I write to the vulgar, more than to the learned."

"The historical account of humans is a heap of conspiracies, rebellions, murders, massacres, revolutions, banishments, the very worse effects that avarice, faction, hypocrisy, perfidiousness, cruelty, rage, madness, hatred, envy, lust, malice, and ambition could produce ... I cannot but conclude the bulk of your natives to be the most pernicious race of little odious vermin that nature ever suffered to crawl upon the surface of the earth."

Jonathan Swift via Philip Zimbardo

"When a true genius appears, you may know him by this sign: that all the dunces are in confederacy against him."

Jonathan Swift

Swift, Taylor:

via Wash Post: "the poet laureate of puberty."

"...the best musical experience is hearing a song by somebody singing about their life, and it resembles yours so much that it makes you feel comforted."

[The melodies were good, but she especially liked the storytelling] "It was just such a given—I want to do that!"

[Songwriting became a sanctuary from the horrors of middle school].. "I couldn't wait to get home every day and write."

"You know how sometimes—right in the middle of a moment—you already know it's one you won't ever forget?...I like writing [cards].. And I like stamps."

"...They're so known for their thoughts, and the things that they've written, and the things they've created." on women who've influenced her.

"...life is about achieving contentment. . . . You're not always going to be ridiculously happy... They're sad? If I'm being honest. The most recent one is about moving on."

MEAN lyrics: "You, with your switching sides and your wildfire lies and your humiliation..."

Someday I'll be big enough so you can't hit me...All you are is mean, and a liar, and pathetic, and alone in life."

"There's a time for silence and a time for waiting your turn. But if you know how you feel and you so clearly know what you need to say, you'll know it. I don't think you should wait, I think you should Speak Now!"

from NYer: [Although the stories in her songs are somewhat oblique, her dance troupe acts them all out literally].

on audience connection: "You know when you know someone really well and they can finish your sentences? I'm curious to know what it would be like to have fifty thousand people finish my sentences." Joe note - similar to Lady Gaga. story by Widdicombe

"...the ground keeps shifting beneath me as I try to gain my footing,"

Diane Swonk

"Vision is the art of seeing things invisible

"[Islam:] ... is a seventh-century text. It reflects all the mores of the seventh century: violence against women, sex slavery, war, tribalism - all of these things ... bad across the board."

Muhammad Syed

Charlie Sykes

"Where the right went wrong ... [they bought into] the argument that this was a 'binary choice.' ... In this binary tribal world, where everything is at stake, everything is in play, there is no room for quibbles about character, or truth, or principles. If everything — the Supreme Court, the fate of Western civilization, the survival of the planet — depends on tribal victory, then neither individuals nor ideas can be determinative."

We vowed Never To Forget after 2,977 Americans were killed that day. But we lost more Americans just last week. And we've already forgotten.

"... young people have a keen sense of what traits or behaviors are rewarded and celebrated. They have an acute sense of the hypocrisy of a society that touts virtue but lavishes fame, wealth and power on people who flout it."

end C J Sykes

"You find truths in the in-between spaces of language but never the right words to express them."
Natalia Sylvester

"...make the journey from ignorance to insight...[by] evicting the untruths that have been occupying our brains...truthiness..."

Rachel Syme on podcast You're Wrong About

"The arrival of a good clown does more for the health of a town than the arrival of 20 asses laden with drugs."

Syndenham, 18th Century

"We've already won...I lived a life of terror, fear, and killing , and now I'm free...I'm a person now. I can say what I want...I can denounce your beliefs, or I can support them. I can agree with your position or disagree with it...We're not waiting to live our lives until after the fall of the regime. We started living them the first day of the protests. We began our lives."

Syrian protester, lyad to NY Times' Anthony Shadi

"...these paintings communicate soul to soul. Great art does work on people in mysterious ways."
Luke Syson

Szalai on Ayn Rand: 'her enormous fan base include Silicon Valley entrepreneurs, Tea Partyers, president Trump and innumerable adolescents...Rand...has somehow managed to be reclaimed by those she so cruelly deplored...

a philosophical system in which every human relationship is transactional...

She liked to affect a steely, imperious persona, but she was deeply insecure and easily wounded.'

Jennifer Szalai reviewing Duggan's Mean Girl

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

an unimaginable political transformation can happen astonishingly quickly...

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

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

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

Jennifer Szalai reviewing Fritzsche Hitler book

Review of Ullrich's Hitler: Downfall in NYT:

"...anyone who thought .. that [he] would rise to the occasion or be hemmed in by it, becoming a dignified statesman who sought compromise - was summarily purged from the system that conservatives assumed they controlled. An utter impossibility had become the indomitable reality."

"It would take another world war, a genocide and millions of dead before the dictatorship finally collapsed..."

"...the ... regime was capable of only two registers: euphoria and despair."

"[His] standard approach - lying, blaming others and launching surprise attacks - made for a successful...strategy."

"[He] liked to gamble, experiencing the world only in terms of winning and losing, [saying] 'I have gone for broke all my life.'"

[He said]: 'We will construct a gigantic wall separating Asia from Europe.'

"[He] was a scattershot, undisciplined leader, prone to tardiness and meandering monologues, but the one unwavering constant was his virulent, fanatical ...[bigotry]."

"He preferred to traffic in generalities instead of specifics, verbally making his wishes known so that his ... minions could figure out the rest...It was a method ... to feed his vanity while also preserving the option to deflect any blame onto others."

"[He] had peddled so many lies that the fantasy he created was stretched impossibly thin."

Jennifer Szalai NYT review of Ullrich 2.

in Ed Yong review:

"If there is a benefit to trying to imagine ourselves into the experiences of others, maybe it lies in the enormous difficulty of doing so; the limits of every species' sensory bubble should serve as a reminder that each one of us has purchase on only a sliver of reality..."

[Yong's] writing for The Atlantic on the Covid-19 pandemic has frequently shown how the response to the crisis has been limited by our assumptions about the world and our place in it. Recognizing the breadth of this immense world should spur in us a sense of humility. We just need to get over ourselves first."

end Jennifer Szalai

"...the American dream is being used to rationalize a national nightmare."

Maya Szalavitz

Szasz:

"If you talk to God, you are praying;

If God talks to you, you have schizophrenia.

If the dead talk to you, you are a spiritualist;

If you talk to the dead, you are a schizophrenic."

by calling people diseased, psychiatry attempts to deny them responsibility as moral agents...

from wiki entry: Szasz argued that psychiatrics were created in the 17th century to study and control those who erred from the medical norms of social behavior; a new specialization, drogophobia, was created in the 20th century to study and control those who erred from the medical norms of drug consumption; and then, in the 1960s, another specialization, bariatrics, was created to deal with those who erred from the medical norms concerning the weight the body should have....

Psychiatrists testifying about the mental state of an accused person's mind have about as much business as a priest

testifying about the religious state of a person's soul in our courts. Insanity was a legal tactic invented to circumvent

the punishments of the Church, which at the time included confiscation of the property of those who committed

suicide, often leaving widows and orphans destitute. Only an insane person would do such a thing to his widow and children, it was successfully argued....

Faced

with the problem of "madness," Western individualism proved to be ill prepared to defend the rights of the

individual: modern man has no more right to be a madman than medieval man had a right to be a heretic because if

once people agree that they have identified the one true God, or Good, it brings about that they have to guard

members and nonmembers of the group from the temptation to worship false gods or goods....

In the same vein as the separation of church and state, Szasz believes that a solid wall must exist between psychiatry and the State.[...]

from his The Manufacture of Madness, 1970:

"Knowing yourself means knowing what you can do; and since nobody knows what he can do until he tries, the only clue to what man can do is what man has done. The value of history, then, is that it teaches what man has done and thus what man is." Collingwood ref. 5

"the concept of mental illness is analogous to that of witchcraft ...

"Institutional Psychiatry fulfills a basic human need - to validate the Self as good (normal), by invalidating the Other as evil (Mentally ill)."

"... we care for the weak too. They are sinful and rebellious, but in the end they too will become obedient. They will marvel at us and look on us as gods, because we are ready to endure the freedom which they have found so dreadful and to rule over them - so awful it will seem to them to be free. But we shall tell them that we are Thy servants and rule them in Thy name. We shall deceive them again ... That deception will be our suffering, for we shall be forced to lie."

Dostoyevsky, The Grand Inquisitor

end Szasz

Szent-Gyorgyi:

"Life is nothing but an electron looking for a place to rest."

Research is four things: brains with which to think, eyes with which to see, machines with which to measure and, fourth, money.

Research is to see what everybody else has seen, and to think what nobody else has thought.

"It is said that man is not intelligent enough to solve problems without killing The present world crisis can be solved only by a general human revolution against outdated concepts. . . . Man is not a blood-thirsty animal, and war is only due to the greed and lust for power of relatively small groups, the conspiracy of the few against the many. "

"Discovery consists of seeing what everybody has seen and thinking what nobody has thought."

"We know life only by its symptoms."

"The basic texture of research consists of dreams into which the threads of reasoning, measurement, and calculation are woven."

"Science is built on the premise that Nature answers intelligent questions intelligently; so if no answer exists, there must be something wrong with the question." 1972

end A Szent-Gyorgyi,