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[Mental Models: The Best Way to Make Intelligent Decisions](#) — Mental models are how we understand the world. Not only do they shape what we think and how we understand, but mental models shape the connections and opportunities that we see. Mental models are how we simplify complexity, why we consider some things more relevant than others, and how we reason.

[How Mental Models Unlock Your Thinking](#) — Mental models are vital to clear thinking. But which ones are the best? If I were to put together an All-Star team of mental models — the most useful in any situation — these are the nine I'd choose.

[The Difference Between Amateurs and Professionals](#) — There are a host of other differences, but they can effectively be boiled down to two things: fear and reality. Amateurs believe that the world should work the way they want it to. Professionals realize that they have to work with the world as they find it. Amateurs are scared — scared to be vulnerable and honest with themselves. Professionals feel like they are capable of handling almost anything.

[Habits vs. Goals: A Look at the Benefits of a Systematic Approach to Life](#) — The power of habits comes from their automaticity. This is why they are more powerful than goals. Read this article to harness the power of habits.

[Your Response to Mistakes Defines You](#) — Just because we’ve lost our way doesn’t mean that we are lost forever. In the end, it’s not the failures that define us so much as how we respond.

[Warren Buffett: The Three Things I Look For in a Person](#) — “Inevitably, the most ful qualities have nothing to do with IQ, grades, or family connections.”

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[Seneca on The Shortness of Time](#) — Time is invisible, so it’s easy to spend without proper consideration to its value. Seneca offers a warning on how we squander our time only to regret it.

[How to Read A Book](#) — Seriously.

[How to Remember What You Read](#) — Why is it that some people seem to be able to read a book once and remember every detail of it for life, while others struggle to recall even the title a few days after putting down a book? The answer is simple, but not easy. It’s not what they read. It’s how they read.

[How to Live on 24 Hours a Day: Arnold Bennett on Living a Meaningful Life Within the Constraints of Time](#) — Arnold Bennett’s How to Live on 24 Hours a Day explores a meaningful life by addressing the age-old question: how can we make the best use of our time?

[The Feynman Technique: The Best Way to Learn Anything](#) — The Feynman Technique is a mental model that helps you learn faster and increases retention. Read this article to supercharge your learning.

[Second-Order Thinking: What Smart People Use to Outperform](#) — Second-order thinking is a mental model that smart people like Warren Buffett & Howard Marks use to avoid problems. Read this article to learn how it works.

[The Most Respectful Interpretation](#) — The happiest people choose the most respectful interpretation when things don’t go their way. Read this to increase your happiness.



Parrish, talk about Reading, Happiness, Decision Making, Habits, and Mental Models.

[Charlie Munger on Getting Rich, Wisdom, Focus, Fake Knowledge and More](#) —

Charlie Munger offers timeless and pithy wisdom on getting rich, focus, fake knowledge, understanding our circle of competence, and so much more.

[11 Shares Difference Between Open-Minded and Closed-Minded People](#) — The rate at which you learn and progress in the world depends on how willing you are to weigh merit of new ideas, even if you don't instinctively like them. Perhaps especially if you don't like them. What's more, placing your trust and effort in the right mentor can propel you forward, just as placing it in the wrong person can send you back to the starting point.

[Munger Operating System: How to Live a Life That Really Works](#) — Charlie Munger gave the 2007 USC Law School Commencement Address, and within it, outlined a very wise operating system for leading a good life.

[The Best Way to Find More Time to Read](#) — Finding more time to read is easy. I'll show you how busy people find time to read and continuously learn without sacrificing what matters in life.

[Ten Techniques for Building Quick Rapport With Anyone](#) — Warning: the content in this post is so effective that I encourage you to think carefully about how it is used. I do not endorse or condone the use of these skills in malicious or deceptive ways.

[16 Leadership Lessons from a Four Star General](#) — “We like to equate leaders with values we admire, but the two can be separate and distinct.”

[Hunter S. Thompson on Finding Your Purpose and Living a Meaningful Life](#) — You won't find better advice. Anywhere.

[Twenty-Five Pages a Day](#) – How to get the Big Books read.

[Maker vs. Manager: How Your Schedule Can Make or Break You](#) – If you're a maker on a manager's schedule or a manager on a maker's schedule, you could be spinning your



[Thinking About Thinking](#) — Thinking about how we think.

[The Work Required To Have An Opinion](#) — “I never allow myself to have an opinion on anything that I don’t know the other side’s argument better than they do.”

[Avoiding Stupidity is Easier than Seeking Brilliance](#) — If you’re an amateur, your focus should be on avoiding stupidity.

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[Using a Decision Journal can Help you Make Better Decisions](#) — “Odds are you’re going to discover two things. First, you’re right a lot of the time. Second, it’s often for the wrong reasons.”

[Richard Feynman: The Difference Between Knowing the Name of Something and Knowing Something](#) — Just because you know what something is called does not mean you understand it.

[Eight Things I Learned from Peter Thiel’s Zero To One](#) — There is no formula to innovation.

[Habits vs. Goals: A Look at the Benefits of a Systematic Approach to Life](#) — The power of habits comes from their automaticity. This is why they are more powerful than goals. Read this article to harness the power of habits.

[10 Life Lessons From a Navy SEAL](#) — “If you want to change the world, sometimes you have to slide down the obstacle head first.”

[The Butterfly Effect: Everything You Need to Know About This Powerful Mental Model](#) — The Butterfly Effect shows that we cannot predict the future or control powerful complex systems. Read to learn more about this mental model.

[The Wrong Side of Right](#) — One big mistake I see people make over and over is focusing on proving themselves right, instead of focusing on achieving the best outcome. People who are working to prove themselves right will work hard finding evidence for why they’re right. They’ll go to the ends of the earth to disagree with

[The Top 3 Most Effective Ways to Take Notes While Reading](#) — This is how I take notes.

Quick Reads: Five Minutes or Fewer

¹¹ [Arthur Schopenhauer on the Dangers of Clickbait](#) — Arthur Schopenhauer
 Shares openhauer reminds us that the existence of words is no indication of their truth offers timeless insights on clickbait.

[Lora Welty to The New Yorker: The best job application ever](#) — “I suppose you’d be more interested in even a sleight-o’-hand trick than you’d be in an application for a position with your magazine, but as usual you can’t have the thing you want most.”

[F. Scott Fitzgerald offers a list of things to worry about and things not to worry about](#) — Offering a hint of his parenting, the letter from August 1933 concludes with a list of things to worry about and things not to worry about.

[Richard Feynman’s Letter on What Problems to Solve](#) — “With you I made a mistake, I gave you the problem instead of letting you find your own.”

[Adding Mental Models to Your Mind’s Toolbox](#) — How mental models are useful and how we can prioritize them.

[A Two-Step Process For Making Effective Decisions](#) — “One approach is rationality—the way you’d work out a bridge problem: by evaluating the real interests, the real probabilities and so forth. And the other is to evaluate the psychological factors that cause subconscious conclusions-many of which are wrong.”

[Charlie Munger’s Five Simple Notions to Help Solve Big Problems](#) — The five big, but simple notions Charlie Munger finds useful to begin solving a complex problem.

[What You Can Learn About Making Better Decisions From One of Baseball’s Greatest Hitters](#) — “the single most important thing for a hitter was to get a good ball to hit.”

really do it, they just saw something. It seemed obvious to them after a while. That's because they were able to connect experiences they've had and synthesize new things."

[Richard Feynman's Love Letter to His Wife, Sixteen Months After Her Death](#) — This will touch your soul.

¹¹ Shares **Articles that Prompt a Response**

[How to Fail at Almost Everything and Still Win Big](#) — Goals are for losers, passion is shit, and mediocre skills can make you valuable.

[Technique for Producing Ideas](#) — "the habit of mind which leads to a search for relationships between facts becomes of the highest importance in the production of ideas."

[Einstein on The Essential Feature of Productive Thought](#) — "Combinatory play seems to be the essential feature in productive thought."

[Creativity and the Necessity of Giving up Your Best Loved Ideas and Starting Over Again](#) — "All we can hope is that we will fail better. That we won't succumb to fear of the unknown. That we will not fall prey to the easy enchantments of repeating what may have worked in the past."

[Innovation: The Attacker's Advantage](#) — What if tomorrow does not resemble today?

[The Unwritten Rules of Management](#) — "#1. Learn to say, 'I don't know.' If used when appropriate, it will be often."

[Carol Dweck: The Two Mindsets And The Power of Believing That You Can Improve](#) — Dweck's work shows the power of our most basic beliefs. Whether conscious or subconscious, they strongly "affect what we want and whether we succeed in getting it." Much of what we think we understand about our personality comes from our "mindset." This both propels us and prevents us from fulfilling our potential.

else, from the multitude of things that clutter up the mind.”

[Letters from a Self-Made Merchant to His Son](#) — “College doesn’t make fools; it develops them. It doesn’t make bright men; it develops them. A fool will turn out a fool, whether he goes to college or not, though he’ll probably turn out a different sort of a fool.”

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Shares [y Beautiful Things](#) — “Don’t lament so much about how your career is going to
1 out. You don’t have a career.”

[Models Are Wrong ... But Some Are Useful](#) — Even the most useful models are perfect. When we understand their limitations, we can use them to make better decisions, reduce anxiety, and free up time.

ng Reads: 10 Minutes or More

[How did Charles Darwin Become an Effective Thinker? Follow the Golden Rule](#) — Darwin’s habit of forced objectivity helped him see reality clearly, even though he wasn’t nearly the smartest person of his time.

[Culture Eats Strategy: Nucor’s Ken Iverson on Building a Different Kind of Company](#) — “Steel is about as bad a business as you could invent. Yet in Ken Iverson’s 30+ year reign, Nucor compounded its per-share earnings at a rate of about 17% per annum. There must have been something going on here.”

[Active Listening](#) — Some of the most successful people in the world use active listening to avoid problems and develop meaningful relationships. Read this to learn more.

[Proximate vs. Root Causes: Why You Should Keep Digging to Find the Answer](#) — Distinguishing between proximate and root causes is an important part of continuously improving. Read this to learn more about this mental model.



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