

W Quotations

"I hate Gravity"—thank you for sharing
Mathis Wackernagel

"Pope Gregory VII in the eleventh century imposed celibacy on Catholic priests, forcing them to choose between the church and the family."
Nicholas Wade

"...at least Bayesians attempt to find an approximate answer to the right question, instead of struggling to interpret an exact answer to the wrong question."
Eric-Jan Wagenmakers

Wagensburg, Jorge:
THE THREE FORMS OF KNOWLEDGE: science, art and revelation
THE THREE PHASES OF KNOWLEDGE ACQUISITION stimuli, conversation and understanding
end Jorge Wagensberg

"Nothing could possibly threaten God who is Omnipotent and existing as absolute and eternal Truth....Those who claim to defend God, Islam, or the Prophet are thus either deluding themselves or manipulating religion for their own mundane and political purposes."
Kyai Haji Abdurrahman Wahid

"America the Beautiful. The words were originally published as a poem called "Pikes Peak" by Katharine Lee Bates in 1895, and the music was composed later by Samuel A. Ward, a church organist from Newark. As schoolchildren, we all sang a heavily edited and sanitized version of the song. Last year my friend Chaim Tannenbaum unearthed and recorded an unexpurgated version. When did you last hear these lines, from the original? "America, America, God shed his grace on thee. Till selfish gain no longer stain the banner of the free."
Loudon Wainwright III

[I live in a] reality distortion field...I get ideas by mis-hearing"
Tom Waite in Terry Gross interview

"I was not a very nice person, and it didn't put me off my breakfast...I was too busy to be afraid".
Nancy Wake, The White Mouse

Paul Waldman:
"...modern GOP...lying is not only permitted but mandatory...
Trump taught them that shamelessness can be a kind of superpower..."
"We bought this court, and we'd better get what we paid for...There was never any mystery about who these justices are and what they would do. There were only liars saying otherwise, and fools who chose to believe them."
"...trust me, kids can handle complexity. They want complexity. They walk every day through a rapidly changing world, and they deal with that change much better than adults do."

"Privacy is an essential right. It makes freedom of expression possible, and sustains freedom of inquiry and association. It empowers to read, write and communicate in confidence, without fear of persecution. Knowledge flourishes where privacy is protected."

Jimmy Wales, Wikipedia

"... there is nothing in my religion that teaches keeping women at home, not educating them, starving them and withholding medical treatment from them so they die....Islam teaches us to care for and protect women."

Sima Wali

Walia, Harsha:

"I think the notion of dreaming in a time where we are told that it is foolish, futile or not useful is one of the most revolutionary things we can do."

Border and Rule: Global Migration, Capitalism, and the Rise of Racist Nationalism

Walia, Harsha

A political and economic system that treats land as a commodity, Indigenous people as overburden, race as a principle of social organization, women's caretaking as worthless, workers as exploitable, climate refugees as expendable, and the entire planet as a sacrifice zone must be dismantled."

A no borders politics is more expansive than an open borders one;

A no borders politics, then, is a politics of refusal, a politics of revolution, and a politics of repair.

we can and must embrace a basic yet expansive vision: no human being is illegal.

This book against borders is ultimately a book about "worldmaking" as a process of homemaking,

Toni Morrison: "In this new space one can imagine safety without walls, can iterate difference that is prized but unprivileged, and can conceive of a third, if you will pardon the expression, world 'already made for me, both snug and wide open, with a doorway never needing to be closed.' Home."

The freedom to stay and the freedom to move are revolutionary corollaries refusing imperial bordered sovereignties, with home as our shared horizon.

the wretched of the earth, who are forced to traverse deadly water and land passages across borders, not of their making,

and are unwelcome in countries that may have destroyed theirs. Only punishment awaits them. Their mobility is made criminal, their existence made illegal. While it is framed as a migrant or refugee crisis, it is really a crisis of humanity, the failure of the current system to offer any real alternatives other than the demonization of the other.

The colonizers have fallen deeper into their deadly hallucinations of blaming the Chinese, migrants, Indigenous people—everything but the system itself.

Quechua leader Túpac Katari: "I will return, and I will be millions."

borders are ordering technologies of the world, the material and political divisions of humanity, and the crushing obstacles for futures otherwise.

"Those who are against fascism without being against capitalism are like people who wish to eat their veal without slaughtering the calf," Bertolt Brecht wrote in 1935.

times insulating the few from the immiseration of the many.

The meek pay for the crimes of the powerful.

the paradox of a revolutionary: the politics we espouse come from the future supplanted in a nightmarish present held hostage by an equally horrific past.

for the freedom-making business called revolution.

Harsha Walia

"Activism is the rent I pay for living on the planet.
This is the only heaven I care for."

Alice Walker

"... "a system that perpetuates vast differences in privilege and then tasks the privileged with improving the system."

Darren Walker, Ford Foundation

[The American people] are starved for three things: truth, leadership, and solutions."

David Walker via Thomas Friedman www.tcaii.org

Walker, Mark E, Judge:

"...one piece of evidence says little, but when all of the evidence is viewed together, a coherent picture emerges."

about Scott Walker:

"... I see in him ...[a] soullessness too common in American politicians and the kind of careerism that makes American politics such a dreary spectacle. ... I see an interest in personal advancement that eclipses any investment in personal growth."

Frank Bruni on Scott Walker

David Foster Wallace mentioned a woman he knew who dismissed Updike as "just a penis with a thesaurus".

"Blind certainty, a close-mindedness that amounts to an imprisonment so total that the prisoner doesn't even know he's locked up."

David Foster Wallace

from <http://artery.wbur.org/2016/03/07/david-foster-wallace-empathy>

"A fascist is one whose lust for money or power is combined with such an intensity of intolerance toward those of other races, parties, classes, religions, cultures, regions or nations as to make him ruthless in his use of deceit or violence to attain his ends.. The American fascist would prefer not to use violence. His method is to poison the channels of public information. With a fascist the problem is never how best to present the truth to the public but how best to use the news to deceive the public into giving the fascist and his group more money or more power."

Henry Wallace, 1944 also see American Fascists pdf nyt op-ed

"'scientific reticence' ...[scientists] editing their own observations so conscientiously that they failed to communicate how dire the threat actually was....

...how hard it is to shake complacency. We are all living in delusion, unable to really process the news from science that climate change amounts to an all-encompassing threat...a threat the size of life itself...

...conscious consumption is a cop-out, a neoliberal diversion from collective action, which is what is necessary...the effects of individual lifestyle choices are ultimately trivial compared with what politics can achieve."

David Wallace-Wells

"Capitalism is a system of paradoxes."

Immanuel Wallerstein

"Martin Luther King may have had a Bible in one hand, but he had the Constitution in the other."

"...all candidates should be examined by measuring their policies against the complete range of Christian ethics and values."

"Values are the most important subject for the future of politics....vote all your values."

"How will this crisis change us – the right question."

"When economics comes before values, we have idolatry."

"America's strong and admirable tradition of individual liberty and responsibility has been replaced by a culture of narcissism."

"This is the American Bible, full of holes from all that we have ignored and paid no attention to."

Jim Wallis

"I have very little time. I don't have time to walk around cocktail parties. I don't think that is the work of a diplomat."

Margot Wallstrom

Walmsley, Timothy R:

"Assuming the worst in others, we show our worst character."

"Life begins at the end of your comfort zone."

Neale Donald Walsch

Walsh, Calla, 16:

"...I realized I had a stake in this game: They are scared of me, a random teenager on the internet who just happened to be doing some organizing with her friends...that made us all think...Hey, they're scared of us. We have power over them."

"...religion, in its broadest sense, encompasses one's understanding of the world, of one's part in it; as such, everyone has their own 'religion'."

Charlotte Walsh, referring to William James

"...liberty comprises freedom to choose, including the freedom to make what others might consider to be bad choices....Mill advocates a negative liberty, the freedom to be left alone to do as one pleases."

C Walsh, referring to John Stuart Mill

"...women run for office to do something, and men run for office to be somebody."

Debbie Walsh

Roger Walsh in Roberts...see pdf: "We are in a race between catastrophe and consciousness....A key question ... is whether we can create a critical mass of aware people in sufficient time. ...whether we create a sustaining and sustainable society or leave behind a planet that is polluted and plundered and poisoned."

...The state of the world now reflects the state of our minds...look at the world and its insanity, we can see that it reflects our own insanity."

Walton, India:

"I try and avoid using negative language on campaigns..."

...Nothing stops crime better than a person who's gainfully employed."

via M Goldberg, Buffalo mayor.

"We are not teenagers. We are lifeless bodies in a system which breeds competition, hatred, and discourages teamwork and genuine learning."

Carolyn Walworth via Frank Bruni

Michael Walzer from Politics and Passion, 2004"

"It is admirable to have convictions, but it is also admirable not to be too certain about them."

"The worst people...don't have convictions at all but beliefs, doctrines, dogmas, and ideologies."

...it isn't the case that the worst lack reason, but rather that their reason is distorted by faith and dogma, whereas the reason of the best is tempered by doubt or, perhaps, by humility."

"The worst possess the courage of their certainty; the best, at best, the courage of their uncertainty. The political contest between them is bound to be unequal."

"desperate poverty makes most often for political passivity – but sometimes for opposition and revolt."

"Global emancipation is, in part at least, the loosening of the grip of the sovereign state on its individual members – just as domestic emancipation was, in part, the loosening of the grip of ethnic and religious communities on their members."

complex equality is the foundation for an innovation society in which the different actors are able to coordinate despite having different goals and different values""the different parts of society

such as the government, the economy, the scientific community, and the universities cannot be kept

separate from each other but are intertwined and interdependent."

Michael Walzer via Fred Block

Michael Walzer grimly announced that "the tribes have returned." Jill Lepore says 'They had never left. They'd only become harder for historians to see, because they weren't really looking anymore.'

Wang, Melody: "...the Supreme Court controls who's at bat." NYT oped

"...hydrovoltaics, the molecular generation of electricity from water."

Guo Wanlin Nanjing U

"...we don't know everything....natural systems are astonishingly intricate, reciprocal, creative, and self-organizing as they emerge and evolve all around us. We can learn to dance with those systems but not drive them."

Chip Ward

Warnock, Rev. Raphael:

"People who have no vision traffic in division...
it's my job to be the state's conscience."

Warraich, Haider:

The Song of Our Scars: The Untold Story of Pain

Warraich, Haider

Nothing is as important

to our ability to survive as our ability to hurt.

Pain relief was seen as an unnatural interruption of cosmic commandments.

our response to pain is largely mediated by the surrounding circumstances

acute and chronic pain are entirely distinct phenomena, and there is no justification for treating them the same way.

To our nervous system, chronic pain is most often akin to an emotion we feel in a part of our body, an overlearned traumatic memory that keeps ricocheting around in our brains, often long after the injury it rehearses has fully healed. Unlike acute pain, which ascends up the spinal cord to the brain from a nick on the shin or a frayed nerve in the foot, chronic pain descends down from the brain, often with no need for an incitement from below.

only thing I have gained from pain is the lived experience so essential to knowing how ceaseless suffering can wring a human spirit dry.

Yet the drive to label pain as a physical sensation, as a vital sign similar to heart rate or blood pressure, was not an organic movement founded by clinicians. It was in fact engineered by the pharmaceutical industry,

Piezo proteins, which were discovered in 2010 by Ardem Patapoutian, one of the two scientists who won the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in 2021. Named for the Greek word for pressure, these massive proteins sit across the membranes of cells.

They are shaped like propellers, with three blades and a pore in the middle that can open in response to a mechanical force. When open, the pore allows ions to enter the cell, altering its charge and sending

an electrical signal shooting up the nerves and spinal cord all the way to the brain, where the signal is processed.

Pain therefore can be considered a hallmark of consciousness.

Pain is the interpretation of nociception, translating its wordless language into a vocabulary that we can understand.

pain is a conscious, integrated experience that the human mind generates, most often (but not always) in response to nociceptive overload. Feeling pain is not like feeling other sensory elements.

pain is not an element that exists around us.

not all grimaces are the same: scientists have developed scales for different animals to infer, just from their faces, how much discomfort they are in.

Physicians are like chefs who have never tasted their own food.

Urdu, the word for journey—سفر—is a homonym of the word for suffer. That coincidence could not be more apropos. Suffering is a voyage that one often sets out on after the onset of pain.

What pain is to the body, suffering is to the heart and soul. Pain derives from physical discomfort and suffering from mental anguish.

different weight we ascribe to the realness of pain and the fuzziness of suffering.

Ann Marie Gaudon,

“clean” biological pain, as she calls it,

help patients cope with their suffering, what she calls “dirty pain.”

“Clean pain is what we feel in our bodies, whether it’s visceral, neuropathic or muscular pain. Dirty pain is how we react to our clean pain.”

Richard Dawkins wondered, “It remains a matter for interesting discussion why it has to be so... painful,” going on to ask, like a devout believer, of the silent heavens, “What’s wrong with a little red flag?”

the differences between nociception, pain, and suffering.

reduce it to a single number on a ten-point scale.

Pain isn’t just a sensation; it’s an event

It is context not biology that dictates variation in pain.

Eric Cassell,

suffering as “a state of severe distress associated with events that threaten the intactness of the person.”

“I graduated into the world of certainty,” he said. “When the patient didn’t respond, it was never because we didn’t do the right thing.”

"Suffering is the entrance to the person," said Cassell, echoing the Persian poet Rumi, explaining why he spent his life exploring the concept. "It is the door to something much larger."

The medical profession teems with compassionate doctors and nurses, students and techs, sitters and aides, receptionists and administrators. Yet the sum is much weaker than the parts.

reason most clinical interventions for pain that use painkillers or procedures and focus just on its most basic aspect fail: because they do little to address the multidimensional aspects of what it means to hurt.

how the human brain turns nociception into pain and pain into suffering.

God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our consciences, but shouts in our pains. It is his megaphone to rouse a deaf world.—C. S. Lewis

Life hurts a lot more than death. At the point of death, the pain is over.—Jim Morrison

Pain is as diverse as man. One suffers as one can.—Victor Hugo

I think modern medicine has become like a prophet offering a life free of pain.

We are healed of a suffering only by experiencing it to the full.—Marcel Proust

Over the course of the twentieth century, pharmaceutical companies have not just created a culture of medical overconsumption but effectively changed all healthcare into one giant pill mill.

Ivan Illich, the firebrand social critic who wrote *Medical Nemesis*

In the face of pain there are no heroes.—George Orwell

The things that tormented me most were the very things that connected me with all the people who were alive, who had ever been alive.—James Baldwin

Let me not beg for the stilling of my pain, But for the heart to conquer it.—Rabindranath Tagore

One can weave a tale for others but rarely for the self.

a spine that's been

touched by a surgeon is never the same again."

Ketamine induces what is called dissociative anesthesia, disrupting the connection between who we are and what we feel, detaching our consciousness from our sensory experiences. Ketamine

essentially defangs pain into nociception, separating it from the distress it causes.

Using ketamine, what I felt did not correspond to what I saw, and what I saw did not correspond to what I

felt. I heard music, but it wasn't melodious. My mind no longer occupied my body. I now occupied the entire space around me. When I was in my room, I was the room. When I was outside, I was the sky.

The opioid crisis is as much a failure of pill culture as of opioids themselves,

Elaine Goldhammer.

can get to the root cause of

what their disease is all about, where their brain came up with the idea of reproducing pain."

David Spiegel.

people who are hypnotizable can effectively decide what to pay attention to and what to ignore. Sometimes hypnotizability is a trait you are born with, but sometimes it can represent an elaborate defense mechanism, a way to disassociate oneself from personal nightmares. People who have been abused as children, for example, can be highly hypnotizable.

Pain presents a fundamental challenge to our ability to concentrate.

"The strain in pain lies mainly in the brain," said Spiegel. "The brain is wired to interpret peripheral signals, and a big component is how the brain interprets pain."

The goal of hypnosis is not to fight pain but to distract the mind away from it.

The *Body in Pain*, Elaine Scarry writes, "Pain does not simply resist language but actively destroys it."

simpler: itch.

Didier Anzieu,

"I suffer therefore I am," wrote Anzieu.

physician Susruta Benares, India,

600 BC.

"diseases fly from the presence of a person habituated to regular physical exercise."

The fear of movement is the mortar that helps erect the prison of pain.

Exercise, actually, is known to be a most potent stimulant of the body's innate painkillers.

To be rid of pain, I would have to brave a whole lot of it.

This superpower has a name: empathy. This ability to understand what another person is experiencing from their frame of reference might well be the key to ending our modern-day "pandemic."

The care of the patient with chronic pain requires clinicians to be their most empathic.

Oxytocin appears to be another way that the body finds comfort from within.

oxytocin improves pain relief is its enhancement of the placebo effect, one of the body's most potent shields against suffering.

The secret sauce of the placebo effect is therefore the medical ritual, one greatly enhanced by kindness. Placebos can't heal a fracture; they can't sew back a ruptured appendix. But they can make the difference between a healer and a technician.

by "making a commitment to being present."

A major factor in the decline of multidisciplinary care was insurance companies.

the rampant corporatization of medicine.

acceptance and commitment therapy (ACT), which represents the most modern wave of cognitive behavioral therapy,

Pain acceptance,

the most important choice in their journey: choosing a life dominated by pain or one dominated by agency.

pain presents the strongest argument against the fallacy of mind-body dualism.

Our subjective experiences can fundamentally change our physiology.

people who experience racial discrimination have been found to have a greater sensitivity to discomfort.

Instead of using "all in the head" to belittle, we should use it to empower.

help people maximize their own inner ability to achieve harmony.

"To paraphrase Virginia Woolf, considering how common pain is, it's strange that it hasn't 'taken its place with love and battle and jealousy among the prime themes of literature.'

—Daniel Wallace, author of Big Fish

end Warraich

Warren:

"I believe in fairness. There is nobody in this country who got rich on his own. Nobody. You built a factory out there - good for you. But I want to be clear. You moved your goods to market on the roads the rest of us paid for. You hired workers that the rest of us paid to educate. You were safe in your factory because of police forces and fire forces that the rest of us paid for. You built a factory and it turned into something terrific - God Bless! Keep a big hunk of it. But part of the underlying social contract is you take a hunk of that and pay forward for the next child who comes along."

"No, Mitt, corporations are not people. People have hearts, they have kids, they get jobs, they get sick, they love and they cry and they dance. They live and they die. ...We don't run this country for corporations, we run it for people. "

"Refusing to invest ... is the budgetary equivalent of cutting off your feet to save money on shoes."

Elizabeth Warren

A: I am a capitalist. Come on. I believe in markets. What I don't believe in is theft, what I don't believe in is cheating. That's where the difference is. I love what markets can do, I love what functioning economies can do. They are what make us rich, they are what create opportunity. But only fair markets, markets with rules. Markets without rules is about the rich take it all, it's about the powerful get all of it. And that's what's gone wrong in America.

E Warren

"[Fox News] is a hate-for-profit racket...it's all about dragging in ... big ad money...it profits from racism and hate."

"Markets without rules are theft."

"One of the hardest parts of this is all those little girls who are going to have to wait four more years."

end Elizabeth Warren

"... ultimately Jack [Burden] realizes that one must 'go out of history into history and the awful responsibility of Time'."

Robert Penn Warren, *All the Kings Men*, wiki.

"...in the short run, one cannot employ freedom of speech, freedom to worship, freedom of the press unless one first enjoys the freedom to live."

Robert W Warren, district court judge, referring to Patrick Henry

"History is one long regret. Everything might have turned out so differently."

Charles Dudley Warner, on electric vehicles old poster

"...problems of self-regulation – of appetite, emotion, impulse, and cupidity – may well be the defining social pathology of our time."

Judith Warner NY Times mag 6-2010

"...when it comes to climate, the right-wing media, which is skewed toward an aging Republican audience, may simply be obsolete.

In other words, it's not that the right can't attack the climate kids because of their age.

Rather, it's that because of their age, the right's attacks feel especially feeble."

Charlie Warzel NYT

"...to flood the zone with so much low-quality information that the marketplace of ideas becomes a landfill where it's impossible to separate the good from the garbage."

"...one of the few ways to political power is to never, ever stop making content."

Charlie Warzel

"It's the helplessness that makes people crazy."

Anne Washburn

"Liberty, when it begins to take root, is a plant of rapid growth."

George Washington

George Washington Farewell Address: 9-19-1796:

"The common and continual mischiefs of the spirit of party are sufficient to make it the interest and the duty of a wise people to discourage and restrain it.

...bear in mind that towards the payment of debts there must be revenue; that to have revenue there must be taxes; that no taxes can be devised which are not more or less inconvenient and unpleasant."

"Religious controversies are always productive of more acrimony and irreconcilable hatreds than those which spring from any other cause."

George Washington

"Few men have virtue to withstand the highest bidder.
Guard against the impostures of pretended patriotism."

George Washington

"... arrows ... never can reach the most vulnerable part of me."

G Washington on his critics criticism.

"The freedom of speech may be taken away - and, dumb and silent we may be led, like sheep, to the slaughter."

G Washington

"A primary object ... should be the education of our youth in the science of government. In a republic, what species of knowledge can be equally important? And what duty more pressing ... than communicating it to those who are to be the future guardians of the liberties of the Country."

... "assemble the youth of every part under such circumstances, as will, by the freedom of intercourse and collision of sentiment, give to their minds the direction of truth, philanthropy and mutual conciliation."

end George Washington

"Democracy Dies in Darkness."

Washington Post

"There's a difference between solitude and isolation. Isolation is when it feels lonely. Solitude is more peaceful."

Mia Wasikowska

"Legends are often history processed to point some moral."

"Was it not probable that, long ago, long before the beginnings of written history, our ancestors had worshipped a divine mushroom?"

R Gordon Wasson

Waterhouse, Amanda, teacher:

Dear Parent or Guardian:

I have your child.

*Be assured, he is physically fine,
But he is in great danger: his mind is exposed,
his thoughts vulnerable.*

I threaten the ideas you taught him.

*You will see your child at night, early mornings, and weekends,
but the rest of his time belongs to me.*

*I am not asking for money or making demands.
Like it or not, I will change him;
and when I am done,
He will be a little less yours.*

by Amanda Waterhouse

"If you stand up and be counted, from time to time you may get yourself knocked down. But, a person flattened by an opponent can get up again. But a person flattened by conformity stays down for good."

Thomas Watkins via Dabakis"

"Avoid boring people."

James Watson

"I've never had a customer come to me and ask to pay a higher price..."

John S Watson, CEO Chevron

Watson, Paul - EarthForce!:

from Wrenched book interview, 2020.

"... that's when it struck me. We are insane..."

I don't care what people think about what we're doing, because we don't represent them.

We represent the victims of humanity. ...So that was the life-changing moment for me...

I plead responsibility, not I plead guilty.

One of the most successful activists of all times was the Fox... Because he was one person, acting by himself, without the knowledge of any single other person. That was the key to his success.... Don't bring anybody in on it.

Human beings have this incredible ability to adapt to diminishment. So as things are diminished, they just simply accept that and move on. They forget where they've been and have very little vision as to where they're going into the future."

EARTHFORCE!: An Earth Warrior's Guide to Strategy 3rd Edition

1992 United Nations Conference on the Environment and Development in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

1972 the year we placed twelve billboards in Vancouver with the word ECOLOGY in large letters. And underneath we had a short sentence that read-Look it up! You're involved.

Sun Tzu. The book, entitled The Art of War has been considered on ecological strategy. The second source is

Miyamoto Musashi. The work is entitled The Book of Five Rings.

The third source is the written and presented

"The supreme art of war is to subdue the enemy without fighting."-Sun Tzu

MIYAMOTO MUSASHI (1584–1645) "there is nothing outside of yourself that can ever enable you to get better, stronger, richer, quicker, or smarter. Everything is within.

Everything exists. Seek nothing outside of yourself."

Gorin No Sho which translates as The Book of Five Rings.

book of strategy aimed at the individual.

"Every society honors its live conformists and its dead troublemakers."

— Marshall McLuhan

Strategy is to be found through five paths. These paths are named after the natural spirits of Earth, Water, Fire, Wind, and Dreams.

I don't know why people are so keen to put the details of their private life in public; they forget that invisibility is a superpower.-Banksy

Cassandra principle. Cassandra was the prophetess of ancient Troy whose curse was the ability to see the future and to have everyone dismiss her prophecies.

Rod Marining also a co-founder of Greenpeace said to me: "The transformation of human consciousness on a mass scale can't happen, unless there are two factors. First,

a huge mass visual death threat to survival of our species and two, the threat of the loss of a people's jobs or their values.

Once these two factors

are in place humans begin to transform their thinking over-night".

the four horses of pestilence, famine, war and terrorism are stampeding at full gallop toward us while our backs are turned away from them.

Always talk in sound-bytes. Keep it simple. Do not clarify. Never

over-estimate the intelligence of the viewer, the listener or the reader. Ignore the question put to you if it does not serve your purpose. Say what you wish to say. Stay in control.

Emotion will always triumph over fact. Emote. Use humor. Convince the viewer to like you.

The Media defines reality. What is real is what is reported.

Never appear too serious, but at the same time be thoughtful. Use wit and humor but never appear too humorous. Do not be cynical. Never speak directly to your opponent, but use your conversation or debate to address the public at large. At the same time, do not appear to be discourteous to your opponent. Never lose your temper in public. Be calm, project confidence, and never be at a loss for an answer.

Celebrity equates to credibility.

Confidence is the defense against ridicule and criticism.

the media is not interested in the content of your news. The media is interested in the delivery. Drama, not data. Scandal and sex, not statistics. Violence and visuals, not viewpoint.

"Societies have always been shaped more by the nature of the media by which men communicate than by the content of the communication."-Marshall McLuhan

Always appear before the media as confident, knowledgeable, in control, and in command. Never debate defensively in the media or in public. Strive to be the David to your opponent's Goliath but without demonstrating weakness. There is a moral advantage to being the underdog. Never appear too powerful, too wealthy, or too strong.

publicity, make it work for you. Negative publicity can be turned into positive publicity. As Oscar Wilde once remarked, "The only thing worse than being talked about, is not being talked about."

"The bag's not for what I take, Colson, it's for what I find along the way."-Richard Dean Anderson-McGyver

Ninety percent of success is simply being there—consistently and with patience. Always be prepared to take the initiative.

Money should be like grace: a gift. It is not worth sweating and scheming for."-Edward Abbey

Use diplomacy and deception if necessary. DECEPTION

All confrontation is based on deception. This is called the strategy of tactical paradox.

When you are able to attack, you must seem unable. When you are active, you should appear inactive. When you are near, you should have the enemy believe you are far.

And when far, near. Bait the enemy. Pretend to be disorganized, then strike.

If the enemy is secure, then be prepared. If the enemy be of superior strength, then evade.

If your opponent has a weakness of temper, then strive to irritate. Make a pretense of being weak and cultivate your opponent's arrogance. If your opponent is at ease, then ensure that they are given no rest. If the forces of your opponent are united, then seek to divide them. Attack when the enemy is unprepared.

The knowledge and acceptance of the inevitability

of your death coupled with your acceptance of the inevitability of dying will allow you the freedom to proceed and to fight without fear. To conquer the fear of death is to conquer all fears.

Russell Means said to me, "we are not concerned with winning or losing nor are we concerned about the odds against us. We're here because it is the right thing to do and the right place to be."

the northern Portuguese port of Leixoes.

Sometimes you have to do things without an escape option simply because it is the right thing to do.

Modern media is a battlefield of opposing ideologies. Upon this battlefield, truth is manipulated and thus becomes a tool of strategy.

There is no objective truth outside of science, and subjective truth is the root cause of conflict. If you control the media, you control a perception of reality.

All conflict is merely the result of disagreements in perception of reality.

1977 I have never yet been successfully sued in a civil court, we have never been convicted of a felony crime and we have never injured anyone nor have my crew ever sustained any serious injuries.

Sometimes deception is confused with lying but the difference is that lying is unethical whereas deception is strategic. The difference between lying and deception is based on perception. The truth is always a lie in the eyes of the opposition.

Focus on the objective and understand that the end justifies the means within the rules of engagement that have been adopted for the campaign.

Deception against an enemy is simply strategy.

Criticism from the enemy is an indication of success.

If your enemies make accusations, ignore them. If your enemy becomes angry, antagonize them. If your enemy becomes conciliatory, don't trust them.

It is the quiet enemy that one must be vigilant against. Those who talk, rarely act, and those who act, rarely talk.

The nature of politics is deception. The nature of police work is deception. Media itself is a deception operating under the deceptive illusion of objectivity. Media actually defines reality and therefore it is the ultimate tool of deception.

The internet is the ultimate application of deception because it allows absolutely anyone to be anyone they like and to advance their own opinions as fact.

Reality itself is what one perceives reality to be and everyone lives in a separate reality.

Objectivity is a deception. Sustainability is a deception.

what most people consider evil or wrong-doing seem to prevail more often due to not having any moral qualms about deception.

Strategy is like a bow and tactics are the arrows. The preparation and handling of the bow directs the flight of the arrow. The objective is the target.

in Court it was imperative to have a solid strategy and a coordinated leadership with a reliable chain of command. But sometimes reliable needs to be seen as unreliable and competency needs to be seen as incompetency and sometimes victory needs to be perceived as failure and failure as victory.

We need just enough professionals to keep the ships running and the volunteers alive, but we need the volunteers to achieve the impossible.

What is, may not be all that is Perceived Play the fool if thou arte the King, Play the King if thou arte the Fool. Weak is Strong and Strong is Weak, Right can be Wrong, and Strong may be Meek.

What is Right, can be Wrong. What is Wrong, may be Right . Our Strategy is what makes us Strong, The superior Deception wins the Fight. For in the end, Justice will prevail, In our Noble Quest to Save the Whale.

Conflict is like a fire. If you do not put it out, it will burn itself out, but only after it consumes the participants.

Wear down the enemy with hit and run tactics if you find that victory cannot be swift and decisive.

when possible, seize, utilize, and exploit the materials, tools, intelligence, and weapons of the opposition.

if you are visibly effective and leave yourself defenseless and open to attack, you WILL be taken out by the opposition-without question.

"When this ship becomes a democracy, you'll be the first to know."-Captain James T Kirk (To a crewmember on the Starship Enterprise) (on leadership)

Consensus always arrives at a decision which is most compatible with the weakest individual participating.

Leadership should give birth to tactics and strategy.

In direct confrontation, never compromise. In indirect confrontation use compromise as a tactic of deception only.

it is the effort expended in the present that determines the future.

I love confrontation because of the clarity experienced through action,

We fight best when we do so without thought of winning or losing, we struggle best without thought and without fear of the consequences.

I did not wish to protest. Instead I was determined to intervene.

property damage is justified if the property that is targeted is being employed in an illegal operation.

find an effective way to intervene.

United Nations World Charter for Nature that allows for intervention by individuals and non-governmental organizations.

The skillful leader subdues the enemy's forces without fighting:

Foreman put it: "If you live in a mansion, you're going to fight to keep it. But if you live in an Apache wickiup, when the vermin move in, well, then you simply move out."

Turn all attacks upon you into strategies of retaliation.

Your enemy, if understood, will provide the key to your victory

"When you realize the value of all life, you dwell less on what is past and concentrate more on the preservation of the future."-Dian Fossey(Last entry in her journal the night she was murdered).

Water always flows where it is easiest to flow. Intuition always finds the easiest path of least resistance.

manage millions. Divide your followers

The environmental movement is composed of moderate and extremist factions. Utilize both.

The enemy should come to you.

If you do not wish to fight, prevent the enemy from engagement. You can do this by throwing something odd and unpredictable in the way.

Tactics are like water; for water in its natural course runs away from high places and moves downward. In confrontation, the way is to avoid what is strong and to strike at what is weak. Water shapes its course according to the nature of the ground over which the media IS the message and the media is also the message. Individuals are constantly being manipulated, adjusted, realigned, coaxed, stroked and maneuvered.

When you surround an opposing force, always leave a way free for your opponent to retreat. Have your enemy believe that there is an escape route to prevent the strength generated by despair and hopelessness. Do not put your opposition in a position to be completely humiliated. Humiliation inspires desperation.

"Use anger to throw them into disarray, use humility to make them haughty. Tire them by flight, cause division among them. Attack when they are unprepared, make your move when they do not expect it. Be extremely subtle, even to the point of soundlessness, Thereby you can be the director of the opponent's fate."-Sun Tzu
decisions can only be made by those who have their head on the block.
Expendable agents must not have knowledge of their real role. They too must be deceived.

the men and women who form the backbone of your intelligence operation. They should be people of intelligence, but give a foolish or common appearance. They must be able to tolerate humiliation.

deception is the foundation of strategy, intelligence is the backbone of strategy supporting all strategic maneuvers and tactical operations.

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THE 36 STRATEGIES

Miyamoto Musashi

One: The Art of Invisibility.

Two: The Helpful Big Brother Scheme.

Three: The Virtue of Friends.

Four: Be Rested as Your Opponent Wearies.

Five: As Others Drown, Dive for the Pearl.

Always use the troubles of others as an opportunity to gain for your cause.

The calm warrior steps adroitly around the burning wreckage, selects what is needed and escapes unseen and undetected.

Six: Spreading Manure.

Leave false clues and signals.

Seven: Materializing the Ghost.

lead your opponent to believe your fantasy is reality.

Eight: The Wizard of Oz. A false front.

Nine: The Strategy of Passive Observation.

Ten: Cloak and Dagger.

Infiltrate your opposition. Gain their trust. Win their confidence. When you have the complete trust of your opponents, you can then move secretly against them.

ELEVEN: The Strategy of Sacrifice.

Twelve: The Strategy of Resourcefulness.

Thirteen: Piercing the Veil.

bait a response.

Fourteen: The Strategy of Innovation and Imagination.

Do not do what others do.

constantly escalate and change your strategy,

Fifteen: The General Wolfe Approach.

Sixteen: The Strategy of Patience.

Keep your opposition on the run. When their energy has expired-move in for the capture.

Seventeen: Trading Glass for Diamonds.

Eighteen: Capture the General to Subdue the Army.

concentrate on taking out the leader.

Nineteen: Pouring Water on the Powder.

Twenty The Strategy of Confusion.

Twenty-One: The Lobster Strategy.

the facade of being in one place after having moved on to another place.

Twenty-two: Lock the hen house to keep the eggs.

keep infiltrators from your opposition in check.

Twenty-Three: Keep Your Allies Distant. Your Enemies Near.

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Twenty-Four. The Strategy of Manipulation.

Twenty-Five. Seducing Your Opponent's Followers.

Twenty-Six. The Art of Indirect Chastisement.

Twenty-Seven. The Strategy of Ignorance.

To achieve an objective you may have to feign ignorance, stupidity or incompetence. But you must do so brilliantly.

Twenty-Eight: The Point of No Return.

You should manipulate your opposition into a position of no return

Twenty-Nine: The Fireworks Strategy.

If you can't achieve your aims through facts, then baffle your opposition with bullshit.

Deceive with dazzling dramatics, fabricate fantasies

Educate through the media of entertainment. Exploit existing myths and create your own myths and legends.

Thirty: The Transformation of Guest Into Host.

Thirty-One: The Strategy of Feminine Beauty.

feminine is a force that must be taken advantage of

it is strategically advantageous to always take advantage of any weakness for the benefit of the cause or objective.

Thirty-Two: The Strategy of Vulnerability.

Thirty-Three: The Strategy of Double Agents.

Thirty-Four: The Art of Being a Victim.

Thirty-Five: The Strategy of Orbiting Circles.

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Thirty-Six: The Art of Retreat.

"The man who is right is a majority. He who has God [Earth] and conscience on his side, has a majority. Though he does not represent the present state, he represents the future state. If he does not represent what we are, he represents what we ought to be. "-

Frederick Douglass

end Watson, Paul

"...current crop of right wing lunatics who populate...the Utah legislature."

George K Watt, Ut Republican legislator, 1979-81

"...climate change is a form of cultural aggression – people of one culture destroying the material basis of another."

Sheila Watt-Cloutier

Alan Watts:

'the Western ego, the primacy of self that our entire civilization is intricately designed to shore up and protect, simply does not exist....we have suffered from the cultural delusion - put forth by a corporate media and government working overtime to keep consciousness locked up, as our industries suck the lifeblood from our planet - that the psychedelic revolution of the 1960s was a failure.' by Daniel Pinchbeck in Intro to 2013 edition of *The Joyous Cosmology*:

and via T Leary in Foreward:

'...words ... for which our language has no vocabulary.... the fifth freedom - the freedom to expand one's consciousness beyond artifactual cultural knowledge.'

"A better word may be 'contemplation' ... a slowing down of time..."

No one is more dangerously insane than one who is sane all the time...

... four dominant characteristics:

...a slowing down of time, a concentration in the present;
awareness of polarity;
awareness of relativity;
awareness of eternal energy."

"You are a function of what the whole universe is doing in the same way
that a wave is a function of what the whole ocean is doing.... Alan Watts

"This is all there is;
the path comes to an end
among the parsley."
Alan Watts on death

"...psychedelic drugs are simply instruments, like microscopes, telescopes, and
telephones."

Alan Watts, via Grob book, pdf
"...the taboo against knowing who you are."
Alan Watts

from *This is It* and other essays

"... *this* - the immediate, everyday, and present experience - is It, the entire and ultimate
point for the existence of a universe...

... the pretentious nonsense which passes for the serious business of the world would
dissolve in laughter....

my own LSD experiences ... all aspects of the world become meaningful rather than
meaningless.... all things appear to be their own point....the point of the action is each
moment of its unfolding and not just the temporal end of the performance.

LSD ... shows the relativity of our ordinary evaluation of sense-data by suggesting
others. It permits the mind to organize its sensory impressions in new patterns.

I became vividly aware ... that what I call shapes, colors, and textures in the outside
world are also states of my nervous system...

... awareness of awareness, of myself from inside myself.

To become the sensations, as distinct from having them, engenders the most
astonishing sense of freedom and release.

Ordinarily, ... we feel quite distinct from our physical surroundings, facing them rather
than belonging in them. ... we ignore and screen out the physical fact of our total
interdependence with the natural world.

The sensation that events are happening of themselves, and that nothing is them
happen and that they are not happening to anything, has always been a major feature of
my experiences with LSD.

...with LSD one appears to ... become aware of the mutuality of one's own form and
action and that of the surrounding world."

"...the more my actions are directed towards future
pleasures, the more I am incapable of enjoying any pleasures at all...

You can only live in one moment at a time, and you cannot think simultaneously about
listening to the waves and whether you are enjoying listening to the waves."

"If a culture cannot afford an area in itself where pure nonsense happens, and where it is
not practical, it has no objectives, it was for no reason whatsoever... then this culture is
dead."

end of Alan Watts

Waughh, Evelyn:

"[the literary world:] those who can write but cannot think, those who think but cannot
write, and those who can neither think nor write but employ themselves at international
congresses lecturing on the predicament of the writer in modern society."

"Right and wrong have no meaning in the arts."

Ardean Watts

"The difference between Republicans and Democrats is that Republicans believe people are fundamentally bad, while Democrats see people as fundamentally good," J C Watts

"The new Republican majority seems intent on restoring the robber-baron era."

Henry A Waxman

"...there are some people on the right who...look at society...in Darwinian terms. If you succeed in life because you had advantages God wanted you to succeed. And if you fail, it's your own fault – why should anybody else have to help you?. I reject that. It's inconsistent with my values. I disagree very strongly with it."

Rep. Henry Waxman, quoted by Anna Deavere Smith

Weaver, Nicholas:

"...the cryptocurrency space, at heart, is simply a giant ponzi scheme where the only way early participants make money is if there are further suckers entering the space."

"There is a fundamental tension between Capitalism, which is based on money, and Democracy, which is based on people.

Democracy is a system based on one person – one vote; Capitalism is a system based on one dollar – one vote.

It's not about people at all – it's about money.""

Tom Webb, Canada, character in Capitalism: A Love Story

"The modern state is a compulsory association which organizes domination."

Max Weber via Piven

Weber, Stefan:

"It's a gold mine - Austrians' Schadenfreude." plagiarism researcher.

"The freest government can not long endure when the tendency of the law is to create a rapid accumulation of property in the hands of a few, and to render the masses poor and dependent."

"I should indeed like to please you; but I would prefer to save you, whatever be your attitude toward me."

Daniel Webster

"The best and most believable lies or deceptions are ones closest to the truth, and even better are deceptions which actually *are* the truth disguised by the way of telling, or by leaving out some critical detail."

Peter Webster on Kykeon Eleusis

"People who would never board an airplane piloted by a person who has never flown before, or even used a flight simulator, apparently want to elect as president someone who has never served in public office....

anger is not the only emotion coursing through Republican veins. There is also a widespread sense of doom.... the Republican Party — large parts of it, at least — is moving in the direction of insularity, defensiveness and discomfort... The struggle within

the Republican Party right now centers on those who, figuratively speaking, want to rebuild the village and those who want to burn it down..."

Peter Wehner see pdf

"[Trump's] theory of management involves the cultivation of chaos. ... His disordered personality thrives on mayhem and upheaval ... "We have as president the closest thing to a nihilist in our history — a man who believes in little or nothing, who has the impulse to burn down rather than to build up. When the president eventually faces a genuine crisis, his ignorance and inflammatory instincts will make everything worse.

[Trump is] anti-order. .. an institutional arsonist. It is an irony of American history that the Republican Party, which has historically valued order and institutions, has become the conduit of chaos."

"Everybody who gets close to ... or supportive of ..[Trump]...is stained by him.

... full-spectrum corruption... the life of Donald Trump."

"Havel said they were 'living within the lie.' In such a situation life becomes farcical, demoralizing, a theater of the absurd. It is soul-destroying...

People who are a corrupting influence have been voted into office; they can be voted out of office... Each of us can refuse to become complicit in lies. We can refuse to defend them, refuse to believe them, and refuse to spread them...

There is no one who can do to the coronavirus what Attorney General William Barr did to the Mueller report...

"...people rarely restrict themselves to believing a single conspiracy theory; they usually come in clusters. Soon enough, they become the prism through which budding conspiracists see the world...

Once they are deep in, conspiracy theorists live in a distorted reality, a world of shadows, a hall of mirrors."

Peter Wehner

"To be wise is not to know particular facts but to know without excessive confidence or excessive cautiousness....Wisdom, which avoids extremes, improves adaptability"

K E Weick

Weill, Kelly:

"Cults and conspiratorial movements are cousins. You're either helping the movement or actively hurting it."

via review: ' One you believe in one conspiracy theory, it is much easier to start believing in others.'

"Don't trust anyone over 30."

Jack Weinberg see also Shaw

"The effort to understand the universe is one of the very few things that lifts human life a little above the level of farce and gives it some of the grace of tragedy."

"...the more the universe seemed comprehensible, the more it seemed pointless... humans gave the universe their own point and purpose..."

Steven Weinberg

"Men and women are not content to comfort themselves with tales of the gods and giants, or to confine their thoughts to the daily affairs of life;...

The effort to understand the universe is one of the few things that lifts human life a little above the level of farce, and gives it some of the grace of tragedy. "

Steven Weinberg, *The First Three Minutes*

"...for good people to do evil things, it takes religion."

Steven Weinberg

"Having cancer has taught me the value of living in a community. We assist the infirm, pay our taxes and donate to charity, and getting vaccinated ... is just another important social responsibility. After all, we're in the same herd."

Steven L Weinberg

"... the transformative effect of Nazism as a mindset and organization ..."

Paul Weindling on Nazi expts bk pdf

"...God? He is for suckers and Republicans."

Eric Weiner

"...This culty hero worship of the uneducated, it's very depressing...I don't want to identify with the conservative movement anymore."

Janet Weimer, wife of Michael Savage (his name is Michael Alan Weiner).

"The most probable outcome of a radically diminished state is thus neither a collection of empowered individuals liberated from the constraints of government nor a grand community of equality and solidarity. Rather, it is a riven, fractured, unequal world in which both individuals and the larger public are sacrificed to the needs of clans of all sorts."

Mark S Weiner

"The abuse of religion by the right in this country is hypocrisy....Working together for the good of the people does not create discord. Leaving the poor dangerously uninsured, starving, and with no funds for education creates discord and opposition. Bailing out the

banks but not giving jobs or housing or health care resources to our citizens creates discord and opposition - and we're seeing opposition at last in the Occupy Wall Street movement across the country.

Poverty is at its highest level in decades no matter which study or recent rewrite you use. One in six Americans, and one in four children, lives under the poverty line. The disparity between rich and poor has tripled in the last three decades - it's now the biggest disparity since 1915, the age of the robber barons - largely because of policies increasing tax breaks for the rich.

...Religion does not block acknowledging science, including global warming, evolution and the economic

facts. God did not create man to be an ostrich with his

head in the sand ignoring science and facts; God created a high-powered creature at the top of the intellectual pyramid. We are people, not ostriches."

Robert Weiner

Alan Weisman, The World without Us:

"We think of diseases and epidemics as something really bad. For nature, it's just a tool...tests .. were available from the World Health Organization. Our own president... refused them...Most of my best friends are Homo sapiens..."

"Over the course of the past one hundred years, we humans have grown in population at a rate rarely seen outside of a petri dish."

Andrew D Blechman, Orion, re: Alan Weisman

from Alan Weisman, Countdown, 2014 paper:

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

Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, 1989

"The Palestine Liberation Organization's best weapon is the Palestinian womb."

Yassar Arafat

"...the words *God* and *nature* are equivalents. So nature is the same as God."

rabbi Dudi Zilbershlag

"Take care not to corrupt and destroy My world, because if you ruin it there is no one to come after you to put it right."

Jeremy Benstein, from a midrash on the Torah

"When you see great deprivation entering the world, keep your wife childless."

The Talmud

"There can be no permanent progress in the battle against hunger until the agencies that fight for increased food production and those that fight for population control unite in a common effort."

Norman Borlaug, Nobel speech

"Let's not be embarrassed to discuss what God wasn't embarrassed to create."

Costa Rica Ministry of Health

"The American way of life is not negotiable."

George H W Bush (Bush I)

"I've never seen a problem that wouldn't be easier to solve with fewer people, and utterly impossible if there were more."

Sir David Attenborough

"[Given] the long-term consequences created by the decline of mortality, there is an inescapable need for a global *containment of births*,..."

The Vatican, Pontifical Council for the Family, 1994.

"The Church has a responsibility towards creation and she must assert this responsibility in the public sphere. In so doing, she must defend earth, water and air as gifts of creation that belong to everyone."

Pope Benedict XVI

"We're stuck in a past that we didn't build."

Sabrina Provenzani, Italian

"Mother Earth is too tired to sustain more children."

Lin Xia, slogan of Chinese National Population Commission

"Allah does not want us to have children we cannot feed or care for."

Sultan Al-Haji Ali Zaki

"When a girl receives an education, she educates the entire family."

Afshan Tabassum

"Mothers shall suckle their children for two whole years."

Shaikh Tanveer Ahmad quoting Qur'anic verse 2:233, the Surah Al-Baqara

"...you can't say 'family planning'. You must say 'birth spacing'. If it's about health, they accept. Numbers, they resist."

Shaikh T Ahmad

"One is good. Two is enough."

Iranian government slogan, 1989

"...what will happen is what women want. And they don't want three."

Iranian demographer Abbasi-Shivazi

"...you save women so that women will save the world."

Hourieh Shamshiri

"The closer the economy approaches the scale of the Earth, the more it will have to conform to the physical behavior of the Earth....a great deal of qualitative change can happen inside a steady state, and certainly has happened on Earth....In choosing

between tackling a political impossibility and a biophysical impossibility, I would judge the latter to be the more impossible, and take my chances with the former.”

Herman Daly

“It’s a more peaceful society when a large part of the population is aged. The aged won’t sacrifice health care for guns...there’s hope for us to find a geriatric peace.”

Japanese senator and demographer Kuniko Inoguchi

“There is no condom for consumption.”

Paul Ehrlich

“Had we...let nature take its usual course, it would periodically roar through our population with pandemics, just as it burns through forests to thin overgrowth... Everyone remembers a world that was better. Less crowded. Lovelier. Where they felt freer....

...either we take control ourselves, and humanely bring our numbers down by recruiting fewer new members of the human race to take our places, or nature is going to hand out a pile of pink slips.”

Alan Weisman

“Be fruitful and multiply was superseded by a post-flood mandate to live peacefully with all of God’s creatures....

Sustainability means you don’t make things go extinct...

That’s the value of science - to help us understand what Creation is saying about itself.””

Rev. Richard Cizik

end of Countdown quotes and Weisman

Weiss, Bari:

“...the increasingly elastic notion of ‘safety’ was wielded, once again, into a powerful weapon...

The enlightenment, as the critic Ed Rothstein has put it, has been replaced by the exorcism. ..

People join things that make them feel good, that give them meaning, that provide them with a sense of belonging.

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

“It is our duty to resist the crowd in this age of mob thinking. It is our duty to speak truth in an age of lies. It is our duty to think freely in an age of conformity.”

“The only societal problem in the world of *Atlas Shrugged* is that government is mean to business and unfair to the wealthy.”

Gary Weiss on Ayn Rand

“...you always have to lie a little to tell the truth.’

Victor Weisskopf

Weissman, Drew:

"He just wants to do his thing, think about things, make his brain happy and move on," Mary Ellen said. see also kariko , mrna

"Censorship has in effect neutered society , transforming it into a damaged, irrational, and purposeless creature."

"legacies of Communist authoritarianism can combine with predatory capitalism to build new political structures of daunting power. The world's democracies have not figured out what to do about this even as they sense themselves falling behind or, worse, beginning to fit in. Traditional democratic values have begun to slip away. Economic and political trends reach beyond national borders, seem large and unstoppable, and are destroying values and ideals that human societies have evolved over centuries....

"Nazi" is taboo in Germany, but when I used it with the casino clerk, I meant it not as an expletive but as a general analytic term: A culture asserts its superiority, an ethnicity its purity, and the horde below is not only different but inferior, in need of being guided and, if necessary, ruled by force. Hence slavery is justified....

The great challenge facing German and other Western governments is whether they can find a way to exit the carnival of profit making with their moral integrity intact."

"Once you don't have a place to go, you can go anywhere."

"I think it is so positive, to be poor, and to have an empty life as a child. I think you establish an understanding of how vulnerable our humanity can be."

"If the doors and windows are shut, you don't have a view."

"I used to think the danger was from authoritarianism. But now, I really sense that corporate capitalism is a bigger danger to the whole human environment. It's going to totally destroy human society by encouraging the desire just to have more, just to get profit."

"We have to go back to humanism....Respect for individuals' lives, property and development,"

Ai WeiWei

"Hillary's candidacy has become the perfect lightening rod for the trifecta of sexual confusion, envy, and paranoia that is assaulting [the American mind].... White men who are hating Hillary so irrationally are terrified that they will lose the significant scaffolding that artificially inflated and discriminatory sexual stereotypes play in their very core self-definition ... Losing special status is painful, unpleasant, and shamefully exposing. Naturally, most men who feel this way do not acknowledge or even understand the feeling. It becomes an inchoate feeling of dislike for Hillary, a feeling-state awaiting explanation.... Envy is one of our least recognized psychological phenomena, and it quickly turns into character assassination. What we envy in others we distort and reverse. We do not like to acknowledge our envy, even to ourselves. Thus, we distort our understanding of what we are feeling. They are not really better than us. They have not gotten to where they are because of any special talent they might have. They have cheated. They must be "crooked." ... Hillary's "sin" is not just her feminine status. It is also her competence.... The primary reason Hillary Clinton is so hated is because she is a woman who is exceptionally competent in a world of human minds that have become increasingly sexually perplexed, envious, and paranoid."

Bryant Welch

Welch, Gillian: "I wanna do right, but not right now." country singer.

"Until this moment, Senator, I think I never really gauged your cruelty or your recklessness ... Have you no sense of decency, sir? At long last, have you left no sense of decency?"

Joseph N Welch on Sen Joseph McCarthy

"Much sheer effort goes into avoiding the truth: left to itself, it sweeps in like the tide."

Fay Weldon

Orson Welles:

"The audience votes by buying tickets ... I can think of nothing that an audience won't understand. The only problem is to interest them. Once they are interested, they understand anything in the world."

"Only through our love and friendship can we create the illusion for the moment that we're not alone."

"...the strip of celluloid is performed like a musical score, and this performance is determined by the editing, just as one conductor will interpret a piece of music..."

"A man like Kane ... believes that politics as the means of communication, and indeed the nation itself, is all there for his personal pleasuring." [The audience he craves he also hates] "Such men as Kane always tend toward the newspaper and entertainment world. They combine a morbid preoccupation with the public with a devastatingly low opinion of the public mentality and moral character."

Orson Welles

H G Wells:

from HG Wells' Mind at the end of its Tether:

"...there has been a fundamental change in the conditions under which life, not simply human life but all self-conscious existence, has been going on since its beginning. ...this world is at the end of its tether. ...

We live in reference to past experience and not to future events. ...

...in the present vast confusion of our world, there was always the assumption of an ultimate restoration of rationality, and adaption and a resumption. ...

Events now follow one another in an entirely untrustworthy sequence. No one knows what tomorrow will bring forth...

The realization of limitation and frustration is the beginning of the bitter wisdom of philosophy. ...

...the Bible, bless it! will say any old thing one wants it to say if only one picks out what one needs...so that one never sees it as a whole. ...

Life ... struts and frets his hour upon the stage and then is heard no more ... a tale told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing ..." from Crux Ansata, quoting Macbeth, Shakespeare

"Moral indignation is jealousy with a halo."

"Human history becomes more and more a race between education and catastrophe."

When a man realizes his littleness, his greatness can appear."

"human history becomes more and more a race between education and catastrophe."

"...the common criminal is generally a rather ingenious person who last lost his way early in life and fallen into social rebellion. ...Normal people free from fear will learn by a natural appetite, and go on learning as naturally as they eat and go on eating."...since they cannot disentangle themselves from their ingrained ideas, and since they cannot cast out or suspend the old, they are incapable of taking in the new."

"...this craving for a release from ...daily demands and urgencies, from responsibilities and tempting distractions, is shared by an increasing number of people who ... find themselves eaten up by first hand affairs...But...there has been a progressive emancipation of the attention from everyday urgencies.."

"The bird is a creature of the air, the fish is a creature of the water, man is a creature of the mind."

"Our true nationality is mankind." in Outline of History

"No passion in the world is equal to the passion to alter someone else's draft."

Wells' suggested epitaph:

[epitaph](#) should be: "I told you so. You *damned* fools."

"...you can't shoot truth...No more miracles." George in The Man who could Work Miracles. "They were apes only yesterday - give them time." The Go

We travel on roads so narrow that they suffocate our traffic; we live in uncomfortable, inconvenient, life-wasting houses out of a love of familiar shapes and familiar customs and a dread of strangeness; all our public affairs are cramped by local boundaries impossibly restricted and small. Our clothing, our habits of speech, our spelling, our weights and measures, our coinage, our religious and political theories, all witness to the binding power of the past upon our minds.

on Wells by George Orwell:

"too sane to understand the modern world."[\[72\]](#)

after World War II, Wells became so convinced of humanity's doom, without a world revolution, that he revised the last chapter of "A Short History of the World" to include the extinction of mankind.

The Croquet Player:

"...a shadowy discomfort ... deepening slowly into fear ... The Evil.

...a malignant presence...

There's something ...so refreshingly unimaginative about you. Like white paper... purely psychic infection...

Diabolism had returned to the earth. We have to exorcise these devils....

The Frame of Our Present...

the future opens like a gulf to swallow us up...

spreading miasma of the mind...

A new Plague - of the soul...

A distress of the mind that has long lurked...spreading into a world epidemic...

Civilization ... has been ... a falsity...

Madness ... is poor Nature's answer to overwhelming fact...

The Wrath to come...

What am I to do about it?...

But if I'm to think...that's too much."

see The End Closes in Upon Mind p.67 1st PP and very last PP Last Books of...pdf
And - On p. 17, by G P Wells and Warren Wagar:

'Old and tired, broken in health [but not] in spirit, sickened by an aimless war then in its sixth year, H.G. Wells surprised his readers in 1945 by prophesying the imminent extinction of civilised life on earth.'

"Moral indignation is jealousy with a halo."

'[H G Wells] The historian of the ages to come.' by Joseph Conrad

"Wells was too sane a man to understand 20th-century craziness; the world had outstripped his imagination." via Adam Gopnik

end of H G Wells

"Never separate the life you live from the words you speak."

"We all do better when we all do better."

Paul Wellstone

"... if there is a suspicion that a patient will knowingly and purposefully endanger others, there would need to be a discussion had about keeping that patient in the hospital against his will."

"Public health is housing. It's food. It's clean air. It's education. It's the ability to level the unequal playing field."

Leana Wen

favorite Lin Yutang: "Besides the noble art of getting things done, there is the noble art of leaving things undone. The wisdom of life consist in the elemination of nonessentials."

Ming Wen UU Sociology chair

"In [Obama's] last year in office the United States dropped an estimated 26,172 bombs on seven countries."

Stephen Wertheim nyt

"...you can't evict an idea whose time has come."

"You've got to be a thermostat rather than a thermometer. A thermostat shapes the climate of opinion; a thermometer just reflects it. Lincoln was a thermostat...FDR, too."

"[Justice is] what love looks like in public."

Cornell West

West, Kanye:

"Name one genius who ain't crazy."

Westen, Drew:

When Dr. King spoke of the great arc bending toward justice, he did not mean that we should wait

for it to bend. He exhorted others to put their full weight behind it..."

but his stories

virtually always lack one element: the villain who caused the problem, who is always left out,

described in impersonal terms, or described in passive voice, as if the cause of others' misery has

no agency and hence no culpability. Whether

the arc of history does not bend toward justice through capitulation cast as compromise.

"...most Americans believe the Republicans and Democrats could both use some time on the couch.

"...the two parties ... diverge in the value they place on intellect...Republicans have moved in increasingly anti-intellectual directions....intellect is not just a liability for a Republican primary contender, but a disqualifier."

"...those who aren't completely corrupted by a system designed to corrupt even the most decent person often find themselves aware, at some level of consciousness, that what is for sale is their souls, as they compromise the interests of their constituents for the special interests of the few...Without this issue resolved, nothing else matters...Legally laundered cash in Washington soils everything it touches and prevents us from solving nearly every problem that we confront today."

Drew Westen

Burns S Weston and David Bollier, Green Governance, 2014 see pdf:

"...we have reached a point in history where we are in grave danger of destroying Earth's life-sustaining capacity.... [due to] outmoded conceptions of economics, national sovereignty, and international law."

...free-market economics ...has given rise to a legal apparatus and political system that elevates territorial sovereignty and material accumulation over shared stewardship of the natural environment."

...human societies will not succeed in overcoming our myriad eco-crisis through better green technology or economic reforms alone. We must pioneer new types of governance."

...the fight for a new ecological governance system is tantamount to a fight for human survival."

The first step toward ecological sanity requires that we recognize our myriad ecological crises as symptoms of an unsustainable cultural, socioeconomic, and political worldview."

...humans are deeply imbued with the pernicious belief that Nature is ... a commodity for ownership and maximum profit much as, appallingly, we once bought and sold human beings at auction."

"...the law does not allow malpractice suits against economists."

Samuel C Weston

Westover, Tara:

"... that check ... contained a universe. It allowed me to experience for the first time what I now know to be the most powerful advantage of money, which is the ability to think of things besides money. That's what money does. It frees your mind for living."

Weyermann, Diane:

"What I love about film is it's a creative medium. It's not just 'Let's focus on an issue and educate,' but: 'Let's tell a story, let's tell it beautifully, let's tell it poetically. Let's tell it in a way that isn't so obvious.'"

"...Marx makes it abundantly clear...that his definition of poverty...is about the crushing of the human spirit."

Francis Wheen on Das Kapital

We are all, as psychiatrist R.D. Liang put it, "living in a post-hypnotic trance induced in early infancy."

Ray Wheeler

Consilience – unification of knowledge between different branches of learning."

William Whewell via Sarah Greene and Wikipedia

"[Alcoholics Anonymous] founders believed the root of alcoholism was a mammoth ego resulting from an entitled sense of unquestioned authority..."

women are expected to blame themselves, follow instructions and fall into line in a patriarchal society. ...

program ...designed to break down white male privilege...

The antidote to my drinking problem was learning it was safe to trust myself, developing a sense of confidence and rejecting the humility women are conditioned to embrace. I also turned a critical eye on the society that helped make me sick in the first place.

...the antidote to my drinking problem looked a lot like feminism...

Holly Whitaker

White, Micah (co-founder Occupy):

"...a new kind of environmental activism... It is the exhilaration of winning a bloodsport and that is exactly what the new activism promises to do."

"Lacking control is highly aversive, so we instinctively seek out patterns to regain control – even if those patterns are illusory."

Jennifer Whitson, U Texas, Austin

Wikipedia:

Liberté, égalité, fraternité, French for "Liberty, equality, fraternity (brotherhood)",^[1] is the national motto of France...is incorporated into both the 1946 and the 1958 French constitutions.

"Liberty consists of being able to do anything that does not harm others: thus, the exercise of the natural rights of every man or woman has no bounds other than those that guarantee other members of society the enjoyment of these same rights."

Equality, ...

The law "must be the same for all, whether it protects or punishes. All citizens, being equal in its eyes, shall be equally eligible to all high offices, public positions and employments, according to their ability, and without other distinction than that of their virtues and talents."

"...the special status of corporations has placed them in a position to control vast amounts of economic power which may, if not regulated, dominate ... the very heart of our democracy. ...The State need not permit its own creation to consume it."

Justice Byron White, 1978

"...we may soon have to make a clear choice between the special nation to which we pledge our allegiance and the broad humanity of which we are born a part."

"Democracy is the recurrent suspicion that more than half of the people are right more than half of the time."

E B White

"The historian serves no one well by constructing a specious continuity between the present world and that which preceded it," he wrote. "On the contrary, we require a history that will educate us to discontinuity more than ever before; for discontinuity, disruption and chaos is our lot."

...all stories are fictions...employment...

"In history, we don't just remember the dead, we do their remembering for them. And that's an awesome responsibility, but a necessary one."

Hayden White, NYT obit

"You have become blind and deaf to the rights of man to pursue life and happiness, and you have crushed those rights so that the sacred right of property shall be preserved ... To hell with your courts, I know what justice is."

Jack White via Zinn, p. 333

Lynn White:

"...no item in the physical creation had any purpose save to serve man's purposes...

"Christianity is the most anthropocentric religion the world has seen....

"Christianity made it possible to exploit nature in a mood of indifference to the feelings of natural objects...

Zen Buddhism conceives the man-nature relationship as very nearly the mirror image of the Christian view...

...we reject the Christian axiom that nature has no reason for existence save to serve man.

"...orthodox Christian arrogance toward nature.

By destroying pagan animism, Christianity made it possible to exploit nature in a mood of indifference to the feelings of natural objects.

The Greeks believed that sin was intellectual blindness, and that salvation was found in illumination...clear thinking."

Latins ...felt that sin was moral evil, and that salvation was to be found in right conduct. Eastern theology has been intellectualist. Western theology has been voluntarist.

The Greek saint contemplates; the Western saint acts."

Lynn White, Historical Roots, Science, 1967
The Historical Roots of Our Ecologic Crisis
Lynn White Jr.
Science 155 (1967) 1203—1207.

"We should try to clarify our thinking by looking ... at the presuppositions that underlie modern technology and science.

Our ecologic crisis is the product of an emerging, entirely novel, democratic culture.

What people do about their ecology depends on what they think about themselves in relation to things around them. Human ecology is deeply conditioned by beliefs about our nature and destiny--that is, by religion.

We continue today to live, as we have lived for about 1700 years, very largely in a context of Christian axioms.

What did Christianity tell people about their relations with the environment? ...no item in the physical creation had any purpose save to serve man's purposes.

Christianity is the most anthropocentric religion the world has seen.

...
Christianity ... insisted that it is God's will that man exploit nature for his proper ends.

By destroying pagan animism, Christianity made it possible to exploit nature in a mood of indifference to the feelings of natural objects.

What we do what about ecology depends on our ideas of the man-nature relationship. More science and more technology are not going to get us out of the present ecologic crisis until we find a new religion, or rethink our old one.

The present increasing disruption of the global environment is the product of a dynamic technology and science which were originating in the Western medieval world ... Their growth cannot be understood historically apart from distinctive attitudes toward nature which are deeply grounded in Christian dogma.

No new set of basic values has been accepted in our society to displace those of Christianity. Hence we shall continue to have a worsening ecologic crisis until we reject the Christian axiom that nature has no reason for existence save to serve man.

Our present science and our present technology are so tainted with orthodox Christian arrogance toward nature that no solution for our ecologic crisis can be expected from them alone. Since the roots of our trouble are so largely religious, the remedy must also be essentially religious."

end Lynn White

"Danger grants preciousness to life."

The trouble with the increasing information asymmetry is that the actions of the knowers become unintelligible to the ignorant.

Micah White

“..to lack humour is almost inhuman. But with Trump, it’s a fact.

”[Trump is] a bully...except when he is among bullies; then he suddenly transforms into a snivelling sidekick..”

Nate White

“What does it mean that our nation-states suddenly seem less potent and our armies are infected by an invisible contagion they cannot eradicate... if we .. seek to pass through this in hasty expectation of a return to normal,..we are missing the ..point of the exercise.”

Thomas Joseph White, Father, via Ross Douthat

Alfred North Whitehead, " seek simplicity, and distrust it."

“The universe is vast. Nothing is more curious than the self-satisfied dogmatism with which mankind at each period of its history cherishes the delusion of the finality of its existing modes of knowledge. Sceptics and believers are all alike. At this moment scientific sceptics are the leading dogmatists. Advance in detail is admitted; fundamental novelty is barred This dogmatic common sense is the death of philosophic adventure. The universe is vast.”

“The rejection of any source of evidence is always treason to that ultimate rationalism which urges forward science and philosophy alike.”

“...the fallacy of misplaced concreteness...”

Alfred North Whitehead

"The major advances in civilization are processes that all but wreck the societies in which they occur."

“Civilization advances by extending the number of important operations which we can perform without thinking about them.”

"fundamental progress has to do with the reinterpretation of basic ideas."

Alfred North Whitehead

Here’s the problem of every storyteller – to make sense of the chaos, to gather all the plot strands into dramatic unity. To figure out the ending, no matter what the plot throws at you. All those shifting, jostling you’s, and all their lessons. The universe may seem like a lonely place sometimes, but there are as many you’s as there are stars in the sky. Maybe one of them will step up at the right time and tell you what to make of it all. Congratulations again on finishing Act I. Welcome to the complications.”

Colson Whitehead

Author, “The Underground Railroad”

Connecticut College, May 21

Whitehouse, Sheldon:

“Amicus briefs are a form of lobbying that has two terrible aspects—the interests behind them are hidden, and they are astonishingly effective in terms of the win rate. They open up real avenues for secret mischief.”

“Social distancing may prove an antidote to destructive overcrowding. With a new era of park management dawning, revisiting bedrock principles central to preserving ‘America’s best idea’ may be especially timely.”

Tim Whitehouse

Whitman, Walt:

"Resist much, obey little." via Abbey

"...democracy is not merely a technique of government...but equally a paradigm of individual self-fulfillment."

"There will soon be no more priests. Their work is done. They may wait awhile...perhaps a generation or two...dropping off by degrees...A new order shall arise and they shall be the priests of man, and every man shall be his own priest."

"Resist Much Obey Little."

"Happiness ... not in another place, but this place, not for another hour, but this hour."

"I can conceive of no better service... than boldly exposing the weakness, liabilities and infinite corruptions of democracy."

"Those [?] who lo[?]ve each ot[?]her shall become inv[?]incible."

...the elementary laws never apologize."

"I think I could turn and live with animals, they're so placid and self-contained, I stand and look at them long and long.

They do not sweat and whine about their condition,

They do not lie awake in the dark and weep for their sins,

They do not make me sick discussing their duty to God,

Not one is dissatisfied, not one is demented with the mania of owning things,

Not one kneels to another, nor to his kind that lived thousands of years ago,

Not one is respectable or unhappy over the whole earth."

Walk Whitman, via B. Russell, *The Conquest of Happiness*

"The lottery is a tax on the mathematically illiterate."

Glen Whitney

"This job gives me a chance to do what I wanted to do all my newspaper life — knock the bleeding crap out of the people who are corrupting the country..."

Les Whitten

"...numerical tyranny..." NYT oped

Ted Widmer

Wiener, Norbert:

"...it is only a humanity which is capable of awe, which will also be capable of controlling the new potentials which we are opening for ourselves. We can be humble and live a good life with the aid of the machines, or we can be arrogant and die....

if we move in the direction of making machines which learn and whose behavior is modified by experience, we must face the fact that every degree of independence we give the machine is a degree of possible defiance of our wishes. The genie in the bottle will not willingly go back in the bottle, nor have we any reason to expect them to be well disposed to us.... if we are granted power commensurate with our will, we are more likely to use it wrongly than to use it rightly, more likely to use it stupidly than to use it intelligently....

the machines will do what we ask them to do and not what we ought to ask them to do....

These new machines have a great capacity for upsetting the present basis of industry, and of reducing the economic value of the routine factory employee to a point at which he is not worth hiring at any price. If we combine our machine-potentials of a factory with

the valuation of human beings on which our present factory system is based, we are in for an industrial revolution of unmitigated cruelty.."

Norbert Wiener, 1949, The Machine Age

Norbert Wiener:

There is danger in trusting decisions to something which cannot think abstractly, and may therefore be unlikely to identify with intellectual human values which are not purely utilitarian.

Progress imposes not only new possibilities for the future but new restrictions.

Information is information; it is neither matter nor energy.

end Norbert Wiener

"They are turning to conspiracy theories because they think there's nowhere else to turn."

Scott Wiener in NYT

Wiesel, Elie:

"The age of hypocrisy has been succeeded by that of indifference, which is worse, for indifference corrupts and appeases: it kills the spirit before it kills the body. ..the opposite of love is not hate, but indifference."

"... whenever wherever human beings endure suffering and humiliation, take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented."

"What is the sense of living in a universe that tolerates unimaginable cruelty?"

Elie Wiesel

"...indifference: the most insidious danger of all".

"We must take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented. Sometimes we must interfere.... When human lives are endangered, when human dignity is in jeopardy, national borders and sensitivities become irrelevant."

Elie Wiesel

"Hate Knows No Frontiers, Neither Racial Nor Ethnic. Hate Is Contagious, Wearing Different Masks, It Can Be Found Among All Religious And Social Communities."

Elie Wiesel

"We must always take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented."

"At Auschwitz, not only man died, but the idea of man."

end Elie Wiesel

Wieslander, Anna:

"The question is, can you take out the insurance when the house is on fire?" re Finland and NATO.

Wiesner, Stephen:

"We need some periods of anarchy when new or irreverent thoughts and changes can come forward."

Jonathan B Wight Saving Adam Smith - see Smith

"... there are no boundaries in the universe. Boundaries are illusions, products not of reality but of the way we map and edit reality."

Ken Wilber

Read more at: <https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/e/ellawheele135434.html>

"Truth, in matters of religion, is simply the opinion that has survived."

"The only thing worse than being talked about is not being talked about."

"Most people are other people. Their thoughts are someone else's opinions, their lives a mimicry, their passions a quotation.."

"Consistency is the last refuge of the unimaginative. "

"spreadable media that have been remixed or parodied as emergent memes which are then iterated and spread online as [internet] memes"

Bradley Wiggins

Wilcox:

"To sin by silence, when we should protest, Makes cowards out of men."

Ella Wheeler Wilcox (often attributed to Lincoln)

Wilde:

"The one duty we owe to history," said Oscar Wilde, "is to rewrite it."

"Give me a ladder that is twice as stable,
And I will climb it twice as high;
But give me a cause for caution,
And I'll be twice as shy."

Oscar Wilde (1854-1900)

"The fact is that civilization requires slaves. The Greeks were quite right there. Unless there are slaves to do the ugly, horrible, uninteresting work, culture and contemplation become almost impossible. Human slavery is wrong, insecure, and demoralizing. On mechanical slavery, on the slavery of the machine, the future of the world depends."

Oscar Wilde, 1895

"Religions die when they are proved true.

Science is the record of dead religions." Oscar Wilde

"It is better to have a permanent income than to be fascinating."

"The one duty we owe to history is to rewrite it."

"Nothing is so dangerous as being too modern. One is apt to grow old-fashioned quite suddenly."

"Most people are other people. Their thoughts are someone else's opinions, their lives a mimicry, their passions a quotation."

"If one tells the truth, one is sure, sooner or later, to be found out."

"We are all in the gutter, but some of us are looking at the stars."

"A writer is someone who has taught his mind to misbehave."

"To live is the rarest thing in the world. Most people exist. That is all."

"Give [a man] a mask and he'll tell you the truth."

"Man is least himself when he talks in his own person. Give him a mask and he will tell you the truth."

Oscar Wilde's *The Soul of Man Under Socialism*, a wise and witty essay that recommends both equality and indolence, and appears to believe you can't have one

without the other. And: "Disobedience, in the eyes of anyone who has read history, is man's original virtue. It is through disobedience that progress has been made, through disobedience and through rebellion."

Oscar Wilde: "Man is least himself when he talks in his own person. Give him a mask and he will tell you the truth."

"A map of the world that does not include Utopia is not worth even glancing at..."

O Wilde via Naomi Klein

end Oscar Wilde

Wildfire, Jessica (via Medium):

"We didn't win the second world war, not by ourselves. We didn't beat Hitler. It was the Soviet Red Army. They captured Berlin and finished the Nazis. They bled more."

:"...the executive, in times of national crisis, can invoke emergency powers to protect the Constitution."

Sean Wilentz

Isabel Wilkerson:

"Throughout American history white-supremacist ideas deemed taboo have simply gone undercover."

via Kihlnani NYer

"Trump's White House is as culturally barren as it is politically toxic."

Francis Wilkinson

Modern capitalism, the authors suggest, selects for assertiveness, for a lack of sentimentality in business and comfort in sacking underlings, and for showy displays of economic strength. From the top to the bottom of the income spectrum, people use conspicuous consumption and other means of enhancing their image to project status. The least secure are often the most likely to exaggerate their qualities.

Richard Wilkinson, Pickett economist review inequality

"Rooting...is prayer in a secular setting."

...no one can have sustained transactions with Trump without becoming too soiled for subsequent scrubbing....

Trump's energy, unleavened by intellect and untethered to principle, serves only his sovereign instinct to pander to those who adore him as much as he does.

"Populism - lawlessness in the service of curdled envy and resentment."

"beyond what Winston Churchill could have imagined when he warned that Nazism's triumph would mean the world would "sink into the abyss of a new Dark Age made more sinister, and perhaps more protracted, by the lights of perverted science."

"...Stalin's use of randomness to intensify fear...Beijing is pioneering a sinister fusionism that melds Leninism and Stalinism with an ethno-nationalism reminiscent of fascism."

George Will

"Show some reason why a thing is so, or cease to hold that it is so."
William of Conches 12th century.

Williams, Carolyn Randall:

"...what so many Black Americans know and live every day: that so much of white America is deeply racist, in ways that are impossible to quantify but that are nevertheless felt, and that bear out in the vote." via her NYT oped

On March 24, 1990, while campaigning as a Republican to be Governor of Texas, Williams compared bad weather to rape, telling ranch hands, campaign workers and reporters gathered around a campfire, "If it's inevitable, just relax and enjoy it."

Clayton Williams, from NRA Ring of Freedom description, site.

"I want to give rationality a fighting chance."

"...the stereotypical jock mentality, small brains thinking they're superior because they're surrounded by big muscles."

Evan Williams @ev Twitter co-founder, Medium founder

"If poetry isn't revolutionary, it's nothing. Poetry is heightened language, and language exists to effect change, not to be a tranquilizer."

Heathcote Williams, via obit, pdf.

"...our recent hard times have given me perspective. We Americans are spoiled. Life has always been hard and people survive much worse and find ways to find joy in the moments."

Jill Williams

"To be truly radical is to make hope possible, not despair convincing."

Raymond Williams quoted by A Lovins

"You're only given a spark of madness. You mustn't lose it."

"I guess I fear my consciousness becoming, not just dull, but a rock. I couldn't spark."

"Death is Nature's way of saying, 'You're table is ready'."

"Cocaine is God's way of telling you that you have too much money"

"Remember, suicide is a permanent solution to a temporary problem"

Robin Williams

"Just read the story. And stick to the main points."

Robin Williams' daughter

"Love doesn't make sense. That's why earthlings think it's so wonderful."

Mork, by Robin Williams

Williams, Schneider, Robin's 3rd wife:

"...we as a culture don't have the vocabulary to discuss brain disease in the way we do about depression. Depression is a symptom of LBD and it's not about psychology – it's rooted in neurology. His brain was falling apart."

"Silence about a thing just magnifies it..."

I'm not living with you.

We occupy the same cage." Maggie in Cat on a Hot Tin Roof

Tennessee Williams

Williams, Terry Tempest:

"I used to ask the question, 'Am I an activist or a writer?' I don't ask that anymore. I am simply a human being engaged."

"I am not married to sorrow. I just choose not to look away."

you reach a point when you think, "What do I have to lose?" and you become fearless.... I have to re-find my voice every time I pick up my pencil. It's usually out of love or loss or anger. And the question then becomes: how do we take our anger and turn it into sacred rage and find a language that opens hearts rather than closes them?... there's also the silence that censors us, that tells us what we have to say does not want to be heard, should not be heard, has no value. And that if we speak, it will be at our own peril. This kind of silence is deadly.

...each time I have testified before Congress it has been a demeaning experience. And I think they want it that way.... I don't think there is anything as powerful as an active heart. And the activists I know possess this powerful beating heart of change. They do not fear the wisdom of emotion, but embody it. They know how to listen. They are polite when they need to be and unyielding when necessary. They remain open, even as they push boundaries and inhabit the margins, understanding eventually, the margins will move toward the center. They are tenacious, informed, patient, and impatient, at once. They do not shy away from what is difficult. They refuse to accept the unacceptable. The most effective activists I know are in love with the world... in the village of Rugerero with Rwandan women who had lost everything from war, I saw a light in their eyes return when their children began picking up paintbrushes and painting the walls of their homes. Joy entered in. Creativity ignited a spark. In that moment, I saw that art is not peripheral, beauty is not optional, but a strategy for survival.... beauty feeds a different kind of hunger. And when there's so much ugliness in the world that we've created, I think it's essential, that whether it's pausing in a garden with a trowel in hand, or walking up to Delicate Arch in Arches National Park, or picking up a paintbrush with children, our soul seizes beauty and is sustained.... Finding beauty in a broken world is acknowledging that beauty leads us to our deepest and highest selves. It inspires us. We have an innate desire for grace. It's not that all our definitions of beauty are the same, but when you see a particular heron in the bend in the river, day after day, something in your soul stirs. We remember what it means to be human.

"I think despair shows us the limits of our imagination..."

...I continue to learn in the desert. It's the stillness that mentors me. It's the silences that inspire me in a world where there's so much noise and distraction."

"This is how I survive. With a family name like Tempest, I can only contain myself for so long until an eruption occurs: anger, joy, irreverence, love. These essays are my howl."

[Erosion]

"Like the red rock desert before me, I too am eroding. nothing fixed. Nothing static. Only a steady state of flux."

Foreward to Bowden's posthumous *Dakotah*, 2019, see under Bowden quotes.

"Beauty is not optional. It is a strategy for survival."

"This 'continuing trail of statements' is called freedom of speech, Your Honor, not 'anarchy'. We are all shamed by this sentence. The criminal is not DeChristopher but our justice system."

Terry Tempest Williams

on Terry Tempest Williams:

"She admits to writing each of her books as though composing an intimate letter to a stranger... Williams chooses her words carefully, as if each word is a river stone that she rolls around in her palm, testing its weight, deciding if it feels right. The way she speaks mirrors her writing—fragmented, aligning pieces of ideas like a mosaic....Devon Frederickson.

from *Wrenched*, 2020 book interview: coyoteclan.com

"If we really want to stretch culture, if we really want to take down the machine, so to speak, then we're not going to make people comfortable. Ed surely didn't... Silence is time. Here in the desert, rocks tell time differently. Silence is everything to me, in terms of what it nourishes, what it feeds, and what inspires in terms of a creative life. If I don't have silence in my life, if I don't have stillness, if I don't have open space, then I am left standing on the edge of madness....

Silence is also paradoxical, because it has a shadow side that is familiar. In the dominant, patriarchal culture and religion that I come from, it was very easy to be silenced, to be self-silent, to have self-censorship. When I think about silence, I ask, am I moving toward the silence that nourishes me or am I moving toward the silence that censors me....

in terms of being silenced, the first step we take to shatter that silence is direct action..."

"Is it possible to make a living by simply watching light? Monet did. Vermeer did. I believe Vincent did too. They painted light in order to witness the dance between revelation and concealment, exposure and darkness. Perhaps this is what I desire most, to sit and watch the shifting shadows cross the cliff face of sandstone or simply to walk parallel with a path of liquid light called the Colorado River. In the canyon country of southern Utah, these acts of attention are not merely the pastimes of artists, but daily work, work that matters to the whole community.

This living would include becoming a caretaker of silence, a connoisseur of stillness, a listener of wind where each dialect is not only heard but understood.

end Terry Tempest Williams

Williams, Thomas Chatterton:

"It is of course easier to spot xenophobia in others than to find it in the mirror..."

"...pure Wall Street malignity in concentrated form." on Steven Mnuchin

Kevin D Williamson

Read more at: <http://www.nationalreview.com/article/453869/steven-mnuchin-louise-linton-embarrassing>

"Love is what we were born with. Fear is what we learned here."

"...the dark underbelly of American society: the racism, the bigotry...

this dark psychic force of the collectivized hatred that this president is bringing up in this country...the only thing that will defeat him...is a moral uprising of the American people."

"...people heal when there's some deep truth-telling."

Marianne Williamson

"American colonists opposed taxation without representation, they accepted taxation with representation..."

"If democratic taxation endangers oligarchy, charity is fundamentally aristocratic. Charity fosters hierarchy, empowers the wealthy, and undermines democracy. However benevolent a philanthropist's intentions, to donate money to others is to exert control over their lives. And because these decisions are necessarily made by those with the money to give, charity is an avenue by which the rich in particular assert their power. It is, by definition, arbitrary, determined by a donor's whims. Charity can provide personal warmth, but not systemic fairness; it can be kind, but it cannot be just."

philanthropy is not a democracy. It is a modern aristocracy.

There is a moral value to being confronted with the harsh truth that all citizens... are implicated in the behavior of their government.

Vanessa Williamson

"We say on our money, 'In God We Trust', but our military budget suggests that this is a lie."

William H Willimon, United Methodist Bishop

"...money and religion make for a poisonous combination..."

Gary Wills

"When Jefferson spoke of pursuing happiness... He meant public happiness...the test and justification of any government."

Gary Wills

Colin Wilson:

"...the history of mankind since about 2500 B.C. is little more than a non-stop record of murder, bloodshed and violence...."

man's intelligence has resulted in a certain lopsideness, a narrow obsessiveness that makes us calculating and ruthless.

Criminality is not a perverted disposition to do evil rather than good. It is merely a childish tendency to take short-cuts....an attempt to get something for nothing....

Freud once said that a child would destroy the world if it had the power. ...A criminal is an adult who goes on behaving like a child.

Crime is renewed in every generation because human beings are children; very few of us achieve anything like adulthood.

Colin Wilson

Evolution 101 David Sloan Wilson see pdf Levine Secularism – see also p. 184 on evolution via music

"Literal belief is most likely to exist at the edges of religion, not at the center..,"

"Nothing is more attractive to me than a muddled domain awaiting its first theory,"

Wilson likening the Book of Revelation to the ranting of "a paranoid schizophrenic who was allowed to write down everything that came to him."

"Darwin is the one who changed everything, our self-conception; greater than Copernicus..."

Wilson, E.O.:

Wilson calls the "amphetamine of ambition."

Half-Earth: Our Planet's Fight for Life

Wilson, Edward O.

What is man? Storyteller, mythmaker, and destroyer of the living world. Thinking with a gabble of reason, emotion, and religion. Lucky accident of primate evolution during the late Pleistocene. Mind of the biosphere. Magnificent in imaginative power and exploratory drive, yet yearning to be more master than steward of a declining planet.

Born with the capacity to survive and evolve forever, able to render the biosphere eternal also. Yet arrogant, reckless, lethally predisposed to favor self, tribe, and short-term futures. Obsequious to imagined higher beings, contemptuous toward lower forms of life.

For the first time in history a conviction has developed among those who can actually think more than a decade ahead that we are playing a global endgame. Humanity's grasp on the planet is not strong. It is growing weaker. Our

population is too large for safety and comfort. Fresh water is growing short, the

atmosphere and the seas are increasingly polluted as a result of what has transpired on the land. The climate is changing in ways unfavorable to life, except for microbes, jellyfish, and fungi.

we thrash about, appallingly led, with no particular goal in mind other than economic growth, unfettered consumption, good health, and personal happiness.

I've written Half-Earth as the last of a trilogy that describes how our species became the architects and rulers of the Anthropocene epoch, bringing consequences

In body and soul we are children of the Holocene, the epoch that created us, yet far from well adapted to its successor, the Anthropocene.

we stumble forward in hopeful chaos, trusting that the light on the horizon is the dawn and not the twilight.

Jean Bruller had it right when on the brink of World War II he wrote that "all of mankind's troubles are due to the fact that we do not know what we are and cannot agree on what to become."

Gerard Manley Hopkins: Generations have trod, have trod, have trod; And all is seared with trade; bleared, smeared with toil; And wears man's smudge and shares man's smell; the soil Is bare now, nor can foot feel, being shod.

Alexander von Humboldt

"The most dangerous worldview is the worldview of those who have not viewed the world."

The Descent of Man: It must not be forgotten that although a high standard of morality gives but a slight or no advantage to each individual man and his children over the other men of the same tribe, yet that an advancement in the standard of morality and an increase in the number of well-endowed men will certainly give an immense advantage to one tribe over another.

the beautiful world our species inherited took the biosphere 3.8 billion years to build.

We have come a very long way through the barbaric period in which we still live, and now I believe we've learned enough to adopt a transcendent moral precept concerning the rest of life. It is simple and easy to say: Do no further harm to the biosphere.

The Social Conquest of Earth

Wilson, Edward O.

Great visual art in particular is the expression of a person's journey, an evocation of feeling that cannot be put into words.

Henry David Thoreau, who earlier had retreated to his tiny cabin on the edge of Walden Pond "to front only the essential

facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach . . . to cut a broad swath and shave close, to drive life into a corner, and reduce it to its lowest terms.”

The painting is not an answer. It is a question.

Humanity today is like a waking dreamer, caught between the fantasies of sleep and the chaos of the real world. The mind seeks but cannot find the precise place and hour. We have created a Star Wars civilization, with Stone Age emotions, medieval institutions, and godlike technology. We thrash about. We are terribly confused by the mere fact of our existence, and a danger to ourselves and to the rest of life. Religion will never solve this... The creation myth is a Darwinian device for survival.

HUMAN BEINGS CREATE cultures by means of malleable languages.

Homo sapiens is what biologists call “eusocial,” meaning group members containing multiple generations and prone to perform altruistic acts as part of their division of labor. prehuman ancestors had to achieve eusociality in a radically different way from the instinct-driven insects.

the human brain became simultaneously highly intelligent and intensely social.

Thus was born the human condition, selfish at one time, selfless at another, the two impulses often conflicted.

properties of our distant ancestors: large size and limited mobility.

on the road to eusociality was the control of fire. Ground

the control of fire became a pivotal event in the zigzag journey to the modern human condition.

believing campsites were the crucial adaptation on the path to eusociality: campsites are in essence nests made by human beings. All animal species that have achieved eusociality, without exception, at first built nests that they defended
one of the australopith species shifted to the consumption of meat.

In simplest terms habilis became smarter than the other hominins around them.

reasonably good explanation of why the human condition is a singularity, why the likes of it has occurred only once and took so long in coming.

Our ancestors were one of only two dozen or so animal lines ever to evolve eusociality, the next major level of biological organization above the organismic. There, group members across two or more generations stay together, cooperate, care for the young, and divide labor in a way favoring reproduction of some individuals over that in others.

The opposition between the two levels of natural selection has resulted in a chimeric genotype in each person. It renders each of us part saint and part sinner.

group selection is clearly the process responsible for advanced social behavior.

humanity lives in a largely mythic, spirit-haunted world.

We owe that to our early history.

The early humans needed a story of everything important that happened to them, because the conscious mind cannot work

without stories and explanations of its own meaning. The best, the only way our forebears could manage to explain existence itself was a creation myth. And every creation myth, without exception, affirmed the superiority of the tribe that invented it over all other

tribes. That much assumed, every religious believer saw himself as a chosen person. To question the sacred myths is to question the identity and worth of those who believe them.

we save the living world, we will also automatically save the physical world, because in order to achieve the first we must also achieve the second. But if we save only the physical world, which appears our present inclination, we will ultimately lose them both.

The Meaning of Human Existence

Wilson, Edward O.

The unfolding of history is obedient only to the general laws of the Universe. Each event is random yet alters the probability of later events.

We are about to abandon natural selection, the process that created us, in order to direct our own evolution by volitional selection—the process of redesigning our biology and human nature as we wish them to be.

The time has come to consider what science might give to the humanities and the humanities to science in a common search for a more solidly grounded answer than before to the great riddle of our existence.

Eusociality

The expansion of the human brain was one of the most rapid episodes of complex tissue evolution in the history of life.

We are all genetic chimeras, at once saints and sinners, champions of the truth and hypocrites—not because humanity has failed to reach some foreordained religious or ideological ideal, but because of the way our species originated across millions of years of biological evolution.

A group of uncooperative, poorly communicating individuals will lose to its better organized competitors.

multilevel selection, with a powerful role of group-to-group competition, has been a major force in the forging of advanced social behavior—

To be kept forcibly in solitude is to be kept in pain, and put on the road to madness.

people prefer to be with others who look like them, speak the same dialect, and hold the same beliefs. An amplification of this evidently inborn predisposition leads with frightening ease to racism and religious bigotry.

a large part of human creativity is generated by the inevitable and necessary conflict between the individual and group levels of natural selection.

Studying the relation between science and the humanities should be at the heart of liberal education everywhere,

The most successful scientist thinks like a

poet—wide-ranging, sometimes fantastical—and works like a bookkeeper. It is the latter role that the world sees.

Confined to a small box of awareness, they celebrate the tiny segments of the continua they know, in minute detail and over and over again in endless permutations.

Such is the reason our self-image as a species has always been distorted by deep biases and misconceptions, the “idols” of superstition and imposture described by Francis Bacon four centuries ago. They were imposed upon us not by cultural accidents, the great philosopher said, but by the “general nature of the mind.”

Phobias take a long time and a lot of therapy to remove. Yet they can be acquired with only a single experience

Rapture, a “joy excessive and sweet,” as Spain’s great mystic Saint Teresa of Ávila described it in her 1563–65 diary, can be achieved variously by music, religion—and hallucinogenic drugs such as the Amazonian religion-enhancer ayahuasca.

Neurobiologists have tracked at least some of the peak experience

an intimate relation between music and religion.

neuroscience of religion.

suggest strongly that a religious instinct does indeed exist.

Theological spirituality, in short, seeks the bridge between the real and the supernatural.

Throughout prehistory and most of history, people needed religion to explain the occurrence of most phenomena around them.

Their exquisitely human flaw is tribalism. The instinctual force of tribalism in the genesis of religiosity is far stronger than the yearning for spirituality.

humanitarian thought of pure religion, that makes good people do bad things.

Faith is biologically understandable as a Darwinian device for survival and increased reproduction. It is forged by the success of the tribe,

The true cause of hatred and violence is faith versus faith, an outward expression of the ancient instinct of tribalism. Faith is the one thing that makes otherwise good people do bad things.

faith has hijacked religious spirituality.

Danish philosopher Søren Kierkegaard called the Absolute Paradox. Dogmas forced on believers, he said, are not just impossible but incomprehensible—hence absurd.

The problem is not in the nature or even in the existence of God. It is in the biological origins of human existence and in the nature of the human mind, and what made us the evolutionary pinnacle of the biosphere. The best way to live in this real world is to free ourselves of demons and tribal gods.

Confidence in free will is biologically adaptive. Without it the conscious mind, at best a fragile dark window on the real world, would be cursed by fatalism. Like a prisoner confined for life to solitary confinement, deprived of any freedom to explore and starving for surprise, it would deteriorate.

We are, it seems, completely alone. And that in my opinion is a very good thing. It means we are completely free. As a result we can more easily diagnose the etiology of the irrational beliefs that so unjustifiably divide us.

We have become the mind of the planet and perhaps our entire corner of the galaxy as well. We can do with Earth what we please. We chatter constantly about destroying it—by nuclear war, climate change, an apocalyptic Second Coming foretold by Holy Scripture.

Homo sapiens is an innately dysfunctional species. We are hampered by the Paleolithic

Curse: genetic adaptations that worked very well for millions of years of hunter-gatherer existence but are increasingly a hindrance in a globally urban and technoscientific society. We seem unable to stabilize either economic policies or the means of governance higher than the level of a village. Further, the great majority of people worldwide remain in the thrall of tribal organized religions, led by men who claim supernatural power in order to compete for the obedience and resources of the faithful.

tribal conflict, which is harmless and entertaining if sublimated into team sports, but deadly when expressed as real-world ethnic, religious, and ideological struggles. There are other hereditary biases.

Scientists who might contribute to a more realistic worldview are especially disappointing. Largely yeomen, they are intellectual dwarves content to stay within the narrow specialties for which they were trained and are paid. Some of the dysfunction of course comes from the youthful state of global civilization, which is still a work in progress. But the greater part is due simply to the fact that our brains are poorly wired. Hereditary human nature is the genetic legacy of our prehuman and Paleolithic past—the “indelible stamp of our lowly origin”

Selfish activity within the group provides competitive advantage but is commonly destructive to the group as a whole.

In a nutshell, individual selection favors what we call sin and group selection favors virtue. The result is the internal conflict of conscience that afflicts all but psychopaths. The products of the opposing two vectors in natural selection are hardwired in our emotions and reasoning, and cannot be erased. Internal conflict is not a personal irregularity but a timeless human quality.

Destructive inborn traits of social life can be viewed as a parallel of the physical presence of parasitic organisms, and the cultural diminishment of their impact as the lessening of a tolerable dogma load.

such cultural parasite-equivalents is the religion-

they call it virtue to remain ignorant of, ongoing evolution observed

Faith is the evidence given of a person's submission to a particular god, and even then not to the deity directly but to other humans who claim to represent the god. The cost to society as a whole of the bowed head has been enormous.

psychology, anthropology, and even the history of religion itself make no sense without evolution as the key component followed through the passage of time.

Still, the ultimate force driving blind faith is not a divine afflatus. It is instead certification of membership in a group.

If our species can be said to have a soul, it lives in the humanities.

If the heuristic and analytic power of science can be joined with the introspective creativity of the humanities, human existence will rise to an infinitely more productive and interesting meaning.

“The history of conservation is a story of many victories in a losing war.

“We exist in a bizarre combination of Stone Age emotions, medieval beliefs, and god-like technology...we have lurched into the twenty-first century.”

"Deep ignorance, when properly handled, is superb opportunity."

"To save anything less than half of our planet's wilderness will turn the Anthropocene into the Eremocene, the Age of Loneliness."

"What's dragging us down is religious faith....for the sake of human progress, the best thing we could possibly do would be to diminish, to the point of eliminating, religious faiths."

"...the most successful scientist thinks like a poet - wide-ranging, sometimes fantastical - and works like a bookkeeper."

The instability of the emotions is a quality we should wish to keep. It is the essence of the human character, and the source of our creativity. We need to understand ourselves in both evolutionary and psychological terms in order to plan a more rational, catastrophe-proof future. We must learn to behave, but let us never even think of domesticating human nature.

from Consilience:

"... a vivid sense of one's personal mortality is part of the wisdom of old age ... you know so much more...the older I got, the more audacious I got. ...I'm ready to speak out and gamble a bit."

E O Wilson re: Half Earth, 32nd book in nyt review/interview

E O Wilson:

"When you have seen one ant, one bird, one tree, you have not seen them all."

E. O. Wilson

"Long term thinking is for the most part alien to the American mind."

The mind is a narrative machine.

We are drowning in information, while starving in wisdom.

...encumbered by precepts based on Iron Age folk knowledge, (theology) is unable to assimilate the great sweep of the real world now open for examination.

Advanced technology...has become the ultimate prosthesis."

We are adults who have discovered which covenants are necessary for survival and we have accepted the necessity of securing them by sacred oath."

"Genius is the summed production of the many with the names of the few attached for easy recall."

from Edward O. Wilson's On Human Nature: Chap 8 Religion:

"...organized religion must continue its retreat as darkness before enlightenment's brightening dawn.

Man, it appears, would rather believe than know.

Our schizophrenic societies progress by knowledge but survive on inspiration derived from the very beliefs which that knowledge erodes.

...religion is superbly serviceable to the purposes of warfare and economic exploitation.

The conquerer's religion becomes a sword, that of the conquered a shield.

Human beings require simple rules that solve complex problems.

The proneness of the human mind to attack problems by binary classification...

...human beings are still largely ruled by myth.

As science proceeds to dismantle the ancient mythic stories one by one, theology retreats to the final redoubt from which it can never be driven. This is the idea of God in the creation myth.

...the agent who generated all of the energy in the original fireball and set the natural laws by which the universe evolved."

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

the Eremocene — the Age of Loneliness.

NYT obit:

"Animals and plants I could count on. Human relationships were more difficult.... a congenital synthesizer". led to *Consilience*.

in Lovelock:

"How unfortunate that the Earth's first intelligent social animal is a tribal carnivore."

end E O Wilson

"The hottest places in hell are reserved for those who are neutral in a moral crisis."

Harold Wilson complicit

"The happiness of the society is the first law of government."

"Can we forget for whom we are forming a government? Is it for men, or for the imaginary beings called States?"

James Wilson

Wilson, Ralph:

Free Speech and Koch Money: Manufacturing a Campus Culture War

Wilson, Ralph; Kamola, Isaac

Stanley Fish writes: "[f]reedom of speech is not an academic value; freedom of inquiry is, and freedom of inquiry requires the silencing of voices."

"speech regulation is the university's very business."

the Koch donor network

opt instead for

creating a parallel academy where ideas that were soundly rejected in actual academic fields are revived and widely circulated within privately funded academic centers, institutes, journals, and professional associations.

Theda Skocpol and Alexander Hertel-Fernandez demonstrate

The right to say stupid, dangerous, and scientifically false things is a protected right.

"Donald Trump is insane. ...[he] reacts to stress in ways that are notably, demonstrably lunatic. He's like an escaped mental patient on the Republican debate stage."

Rick Wilson, GOP nasty media consultant

Do not, as my party did, underestimate the evil, desperate nature of evil desperate people...There is no bottom. There is no shame. There are no limits ... He is surrounded by cowards with frightening and tremendous skills ..."

Rick Wilson devil

"Most people seem to prefer to be doing something rather than nothing, even if that something is negative....[they don't like to be] left alone with their thoughts."

Timothy D Wilson, et al. SCIENCE 4-7-2014, p. 75

"After dealing with college politicians, I find that the men with whom I am dealing with now seem like amateurs."

Woodrow Wilson

Windsor, Lauren:

"Extraordinary times call for extraordinary measures...
It's exhilarating being in the arena in a battle of wits."

"...awe and the wonder and the mystery ... that is what God is ... not a bearded guy in the sky."

Oprah Winfrey

"May I be alive when I die."

D W Winnicott, British psychoanalyst

Winograd:

"He captured so poignantly the feeling of what we are today - the hollowness and the pervasive madness as well as the vitality of so much of American life."

Robert Cowley on Gary Winograd (at Jeu des Pleune, Paris, 11-2014)

"An author uses fiction to get *inside* people's minds."

Don Winslow, author

Winterer, Caroline:

"Wielding the gleaming razor of human reason, sharpened by empirical evidence, common sense, and withering sarcasm, they would slash away at traditions that rested on nothing but the dust of convention and privilege."

"If you always do what you've always done, you'll always get what you always got".

Quoted by Suzanne Winters

Dr. Suzanne Winters, Governor's Science advisor, January 27, 1995 address to The Utah Science Teachers Association

All citizens need to be scientifically literate to function effectively in an increasingly technical age and to help create and sustain a decent and vigorous society. A scientifically literate person is one who understands the key concepts and principles of science and uses scientific knowledge and ways of thinking in everyday life. We live in a world exquisitely dependent upon science and technology, yet hardly anyone knows anything about science and technology. Citizens today face a range of hard choices, from personal-- such as how to avoid contracting AIDS, to global-- such as what to do with spent fuel from commercial nuclear power reactors. People who understand science are better prepared to sort fact from myth, make sensible decisions, and urge their leaders toward enlightened public policy choices.

The Utah Science Center is being put together by people who know a lot about science. It is designed to reflect scientific knowledge, but there's nothing didactic or intimidating there at all. Frank Oppenheimer, who founded the Exploratorium in San Francisco, said: "Nobody flunks museums." There are experiments which lead people to draw conclusions about science -- to try experiments and see what happens. And the important thing is it doesn't matter ... whether they have any idea as to what the "right" physical principle is; they are getting familiar with the phenomenon in a way that fits their own tempo and learning style.

When you've encountered an idea in your own way, and brought your own thinking to bear, the idea becomes much more a part of you. It isn't something that you read about and then forget; it's a part of your own experience. Science learning is most effective

when it is powerful, irresistible, grounded in action, first hand. Get involved with the development and support the Science Center.
end Suzanne Winters

"There are tons of books for people who do have short attention spans and who don't want to read. They are just doing printed television."
Jeanette Winterson

"...young people need to test themselves. In domesticated societies so bereft of wildness, they need to register the cold scorch of fear now and then in order to feel truly alive...we train ourselves to relax in order to endure - for the sake of sheer excitement. And it's at the very edges of consciousness that we feel most brightly awake."
Tim Winton

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

"...the present [classified] classification system should be junked ... it breeds concealment and mistrust; it encourages the government to lie...Lying and secrecy have no place in a democracy."
David Wise, 1973

"...our pace of life, our actual lifestyle, is the main cause of illness and emotional distress. ...When a person consciously continues an activity that he knows is doing him harm, wouldn't that be called an addiction? Perhaps a neurotic condition? If so with an individual, what about a nation?"
Wm Van Dusen Wishard

"...malevolence tempered by incompetence."
Benjamin Wittes via Krugman

Wittgenstein, Ludwig:

"What we find out in philosophy is trivial; it does not teach us new facts, only science does that. But the proper synopsis of the trivialities is enormously difficult and has immense importance. Philosophy is in fact the synopsis of trivialities."

"There are indeed things which cannot be put into words. They make themselves manifest. They are what is mystical."

"...the limits of our language are the limits of our world."

Wittgenstein, via Sedlacek

"Everything that can be thought at all can be thought clearly.

Everything that can be said can be said clearly...

Whereof one cannot speak, thereof one must be silent..."

"I can only think clearly in the dark."

Wittgenstein

"Scientists insist on language that is purged of all emotion...this is inhuman, because we are emotional beings, and for most people, scientific language is extremely boring to read."

Peter Wohlleben

Karol Wojtyla wrote, "The evil of our times consists in the first place in a kind of degradation, indeed in a pulverization, of the fundamental uniqueness of each human person."

“... prejudice correlates positively with a mistrust of democratic institutions.”
Richard Wolen

“My fondest wish is that I have been able to give my daughters two gifts of lasting importance - one is roots and the other is wings.”
Elizabeth Kjørlaug Wolf, plaque in park in Cambria, CA

“To be or not to be is not the question; it is the answer.”
Fred Alan Wolf, physicist, via Shlain, Shakespeare

"During the 500 years that preceded the birth of Jesus Christ, four great religious civilizations flourished: ancient Israel, classical Greece, Confucian China and Buddhist India. The fact of their simultaneity is remarkable enough. All four societies also witnessed greater tension between religious and political authority than those that preceded them. Perhaps for this reason, the religions of the axial age promoted philosophical speculation as well as offering spiritual comfort. As a result, they appear to us as surprisingly contemporary."
Alan Wolfe, reviewing Bellah, 2011

“This experiment happened. Let’s make someone president who is different and in every way the exact opposite of everything we think a president is and should be. That was the experiment. ...The positive here is people have realized the experiment has been a failure – even a great number of people who voted for him.”
“I don’t ask questions. I go in and I sit there and people just start to talk.”

“[Bannon] is the most insightful person about Donald Trump, about what makes him tick...”
As a journalist - or as a writer - my obligation is to come as close to the truth as I possibly can. And that’s not as close to someone else’s truth, but the truth as I see it... that’s what most journalism is about. It’s about a negotiated truth.”
Michael Wolff

"The radical generation of the 1960s ... is now returning to political engagement...That combination of youthful passion and political experience with mass radical action reple Land, housing structures, commercial and industrial buildings, cars are major kinds of property subject to a tax on their values. However, property exempted from such a tax includes stocks, bonds and all other securities. If you own a \$100,000 house, an annual property tax is required, but if you sell it and buy \$100,000 in stocks, no property tax is required. This property tax system favors the tiny minority of US citizens who own the majority of stocks and bonds. An alternative policy (long overdue) would extend property taxes in the US to include stocks and bonds. A federal property tax on stocks and bonds would raise many billions from those most able to pay, beneficiaries of the property tax system's gross injustice. Such a federal property tax could also lower the government's deficit.
“It is the hobgoblin of the littlest mind to live-tweet your response to a television show. Especially if that mind belongs to a president.”
Richard Wolffe

“...the door’s close and the walls go up! It is merely another open invitation to literature, especially in the form of the novel.”
Tom Wolff

“The evangelist looks forward to the 'last days', while the corporate executive systematically exhausts the world's scarce resources.”

"Iraq had its origins in Florida: there power without legitimacy was first envisioned. That was when power brokers found that, if sufficiently determined, they could overcome the inhibitions of democratic constitutionalism."

"Americans are being successfully 'kneaded' into a citizenry less suited to democratic demands and increasingly more accepting and supportive of the dominant forms of power...from fear and misguided patriotism."

"Superpower is the union of state and corporation in an age of waning democracy and political illiteracy."

Opposition is not abolished but neutralized.

Inverted totalitarianism marks a political moment when corporate power ... evolves into a globalizing copartnership with the state: a double transmutation, of corporation and state.

Antidemocracy, executive predominance, and elite rule are basic elements...

encouraging 'civic demobilization',...encouraging distraction or apathy.

The intense pace of work and the extended working day, combined with job insecurity, is a formula for political demobilization, for privatizing the citizenry."

...depoliticization is promoted through society's being enveloped in an atmosphere of collective fear and of individual powerlessness...

...citizenship...is practiced amidst a continuing state of worry.

...when citizens are insecure...they yearn for political stability rather than civic engagement, protection rather than political involvement.

A crucial need of a self-governing society is that the members and those they elect to office tell the truth.

Self-government is literally deformed by lying.

...lying is a crime against reality...denials of actuality.

Reagan would come to symbolize the emergence of a political culture in which lying was merely one component in a larger pattern wherein untruthfulness, make-believe, and actuality were seamlessly woven.

Sheldon Wolin

“Those who are able to see pain, unmoved, will soon learn to inflict it.”

Mary Wollstonecraft

Wolpert, Lewis:

“Science is ultimately an anonymous enterprise...

As ideas become incorporated into the body of knowledge, the discoverers, the creators, simply disappear.”

“...be sloppy so that something unexpected happens, but not so sloppy that you can't tell what happened.”

“Life is simply complicated protein chemistry. Comprehending it is a question of just how much detail you want to understand.”

Lewis Wolpert

Be very, very careful what you put into that head,
because you will never, ever get it out.

Thomas Cardinal Wolsey (1471-1530)

“Long ago, when time was new ...

Wonder Woman film

Jenkins, Patty (of Wonder Woman films):

"You have to find the hero within." from NYT interview

"Power creates resistance....

the frontier regions ... make up at least one-quarter of Chinese territory. Party officials fear they are like the Central Asian regions under Soviet rule — always on the verge of rebellion and eager to break free."

...the party's ways of governance perpetuate a lack of trust by the Chinese in their institutions and fellow citizens."

Edward Wong

"You can lock up our bodies, but not our minds!"

Joshua Wong, Hong Kong activist, jailed 8-2017

"...reality appear[s] to warp when it comes into proximity with a billionaire."

Julia Carrie Wong on Elon Musk

"[While field soldiers were] struggling to apply their moral codes to the chaos of combat, those above them were blatantly violating the military's own moral code of values, both to accomplish their mission and for their own career advancement." ... moral rot."

David Wood

"ISIS members are often highly sophisticated people, just as capable of intelligent critical thought as anyone else. They are simply evil."

from Absolute Power, Atlantic 4-2022 re Mohammed bin Salman (MBS):

"Support everything I do, or I will let slip the dogs of jihad...It was a threat...

these men seem to have swapped their religious fanaticism for nationalist fanaticism...

jihadist text...The management of Savagery...

The Saudis filled [his] time. They managed it...

A small ambition that can actually be fulfilled is preferable to a big one that cannot...

The execution of Enghien alerted the most perceptive among them that Napoleon could not be managed or appeased. It took a decade of carnage to figure out how to stop him...

Hasshogi's ...murder was a warning about the personality of the man who will be running Saudi Arabia for the next half century...

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

Graeme Wood

Capitalism is very simple. Capitalism as an economic system is essentially defined as the process of private expropriation of public wealth."

Holly Wood, via Medium

"... an unlikely cult, formed around the death and resurrection of an ascetic lyrical revolutionary, grew into the established Church we know today....

Paul ... shaped its legacy, ... took a cluster of strange parables and sometimes gnomic statements and, emphasizing the apocalyptic, built them into a theology....

The new theology transfers Judaism's healthy involvement in this life onto a palpitating anticipation of the next; the present becomes eternity's duller portal."

James Wood, Carriere review New Yorker pdf

paraphrasing Wallace Stegner: '...build a society to match our scenery.'

Lauren Wood

Mary Christina Wood Trusts Oregon:

"...property is not God-given. Property remains a state-created legal institution."

quoting the NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act): "...fulfill the responsibilities of each generation as trustee of the environment for succeeding generations."

"Recognizing property rights in the unborn, the trust presents the most forceful existing legal construct to protect the interests of future generations."

"...government trustees may not allocate rights to destroy what the people rightly own for themselves and for their prosperity...public trust doctrine."

Edmund Burke quote...

"Characterizing the trust as an attribute of sovereignty bores down to legal bedrock."

Hawaii Supreme Ct., 1978: 'All public natural resources are held in trust by the State for the benefit of the people.'

US Supreme Ct, Light vs US: 'All the public lands of the nation are held in trust for the people of the whole country.'

"Property remains a state-created legal institution."

"...contemporary American education...begins by treating children as psychologically fragile beings who will fail to learn...if not constantly praised.'"(yielding)...a surfeit of college freshman who 'feel good' about themselves for no discernable reason and who grossly overrate their meager attainments."

Peter Wood Exec Dir Natl Assoc of Scholars 8-08

"My experience has taught me that pulling yourself up by your bootstraps is a myth: Achieving social mobility requires far more than will and ability. It's nearly impossible to rise without other people helping you pull yourself up."

Zachary Wood NYT oped

"The whole purpose of protest is to interrupt your daily life, to interrupt the previously scheduled programming so you pay attention to something new."

Deva Woodyly

Bob Woodward, Fear:

p. 193 'indirect assassination'. 'man change'.

with Bernstein: Both Nixon and Trump had been outsiders, given to paranoia, relentless in their ambition, carrying chips on their shoulders.

Another dominating personal trait binds Nixon and Trump together: Each viewed the world through the prism of hate.

Then suddenly, as if [Nixon] had found a larger message, he smiled gently and offered his final counsel to all. "Always remember, others may hate you — but those who hate you don't win unless you hate them, and then you destroy yourself."

It seemed a blinding moment of self-understanding. Hate had been the trademark of his presidency. But in the end he had come to realize that hate was the poison, the engine that had destroyed him.

"As we are a doomed race, chained to a sinking ship, as the whole thing is a bad joke, let us, at any rate, do our part; mitigate the suffering of our fellow-prisoners; decorate the dungeon with flowers and air-cushions; be as decent as we possibly can."

"The killing machine has a gender, and it is male." via Susan Sontag

"Style is a very simple matter, it is all rhythm. Once you get that, you can't use the wrong words."

Virginia Woolf

Wordsworth, who writes that a poet is someone who is "affected more than other men by absent things as if they were present."

"What we need is not the will to believe, but the wish to find out."

"A mind forever

Voyaging through strange seas of Thought, alone." on Newton

William Wordsworth

"While hunting the elusive Road Runner, the cartoon canine Wile E Coyote chases his prey well past the edge of the cliff until, realizing his predicament, the inevitable effect of gravity reasserts itself and he plummets to the ground. ... Humanity is in a similar situation."

Worldwatch Inst newsletter Spring, 2013

"I like the lazy river aimlessness of it, the way you get caught up in a current, ... emotion, ... feeling, ...spirit."

Jenna Wortham on Twitter

"That great human brain is nature's most frightening product....
If intelligence is the ability to speak, wisdom is the capacity to listen."

Richard Wrangham 1996

"We're a society perpetually drunk on indignation."

John Wray NYT oped

"...the 'critical mass' theory of human history: ...at certain moments in history exceptionally gifted and prescient individuals will suddenly appear and collaborate together to initiate a paradigmatic evolution that leads to unimaginable social and scientific advancement."

attributed to Claudia Wright by Earl Robert Comstock

"...the problem of a ruling..capitalist class ...so immensely wealthy that they are capable of destroying the world as a side effect of their private pursuit of gain."

Erik Olin Wright

Study nature, love nature, stay close to nature. It will never fail you.

"Creation is not only rare but always hazardous...The soul of any civilization on earth ... is Art and Religion, but neither has ever been found in commerce, in government or the police."

Frank Lloyd Wright

"...the Prison of Belief."

Lawrence Wright, subtitle to his book: Going Clear – Scientology ...

'the joy of competence' Dwight Garner's review of his The End of October, NYT

Wright, Lawrence

The Plague Year: America in the Time of Covid

By his words and his example, the president became not a leader
but a saboteur.

I think of journalism as having two axes; one, which we can call the horizontal, consists of speaking to as many people as will speak to you.

The horizontal axis creates a consensus about what has happened. The vertical axis is more about deep understanding.

Wright, Orville:

"If we all worked on the assumption that what is excepted as true is really true, there would be a little hope of advance."

"It takes a damned good man to be better than no man at all."

Robert Bob Wright

Robin Wright, After the Islamic State, New Yorker 12-2016:

quoting Abu Mohammad al-Adhni (now dead): 'We would be defeated and you victorious only if you were able to remove the Koran from Muslims' hearts.'

"[Supplies] include Captagon, an addictive amphetamine, produced in the Bekka [Lebanon valley], that generates euphoria and enables fighters to endure long battles and painful injuries."

"I would have no more confidence in a trained professional than I would a parent. What does a trained professional know that a parent doesn't?"

William Wright, Utah legislator on anti-sex education bill 2-2012

"...more women [need] to be represented in Congress. I don't even care if it was a higher percentage of Republican women: I genuinely believe that if that number were closer to 50-50, we wouldn't have ludicrous policies like the Hyde Amendment going through and devastating women's access to reproductive health care. I want women out there to look at how incredibly unqualified Trump is and then ask themselves: "What on earth is holding you back? Do you think you don't measure up with Donald Trump in the White House?"

Brianna Wu

Wu, Chien-Shiung:

"I'm sorry, but if you wanted me not to know what you're doing, you should have cleaned the blackboards."

"...the Kronos Effect...Kronos is warned that one of his kids will dethrone him; he responds by eating them."

"Plato suggested that the finest form of government was dictatorship run by geniuses, Jobs [Steve] realizes that dictatorial rule, if done well, will be more popular than democracy."

"[Government's role]: disciplining the country's largest and most powerful monopolies... the most powerful private companies must reckon with the still greater power of the people."

Tim Wu on corporate competition

"It takes less time to get a cartoon than to read 140 characters."

Matt Wuerker

"Learning is remembering what we're interested in...Memory is what we are ultimately made of."

"Your expertise is your limited repertoire, ignorance is an unlimited repertoire. Sell your ignorance. The journey of not knowing to knowing is your work (referring to Charles Eames).

Richard Wurman

"...voter disengagement...ways to confuse, demotivate and disempower people of color...were I to stay, I worried that I would become a monster, too."

Christopher Wylie on Cambridge Analytica see The Great Hack

"Pandemics [are] a social shock...people's baseline expectations change... [a] reminder... of what we can do...if we had the will to.."

"All empires think they're special, but all empires eventually come to an end. The United States won't be an exception.

The popular story version of this particular falling empire might focus on a twice-divorced serial philanderer and bullshit artist and make him the villain, rendering his downfall or ultimate triumph the climax of the narrative. But it's far more likely that the real meat of the issue will be found in a tax code full of sweetheart deals for the ultra-wealthy, the

slashed budgets of county public health offices, the lead-contaminated water supplies. And that's to say nothing of the decades of pointless, self-perpetuating, and almost undiscussed imperial wars that produce no victories but plenty of expenditures in blood and treasure, and a great deal of justified ill will.

Patrick Wyman, mother jones

Wynn, Bruce suicide by fire 4-2022:

Morgan Stanfield, 48, who became friends with Bruce through Boulder's contact improvisational dance community. "A person can be suffering profoundly and also be enormously courageous. They can be doing something to ease their own pain, and they can be doing something at the same time that they believe is going to genuinely change the world in a profound way. And for me, that is the only way that I can see this and have it make any sense at all."

Thich Nhat Hanh, perhaps the world's most renowned Buddhist monk after the Dalai Lama, addressed to the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

"The press spoke then of suicide, but in the essence, it is not. It is not even a protest," Thich Nhat Hanh wrote of the monks in his letter to the civil rights leader. "... To burn oneself by fire is to prove that what one is saying is of the utmost importance. There is nothing more painful than burning oneself. To say something while experiencing this kind of pain is to say it with utmost courage, frankness, determination, and sincerity."

Bruce also admired Thich Nhat Hanh, who died in January at 95. He commemorated him in a Facebook post, thanking him for "sharing compassion."

Later, he commented on his own post, adding a quote he attributed to Thich Nhat Hanh: "The most important thing, in response to climate change, is to be willing to hear the sound of the earth's tears through our own bodies."