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We dedicate this new edition to the memory of Clyde Taylor,
our well-loved and greatly missed agent.

I N T R O D U C T I O N T O T H E N E W E D I T I O N

The world has changed dramatically in the decade since we wrote the first edition of this book. In 1992, globalism and global warming weren't hot topics, cloning was more science fiction than science fact, and few people were thinking about, much less creating, products using nanotechnology.

The new edition has a section on diversity because we were asked to write a speech on diversity and found nothing in the previous edition. It has a section on marketing for the same reason. It has a section on innovation because a friend needed quotes on that topic. Numerous other sections have been added to reflect evolution in the sciences, business, family composition, and many other domains.

We also got a great deal of valuable guidance from readers and users of the first edition. Most of them told us that they turned to the book to find contemporary quotes and jokes, so we have updated and added more recent material.

A final essential factor in the revision of *And I Quote* is the presence, patience, and assistance of our friends and families, Lynn Decker in particular. Without their help and encouragement, this new edition would never have been possible.

I N T R O D U C T I O N

WHY WE WROTE THIS BOOK

We created this book because we needed it. We write speeches, and to our surprise, very few engaging and contemporary quotation reference books are available. It's hard to find intelligent material on topics such as computers, birth control, ecology, and nuclear power. Women are underrepresented. So are minorities. Until now.

We've got Tammy Faye Bakker on women's rights ("I believe in keeping the male ego intact"); Arthur C. Clarke on the media ("I have a fantasy where Ted Turner is elected president but refuses because he doesn't want to give up power"); and Eldridge Cleaver on accountability ("If you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem").

But don't think the time-honored masters have been left out. They're all here, from Aesop to Zola. There's Louis XIV on hiring practices ("Every time I fill a vacant office, I make ten malcontents and one ingrate"). And Catherine the Great on peace ("Peace is necessary to this vast empire. We need population, not devastation"); or William Shakespeare on children ("How sharper than a serpent's tooth it is / To have a thankless child!").

We've gone one step further, including at least one anonymous saying and one joke for each category in the book. This makes interesting maxims and witty quips easily accessible, so you can spice up an otherwise dull topic or soften up the most jaded listener.

The material in this book is suitable for every occasion from sales training ("When you stop talking, you've lost your customer."—Estée Lauder) to awards dinners ("I don't deserve this, but then I have arthritis and I don't deserve that either."—Jack Benny), from life ("Life is either a daring adventure or nothing."—Helen Keller) to death ("It's not that I'm afraid to die, I just don't want to be there when it happens."—Woody Allen).

HOW THIS BOOK IS ORGANIZED

Creating an up-to-date quotation reference book is one thing; making it "user-friendly" is something else. We know that time is money. Most people are in a hurry and don't have the opportunity to do extensive reading and research. To help you locate material quickly and without jockeying back and forth, the book begins with reference lists to direct you. Here's how they work:

THE SUBJECT LIST

This list, essentially a Table of Contents, shows the overall structure of the book. The material is grouped by subject, as follows:

- I) The Individual
- II) Business, Work, and Politics
- III) The Community
- IV) Relationships
- V) The World
- VI) Science and Technology

Each heading incorporates categories and subcategories, growing more and more specific. For example: Under the heading IV) “Relationships” there are three subheadings: “Relationships,” “Life Stages and Rites of Passage,” and “Gender, Sex, and Sexuality.” Each subheading is broken down into specific categories. For example, “Gender, Sex, and Sexuality” is divided into Men and Women, Men, Men—the Female View, Women, Women—the Male View, and Sex.

THE ALPHABETICAL LIST

The second list, the one you will probably use more often, lists every category in alphabetical order. If you want to look up a specific topic, this list tells you what page(s) to turn to. For example, the Alphabetical List tells you material on “Diversity” is on page 234.

THE SYNONYM LIST

Like a thesaurus, this is another way to help you locate any specific topic. For example, if The Alphabetical List has no entry for “Skill,” look it up here. Opposite the word, you’ll find the category or categories that come closest. In this case, you’d be directed to “Ability,” page 2, or “Talent,” page 39.

Note: Where appropriate, material appears in more than one section. It’s more efficient; you won’t have to waste time rummaging through lists of cross-references.

HOW TO USE QUOTES, JOKES, AND SAYINGS IN SPEECHES

If you’re nervous about speaking (and quite a few people are), it can be particularly comforting to let other people’s words carry part of your message. Using a good quote, joke, or saying is like using a good picture in a book. It adds interest and authority to the point you are making.

When choosing a quote, ask:

- Is it relevant to what I am saying?
- Is it appropriate to my audience?
- Do I like it?

Incidentally, a quote on the right topic, but which expresses the wrong point of view, is often still quite useful. We once wrote a speech for the head of a sales force that began:

I have been thinking about Alfred, Lord Tennyson's famous lines about "The Charge of the Light Brigade": "Theirs not to make reply, / Theirs not to reason why, / Theirs but to do and die." I realized that this is the dumbest set of orders I've ever heard.

It's no wonder the Light Brigade got slaughtered. My charge to you is the exact opposite. I want you to reason why—and I want you to live and thrive, not die.

SOME POINTERS WHEN USING QUOTES

- ❑ Use a quote to reinforce your message, *not* to show off your knowledge.
- ❑ Cite the author only if you know how to pronounce his or her name.
- ❑ If the audience is not likely to recognize the author's name, or if you're not sure how to pronounce it, don't fake it. You can always introduce the quote with a phrase like "An author once wrote . . ." or, "It's been said that. . . ."
- ❑ When you use a quote, be careful to get it right. Even if you abbreviate your own notes, it is still a good idea to write out any quotes intact and unabbreviated.

We have included dates and situations only when that context makes a quote more meaningful. For example, this quote, "Advertisements are now so numerous that they are very negligently perused, and it is therefore become necessary to gain attention by magnificence of promises, and by eloquence sometimes sublime and sometimes pathetic. Promise—large promise—is the soul of advertising," becomes much more interesting when you know that Samuel Johnson said it in 1759.

THE SPEECH

USE THE “3-TS” STRUCTURE

All you have to know is the “3-Ts”—the classic three-part format on which most successful speeches and presentations are based:

- ❑ Tell 'em what you're going to tell 'em.
- ❑ Tell 'em.
- ❑ Tell 'em what you told 'em.

Listening to a speech is very different from reading a book. Since a listener can't go back and review a point, it's important for the speaker to provide a clear structure and to repeat his or her central points. In the first part of a speech, tell the audience your theme and preview your major points. ("Tell 'em what you're going to tell 'em.") Then proceed to fill out your outline, making and illustrating all of the points that support your theme. ("Tell 'em.") Then recap. (Tell 'em what you told 'em.) It's simple and it works. If you use this structure, you will sound clear, directed, and organized—and you will communicate powerfully.

Keeping this structure in mind, read through the next couple of pages as we illustrate how the 3-Ts format should work.

A SPEECH ON SPEECH MAKING

WHAT WE ARE GOING TO TELL YOU

We're going to tell you how to prepare yourself to give a speech, and some tips on how to make that speech great.

TELL 'EM

Here are some helpful hints on how to prepare yourself for giving a speech.

1. Be Yourself

All the great speakers were bad speakers at first.

—*Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Dr. Benjamin Spock helped legions of anxious mothers with his legendary advice: “You know more than you think you do.” In other words, if you follow your instincts, the odds are that you will do a fine job. Use your common sense and do what is most comfortable.

2. Know Your Audience

Once you get 'em laughing and their mouths open, you can stuff something in.

—*Francis Harvey Green*

- ***Find out everything you can about your audience in advance:*** their vocabulary, their experience level, their mood, how many are expected to be there, and, most importantly, what they're in the room to learn.
- ***Speak to their concerns.***
- ***Bridge the gap between the audience and yourself.*** Make sure what you have to say is relevant, understandable, and genuinely helpful.
- ***Adjust your speech to the size of your audience.*** If your audience is small (fifteen people or less), make your points stronger by making personal references to audience members. “Obstacles can be overcome despite a bad start, as Jim found out when he managed to win back the XYZ account.”
- ***Listen to the speeches that precede yours.*** If you are one of a number of speakers, notice what it feels like to be a member of the audience and keep it in mind as you speak.

Part of knowing your audience is acknowledging that they're part of the television generation: they're used to getting their messages in thirty-, fifteen-second, or even ten-second commercials, and to getting the news in short punchy sound bytes. You had better be interesting, and, whenever possible, you'd better be brief. Try to avoid long, complicated anecdotes or case histories. TV-conditioned audiences tend to be somewhat passive. Even if you open with an incredibly funny story, don't expect big laughs. They're particularly unlikely before the audience is warmed up.

3. Have Something to Say

Before I speak, I have something important to say.

—*Groucho Marx*

There is an implied contract between speaker and audience. The audience's obligation is to be there and to listen. The speaker's job is to have something to say, something he or she wants to communicate.

Believe what you are saying: if you don't, your audience certainly won't either. Let your audience know why you are addressing them. If you are giving a sales speech, for example, don't forget to "ask for the order," to tell them what they need to do.

You should have a central point. When planning your speech, ask yourself, "What is the one thing that I want my audience to take away from this speech?" That's your theme. Everything in your speech should relate to that theme. Once you have your theme, you can go on and ask what is "second most important" and then "third most important" for you to communicate. Make these points only if you can make them without taking away from the impact of your main theme.

4. Don't Panic No Matter What Happens

A speech is like an airplane engine. It may sound like hell, but you've got to go on.

—*William Thomas Piper*

An important element of staying in charge is taking problems in stride. Few speeches ever run completely smoothly. But we've never seen an audience fail to be sympathetic and attentive to a speaker who acknowledges problems as they occur and keeps going.

If you know your speech well and try to anticipate any problems (from noisy waiters to computer crashes), you will increase the odds for a successful, interruption-free speech.

Some typical problems and solutions:

- If the speaker just before you preempts half of your subject matter, don't repeat the material. Instead, shorten your speech and refer back to hers: "As Amy has just pointed out, the economy in Asia is dangerously volatile. . . ."
- If the speaker before you uses up too much time and you get cut short, go straight to your wrap-up: "Tell 'em what you told 'em."
- If someone asks you a question that you can't answer, tell them you'll find out and get back to them. Then do.

HOW TO GIVE A GREAT SPEECH

The human brain starts working the moment you are born and never stops until you stand up to speak in public.

—*George Jessel*

Relax and follow these simple guidelines, use the wealth of materials in this book, and your speech will go well.

1. Take Charge Immediately

... you can't go wrong if you think of the first two minutes of your speech as an audition. It's a 120-second sample that has to convince your listeners that the remaining twenty minutes are worth their time and attention.

—Robert Orben

- **The first minute of a speech is crucial;** that's when you have to grab your audience's attention.
- **Know your first three sentences cold.** This will allow you to look straight into your audience's eyes as you deliver your opening.
- **Get your audience hooked.** Start right into your speech with a strong opening that grabs your audience's attention.
- **Choose a phrase and use it as a refrain.** To repeat what we said earlier, reiterate your main point.
- **Don't apologize.** Don't start with a hackneyed apology such as, "I'm not much of a speaker . . . , " or, "Unaccustomed as I am to public speaking"
- **Show confidence.** Exhibit poise about what you have to say and your ability to say it. Don't invite your audience to doubt you; for example, if you cite a surprising statistic, acknowledge that fact and say that it's already been double-checked.
- **Reinforce your point.**
If you have an important point to make, don't try to be subtle or clever. Use a pile driver. Hit the point once. Then come back and hit it again. Then hit it a third time—a tremendous whack.
Use quotes, sayings, anecdotes, and jokes wherever appropriate to illustrate and reinforce your points.
- **Choose simple words.** An effective speaker does not use overlong words or complicated sentences.
- **Stay in charge.** Once you've made a strong start, communicate what you have to say in the most cogent way possible.

2. Don't Pad Your Speech

Many attempts to communicate are nullified by saying too much.

—Robert Greenleaf

Few audiences object to a good, short speech, but many will resent a waste of time. Length does not make a speech memorable or effective. The Gettysburg Address, after all, was only 269 words.

If you have successfully communicated the three points in a speech, you have done well. Try to communicate too many points, and it's possible—in fact, probable—that your audience will remember none of them clearly.

Finally, a great way to undo the effects of a wonderful and rousing speech is to exceed your allotted time or to keep talking after you've covered the given topic.

3. Close Your Speech with a Bang

Most speakers don't need an introduction—just a conclusion.

—Anonymous

Your “close” is the last chance to reach your audience; it’s the part they’re most likely to remember. Make it memorable. After you have “told ‘em what you told ‘em,” make a powerful personal appeal, use a good, relevant quote, or tell a strong, appropriate anecdote.

4. Shut Up and Sit Down

Be sincere; be brief; be seated.

—Franklin D. Roosevelt

Once you’ve finished making the points you’ve set out to make, stop.

WHAT WE’VE TOLD YOU

1. Be yourself.
2. Know your audience.
3. Have something to say.
4. Don’t panic no matter what happens.
5. Take charge immediately.
6. Don’t pad your speech.
7. Close your speech with a bang.
8. Shut up and sit down.

QUOTES ON QUOTES

Before you start your journey into the world of quotes, take a look at what some of the more quotable quote masters think about the topic.

- I hate quotations. —Ralph Waldo Emerson
- I love [quotations] because it is a joy to find thoughts one might have, beautifully expressed with much authority by someone recognizedly wiser than oneself. —Marlene Dietrich
- I often quote myself; it adds spice to my conversation. —George Bernard Shaw
- The devil can quote Shakespeare for his own purpose. —George Bernard Shaw
- A book that furnishes no quotations is, *me judice*, no book—it is a plaything. —Thomas Love Peacock
- It is a good thing for an uneducated man to read books of quotations. —Winston Churchill
- A quote is a personal possession and you have no right to change it. —Ray Cave

PUBLIC SPEAKING

No speech maker's compendium would be complete without a section of quotes, anonymous sayings, and jokes on the subject of public speaking. Below is some advice, wit, wisdom, and humor on this entertaining, frightening, engaging, and essential discipline.

- “Where shall I begin, please your Majesty?” he asked.
“Begin at the beginning,” the king said gravely, “and go on till you come to the end: then stop.” —*Lewis Carroll, Alice in Wonderland*
 - I am rather like a mosquito in a nudist camp: I know what I ought to do, but I don’t know where to begin. —*Stephen Bayne*
 - I have never seen an ass who talked like a human being, but I have met many human beings who talked like asses. —*Heinrich Heine*
 - Beware of the conversationalist who adds, “In other words.” —*Robert Morley*
 - The easiest way to stay awake during an after-dinner speech is to deliver it. —*Herman Herst Jr.*
 - A speech is a solemn responsibility. The man who makes a bad thirty-minute speech to two hundred people wastes only a half hour of his own time. But he wastes one hundred hours of the audience’s time—more than four days—which should be a hanging offense. —*Jenkin Lloyd Jones*
 - He missed an invaluable opportunity to hold his tongue. —*Andrew Lang*
 - If you have to make an unpopular speech, give it all the sincerity you can muster; that’s the only way to sweeten it. —*Cardinal de Retz*
 - An orator can hardly get beyond commonplaces: if he does he gets beyond his hearers. —*William Hazlitt*
 - A lecture ought to be something which all can understand, about something which interests everybody. —*Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.*
 - Only constant repetition will finally succeed in imprinting an idea on the memory of the crowd. —*Adolf Hitler*
 - Every man is eloquent once in his life. —*Ralph Waldo Emerson*
 - A man never becomes an orator if he has anything to say. —*Finley Peter Dunne*
 - What orators lack in depth they make up for in length. —*Baron de Montesquieu*
 - My method is to take the utmost trouble to find the right thing to say, and then say it with the utmost levity. —*George Bernard Shaw*
 - Accustomed as I am to public speaking, I know the futility of it. —*Franklin Pierce Adams*
 - You have been giving your full attention to a turkey stuffed with sage; it is now time to consider a sage stuffed with turkey. —*William M. Evarts, addressing a group on Thanksgiving Day*

- In his later years, Winston Churchill was asked to give the commencement address at Oxford University. Following his introduction, he rose, went to the podium, and said, “Never, never, never give up.” Then he took his seat.
- I served with General Washington in the Legislature of Virginia . . . and . . . with Doctor Franklin in Congress. I never heard either of them speak ten minutes at a time, not to any but the main point
—*Thomas Jefferson*
- I have always considered applause at the beginning of a lecture a manifestation of faith. If it comes in the middle, it is a sign of hope. And if it comes at the end, it is always charity.
—*Abraham R. Besdin*

Sayings

- Great speakers listen to the audience with their eyes.
- Public speaking is an audience participation event; if it weren’t it would be private speaking.
- A good speech is like a pencil; it has to have a point.
- Exhaust neither the topic nor the audience.
- No good speech ever came to a bad end.
- Caution: Do not open mouth until brain is in gear.

Jokes

- Definition of a good speech?
A good beginning and a good end—preferably close together.
- “Oh, no!” cried the politician. “I’m on now, but I can’t find the speech I use when I abandon my prepared speech!”
- The best after-dinner speech to hear is, “Waiter, hand me the check.”
- “Sir,” the aide began, “I’ve just read through your speech and I don’t have the foggiest idea where you stand on the issue.”
“Why, thank you very much, my boy.” The politician beamed. “Do you know how long it took me to get the speech just that way?”
- Speeches are like steer horns—a point here, a point there, and a lot of bull in between.
- Comment following a lengthy after-dinner speech: “I have just got a new theory of eternity.”
- Why doesn’t the fellow who says, “I’m no speech maker,” let it go at that instead of giving a demonstration?
- After speaking for more than two hours without a pause, the eminent scholar finally looked up from the podium and sheepishly apologized for going on for so long. “You see, I haven’t got a watch with me,” he explained.

“Okay, fine,” shouted a wag from the audience, “but there’s a calendar in back of you.”

- The speaker was getting tired of being interrupted, and finally addressed his listeners with some irritation. “We seem to have a great many fools here tonight,” he noted.
“Wouldn’t it be advisable to hear one at a time?”
“You bet,” a voice responded. “Get on with your speech.”
- Being asked to speak to you is like being the javelin competitor who won the coin toss and elected to receive.
- “I feel like Liz Taylor’s fourth husband: I know what I am supposed to do, but I am at a loss as to how to make it different.”
- The featured speaker listened with growing trepidation as the person introducing her lauded her every achievement since birth. lavishly praising her public service and professional milestones, her beauty, her brains, her experience and splendid reputation, and on and on. When it was finally her turn to address the audience, the speaker took a deep breath. “After an introduction like that,” she began, “I can hardly wait to hear what I’m going to say.”
- On her way back from the ladies’ room, the businesswoman ran into another member of the audience. Wondering whether to reenter the lecture hall, she asked, “Has the speaker finished what he had to say yet?”
“Oh yeah, he finished that five minutes ago,” came the reply, “but he’s still talking.”

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The Individual

A C H I E V E M E N T

ABILITY

- Competence, like truth, beauty and contact lenses, is in the eye of the beholder.
—Laurence J. Peter
- The superior man is distressed by his want of ability.
—Confucius
- It is a great ability to be able to conceal one's ability.
—François, Duc de La Rochefoucauld
- You cannot fly like an eagle with the wings of a wren.
—William Henry Hudson
- One good head is better than a hundred strong hands.
—Thomas Fuller
- Martyrdom is the only way in which a man can become famous without ability.
—George Bernard Shaw
- The single most exciting thing you encounter in government is competence, because it's so rare.
—Daniel Patrick Moynihan
- What another would have done as well as you, do not do it. What another would have said as well as you, do not say it; what another would have written as well, do not write it. Be faithful to that which exists nowhere but in yourself—and thus make yourself indispensable.
—André Gide
- Any jackass can kick down a barn, but it takes a good carpenter to build one.
—Sam Rayburn
- They asked me, “How did you learn to sing the blues like that? How did you learn to sing that heavy?” I just opened my mouth and that’s what I sounded like. You can’t make up something that you don’t feel. I didn’t make it up. I just opened my mouth and it existed.
—Janis Joplin
- The race is not always to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, but that’s the way to bet.
—Damon Runyon

Saying

- Native ability without education is like a tree without fruit.

Joke

- “You must be the worst caddie in the world,” said the dejected golfer after a disastrous afternoon on the links.
“I doubt it, sir,” replied the caddie. “That would be too much of a coincidence.”

ACCOUNTABILITY

- When a man points a finger at someone else, he should remember that four of his fingers are pointing at himself. —*Louis Nizer*
- If you can't stand the heat, you better get out of the kitchen. —*Harry S. Truman (attrib.)*
- A person may cause evil to others not only by his action but by his inaction, and in either case he is justly accountable to them for the injury. —*John Stuart Mill*
- No snowflake in an avalanche ever feels responsible. —*Stanislaw Lec*
- He that is good for making excuses is seldom good for anything else. —*Benjamin Franklin*
- There can be no true response without responsibility; there can be no responsibility without response. —*Arthur Vogel*
- A memorandum is written not to inform the reader but to protect the writer. —*Dean Acheson*
- The way to get things done is not to mind who gets the credit of doing them. —*Benjamin Jowett*
- The irony of the matter is that the future generations do not have a vote. In effect, we hold their proxy. —*Charles J. Hitch, regarding the environment*
- People think responsibility is hard to bear. It's not. I think that sometimes it is the absence of responsibility that is harder to bear. You have a great feeling of impotence. —*Henry Kissinger*

Sayings

- God gave burdens, also shoulders. —*Yiddish proverb*
- Everyone, in the final analysis, is in business for himself.
- Silence = Death. —*Slogan of AIDS activists*

Jokes

- “Gee, Mr. Cripps, we'd really like to give you that loan,” chirped the bank officer to the rather seedy character, “but your credit rating isn't exactly . . . uh . . . superlative. What assurance can you offer that it'll be paid back on schedule?”
“Won't a gentleman's word of honor be sufficient?” he asked, in an injured tone.
“Certainly,” she said brightly. “When will you be bringing him in?”

4 Achievement

- The Six Phases of a Project

1. Enthusiasm
2. Disillusionment
3. Panic and hysteria
4. Search for the guilty
5. Punishment of the innocent
6. Praise and honor for the nonparticipants

ACHIEVEMENT

- No matter what accomplishments you make, somebody helps you.

—*Althea Gibson Darben*

- The only way to enjoy anything in this life is to earn it first. —*Ginger Rogers*

- It is sobering to consider that when Mozart was my age he had already been dead for a year. —*Tom Lehrer*

- Men too involved in details usually become unable to deal with great matters. —*François, Duc de La Rochefoucauld*

- Luck is not something you can mention in the presence of self-made men. —*E. B. White*

- Noise proves nothing. Often a hen who has merely laid an egg cackles as if she had laid an asteroid. —*Mark Twain*

- Restlessness is discontent—and discontent is the first necessity of progress. Show me a thoroughly satisfied man and I will show you a failure. —*Thomas Alva Edison*

- The key to everything is patience. You get the chicken by hatching the egg—not by smashing it. —*Ellen Glasgow*

- A creative man is motivated by the desire to achieve, not by the desire to beat others. —*Ayn Rand*

- Originality is not seen in single words or even sentences. Originality is the sum total of a man's thinking and writing. —*Isaac Bashevis Singer*

- To achieve great things, we must live as though we are never going to die. —*Luc de Clapiers, Marquis de Vauvenargues*

- Everything that enlarges the sphere of human powers, that shows man he can do what he thought he could not do, is valuable. —*Samuel Johnson*

- We judge ourselves by what we feel capable of doing, while others judge us by what we have already done. —*Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*

- For a man to achieve all that is demanded of him he must regard himself as greater than he is. —*Johann Wolfgang von Goethe*

- Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto

all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

—Matthew 5:14–16

- No man knows what he can do until he tries. —*Publilius Syrus*
- There are only two ways of getting on in the world: by one's own industry, or by the weaknesses of others. —*Jean de La Bruyère*
- None climbs so high as he who knows not whither he is going. —*Oliver Cromwell*
- The higher a monkey climbs, the more you see of his ass. —*Gen. Joseph Stillwell*
- How many cares one loses when one decides not to be something but to be someone. —*Gabrielle (Coco) Chanel*
- If you practice an art, be proud of it and make it proud of you. . . . It may break your heart, but it will fill your heart before it breaks it: It will make you a person in your own right. —*Maxwell Anderson*
- In this world there are only two tragedies: one is not getting what one wants, and the other is getting it. —*Oscar Wilde*
- The reward of a thing well done is to have done it. —*Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- Well done is better than well said. —*Benjamin Franklin*
- He who can, does. He who cannot, teaches. —*George Bernard Shaw*

Sayings

- The cards you hold in the game of life mean very little—it's the way you play them that counts.
- A man's deeds are his life. —*West African saying*
- Aiming isn't hitting. —*East African saying*
- The difficult we do immediately; the impossible takes a little longer.
- Getting something done is an accomplishment; getting something done right is an achievement.
- Those who dare do; those who dare not; do not.

Jokes

- When her formal education was over, a young woman went out into the world to start her own business. After a year, she reported that she was worth five thousand dollars, but her parents merely smiled. After a few more years her net worth had grown to some fifteen thousand dollars, and each year it increased by modest amounts, but her parents never had more than a smile or pat on the back for her.

Then one year she came home and announced that in order to keep the business going, she'd had to borrow a million dollars. At this her father bounded up from the sofa, clapped her on the back, and crowed, "Now that's an achievement!"

- "What a superb performance," gushed the woman when the recital was over. "I'd give half my life to be able to play the piano like that."

"Madam," responded the pianist with a little bow, "that is exactly what it took."

ACTION

- As I grow older, I pay less attention to what men say. I just watch what they do.
—Andrew Carnegie
- Fools rush in where angels fear to tread.
—Alexander Pope
- The best way to make your dreams come true is to wake up.
—Paul Valéry
- Be willing to make decisions. That's the most important quality in a good leader. Don't fall victim to what I call the "ready-aim-aim-aim-aim syndrome." You must be willing to fire.
—T. Boone Pickens
- The world's great men have not commonly been great scholars, nor great scholars great men.
—Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.
- Everything comes to he who hustles while he waits.
—Thomas Alva Edison
- The bitterest tears shed over graves are for words left unsaid and deeds left undone.
—Harriet Beecher Stowe
- Be not simply good; be good for something.
—Henry David Thoreau
- It is difficult to keep quiet if you have nothing to do.
—Arthur Schopenhauer
- No one is more liable to make mistakes than the man who acts only on reflection.
—Luc de Clapiers, Marquis de Vauvenargues
- An artist is a man of action, whether he creates a personality, invents an expedient, or finds the issue of a complicated situation.
—Joseph Conrad
- You don't learn to hold your own in the world by standing on guard, but by attacking and getting well hammered yourself.
—George Bernard Shaw
- The great end of life is not knowledge but action.
—Thomas Henry Huxley
- It is better to be making the news than taking it; to be an actor rather than a critic.
—Winston Churchill
- Even if you are on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there. —Will Rogers
- He who desires but acts not, breeds pestilence.
—William Blake
- A man who has to be convinced to act before he acts is not a man of action. . . . You must act as you breathe.
—Georges Clemenceau
- It is the mark of a good action that it appears inevitable in retrospect.
—Robert Louis Stevenson
- No sooner said than done—so acts your man of worth.
—Quintus Ennius
- Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only.
—James 1:22
- We have petitioned and our petitions have been disregarded; we have entreated and our entreaties have been scorned. We beg no more, we petition no longer, we now defy.
—William Jennings Bryan
- Everybody talks about the weather but nobody does anything about it.
—Charles Dudley Warner

- I have always thought the actions of men the best interpreters of their thoughts.
—John Locke
- Every normal man must be tempted at times to spit on his hands, hoist the black flag, and begin slitting throats.
—H. L. Mencken
- Don't just do something, stand there. —Daniel Berrigan, on the importance of thought as well as action during the 1960s war protests
- Genius is the ability to put into effect what is in your mind. —F. Scott Fitzgerald
- Talk without effort is nothing. —Maria W. Stewart
- Violence of language leads to violence of action. Angry men seldom fight if their tongues do not lead the fray. —Charles Victor Roman
- Each generation must, out of relative obscurity, discover its mission, fulfill it, or betray it. —Frantz Fanon
- If you are not part of the solution, you are part of the problem. —Eldridge Cleaver
- You miss 100 percent of the shots you never take. —Wayne Gretzky

Sayings

- Just do it. —Nike slogan
- Excuses interest no one except the competition.
- Action speaks louder than words.
- Only people who do things get criticized.
- He who waits for a roast duck to fly into his mouth must wait a very, very long time. —Chinese proverb
- Your food is close to your stomach, but you must put it in your mouth first. —West African saying
- When the snake is in the house, one need not discuss the matter at length. —West African saying

Joke

- Husband lounging in recliner, to wife: "I'll think about cleaning out the garage in a little while, hon. Right now, I'm thinking about mowing the lawn."

ADMIRATION

- Admiration is as indispensable to life as oxygen. —Genevieve Antoine Dariaux
- We always like those who admire us. —François, Duc de La Rochefoucauld
- Admiration, like love, wears out. —Luc de Clapiers, Marquis de Vauvenargues

8 Ambition

Sayings

- It is only an auctioneer who can equally and impartially admire all schools of art.
- Never be too big to look up to someone.

Jokes

- The combat-hardened general was reviewing an elite squadron of paratroopers. "How do you like jumping?" he asked one soldier gruffly.
 "I love it, sir," was the reply.
 "And you?" asked the general of the next guy in line.
 "It's the most exhilarating thing I've ever done, sir."
 And so on down the line, until one soldier replied, "I hate it, sir."
 "Then why do you jump?" asked the startled officer.
 "Because I like being around the kind of men who want to."
- Define admiration.
 —A show of our recognition of another's similarity to ourselves.

AMBITION

- Every man believes that he has a greater possibility. —*Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- Nothing great will ever be achieved without great men, and men are great only if they are determined to be so. —*Charles de Gaulle*
- As he was valiant, I honor him; but as he was ambitious, I slew him. —*William Shakespeare*
- Ambition is but avarice on stilts, and masked. —*Walter Savage Landor*
- Ambition is the last refuge of the failure. —*Oscar Wilde*
- Nothing arouses ambition so much in the heart as the trumpet-clang of another's fame. —*Baltasar Gracián*
- Ambition makes more trusty slaves than need. —*Ben Jonson*
- A wise man is cured of ambition by ambition itself; his aim is so exalted that riches, office, fortune and favour cannot satisfy him. —*Samuel Johnson*
- A man's worth is no greater than the worth of his ambitions. —*Marcus Aurelius Antoninus*
- A slave has but one master; an ambitious man has as many masters as there are people who may be useful in bettering his position. —*Jean de La Bruyère*
- Ambition hath no mean, it is either upon all fours or upon tiptoes. —*George Savile*
- Nobody ever drowned in his own sweat. —*Ann Landers*
- Ambition is the grand enemy of all peace. —*John Cowper Powys*
- Ah, but a man's reach should exceed his grasp, or what's a heaven for? —*Robert Browning*

- The world owes all its onward impulses to men ill at ease. The happy man inevitably confines himself within ancient limits. —*Nathaniel Hawthorne*
- Nothing is so commonplace as to wish to be remarkable. —*Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.*
- In man, ambition is the common'st thing./Each one, by nature, loves to be a king. —*Robert Herrick*
- One often goes from love to ambition, but one rarely returns from ambition to love. —*François, Duc de La Rochefoucauld*
- Most people would succeed in small things if they were not troubled with great ambitions. —*Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*
- The treacheries of ambition never cease. —*Rubén Dario*

Sayings

- A woman who strives to be like a man lacks ambition.
- Ambition lubricates the mind.
- There's always room at the top.
- Where there's a will there's a way (or a beneficiary).
- Most people want to improve themselves, but not many want to work at it.
- Ambitious people don't make excuses.

Jokes

- Judge: Mr. Corbin, the police report says you've committed six burglaries in one week!
Defendant: That's right, Your Honor—and if everyone worked as hard as I do, this recession would be behind us.
- The banker Salomon Rothschild was strolling down a crowded street in Vienna when he was jostled by a pickpocket. "Watch out!" warned his companion. "That fellow's trying to steal your silk handkerchief."
"So what?" said Rothschild with a shrug. "We all started small."

AWARDS

- People with honorary awards are looked upon with disfavor. Would you let an honorary mechanic fix your brand-new Mercedes? —*Neil Simon*
- God will not look you over for medals, degrees or diplomas, but for scars. —*Elbert Hubbard*
- Let us now praise famous men, and our fathers that begat us. —*The Apocrypha, Ecclesiasticus 44:1*
- Only mediocrity can be trusted to be always at its best. —*Max Beerbohm*

10 Chance

- Whenever the occasion arose, he rose to the occasion.

—*Jonathan Brown, on Diego de Valázquez*

Sayings

- One does not give a gift without a motive.
- Never look a gift horse in the mouth.

—*West African saying*

Jokes

- I don't deserve this, but then again, I have arthritis, and I don't deserve that either.
—*Jack Benny, accepting an award*
- Hearing all this praise makes me feel like the soul on Judgment Day who rose, looked at the words on his tombstone, and remarked, "Either I'm in the wrong hole or someone is a terrible liar."

CHANCE

- Human life, its growth, its hopes, fears, loves, et cetera, are the result of accidents.
—*Bertrand Russell*
- He that leaveth nothing to chance will do few things ill, but he will do very few things.
—*George Savile*
- There is danger in reckless change, but greater danger in blind conservatism.
—*Henry Glasgow*
- God does not play dice with the universe.
—*Albert Einstein*
- We must believe in luck. For how else can we explain the success of those we don't like?
—*Jean Cocteau*
- Today even our *clocks* are not made of clockwork—so why should our world be? With the advent of quantum mechanics, the clockwork world has become a cosmic lottery. Fundamental events, such as the decay of a radioactive atom, are held to be determined by chance, not law.
—*Ian Stewart*

Saying

- The cards you hold in the game of life mean very little—it's the way you play them that counts.

Joke

- The problem with chance is that while you're outside looking for a horseshoe or rabbit's foot, you may miss opportunity knocking.

COURAGE

- Courage is not simply one of the virtues, but the form of every virtue at the testing point. —*C. S. Lewis*
- Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear—not absence of fear. —*Mark Twain*
- The man who knows when not to act is wise. To my mind, bravery is forethought. —*Euripides*
- To bear other people's afflictions, everyone has courage and enough to spare. —*Benjamin Franklin*
- It is better to die on your feet than to live on your knees. —*Dolores Ibarruri*
- A coward is a hero with a wife, kids, and a mortgage. —*Marvin Kitman*
- Courage is grace under pressure. —*Ernest Hemingway*
- Have the courage to act instead of react. —*Earlene Larson Jenks*
- A timid person is frightened before a danger, a coward during the time, and a courageous person afterwards. —*Jean Paul Friedrich Richter*
- None but a coward dares to boast that he has never known fear. —*Marshal Foch*
- Once more unto the breach, dear friends, once more, / Or close the wall up with our English dead! —*William Shakespeare*
- Fear always springs from ignorance. —*Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- The last thing a woman will consent to discover in a man whom she loves, or on whom she simply depends, is want of courage. —*Joseph Conrad*
- He was a bold man that first ate an oyster. —*Jonathan Swift*
- Some have been thought brave because they were afraid to run away. —*Thomas Fuller*
- Heroes may not be braver than anyone else. They're just braver five minutes longer. —*Ronald Reagan*
- Courage is very important. Like a muscle, it is strengthened by use. —*Ruth Gordon*
- It is a brave act of valor to condemn death; but where life is more terrible than death, it is then the truest valour to dare to live. —*Thomas Browne*
- No one can prove his courage when he has never been in danger. —*François, Duc de La Rochefoucauld*
- But screw your courage to the sticking-place, / and we'll not fail. —*William Shakespeare*
- What counts is not necessarily the size of the dog in the fight—it's the size of the fight in the dog. —*Dwight D. Eisenhower*
- A man of courage never needs weapons, but he may need bail. —*Ethel Watts Mumford*

12 Decision

- . . . what cannot be cured must be endured. —*Ignatius Sancho*
- Don't be afraid to take a big step if one is indicated. You can't cross a chasm in two small jumps. —*David Lloyd George*
- I have not yet begun to fight. (Sometimes quoted as "I have just begun to fight.")
—*Capt. John Paul Jones, aboard the Bonhomme Richard, when asked whether he was prepared to surrender to the British, September 23, 1779*
- If you can keep your head when all about you / Are losing theirs and blaming it on you . . . / . . . you'll be a Man, my son! —*Rudyard Kipling*
- If you can keep your head when all about are losing theirs, it's just possible you haven't grasped the situation. —*Jean Kerr*
- The first and great commandment is, Don't let them scare you. —*Elmer Davis*
- If blood be shed, let it be our blood. Cultivate the quiet courage of dying without killing. For man lives freely only by his readiness to die, if need be, at the hands of his brother, never by killing him. —*Mahatma Gandhi*

Sayings

- It does not take a very brave dog to bark at the bones of a lion.
- When the going gets tough, the tough get going.
- If a thing is worth having, it's worth fighting for.
- No guts, no glory.

Jokes

- The Texan was trying to impress on the New Englander the valor of the heroes of the Alamo. "I bet they were braver than any man from your part of the States," he declared. "I suppose you've never heard of Paul Revere?" countered the New Englander. "Sounds familiar," said the Texan. "Isn't he the guy who ran for help?"
- The new employee had only been with the firm for a few months when she went in to ask for a raise.
"So soon!" The boss was taken aback. "Certainly not. In this company you have to work yourself up."
"I have!" she insisted. "Look at me—I'm trembling all over."

DECISION

- Soon after a hard decision something inevitably occurs to cast doubt. Holding steady against that doubt usually proves that decision. —*R. I. Fitzhenry*
- Be willing to make decisions. That's the most important quality in a good leader. Don't fall victim to what I call the "ready-aim-aim-aim-aim syndrome." You must be willing to fire. —*T. Boone Pickens*

- Decision is a sharp knife that cuts clean and straight; indecision, a dull one that hacks and tears and leaves ragged edges behind it. —*Gordon Graham*
- When you say Yes, say it quickly. But always take a half hour to say No, so you can understand the other fellow's side. —*Francis Cardinal Spellman*
- At the last moment there is always a reason not existing before—namely, the impossibility of further vacillation. —*George Eliot*
- The man who sees both sides of a question is a man who sees absolutely nothing. —*Oscar Wilde*
- We know what happens to people who stay in the middle of the road. They get run over. —*Aneurin Bevan*
- Equivocation is halfway to lying, and lying the whole way to hell. —*William Penn*
- If someone tells you he is going to make a “realistic decision,” you immediately understand that he has resolved to do something bad. —*Mary McCarthy*
- He would come in and say he changed his mind—which was a gilded figure of speech, because he didn't have any. —*Mark Twain*
- A decision is the action an executive must take when he has information so incomplete that the answer does not suggest itself. —*Arthur W. Radford*
- We'll jump off that bridge when we come to it. —*Lester B. Pearson*
- When a person tells you “I'll let you know”—you know. —*Olin Miller*

Sayings

- His indecision is final.
- He who hesitates is lost
- She who hesitates buys the stock two points higher.

Joke

- Wendy found that her difficulty making even the simplest decisions was causing her problems on the job. Finally she decided to seek professional help.
“Tell me, Wendy,” the psychiatrist began gently, “I understand you have trouble making decisions. Is that so?”
- Wendy's brow furrowed. “Well,” she finally answered, “yes . . . and no.”

DETERMINATION

- The best way out is always through. —*Robert Frost*
- Our greatest glory is not in never falling but in rising every time we fall. —*Confucius*
- An unfulfilled vocation drains the colour from a man's entire existence. —*Honoré de Balzac*

14 Determination

- One can never consent to creep when one feels an impulse to soar. —*Helen Keller*
- Ours is a world where people don't know what they want and are willing to go through hell to get it. —*Don Marquis*
- More men fail through lack of purpose than lack of talent. —*Billy Sunday*
- If you want the rainbow, you got to put up with the rain. —*Dolly Parton*
- Try a thing you haven't done three times. Once, to get over the fear of doing it. Twice, to learn how to do it. And a third time, to figure out whether you like it or not. —*Virgil Thomson*
- You can't always get what you want / but if you try sometimes / you just might find / you get what you need. —*Mick Jagger*
- We succeed only as we identify in life, or in war, or in anything else, a single overriding objective, and make all other considerations bend to that one objective. —*Dwight D. Eisenhower*
- Blessed is he who has found his work; let him ask no other blessedness. —*Thomas Carlyle*
- Not snow, no, nor rain, nor heat, nor night keeps them from accomplishing their appointed courses with all speed. —*Herodotus, fourth century B.C.*
- In England I worked as a postal worker at night in between college. One night I was singing to myself, "Don't Be Cruel," by Elvis Presley, or a Lou Reed song, "Vicious" or something, and a bloke said the classic, "Don't ever try singing for a living." Eleven albums and a career spanning the world and I can still hear him saying it to me. —*Billy Idol*
- It is best not to swap horses while crossing the river. —*Abraham Lincoln*
- Never give in! Never give in! Never, never, never. Never—in anything great or small, large or petty—never give in except to convictions of honor and good sense. —*Winston Churchill*
- Great works are performed not by strength but by perseverance. —*Samuel Johnson*
- To have a grievance is to have a purpose in life. —*Eric Hoffer*
- We must not, in trying to think about how we can make a big difference, ignore the small daily differences we can make which, over time, add up to big differences that we often cannot foresee. —*Marian Wright Edelman*
- There is nothing like a dream to create the future. —*Victor Hugo*
- The will is the strong blind man who carries on his shoulders the lame man who can see. —*Arthur Schopenhauer*
- The will to succeed is important, but what's even more important is the will to prepare. —*Bobby Knight*
- Man is a stubborn seeker of meaning. —*John Gardner*

- Inspiring examples:

The Coca Cola Company sold only four hundred Cokes in its first year of business.

Dr. Seuss's first book was rejected by twenty-three publishers.

Henry Ford went bankrupt twice before hitting it big in the automotive industry.

- If I am building a mountain and stop before the last basketful of earth is placed on the summit, I have failed.

—Confucius

Sayings

- Perseverance is everything. —West African saying
- Nature does nothing without a purpose.
- Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's little acorn that held its ground.

Joke

- After much persistence, the young woman managed to land an interview with the personnel director of a prestigious company, and asked if she could be considered for their excellent training program.

“Impossible,” snapped the personnel director, already flooded with applications.
“Try again in five years.”

“Fine,” replied the young woman calmly. “Would morning or afternoon be better?”

DISCIPLINE AND SELF-DISCIPLINE

- A genius? Perhaps, but before I was a genius, I was a drudge.

—Ignace Jan Paderewski

- There is no course of life so weak and sottish as that which is managed by orders, method, and discipline. —Michel Eyquem de Montaigne

- Self-respect is the fruit of discipline: the sense of dignity grows with the ability to say no to oneself. —Abraham J. Heschel

- Discipline is the soul of an army. —George Washington

- If I don't practice one day, I know it; two days, the critics know it; three days, the public knows it. —Jascha Haifetz

- Theirs not to make reply, / Theirs not to reason why, / Theirs but to do and die. —Alfred, Lord Tennyson

- Order marches with weighty and measured strides; disorder is always in a hurry. —Napoleon Bonaparte

- No man is fit to command another that cannot command himself. —William Penn

16 Example

- Show me an orchestra that likes its conductor and I'll show you a lousy conductor.
—*Goddard Lieberson*
- Nothing I do can't be done by a ten-year-old . . . with fifteen years of practice.
—*Harry Blackstone Jr., on being a magician*
- He that leaveth nothing to chance will do few things ill, but he will do very few things.
—*George Savile*
- There is no such thing as a great talent without great willpower.
—*Honoré de Balzac*
- I am a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work the more I have of it.
—*Stephen Butler Leacock*
- It is a very bad thing to become accustomed to good luck.
—*Publilius Syrus*
- Minds, like bodies, will often fall into a pimpled, ill-conditioned state from mere excess of comfort.
—*Charles Dickens*
- The man who does something under orders is not unhappy; he is unhappy who does something against his will.
—*Seneca the Younger*
- Man's many desires are like the small metal coins he carries about in his pocket. The more he has the more they weight him down.
—*Satya Sai Baba*
- I never give them hell. I just tell the truth and they think it's hell.
—*Harry S. Truman*

Sayings

- This hurts me more than it hurts you.
- Show them death and they will accept the fever.
—*Arab saying*

Joke

- “Excuse me, but can you tell me how I can get to Carnegie Hall?” the tourist asked a New York City cop.
“Practice, practice, practice,” he replied.

EXAMPLE

- Children have never been very good at listening to their elders, but they have never failed to imitate them.
—*James Baldwin*
- He or she is greatest who contributes the greatest original practical example.
—*Walt Whitman*
- Few things are harder to put up with than the annoyance of a good example.
—*Mark Twain*
- Setting an example is not the main means of influencing another, it is the only means.
—*Albert Einstein*
- Practice yourself what you preach.
—*Titus Maccius Plautus*

Saying

- The best way to give advice is to set a good example.

Jokes

- The rotten kid next door isn't completely useless—at least ten parents use him as a bad example.
- Two dimwitted ditchdiggers got upset by the fact that they did all the hard work and received one-tenth the pay of the crew boss. Finally deciding to confront his boss, one guy climbed out of the ditch and went over to the foreman, who was leaning against a tree reading the racing form. "How come we do all the hard work while you sit here and earn ten times as much?" he demanded.

"Intelligence," was the crew boss's answer. "Let me give you an example." He put his hand in front of the tree. "See my hand? Hit it as hard as you can."

The ditchdigger took a mighty swing, the boss moved his hand at the last minute, and commented to the worker, now clutching his bruised fist, "See what I mean?"

Back in the ditch, the second guy eagerly questioned his friend. "It's a matter of intelligence," was the reply. "Let me give you an example: hit my hand as hard as you can." And he held it up in front of his face.

FAME

- You can get awful famous in this country in seven days. —*Gary Hart*
- To see one's name in print! Some people commit a crime for no other reason. —*Gustave Flaubert*
- Martyrdom is the only way in which a man can become famous without ability. —*George Bernard Shaw*
- Our admiration is so given to dead martyrs that we have little time for living heroes. —*Elbert Hubbard*
- Fame is proof that the people are gullible. —*Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- Fame is like ice cream. It's only bad if you eat too much. —*Mick Jagger*
- Obscurity and competence—that is the life that is best worth living. —*Mark Twain*
- My face is my passport. —*Vladimir Horowitz*
- The nice thing about being a celebrity is that when you bore people, they think it's their fault. —*Henry Kissinger*
- It took me fifteen years to discover I had no talent for writing, but I couldn't give it up because by that time I was too famous. —*Robert Benchley*
- Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some hire public relations officers. —*Daniel J. Boorstin*
- You're always a little disappointing in person because you can't be the edited essence of yourself. —*Mel Brooks*

18 Fame

- In the '80s we're dinosaurs and in the '90s we're legends. It's much easier being a legend than a dinosaur. —*Dan McCafferty*
- Sure they tear off my clothes, they scratch their initials on my cars, they phone my hotel all night. When they stop, I'll start to worry. —*Elvis Presley*
- A man's great fame must always be measured against the means used to acquire it. —*François, Duc de La Rochefoucauld*
- I was the toast of two continents: Greenland and Australia. —*Dorothy Parker (attrib.)*
- In the future, everyone will be famous for fifteen minutes. —*Andy Warhol*
- I'm famous. That's my job. —*Jerry Rubin*
- Ah just love bein' famous, and ah think anybody who says they don't is full of shit. —*Johnny Winter*
- I don't mind if my skull ends up on a shelf as long as it's got my name on it. —*Debbie Harry*
- The only man who wasn't spoiled by being lionized was Daniel. —*Sir Herbert Beerbohm Tree*
- A modest man is usually admired—if people ever hear of him. —*Edgar Watson Howe*
- To punish me for my contempt for authority, fate made me an authority myself. —*Albert Einstein*
- Obscurity is the refuge of incompetence. —*Robert A. Heinlein*
- There's only one thing in the world worse than being talked about, and that is not being talked about. —*Oscar Wilde*
- The higher a monkey climbs, the more you see of his ass. —*Gen. Joseph Stillwell*
- My God, who do they think I am—everybody? —*Leonard Bernstein, at the end of an exceptionally busy day*

- The story is told that Winston Churchill, scheduled to address the entire United Kingdom in an hour, hailed a cab in the West End and told him to drive as fast as he could for the BBC.

“Sorry, sir,” said the cabbie, shaking his head. “You’ll have to find yourself another cab.”

“And why is that?” asked the annoyed Prime Minister.

“Ordinarily it wouldn’t be a problem, sir,” explained the driver apologetically, “but Mr. Churchill’s broadcasting at 6:00 and I want to get home in time to hear him.”

Churchill was so gratified that he pulled a pound note out of his wallet and handed it over. The cabbie took one look at the bill and said, “Hop in, sir—the devil with Mr. Churchill.”

Sayings

- Fools’ names and fools’ faces are often seen in public places.
- Fame is better than fortune.

- Fame is a magnifying glass.
- Fame is but the breath of the people.
- At twenty, we don't care what the world thinks of us; at thirty, we worry about what it's thinking of us; at forty, we discover it isn't thinking about us at all.

Joke

- Three guys were sitting around talking about what being really, really famous would be like. The first guy defined it as being invited to the White House for a personal chat with the president. "Nah," disagreed the second fellow. "Real fame would be being in there chatting when the hot line rings, and the president won't take the call." The third guy said they both had it wrong. "Fame," he declared, "is when you're in the Oval Office and the hot line rings and the president answers it, listens for a second, and then says, 'It's for you.' "

FORTUNE AND FATE

- Bad times have a scientific value. . . . We learn geology the morning after the earthquake.
—*Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- The man with the real sense of humor is the man who can put himself in the spectator's place and laugh at his own misfortune.
—*Bert Williams*
- No one is content with his fortune, nor discontent with his intellect.
—*Madame Antoinette Deshoulières*
- Heaven goes by favour. If it went by merit, you would stay out and your dog would go in.
—*Mark Twain*
- I think we consider too much the good luck of the early bird, and not enough the bad luck of the early worm.
—*Franklin D. Roosevelt*
- Oil is seldom found where it is most needed, and seldom most needed where it is found.
—*L. E. J. Brouwer*
- I do not believe in a fate that falls on men however they act; but I do believe in a fate that falls on them unless they act.
—*G. K. Chesterton*
- Lots of folks confuse bad management with destiny.
—*Kin Hubbard*
- With luck on your side you can do without brains.
—*Giordano Bruno*
- As long as we are lucky we attribute it to our smartness; our bad luck we give the gods credit for.
—*Josh Billings*
- Luck is the residue of design.
—*Branch Rickey*
- Depend upon the rabbit's foot if you will, but remember it didn't work for the rabbit!
—*R. E. Shay*
- If all our misfortunes were laid in one common heap, whence every one must take an equal portion, most people would be content to take their own and depart.
—*Solon*

- It is a very bad thing to become accustomed to good luck. —*Publilius Syrus*
- Fortune gives too much to many, but enough to none. —*Martial, 1st century A.D.*
- Luck never made a man wise. —*Seneca the Younger*
- A flock of blessings light upon thy back. —*William Shakespeare*
- The harder you work, the luckier you get. —*Gary Player*
- No man can escape his fate. —*Sophocles*

Sayings

- Better to be born lucky than rich.
- Not all luck is good, and not all good is luck.
- Lucky at cards, unlucky in love.
- Many a live wire would be a dead one except for his connections.

Joke

- When Doug came in for the results of his routine physical, the doctor said gently, “Doug, you’d better sit down. I’ve got some good news and some bad news.”
“Okay,” said Doug, taking a seat, “give me the bad news first.”
“Well,” said the doctor, “you’ve got cancer. It’s spreading at an unbelievable rate, it’s totally inoperable, and you’ve only got three weeks to live.”
“Jesus!” gasped Doug, wiping the sweat off his brow. “What the hell’s the *good* news?”
“You know that really gorgeous receptionist out in the front office?”
“You bet!” answered Doug.
“The one with the body that won’t quit?”
“Right.”
“And the blonde hair and big baby blues—”
“Yeah, yeah,” interrupted Doug. “Where’s the good news?”
Leaning forward, the doctor announced with a grin, “I’m sleeping with her!”

GOALS

- Acceptance of prevailing standards often means we have no standards of our own. —*Jean Toomer*
- Never look down to test the ground before taking your next step; only he who keeps his eye fixed on the far horizon will find the right road. —*Dag Hammarskjöld*
- Hitch your wagon to a star. —*Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- If you would hit the mark, you must aim a little above it; every arrow that flies feels the attraction of earth. —*Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*
- We succeed only as we identify in life, or in war, or in anything else, a single overriding objective, and make all other considerations bend to that one objective. —*Dwight D. Eisenhower*

- There are two great rules of life, the one general and the other particular. The first is that everyone can, in the end, get what he wants if he only tries. This is the general rule. The particular rule is that every individual is more or less an exception to the general rule. —*Samuel Butler*
- When you reach for the stars, you may not quite get them, but you won't come up with a handful of mud either. —*Leo Burnett*
- Not failure, but low aim, is crime. —*James Russell Lowell*
- The tragedy of life doesn't lie in not reaching your goal. The tragedy lies in having no goal to reach. —*Benjamin E. Mays*
- You don't understand! I could've been a contender. I could've had class and been somebody. Real class. Instead of a bum, let's face it, which is what I am. —*Terry in On the Waterfront, screenplay by Budd Schulberg*

Sayings

- An obstacle is something you see when you take your eyes off the goal.
- Keep your eye on the goal.
- Never look back unless you are planning to go that way.

Joke

- “Rats,” said Charlie Brown after striking out for the third straight time. Back in the dugout he buried his face in his hands and confessed, “Lucy, all my life I’ve dreamed of playing in the big leagues, but I’m never gonna make it. I’m just never gonna make it.”
“You’re thinking too far ahead, Charlie Brown,” Lucy told him firmly. “What you need is a more immediate goal.”
“You think so?” Charlie Brown perked up a bit at this sensible advice.
“Definitely,” continued Lucy. “For example, start with the very next inning: see if you can make it to the pitcher’s mound without falling down.” —*Charles M. Schulz*

GREATNESS

- To be a great champion you must believe you are the best. If you’re not, pretend you are. —*Muhammad Ali*
- A great man shows his greatness by the way he treats little men. —*Thomas Carlyle*
- A certain excessiveness seems a necessary element in all greatness. —*Harvey Cushing*
- It is better to deserve honours and not have them than to have them and not deserve them. —*Mark Twain*
- The greater the man, the greater the crime. —*Thomas Fuller*

- . . . be not afraid of greatness: some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them. —*William Shakespeare*
- The first test of a truly great man is his humility. —*John Ruskin*
- Few great men could pass personnel. —*Paul Goodman*
- No man is truly great who is great only in his own lifetime. The test of greatness is the page of history. —*William Hazlitt*
- Nothing grows well in the shade of a big tree. —*Constantin Brancusi*
- It is not the strength, but the duration, of great sentiments that makes great men. —*Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche*
- No great man ever complains of want of opportunity. —*Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- The nobler a man, the harder it is for him to suspect inferiority in others. —*Cicero*
- Men of genius do not excel in any profession because they labour in it, but they labour in it because they excel. —*William Hazlitt*
- It is the gods' custom to bring low all things of surpassing greatness. —*Herodotus*
- Greatness is a spiritual condition worthy to excite love, interest, and admiration, and the outward proof of possessing greatness is that we excite love, interest, and admiration. —*Matthew Arnold*
- There is no such thing as a little country. The greatness of a people is no more determined by their number than the greatness of a man is determined by his height. —*Victor Hugo*
- We are both great men, but I have succeeded better in keeping it a profound secret than he has. —*Bill Nye*
- Great men are meteors designed to burn so that the earth may be lighted. —*Napoleon Bonaparte*
- Nothing great will ever be achieved without great men, and men are great only if they are determined to be so. —*Charles de Gaulle*
- Meeting Franklin Roosevelt was like opening your first bottle of champagne; knowing him was like drinking it. —*Winston Churchill*

Saying

- One does not become great by claiming greatness.

—*African saying*

Joke

- The exercise during history class one day was for each of the students to list whom they considered to be the eleven greatest Americans. After half an hour, everyone had turned in their papers except Irwin, who was still scratching his head and thinking furiously. “What’s up?” asked the teacher. “Can’t you come up with eleven great Americans?”

"I've got all but one," the student explained hastily. "It's the quarterback I can't decide on."

HONESTY

- Honesty is the best policy, but he who is governed by that maxim is not an honest man.
—Richard Whateley
- Put a rogue in the limelight and he will act like an honest man.
—Napoleon Bonaparte
- All cruel people describe themselves as paragons of frankness. —Tennessee Williams
- There is one way to find out if a man is honest—ask him. If he says "yes," you know he is crooked.
—Groucho Marx
- Whatever else has been said about me personally is unimportant. When I sing, I believe I am honest.
—Frank Sinatra
- He's an honest man—you could shoot craps with him over the telephone.
—Earl Wilson

Sayings

- Don't call a man honest just because he never had the chance to steal.
—Yiddish saying
- Honesty is the best policy [but sometimes it has a high premium].

Jokes

- At long last the good-humored boss felt compelled to call Fitch into his office. "It has not escaped my attention," he pointed out gently, "that every time there's a big home game, you have to take your auntie to the doctor." "You know you're *right*, sir," exclaimed Fitch. "I hadn't realized. You don't suppose she's faking it, now do you?"
- As he lay dying, the old codger turned to his wife and murmured softly, "When I limped home from the final campaign in 1918, you were waiting for me, Rachel. When I was released from Dachau at the end of World War II, you were by my side." Overcome with emotion, the old man stopped to snort loudly into a handkerchief, then continued. "Rachel, when we sold everything to start a business in the new world and it went bust and left us penniless, there you were. And now, here I am breathing my last, and here you still stand by the bedside. Rachel, I'm telling you—you're a jinx."

INITIATIVE AND INCENTIVE

- The world is divided into people who do things and people who get the credit. Try, if you can, to belong to the first class. There's far less competition.
—Dwight Morrow

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- No man knows what he can do till he tries. —*Publilius Syrus*
- When in doubt, make a fool of yourself. There is a microscopically thin line between being brilliantly creative and acting like the most gigantic idiot on earth. So what the hell, leap. —*Cynthia Heimel*
- Nothing can move a man who is paid by the hour; how sweet the flight of time seems to his calm mind. —*Charles Dudley Warner*
- Restlessness is discontent—and discontent is the first necessity of progress. Show me a thoroughly satisfied man and I will show you a failure. —*Thomas Alva Edison*
- To escape criticism—do nothing, say nothing, be nothing. —*Elbert Hubbard*
- I always do the first line well, but I have trouble doing the others. —*Molière*
- The only difference between a rut and a grave is their dimensions. —*Ellen Glasgow*
- The oldest habit in the world for resisting change is to complain that unless the remedy to the disease should be universally applied it should not be applied at all. But you must start somewhere. —*Winston Churchill*
- A horse never runs so fast as when he has other horses to catch up and outpace. —*Ovid*
- The man who does something under orders is not unhappy; he is unhappy who does something against his will. —*Seneca the Younger*
- The beginning is the most important part of the work. —*Plato*
- People are always blaming their circumstances for what they are. I don't believe in circumstances. The people who get on in this world are the people who get up and look for the circumstances they want, and, if they can't find them, make them. —*George Bernard Shaw*
- In real life, of course, it is the hare who wins. Every time. Look around you. And in any case it is my contention that Aesop was writing for the tortoise market. . . . Hares have no time to read. They are too busy winning the game. —*Anita Brookner*
- The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing. —*Edmund Burke*
- The gods help them that help themselves. —*Aesop*
- Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. —*Matthew 7:7*
- We must not, in trying to think about how we can make a big difference, ignore the small daily differences we can make which, over time, add up to big differences that we often cannot foresee. —*Marian Wright Edelman*
- Throughout history it has been the inaction of those who could have acted, the indifference of those who should have known better, the silence of the voice of justice when it mattered most, that has made it possible for evil to triumph. —*Haile Selassie*
- The man whose life is devoted to paperwork has lost the initiative. He is dealing with things that are brought to his notice, having ceased to notice anything for himself. He has been essentially defeated in his job. —*C. Northcote Parkinson*

- Boldness in business is the first, second, and third thing. —*Thomas Fuller*
- Every morning I take out my bankbook, stare at it, shudder—and turn quickly to my typewriter. —*Sydney J. Harris, on incentive as a journalist*

Sayings

- The early bird gets the worm.
- A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step. —*Chinese proverb*
- An American believes more than anything else in the last four letters of that title: I can.

Jokes

- At the conclusion of his lecture to a group of young recruits, the legendary paratrooper asked for questions. A hand shot up. “What made you decide to make that first jump, sir?” Without hesitating, the paratrooper replied, “An airplane at 18,000 feet with three dead engines.”
- “I feel like Liz Taylor’s fourth husband: I know what I am supposed to do, but I am at a loss as to how to make it different.”
- Two guys are being chased by a bear, when one stops to put on his sneakers. The other guy yells, “You idiot, you can’t outrun a bear.” The first guy gasps, “I don’t have to outrun a bear—I just have to outrun you.”
- Two skeletons used by the professor of anatomy found themselves stowed away in a dusty closet, and after several weeks of boredom one turned to the other and asked, “What are we doing shut up in here anyway?” “Got me,” admitted his companion. “But if we had any guts we’d get out of here.”

LEADERSHIP

- When you soar like an eagle, you attract the hunters. —*Milton S. Gould*
- We can’t all be heroes because somebody has to sit on the curb and clap as they go by. —*Will Rogers*
- ’Tis skill, not strength that governs a ship. —*Thomas Fuller*
- When a leader is in the Democratic party he’s a boss; when he’s in the Republican party he’s a leader. —*Harry S. Truman*
- A leader is a dealer in hope. —*Napoleon Bonaparte*
- They be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch. —*Matthew 15:14*
- You do not lead by hitting people over the head—that’s assault, not leadership. —*Dwight D. Eisenhower*

26 Leadership

- The art of leadership . . . consists in consolidating the attention of the people against a single adversary and taking care that nothing will split up that attention.

—Adolf Hitler

- In time of peril, like the needle to the lodestone, obedience, irrespective of rank, generally flies to him who is best fitted to command.

—Herman Melville

- I must follow them. I am their leader.

—Andrew Bonar Law

- It is an interesting question how far men would retain their relative rank if they were divested of their clothes.

—Henry David Thoreau

- Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

—Matthew 5:14–16

- Only one man in a thousand is a leader of men—the other 999 follow women.

—Groucho Marx

- Either lead, follow, or get out of the way.

—Sign on desk of Ted Turner

- I will do my best. That is all I can do. I ask for your help—and God's.

—Lyndon B. Johnson, on arriving in Washington, D.C., on the evening of John F. Kennedy's assassination, November 22, 1963

- People ask the difference between a leader and a boss. . . . The leader works in the open and the boss in covert. The leader leads, and the boss drives.

—Theodore Roosevelt

- Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower used a simple device to illustrate the art of leadership. Laying an ordinary piece of string on a table, he'd illustrate how you could easily pull it in any direction. "Try and push it, though," he cautioned, "and it won't go anywhere. It's just that way when it comes to leading people."

- Now I don't want you to consider me as just your commanding officer. I want you to look on me like I was . . . well . . . God.

—Bull, in *The Great Santini*, screenplay by Lewis John Carlino

Sayings

- The speed of the leader is the speed of the pack.

—Yukon saying

- The thoughtless strong man is the chief among lazy men.

—West African saying

- Take me to your leader.

- You can always tell a leader, but you can't tell him much.

- Judge a leader by the followers.

- Leadership casts a long shadow.

Joke

- Part of the college application was directed to the applicant's parents, and one of the questions was, "Would you consider your child to be a leader or a follower?" And after much deliberation, the father wrote that he felt his child, although very much an individual, was really more of a follower.

Not long after a letter of acceptance arrived from the college, accompanied by a note from the director of admissions welcoming his child. "We feel he'll fit in especially well," the letter went on, "as he will be the only follower in a class of 412 leaders."

OPPORTUNITY

- A problem is a chance for you to do your best. —*Duke Ellington*
- . . . there is only one genuine misfortune: not to be born. —*Joaquim Maria Machado de Assis*
- Problems are only opportunities in work clothes. —*Henry J. Kaiser*
- When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has been opened for us. —*Helen Keller*
- I was seldom able to see an opportunity until it had ceased to be one. —*Mark Twain*
- Carpe diem. (Seize the day.) —*Horace*
- Next to knowing when to seize an opportunity, the most important thing in life is to know when to forego an advantage. —*Benjamin Disraeli*
- Time is that wherein there is opportunity, and opportunity is that wherein there is no great time. —*Hippocrates*
- A man hath no better thing under the sun than to eat, drink, and be merry. —*Ecclesiastes 8:15*
- . . . where legitimate opportunities are closed, illegitimate opportunities are seized. Whatever opens opportunity and hope will help to prevent crime and foster responsibility. —*Lyndon B. Johnson*
- Bad times have a scientific value. . . . We learn geology the morning after the earthquake. —*Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Sayings

- Opportunity knocks but once.
- When a fool has made up his mind, the market has gone by. —*Spanish proverb*
- Some people not only expect opportunity to knock, they expect it to beat the door down.
- No opportunity is ever lost. Someone else seizes the ones you missed.

Jokes

- First Entrepreneur: "I've got a great idea: I'm going to open up a bar and grill in the middle of the Sahara Desert."

Second Entrepreneur: "That's a ridiculous idea. You'll be lucky to get more one customer a month."

First Entrepreneur: "Okay, but just *think* how thirsty he'll be."

 - The fellow was joined at the bar by a voluptuous woman who soon made her talents and charms abundantly clear. "I'll make your dreams come true," she whispered, "for \$150."

"That's a lot of money," the guy pointed out, admiring the cleavage set forth under his nose.

"I'm worth it," she assured him breathily. "For \$150, I'll act out your wildest, hottest fantasy. In fact, I can make any three words come true. Just dream them up, baby."

"Any three words? For \$150?" The man's voice grew husky as the woman's hand crept farther and farther up his inner thigh.

She nodded, reaching the other hand up to caress the back of his neck while the fellow considered the offer. Finally he leaned back with a big smile and announced. "Okay, it's a deal!" He leaned over and whispered, "Paint my house."

OPTIMISM

- Gray skies are just clouds passing over. —*Duke Ellington*
 - Let us be of good cheer, remembering that the misfortunes hardest to bear are those that will never happen. —*James Russell Lowell*
 - The optimist proclaims that we live in the best of all possible worlds; and the pessimist fears this is true. —*James Branch Campbell*
 - This is the best day the world has ever seen. Tomorrow will be better. —*R. A. Campbell*
 - The man who laughs has not yet heard the news. —*Bertolt Brecht*
 - Pessimists are usually kind. The gay, bubbling over, have no time for the pitiful. —*Sean O'Faolain*
 - The man who is a pessimist before forty-eight knows too much; if he is an optimist after it, he knows too little. —*Mark Twain*
 - Things are going to get a lot worse before they get worse. —*Lily Tomlin*
 - I've never seen a monument erected to a pessimist. —*Paul Harvey*

Sayings

- Save your good times till later.
 - Always expect the worst, and when it comes, make the best of it.
 - To believe a thing impossible is to make it so. —French proverb

- Pessimism is the triumph of worry over matter.
 - A pessimist is someone who makes difficulties of his opportunities.
 - The man who says it cannot be done should not interrupt the man who is doing.
- Chinese proverb*
- In the long run, the pessimist may be proved right, but the optimist has a better time on the trip.
 - An optimist is a man who starts a crossword puzzle with a fountain pen.

Jokes

- What's the difference between an optimist and a pessimist?
—An optimist created the plane; a pessimist created the seatbelts.
- During his whistle-stop campaign for the presidency in 1948, Harry Truman is reputed to have asked a fellow in the crowd before him how he was intending to vote.
“Mr. Truman,” came the reply, “I wouldn’t vote for you if yours was the only name on the ballot.”
Truman turned to an aide and instructed, “Put that man down as doubtful.”
- A passerby stopped to watch a Little League game in progress, and after a few minutes asked one of the boys in the dugout the score.
“Oh, we’re behind twelve to nothing,” was the answer.
“Gee, you must be kind of discouraged,” the spectator commented.
“Discouraged? Why should I be discouraged?” asked the kid with a big grin. “Our team hasn’t gotten to bat yet.”

PRAISE

- He writes so well he makes me feel like putting the quill back in the goose.
—*Fred Allen*
- Well done is better than well said.
—*Benjamin Franklin*
- I think this is the most extraordinary collection of talent, of human knowledge, that has ever been gathered together at the White House—with the possible exception of when Thomas Jefferson dined alone.
—*John F. Kennedy*
- The advantage of doing one’s praising for oneself is that one can lay it on thick and exactly in the right places.
—*Samuel Butler*
- His life was gentle, and the elements / So mix’d in him that Nature might stand up / And say to all the world, “This was a man!”
—*William Shakespeare*
- This is a moment that I deeply wish my parents could have lived to share. My father would have enjoyed what you have so generously said of me—and my mother would have believed it.
—*Lyndon B. Johnson*
- Baloney is the unvarnished lie laid on so thick you hate it. Blarney is flattery laid on so thin you love it.
—*Bhp. Fulton J. Sheen*

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- Flattery is all right—if you don't inhale. —*Adlai Stevenson*
- Some people pay a compliment as if they expected a receipt. —*Kin Hubbard*
- A compliment is something like a kiss through a veil. —*Victor Hugo*
- I will praise any man that will praise me. —*William Shakespeare*
- Flattery is like cologne water, to be smelt of, not swallowed. —*Josh Billings*
- I can live for two months on a good compliment. —*Mark Twain*
- It is more difficult to praise rightly than to blame. —*Thomas Fuller*
- Praise is the only gift for which people are really grateful. —*Marguerite, Countess of Blessington*
- A man doesn't live by bread alone. He needs buttering up once in a while. —*Robert H. Henry*
- To withhold deserved praise lest it should make its object conceited is as dishonest as to withhold payment of a just debt lest your creditor should spend the money badly. —*George Bernard Shaw*
- The greatest honor that can come to a man is the appreciation and high regard of his fellow men. —*H. G. Mendelson*

Sayings

- One has only to die to be praised. —*German proverb*
- You catch more flies with honey than you do with vinegar.
- If you think that praise is due, now's the time to show it, 'cause a man can't read his tombstone when he's dead.
- Most of us can run pretty well all day on one compliment.
- A word of encouragement during failure is worth more than a dictionary of praise following success.

Jokes

- Novice golfer to husband, teeing off: Now tell me if you notice anything I'm doing right.
- The kindhearted department head was delighted when a less-than-dazzling employee decided to move on, but stumped when he was asked for a recommendation. Finally, after much head-scratching, he wrote, "Mr. Marks worked for me for a long time, and when you have known him as long as I have, you will undoubtedly share my opinion of him."

QUALITY AND EXCELLENCE

- If you don't do it excellently, don't do it at all. Because if it's not excellent, it won't be profitable or fun, and if you're not in business for fun or profit, what the hell are you doing there? —*Robert Townsend*

- When I am working on a problem, I never think about beauty . . . but when I have finished, if the solution is not beautiful, I know it is wrong. —*R. Buckminster Fuller*
- As there is but one step from the sublime to the ridiculous, so also there is but one from the ridiculous to the sublime. —*Samuel Butler*
- Give me the luxuries of life and I will willingly do without the necessities. —*Frank Lloyd Wright*
- It is better to deserve honours and not have them than to have them and not deserve them. —*Mark Twain*
- Only mediocrity can be trusted to be always at its best. —*Max Beerbohm*
- There is no perfectly Epicurean corner; there is no perfectly irresponsible place. Everywhere men have made the way for us with sweat and submission. We may fling ourselves into a hammock in a fit of divine carelessness. But we are glad that the net-maker did not make the hammock in a fit of divine carelessness. —*G. K. Chesterton*
- Good is not good, where better is expected. —*Thomas Fuller*
- If I cannot overwhelm with my quality, I will overwhelm with my quantity. —*Émile Zola*
- There is hardly anything in the world that some man cannot make a little worse and sell a little cheaper. —*John Ruskin*
- It is a funny thing about life: if you refuse to accept anything but the best you very often get it. —*W. Somerset Maugham*
- It isn't evil that's running the earth, but mediocrity. The crime is not that Nero played while Rome burned, but that he played badly. —*Ned Rorem*
- The secret of joy in work is contained in one word—excellence. To know how to do something well is to enjoy it. —*Pearl S. Buck*
- All I want is the best of everything, and there's very little of that left. —*Lucius Beebe*
- The true test of civilization is not the census, not size of cities, but the kind of man that the country turns out. —*Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- A perfectionist is a man who takes infinite pains and gives them to others. —*Alan Benner*
- First-rate people hire first-rate people; second-rate people hire third-rate people. —*Leo Rosten*
- The road to business success is paved by those who continually strive to produce better products or services. It does not have to be a great technological product like television. Ray Kroc of McDonald's fame did it with a simple hamburger. —*G. Kingsley Ward*
- Quality is not an act. It is a habit. —*Aristotle*
- My parents always told me that people will never know how long it takes you to do something. They will only know how well it is done. —*Nancy Hanks*

32 Reputation

- QSCV (Quality, Service, Cleanliness & Value).

—*Standard imposed by Ray Kroc, founder of McDonald's fast-food chain*

Sayings

- If it isn't perfect, make it better. —*Japanese manufacturing slogan*
- The bitterness of poor quality persists long after the sweetness of low price is forgiven.
- To err is human; to try to prevent recurrence of error is science.

Jokes

- Sign in a New York restaurant window: Courteous and efficient self-service.
- The television factory boosted quality control with a little sign above each work station. It read: "Careful—this may be the one you get."
- A woman went into a diner one morning and ordered breakfast. "I want two eggs over easy," she instructed, "one of them runny as water and the other cooked hard enough to bounce. I want the toast burned black, the coffee cold, and the butter too hard to cut." "We can't do that, ma'am," protested the waitress. "Sure you can," said the customer. "You did yesterday."
- Customer: Gee, if these machines are sold way under cost like you say they are, how do you make a living?
Salesman: Simple. We make our money fixing them.

REPUTATION

- Who has once the fame to be an early riser may sleep till noon. —*James Howell*

- Character is made by what you stand for; reputation, by what you fall for. —*Robert Quillen*

- It is easier to cope with a bad conscience than with a bad reputation. —*Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche*

- Whom the gods wish to destroy they first call promising. —*Cyril Connolly*

- Either a good or a bad reputation outruns and gets before people wherever they go. —*Philip Chesterfield*

- Every man values himself more than all other men, but he always values others' opinion of him more than his own. —*Marcus Aurelius Antoninus*

- Each man is afraid of his neighbor's disapproval—a thing which, to the general run of the race, is more dreaded than wounds and death. —*Mark Twain*

- A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches. —*Proverbs 22:1*

- Until you've lost your reputation, you never realize what a burden it was or what freedom really is. —*Margaret Mitchell*

- Oh! I have lost my reputation! I have lost the immortal part of myself, and what remains is bestial.
—*William Shakespeare*
- Associate yourself with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation; for 'tis better to be alone than in bad quality.
—*George Washington*
- There's only one thing in the world worse than being talked about, and that is not being talked about.
—*Oscar Wilde*
- There are times when there is nothing more humiliating in life than the knowledge of being inferior to one's reputation.
—*Eleonora Duse*
- No nation respects a beggar.
—*Elijah Muhammad*
- I can ruin my reputation in five minutes; I don't need help.
—*Martha Graham*

Sayings

- If you've got something worthwhile to do, don't talk about it—do it. After it's done, your friends and acquaintances will talk about it.
- Your reputation precedes you.

Joke

- Mrs. Chapin was understandably upset when the newspaper accidentally printed her obituary, but when she came in to see the managing editor she grew positively apoplectic with rage. "Just think of what your careless error will cost me: I'm completely mortified, a laughingstock already, the butt of cheap wisecracks. Why my social standing, my entire reputation is at stake!"

The harried editor attempted to apologize repeatedly, but was unable even to get a word in edgewise. Finally the dowager concluded her diatribe with the demand that the newspaper somehow make it up to her.

"Fine, lady," offered the editor wearily. "Tomorrow I'll list you in the birth announcements and give you a fresh start."

RESPONSIBILITY

- It is our responsibilities, not ourselves, that we should take seriously.
—*Peter Ustinov*
- It is easy to dodge our responsibilities, but we cannot dodge the consequences of dodging our responsibilities.
—*Josiah Stamp*
- Corporation: an ingenious device for obtaining individual profit without individual responsibility.
—*Ambrose Bierce*
- No matter how lofty you are in your department, the responsibility for what your lowliest assistant is doing is yours.
—*Bessie James*
- I don't think an artist has any more responsibility than anyone else, but I think we all have an equal responsibility to do what we can for the community and do what we can for the family and make sure that we protect ourselves first.
—*Willie Nelson*

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- When the grass looks greener on the other side of the fence, it may be that they take better care of it there.

—Cecil Selig

Sayings

- A heavy burden does not kill on the day it is carried. —*East African saying*
- The absent are never without fault, nor those present without excuse.

Jokes

- When Bob Fosse was replaced as director-choreographer on the short-lived Broadway show *The Conquering Hero*, he complained, “I conceived this show. I outlined it. I cast it. I choreographed it. I drew the first sketches for the design. I directed it. And the first thing that goes wrong, they blame me!”
- Somewhat skeptical of his son’s newfound determination to become Charles Atlas, the father nevertheless followed the teenager over to the weight-lifting department.
“Please, Dad,” wheedled the boy, “I promise I’ll use ‘em every day . . .”
“I dunno, Michael. It’s really a commitment on your part,” the dad pointed out.
“Please, Dad?”
“They’re not cheap either.”
“I’ll use ‘em, Dad, I promise. You’ll see.”

Finally won over, the father paid for the equipment and headed for the door. From the corner of the store he heard his son yelp, “What! You mean I have to carry them to the car?”

- A fellow applying for a job as a flagman with the B&O Railroad was told the job was his if he could correctly answer a single question: as flagman, what would he do if he saw the Continental Express coming from the east at 100 mph and the Century Limited heading west at 90 mph on the same track?
The applicant pondered for a moment, then answered, “I’d fetch my brother-in-law.”
“What good would that do?” asked the interviewer. “Has he worked on the railroad?”
“Nope—he’s never seen a train accident.”
- A passerby watched the progress of two workmen down a Leningrad street. One stopped every twenty feet to dig a hole, the second filled it in as soon as he was done, and they moved on to the next site. Finally, overcome by curiosity, the observer asked what in heaven’s name they were doing. “You certainly aren’t accomplishing anything,” she pointed out.
“You don’t understand at all,” protested one worker indignantly. “We are usually a team of three: I dig the hole, Sergei plants the tree, and Vladimir packs the dirt back in. Today Sergei is home with the flu, but that doesn’t mean Vladimir and I get to stop working, does it?”
- Two weeks after Paisley’s transfer into the promotion department, his old boss got a phone call. “You told me Paisley was a responsible worker!” yelled the furious head of promotion.

"Oh, he is," she confirmed. "In the year he worked in my department, the computer went down five times and had to be completely reprogrammed, the petty cash got misplaced six times, and I developed an ulcer. And each time, Paisley was responsible."

SELF-ESTEEM

- We shall have our manhood. —*Eldridge Cleaver*
- The greatest possession is self-possession. —*Ethel Watts Mumford*
- He who despises himself esteems himself as a self-despiser. —*Susan Sontag*
- Nothing is so soothing to our self-esteem as to find our bad traits in our forbears. It seems to absolve us. —*Van Wyck Brooks*
- There are few activities so smug as cold-blooded self-appraisal. —*Robert Reeves*
- Many purchasers of self-help books are grappling with a creeping, leaden feeling that life is passing them by. . . . Why, these purchasers ask, am I not a glittering presence? Why do I not have an ostentatiously large and tastelessly furnished house full of sullen hangers-on? —*Colin McEnroe*
- Psychoanalysis shows the human infant as the passive recipient of love, unable to bear hostility. Development is the learning to love actively and to bear rejection. —*Karl Stern*
- People often say that this or that person has not yet found himself. But the self is not something that one finds. It is something that one creates. —*Thomas Szasz*
- Every new adjustment is a crisis in self-esteem. —*Eric Hoffer*
- Justice is always violent to the offending, for every man is innocent in his own eyes. —*Daniel Defoe*
- The graveyards are full of people the world could not do without. —*Elbert Hubbard*

Sayings

- When a man falls in love with himself, it's usually the beginning of a life-long romance.
- The minute you get the idea you're indispensable, you aren't.

Jokes

- If you think nobody cares you're alive, try missing a couple of car payments.
- The trendy dresser fancied himself quite a lady-killer, and was delighted to find a note pinned inside a brand-new shirt. It contained a girl's name and address, and asked the recipient to send a photograph. "How romantic," he thought to himself, very taken with the idea of this mystery woman so eager to meet him, and promptly mailed off a note and photo.

Heart aflutter, he opened her response. It read, “Thanks for writing. I was just curious to see what kind of guy would buy such a funny shirt.”

STATUS

- The difference between a man and his valet: they both smoke the same cigars, but only one pays for them. —*Robert Frost*
- Soldiers win battles and generals get the credit. —*Napoleon Bonaparte*
- Many of the quests for status symbols—the hot automobile, the best table in a restaurant or a private chat with the boss—are shadowy reprises of infant anxieties. . . . The larger office, the corner space, the extra window are the teddy bears and tricycles of adult office life. —*Willard Gaylin*
- A status symbol is anything you can't afford, but did. —*Harold Coffin*
- Status symbols are medals you buy yourself. —*Bernhard Wicki*
- Advertising promotes that divine discontent which makes people strive to improve their economic status. —*Ralph Butler*

Sayings

- It's nice to be important, but it's more important to be nice.
- If they don't want to play with you, then you don't want to play with them.
- Once the game is over, the king and the pawn go back into the same box.

—Italian saying

Jokes

- Observing a light across the water, the captain had his signalman send to instruct the other vessel to change her course 10 degrees south.
The response was prompt: “Change your course 10 degrees north.”
“I am a captain,” he responded testily. “Change your course 10 degrees south.”
The reply: “I’m a seaman first class—change your course north.”
The captain was furious. “Change your course *now*. I’m on a battleship.”
“Change your course 10 degrees north, sir—I’m in a lighthouse.”
- First employee: “So, is your job secure?”
Second employee: “Oh, yes. It’s me they can do without.”
- The nouveau riche real estate developer splurged on a Rolls Royce Silver Shadow and couldn’t wait to show it off. So after a meeting with the bank, he offered one of the senior bank officers a ride home. “Whaddaya think?” he couldn’t resist asking his passenger after a mile or two. “Pretty snappy, eh? I bet you’ve never ridden in one of these before.”
“Actually I have,” replied the banker graciously, “but this is my first time in the front seat.”

S U C C E S S

- The penalty of success is to be bored by the attentions of people who formerly snubbed you. —*Mary Wilson Little*
- I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everybody. —*Bill Cosby, also attributed to Herbert Bayard Swope*
- If you don't succeed, you run the risk of failure. —*George W. Bush*
- Those who have succeeded at anything and don't mention luck are kidding themselves. —*Larry King*
- Success is a public affair. Failure is a private funeral. —*Rosalind Russell*
- The only place where success comes before work is in a dictionary. —*Vidal Sassoon*
- You write a hit play the same way you write a flop. —*William Saroyan*
- If A equals success, then the formula is A equals X plus Y plus Z, where X is work, Y is play. Z is keep your mouth shut. —*Albert Einstein*
- The successful people are the ones who can think up things for the rest of the world to keep busy at. —*Don Marquis*
- Success covers many blunders. —*George Bernard Shaw*
- Of course there is no formula for success except, perhaps, an unconditional acceptance of life and what it brings. —*Arthur Rubinstein*
- Behind every successful man there're a lot of unsuccessful years. —*Bob Brown*
- Nothing fails like success because we don't learn from it. We learn only from failure. —*Kenneth Boulding*
- We can't all be lions in this world. There must be some lambs, harmless, kindly, gregarious creatures for eating and shearing. —*William Makepeace Thackeray*
- We may stop ourselves when going up, never when going down. —*Napoleon Bonaparte*
- As is the case in all branches of art, success depends in a very large measure upon individual initiative and exertion, and cannot be achieved except by dint of hard work. —*Anna Pavlova*
- Never claim as a right what you can ask as a favour. —*John Churton Collins*
- The danger of success is that it makes us forget the world's dreadful injustice. —*Jules Renard*
- If a man can build a better book, preach a better sermon, or make a better mousetrap than his neighbor, though he builds his house in the woods, the world will make a beaten path to his door. —*Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- I am perfectly happy to believe that nobody likes us but the public. —*Rudolph Bing*
- The toughest thing about being a success is that you've got to keep on being a success. —*Irving Berlin*

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- Eighty percent of success is showing up. —*Woody Allen*
- [Success] means that you have, as performers will call it, “fuck you” money. . . All that means is that I don’t have to do what I don’t want to do. —*Johnny Carson*
- There’s no secret about success. Did you ever know a successful man that didn’t tell you all about it? —*Kin Hubbard*
- There is only one success—to be able to spend your life in your own way. —*Christopher Morley*
- All you need in life is ignorance and confidence, and then success is sure. —*Mark Twain*
- Anybody can sympathize with the sufferings of a friend, but it requires a very fine nature to sympathize with a friend’s success. —*Oscar Wilde*
- The worst part of having success is trying to find someone who is happy for you. —*Bette Midler (attrib.)*
- Self-made men are most always apt to be a little too proud of the job. —*Josh Billings*
- I can’t imagine a person becoming a success who doesn’t give this game of life everything he’s got. —*Walter Cronkite*
- There’s only one way to succeed in anything, and that is to give it everything. I do, and I demand that my players do. —*Vince Lombardi*
- The common idea that success spoils people by making them vain, egotistic, and self-complacent is erroneous; on the contrary, it makes them, for the most part, humble, tolerant, and kind. Failure makes people cruel and bitter. —*Somerset Maugham*

Sayings

- Success is not the ability to get along with people, it’s the ability to get ahead of them.
- Enthusiasm is more important than any other commodity. It will find solutions where none are apparent, and it will achieve success where none is thought possible.
- If at first you don’t succeed, try, try again.
- If at first you don’t succeed, try reading the instructions.
- Nothing succeeds like success.

Jokes

- Keep life in perspective:
 - At age four success is not peeing in your pants.
 - At age twelve success is having friends.
 - At age sixteen success is having a driver’s license.
 - At age twenty success is having sex.
 - At age thirty-five success is having money.
 - At age fifty success is having money.
 - At age sixty success is having sex.

At age seventy success is having a driver's license.
 At age eighty success is having friends.
 At age ninety success is not peeing in your pants.

- “Sir, what is the secret of your success?” a reporter asked a bank president.
 “Two words”
 “And, sir, what are they?”
 “Right decisions.”
 “And how do you make right decisions?”
 “One word.”
 “And, sir, what is that?”
 “Experience.”
 “And how do you get experience?”
 “Two words”
 “And, sir, what are they?”
 “Wrong decisions.”
- She always wanted to be successful so she could take it easy. Now she's so successful there's no way she can take it easy.
- Behind every successful man there stands an amazed woman.

TALENT

- There are two kinds of talent, man-made talent and God-given talent. With man-made talent, you have to work very hard. With God-given talent, you just touch it up once in a while. —*Pearl Bailey*
- Everyone has talent. What is rare is the courage to follow the talent to the dark places where it leads. —*Erica Jong*
- Talent wins out. —*Althea Gibson Darben*
- Keep your talent in the dark and you'll never be insulted. —*Elsa Maxwell*
- A man possesses talent; genius possesses the man. —*Isaac Stern*
- Anything you're good at contributes to happiness. —*Bertrand Russell*
- There is no such thing as a great talent without great willpower. —*Honoré de Balzac*
- I began to ration my writing, for fear I would dream through life as my father had done. I was afraid I had inherited a poisoned gene from him, a vocation without a gift. —*Mavis Gallant*
- There is no substitute for talent. Industry and all the virtues are of no avail. —*Aldous Huxley*
- Neither cast ye your pearls before swine. —*Matthew 7:6*
- After my screen test, the director clapped his hands gleefully and yelled, “She can't talk! She can't act! She's sensational!” —*Ava Gardner*
- We've all been blessed with God-given talents. Mine just happens to be beating people up. —*Sugar Ray Leonard*

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- Hard work without talent is a shame, but talent without hard work is a tragedy.
—*Robert Half*
- Concealed talent brings no reputation.
—*Desiderius Erasmus*
- Talk not of genius baffled. Genius is master of man. / Genius does what it must, and Talent does what it can.
—(Edward) *Robert Bulwer-Lytton*
- Use the talents you possess—for the woods would be silent if no birds sang but the best.
—*Henry Jackson van Dyke*

Sayings

- You're not in competition with anyone but yourself.
- A talent is both gift and obligation.

Joke

- “Please, Mr. Grossman, my act is really something special. Just give me a minute.” Before the talent scout could object, the desperate actor climbed up on the desk, flapped his arms, and proceeded to fly around the room twice.
“Okay,” said the agent, “so you can imitate birds. What else?”

TIME AND TIMING

- The ultimate of being successful is the luxury of giving yourself the time to do what you want to do.
—*Leontyne Price*
- We must use time creatively . . . and forever realize that the time is always ripe to do right.
—*Martin Luther King Jr.*
- When a man sits with a pretty girl for an hour, it seems like a minute. But let him sit on a hot stove for a minute—and it's longer than any hour. That's relativity.
—*Albert Einstein*
- Time is that wherein there is opportunity, and opportunity is that wherein there is no great time.
—*Hippocrates*
- I would willingly stand at street corners, hat in hand, begging passersby to drop their unused minutes into it.
—*Bernard Berenson*
- The less one has to do, the less time one finds to do it in.
—*Philip Dormer Stanhope, Earl of Chesterfield*
- It takes a lot of time to be sentimental.
—*Don Herold*
- Life is short, and the time we waste in yawning never can be gained.
—*Stendhal*
- Time is the measure of business, as money is of wares.
—*Francis Bacon*
- Time is a great teacher, but unfortunately it kills all its pupils.
—*Hector Louis Berlioz*

- Time goes, you say? Ah no! Alas, time stays, we go. —*Austin Dobson*
- Ah! The clock is always slow; it is later than you think. —*Robert W. Service*
- Time heals what reason cannot. —*Seneca the Younger*
- Time makes more converts than reason. —*Thomas Paine*
- Time is the greatest innovator. —*Francis Bacon*
- One of the great disadvantages of hurry is that it takes such a long time. —*G. K. Chesterton*
- Time is a dressmaker specializing in alterations. —*Faith Baldwin*
- What is a ruin but time easing itself of endurance? —*Djuna Barnes*
- To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven. —*Ecclesiastes, 3:1-2*
- Time—the devourer of all things. —*Ovid*
- You may delay, but Time will not. —*Benjamin Franklin*
- Time: that which man is always trying to kill, but which ends in killing him. —*Herbert Spencer*
- Ripeness is all. —*William Shakespeare*

Sayings

- Time is money.
- Time flies (*tempus fugit*).
- Time flies when you're having fun.
- If you want a job done fast, give it to a busy person.
- Time heals all wounds.
- Time wounds all heels.

Jokes

- On some air bases the air force is on one side of the field and civilian aircraft use the other side of the field, with the control tower in the middle. One day the tower received a call from an aircraft asking, "What time is it?"
The tower responded, "Who is calling?"
The aircraft replied, "What difference does it make?"
The tower replied, "It makes a lot of difference. If it is an American Airlines flight, it is three o'clock. If it is an air force, it is 1500 hours. If it is a navy aircraft, it is six bells. If it is an army aircraft, the big hand is on the twelve and the little hand is on the three."
- A big-time negotiator was out fishing one day when he caught a strange-looking fish. He reeled the fish in, unhooked it, and threw it on the ground next to him. The fish started writhing in agony and, to the negotiator's surprise, said, "Please throw me back into the lake, and I'll grant you three wishes."

"Any three wishes, huh?" the negotiator mused as visions of expensive fast cars and equally as expensive faster women paraded through his head. "Fish," he finally exclaimed, "give me five wishes and I'll throw you back."

"Sorry," the fish answered while struggling for breath, "only three wishes."

The negotiator knew his pride was at stake and after giving the matter some thought announced, "What do you take me for? A sucker? I'll settle for four wishes."

"Only three," the fish muttered weakly.

Fuming, the man debated the pros and cons of accepting the three wishes or to continue to bargain for that one extra wish. Finally, the negotiator decided it wasn't worth looking a gift fish in the mouth and said, "All right, fish, you win, three wishes."

Unfortunately, the fish was dead.

VICTORY

- Victory at all costs, victory in spite of all terror, victory however long and hard the road may be; for without victory there is no survival. —Winston Churchill
- To the victor belong the spoils. —Adlai Stevenson
- The only victory over love is flight. —Napoleon Bonaparte
- There is no substitute for victory. —Gen. Douglass MacArthur
- Who overcomes by force, hath overcome but half his foe. —John Milton
- An honorable defeat is better than a dishonorable victory. —Millard Fillmore
- I glory in conflict, that I may hereafter exult in victory. —Frederick Douglass
- History is written by the winners. —Alex Haley
- Winning is better than anything. Better than sex. Better than Christmas morning. —Bill Parcells, after winning Super Bowl XXV

Saying

- To the victor go the spoils.

Jokes

- The general issued a rousing battle cry: "Onward to victory!" A half an hour later, an urgent message reached him: "Need further instructions. Victory not on our maps."
- Anyone can win—unless there happens to be a second entry. —George Ade

A D V E R S I T Y

ADVERSITY

- The great pleasure in life is doing what people say you cannot do. —*Walter Bagehot*
- We become wiser by adversity; prosperity destroys our appreciation of the right. —*Seneca the Younger*
- The man who is swimming against the stream knows the strength of it. —*Woodrow Wilson*
- I don't say embrace trouble. That's as bad as treating it as an enemy. But I do say meet it as a friend, for you'll see a lot of it and had better be on speaking terms with it. —*Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr.*
- Trouble is a part of your life, and if you don't share it, you don't give the person who loves you a chance to love you enough. —*Dinah Shore*
- If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant; if we had not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome. —*Anne Bradstreet*
- You don't learn to hold your own in the world by standing on guard, but by attacking and getting well hammered yourself. —*George Bernard Shaw*
- Adversity has the same effect on a man that severe training has on the pugilist—it reduces him to his fighting weight. —*Josh Billings*
- Watch a man in times . . . adversity to discover what kind of man he is; for then at last words of truth are drawn from the depths of his heart, and the mask is torn off. —*Lucretius*
- Adversity has the effect of eliciting talents which, in prosperous circumstances, would have lain dormant. —*Horace*
- It is not always by plugging away at a difficulty and sticking to it that one overcomes it; often it is by working on the one next to it. Some things and some people have to be approached obliquely, at an angle. —*André Gide*
- Adversity is the state in which a man most easily becomes acquainted with himself, being especially free from admirers then. —*Samuel Johnson*
- The world is quickly bored by the recital of misfortune and willingly avoids the sight of distress. —*W. Somerset Maugham*

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- I believe in getting into hot water; it keeps you clean. —G. K. Chesterton
- A woman is like a teabag; you never know how strong she is until she gets in hot water. —Nancy Reagan
- Our energy is in proportion to the resistance it meets. —William Hazlitt
- The greater the difficulty, the greater the glory. —Cicero
- Each handicap is like a hurdle in a steeplechase, and when you ride up to it, if you throw your heart over, the horse will go along, too. —Lawrence Bixby
- The course of true love never did run smooth. —William Shakespeare
- Diligence overcomes difficulties; sloth makes them. —Benjamin Franklin
- Can anybody remember when the times were not hard and money not scarce? —Ralph Waldo Emerson
- Eagles: When they walk, they stumble. They are not what one would call graceful. They were not designed to walk. They fly. And when they fly, oh, how they fly, so free, so graceful. They see from the sky what we never see. Steve, you are an eagle.
—Dr. Thomas C. Lee, Professor of Surgery, Georgetown University School of Medicine,
inscription given with painting of an eagle to a paraplegic medical student

Sayings

- If at first you don't succeed, welcome to the club.
- Adversity makes a man wise, not rich.
- Many can bear adversity, but few contempt.
- No man is more unhappy than the one who is never in adversity; the greatest affliction of life is never to be afflicted.

Jokes

- By trying we can easily learn to endure adversity. Another man's, I mean.
—Mark Twain
- If anything can go wrong, it will, at the worst possible moment. —Murphy's Law
- Freeman is at the doctor's one day when the doctor tells him he has terminal cancer and two weeks left to live. Freeman is shocked and shaken, but on his way home he sees his son and he brightens up a bit. "Son," he says, "we Freemans pride ourselves on how we handle adversity. We celebrate both the good and the bad. Today, let's go celebrate the bad. I've been diagnosed with cancer and have but two weeks to live." So Freeman and his son go to their local bar, and after a few pints their spirits lift and they tell a few jokes. A few of Freeman's chums come by and join them. "Friends," says Freeman, "we Freemans pride ourselves on how we handle adversity. We celebrate both the good and the bad. Today, we're celebrating the bad. I've been diagnosed with AIDS and have but two weeks to live." His friends drink with him for a while, share some laughs, and leave. When they're gone, Freeman's son whispers to him: "What's the story, Dad? You told me you had cancer, but you told your friends you have AIDS."

Freeman smiles reassuringly to his son, saying, “Don’t fret yourself, boy. It’s cancer I’ve got. I just don’t want all of my friends shagging your mom when I’m gone.”

ARGUMENT

- My pappy told me never to bet my bladder against a brewery or get into an argument with people who buy ink by the barrel. —*Lane Kirkland*
- People are generally better persuaded by the reason which they have themselves discovered than by those which have come to the minds of others. —*Blaise Pascal*
- There is no such test of a man’s superiority of character as in the well conducting of an unavoidable quarrel. —*Sir Henry Taylor*
- No matter what side of an argument you’re on, you always find some people on your side that you wish were on the other side. —*Jascha Heifetz*
- It takes in reality only one to make a quarrel. It is useless for the sheep to pass resolutions in favour of vegetarianism while the wolf remains of a different opinion. —*William R. Inge*
- When people agree with me, I always feel that I must be wrong. —*Oscar Wilde*
- Never argue at the dinner table, for the one who is not hungry always gets the best of the argument. —*Richard Whately*
- When people are least sure, they are often most dogmatic. —*John Kenneth Galbraith*
- My sad conviction is that people can only agree about what they’re not really interested in. —*Bertrand Russell*
- The best way of answering a bad argument is to let it go on. —*Sydney Smith*
- I respect only those who resist me, but I cannot tolerate them. —*Charles de Gaulle*
- Discussion is an exchange of knowledge; argument an exchange of ignorance. —*Robert Quillen*
- The quiet shaft of ridicule oftentimes does more than argument. —*William Scarborough*

Sayings

- They say that discussion is the exchange of knowledge . . . and argument is the exchange of ignorance.
- Never make the mistake of arguing with people for whose opinion you have no respect.

Jokes

- Keep your temper. Do not quarrel with an angry person, but give him a soft answer. It is commanded by the Holy Writ, and furthermore, it makes your opponent madder than anything else you could say.

- Q: Why do vampires hate getting into arguments?
A: Because it makes them cross.
- Two friends were in the middle of an argument.
“I didn’t come here to be insulted,” yelled one.
“Really?” said the other. “Where do you usually go?”

BORES AND BOREDOM

- If you can’t stand solitude, maybe you bore others too. —*Bob Gordon*
- I never allow myself to be bored, because boredom is ageing. If you live in the past you grow old, and dull, and dusty. It’s very nice, of course, to be young and beautiful; but there are other qualities, thank God. —*Marie Tempest*
- The basic fact about human existence is not that it is a tragedy, but that it is a bore. It is not so much a war as an endless standing in line. —*H. L. Mencken*
- A bore is a fellow talking who can change the subject back to his topic of conversation faster than you can change it back to yours. —*Laurence J. Peter*
- A man who lets himself be bored is ever more contemptible than the bore. —*Samuel Butler*
- The secret of being a bore is to tell everything. —*Voltaire*
- Bore: a person who talks when you wish him to listen. —*Ambrose Bierce*
- Ennui, felt on the proper occasions, is a sign of intelligence. —*Clifton Fadiman*
- She has the reputation of being outspoken—by no one. —*Jack Paar*
- Somebody’s boring me—I think it’s me. —*Dylan Thomas*
- Boredom: the desire for desires. —*Leo Tolstoy*
- A bore is a man who, when you ask him how he is, tells you. —*Bert Taylor*
- He never spares himself in conversation. He gives himself so generously that hardly anybody else is permitted to give anything in his presence. —*Aneurin Bevan, on Winston Churchill (attrib.)*
- Society is now one polished horde / Formed of two mighty tribes, the Bores and Bored. —*George Gordon, Lord Byron*
- The bore is usually considered a harmless creature, or of that class of irrational bipeds who hurt only themselves. —*Maria Edgeworth*
- We are growing serious, and, let me tell you, that’s the very next step to being dull. —*Joseph Addison*

Sayings

- Work is the easiest activity man has invented to escape boredom.
- Don’t tell other people your troubles. Half of them aren’t interested, and the other half’ll think you deserved them.

- If something is boring after two minutes, try it for four. If still boring, try it for eight, sixteen, thirty-two, and so on. Eventually one discovers that it is not boring but very interesting.

—Zen saying

Joke

- He says a thousand pleasant things, but never says “Adieu.”

—J. G. Saxe

CRIME

- Murder is always a mistake—one should never do anything one cannot talk about after dinner.

—Oscar Wilde

- So long as governments set the example of killing their enemies, private individuals will occasionally kill theirs.

—Elbert Hubbard

- It is criminal to steal a purse, daring to steal a fortune, a mark of greatness to steal a crown. The blame diminishes as the guilt increases.

—Johann Friedrich Von Schiller

- The typical mass murderer is extraordinarily ordinary.

—James Alan Fox

- I think crime pays. The hours are good, you travel a lot.

—Woody Allen

- Posterity, I am sure, will justify me.

—John Wilkes Booth

- I hear much of people's calling out to punish the guilty, but very few are concerned to clear the innocent.

—Daniel Defoe

- The greatest incitement to crime is the hope of escaping punishment.

—Cicero

- The greater the man, the greater the crime.

—Thomas Fuller

- All go free when many offend.

—Lucan

- He who does not prevent a crime when he can, encourages it.

—Seneca the Younger

- Who so diggeth a pit shall fall therein; and he that rolleth a stone, it will return upon him.

—Proverbs 26:27

- Murder will out.

—Geoffrey Chaucer

Sayings

- Evil deeds are like perfume—difficult to hide.

—West African saying

- Crime doesn't pay.

- It takes a thief to catch a thief.

- Give him enough rope to hang himself.

- Two wrongs don't make a right.

Jokes

- Did you hear about the practical joker who sent an anonymous telegram to the town's ten leading citizens? It read, "All has been found out. Flee before dawn." Seven of the ten did.
- The streets just aren't safe anymore. Yesterday I asked a cop how to get to Riverside Drive and he said, "First you go up to Seventy-ninth Street. If you get that far . . ."
- I wonder if somewhere there's a gangster who's owned by a syndicate of singers?

CRISIS

- To extraordinary circumstances we must apply extraordinary remedies.
—*Napoleon Bonaparte*
- In times of calamity, any rumor is believed.
—*Publilius Syrus*
- If you've broken the eggs, you should make the omelette.
—*Anthony Eden*
- There cannot be a crisis next week. My schedule is already full.
—*Henry Kissinger*
- We were eyeball-to-eyeball and the other fellow just blinked.
—*Dean Rusk, on the Cuban missile crisis*
- People who don't have nightmares don't have dreams.
—*Robert Paul Smith*

Sayings

- Life doesn't do anything to you, it only reveals your spirit.
- A diamond is a chunk of coal that made good under pressure.

Joke

- When the fellow in line at the bank finally made it up to the window, he was seized with a terrible case of hiccups. "Hic—hic—could you—hic—please tell me—hic—hic—the bal—hic—balance in—hic—ny—account?"

The teller punched a few keys on his computer terminal and looked up at the customer. "I'm afraid your account is overdrawn by \$4,585.00, Mr. Tive."

"What!" he yelled. "You must be joking!"

"I am," the teller replied cheerfully. "But your hiccups are cured."

DECEPTION AND LIES

- Falsehoods not only disagree with truths, but usually quarrel among themselves.
—*Daniel Webster*
- The child is sincere, and the man when he is alone, if he be not a writer; but on the entrance of the second person, hypocrisy begins.
—*Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- Of lies, false modesty is the most decent.
—*Sébastien Chamfort*

- Most people have seen worse things in private than they pretend to be shocked at in public.
—*Edgar Watson Howe*
- Without lies humanity would perish of despair and boredom.
—*Anatole France*
- A single lie destroys a whole reputation of integrity.
—*Baltasar Gracián*
- Those who think it is permissible to tell white lies soon grow color blind.
—*Austin O'Malley*
- There are three kinds of lies: lies, damned lies, and statistics.
—*Mark Twain*
- A lie can be halfway round the world before the truth has got its boots on.
—*James Callaghan*
- If the Republicans will stop telling lies about the Democrats, we will stop telling the truth about them.
—*Adlai Stevenson*
- Any fool can tell the truth, but it requires a man of some sense to know how to lie well.
—*Samuel Butler*
- Lord, lord! How subject we old men are to this vice of lying!
—*William Shakespeare*
- Put a rogue in the limelight and he will act like an honest man.
—*Napoleon Bonaparte*
- It's the easiest Thing in the World for a Man to deceive himself.
—*Benjamin Franklin*
- O what a tangled web we weave, / When first we practice to deceive!
—*Sir Walter Scott*
- Once the toothpaste is out of the tube, it's hard to get it back in.
—*H. R. Haldeman*

Sayings

- The greatest liar is he who talks most of himself.
- Lies, though many, will be caught by the truth as soon as she rises up.
—*West African saying*
- Truth came to market and could not be sold; we buy lies with ready cash.
—*West African saying*
- One falsehood spoils a thousand truths.
—*West African saying*
- Bitter truth is better than sweet falsehood.
—*East African saying*

Jokes

- Seized with spring fever on a glorious April day, the three high-school boys played hooky from their afternoon classes. The next morning they explained to the homeroom teacher that a flat tire had prevented their return from lunch.
The teacher nodded knowingly. "Well, you missed a pop quiz yesterday afternoon," she said, "but I'm going to give you a chance to make it up." Instructing each to take a seat and a sheet of paper, she began, "Here's the first question: Which tire was flat?"

- It's said that Abraham Lincoln once sized up the case of a prospective client as follows: "You have a pretty good case, technically, but in terms of justice and equity, it's got problems. So you'll have to look for another lawyer to handle the case, because the whole time I was up there talking to the jury, I'd be thinking, 'Lincoln, you're a liar!' and I just might forget myself and say it out loud."

DEPRESSION

- Concern should drive us into action, not into a depression. —*Karen Horney*
- When women are depressed, they eat or go shopping. Men invade another country. It's a whole different way of thinking. —*Elayne Boosler*
- Noble deeds and hot baths are the best cures for depression. —*Dodie Smith*
- Depression is rage spread thin. —*George Santayana*
- Depression moods lead, almost invariably, to accidents. But when they occur, our mood changes again, since the accident shows we can draw the world in our wake, and that we still retain some degree of power even when our spirits are low. A series of accidents creates a positively light-hearted state, out of consideration for this strange power. —*Jean Baudrillard*
- This is my depressed stance. When you're depressed, it makes a lot of difference how you stand. The worst thing you can do is straighten up and hold your head high because then you'll start to feel better. If you're going to get any joy out of being depressed, you've got to stand like this. —*Charlie Brown*
- The term clinical depression finds its way into too many conversations these days. One has a sense that a catastrophe has occurred in the psychic landscape. —*Leonard Cohen*
- It is always darkest just before the day dawneth. —*Thomas Fuller*
- The best cure for worry, depression, melancholy, brooding, is to go deliberately forth and try to lift with one's sympathy the gloom of somebody else. —*Arnold Bennett*
- Through our willingness to help others we can learn to be happy rather than depressed. —*Gerald Jampolsky*
- During depression the world disappears. Language itself. One has nothing to say. Nothing. —*Kate Millet*
- Joy, affection, desire, pride, humor are all drained away. What makes life worth living disappears slowly relentlessly until nothing seems to be left. Anhedonia creeps in and claims the person who once laughed with you, hugged with you, who once loved to be first on the hill to catch the new powder snow. The lights go out one by one. It is the death of the spirit. —*Maryellen Walsh*
- It is hard to fight an enemy who has outposts in your head. —*Sally Kempton*
- It is a time when one's spirit is subdued and sad, one knows not why; when the past seems a storm-swept desolation, life a vanity and a burden, and the future but a way to death. —*Mark Twain*

- Most of the important things in the world have been accomplished by people who have kept on trying when there seemed to be no hope at all —*Dale Carnegie*
- I like living. I have sometimes been wildly, despairingly, acutely miserable, racked with sorrow, but through it all I still know that just to be alive is a grand thing. —*Agatha Christie*

Sayings

- Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.
- Despair doubles our strength. —*French proverb*
- Suicide is not chosen, it happens when pain exceeds resources from coping with the pain.
- Sometimes being surrounded by a lot of people is the loneliest place to be.

Jokes

- Q: How many Depressives does it take to screw a lightbulb?
A: Two. One to screw in the lightbulb and one to keep the first one from sticking his finger in the live socket.
- Signs you may be suffering from depression

You've got enough Prozac in your purse to tranquilize King Kong.
You really lose it whenever someone says, "Good morning."
You spend more time in bed than a hooker at a Shriners convention.
You keep your house so dark that mushrooms are growing in the carpet.
Given a choice, you'd have no preference between sex or a root canal.
You list Dr. Kevorkian as a character reference.
Alcohol gives you strength, and food settles your nerves.
Your hands shake so badly that you can brush your teeth without any voluntary movement.
You've cried so much that your contacts have rusted to your eyeballs.
- Q: What do you call a depressed dentist?
A: A little down in the mouth.

ENEMIES

- Forget your opponents; always play against par. —*Sam Snead*
- You can't hold a man down without staying down with him. —*Booker T. Washington*
- The space in a needle's eye is sufficient for two friends, but the whole world is scarcely big enough to hold two enemies. —*Solomon Ibn Gabirol*
- The opposition is indispensable. A good statesman, like any other sensible human being, always learns more from his opposition than from his fervent supporters. —*Walter Lippmann*

- Man's chief enemy is his own unruly nature and the dark forces pent up within him.
—*Ernst Jones*
- The shaft of the arrow had been feathered with one of the eagle's own plumes. We often give our enemies the means of our destruction.
—*Aesop*
- He that is not with me is against me.
—*Matthew 12:30*
- When my enemies stop hissing, I shall know I'm slipping.
—*Maria Callas*
- Never contend with a man who has nothing to lose.
—*Baltasar Gracián*
- Even a paranoid has some real enemies.
—*Henry A. Kissinger*
- I bring out the worst in my enemies and that's how I get them to defeat themselves.
—*Roy Cohn*
- A man cannot be too careful in the choice of his enemies.
—*Oscar Wilde*
- As the sutra says, a parasite in the lion's bowels will devour the lion. A man of great fortune cannot be ruined by his enemies, but only by those close to him.
—*Nichiren Daishonin*
- . . . one may smile and smile and smile And be a villain.
—*William Shakespeare*
- Love your enemies, for they tell you your faults.
—*Benjamin Franklin*
- A man with a career can have no time to waste upon his wife and friends; he has to devote it wholly to his enemies.
—*John Hobbes*
- We have met the enemy, and he is us.
—*Walt Kelly, caption in a Pogo cartoon*

Sayings

- A powerful friend becomes a powerful enemy.
—*East African saying*
- An intelligent enemy is better than an ignorant friend.
—*North African saying*
- When the cat dies, the mice rejoice.
—*West African saying*
- Love your enemy as you'd love your brother.
- If you're not with us, you're against us.

Jokes

- Love your enemy—it'll drive him nuts.
- He hasn't an enemy in the world—but all his friends hate him.
—*Eddie Cantor*

FAILURE

- Success is a public affair. Failure is a private funeral.
—*Rosalind Russell*
- Only those who dare to fail greatly can ever achieve greatly.
—*Robert F. Kennedy*

- I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everybody.
—*Bill Cosby, also attributed to Herbert Bayard Swope*
- Not failure, but low aim, is crime. —*James Russell Lowell*
- Being defeated is often a temporary condition. Giving up is what makes it permanent. —*Marilyn vos Savant*
- I would prefer even to fail with honor than win by cheating. —*Sophocles*
- The greatest failure is the failure to try. —*William A. Ward*
- It is not a disgrace to fail. Failing is one of the greatest arts in the world. —*Charles F. Kettering*
- Failure is not the only punishment for laziness: there is also the success of others. —*Jules Renard*
- Failure is the condiment that gives success its flavor. —*Truman Capote*
- There is much to be said for failure. It is much more interesting than success. —*Max Beerbohm*
- Our greatest glory is not in never falling but in rising every time we fall. —*Confucius*
- If at first you don't succeed, try, try again. Then quit. There's no use being a damn fool about it. —*W. C. Fields*
- Good people are good because they've come to wisdom through failure. We get very little wisdom from success, you know. —*William Saroyan*
- An important task of a manager is to reduce his people's excuses for failure. —*Robert Townsend*
- Never give a man up until he has failed at something he likes. —*Lewis E. Lawes*
- If at first you don't succeed, destroy all evidence that you tried. —*Newt Heilscher*
- I was fired from my first three jobs, which in a funny way gave me the courage to go into business for myself. —*Alfred C. Fuller*
- When Winston Churchill was defeated in his bid for reelection as prime minister, his wife consoled him with the thought that the defeat was a blessing in disguise. "If so," responded Churchill, "then it is very effectively disguised."

Sayings

- A man can fail many times, but he isn't a failure till he gives up.
- Failure is not an option.

Jokes

- Failure has gone to his head. —*Wilson Mizner (attrib.), on a bankrupt businessman who remained incorrigibly optimistic*

- He's never been very successful. When opportunity knocks, he complains about the noise.
- If at first you don't succeed—welcome to the club!
- My friends all told me I'd never be anything but a failure at this business, so I decided to do something about it—I went out and made some new friends.

FAULTS

- If you wish to be loved, show more of your faults than your virtues.
—(Edward) Robert Bulwer-Lytton
- It is well that there is no one without a fault; for he would not have a friend in the world.
—William Hazlitt
- Our shortcomings are the eyes with which we see the ideal.
—Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche
- When you have faults, do not fear to abandon them.
—Confucius
- The greatest of faults, I should say, is to be conscious of none.
—Thomas Carlyle
- People who have no faults are terrible; there is no way of taking advantage of them.
—Anatole France

Sayings

- Deal with the faults of others as gently as with your own.
—Chinese proverb
- The first faults are theirs that commit them, the second theirs that permit them.
- Faults are thick where love is thin.

Jokes

- The way my wife finds fault with me, you'd think there was a reward. —Jack Lemmon
- A nervous waiter noticed that two of his customers seated off in a corner were looking very displeased. Anticipating the worst, he went over and asked anxiously, "Was anything all right?"

HUNGER

- Hungry men have no respect for law, authority or human life.
—Marcus Garvey
- Starvation, not sin, is the parent of modern crime.
—Oscar Wilde
- You cannot feed the hungry on statistics.
—David Lloyd George
- A hungry man is not a free man.
—Adlai Stevenson
- A hungry people listens not to reason, nor cares for justice, nor is bent by any prayers.
—Seneca the Younger

- No man can worship God or love his neighbor on an empty stomach.

—Woodrow Wilson

Sayings

- Thirst cannot be quenched by proxy. —Central African saying
- Hunger causes the wolves to sally from the wood.
- Hunger knows no laws.

Joke

- Ms. Naulty was on her way to meet a friend when a bum came up to her with his hand out. “Lady, can you help me . . . ? I haven’t eaten in three days.”
“So force yourself,” she snapped, and walked on.

LOSING

- Show me a good loser and I will show you a loser. —Paul Newman
- ’Tis better to have fought and lost, than never to have fought at all. —Arthur Clough
- Defeat should never be a source of discouragement but rather a fresh stimulus. —Robert South
- Losing is the great American sin. —John Tunis
- Losers spend time explaining why they lost. Losers spend their lives thinking about what they’re going to do. They rarely enjoy doing what they’re doing. —Eric Berne
- An honorable defeat is better than a dishonorable victory. —Millard Fillmore
- Man is not made for defeat. —Heraclitus

Sayings

- Losers are always in the wrong.
- Finders keepers, losers weepers.

Jokes

- Define loser:
—A lightning rod salesman who gets caught outside in a storm with a handful of samples.
- How frequently is it that the person who remarks, “That’s the way the ball bounces” is the one who dropped the ball?

MISTAKES

- The greatest mistake you can make in life is to be continually fearing you will make one.
—*Elbert Hubbard*
- If I wasn't making mistakes, I wasn't making decisions.
—*Robert W. Johnson (founder, Johnson & Johnson)*
- Fool me once; shame on you. Fool me twice; shame on me.
—*Alexander Pope*
- No one is more liable to make mistakes than the man who acts only on reflection.
—*Luc de Clapiers, Marquis de Vauvenargues*
- It is the true nature of mankind to learn from mistakes, not from example.
—*Fred Hoyle*
- If you shut your door to all errors, truth will be shut out.
—*Rabindranath Tagore*
- The fatal tendency of mankind to leave off thinking about a thing when no longer doubtful, is the cause of half their errors.
—*John Stuart Mill*
- Nowadays most people die of a sort of creeping common sense, and discover when it is too late that the only things one never regrets are one's mistakes.
—*Oscar Wilde*
- If only one could have two lives: the first in which to make one's mistakes, which seem as if they have to be made; and the second in which to profit by them.
—*D. H. Lawrence*
- The man who makes no mistakes does not usually make anything.
—*Edward John Phelps*
- If we had no faults, we would not take so much pleasure in noticing them in others.
—*François, Duc de La Rochefoucauld*
- When you make a mistake, admit it. If you don't, you only make matters worse.
—*Ward Cleaver, character on Leave It to Beaver television show*
- I don't want to make the wrong mistake.
—*Yogi Berra*

Sayings

- Stumbling is not falling.
—*Portuguese proverb*
- It doesn't matter how much milk you spill so long as you don't lose the cow.
- A man who never makes mistakes never makes anything.

Jokes

- To err is human, but to really screw up requires a computer.
- Sign above bank teller's stations: TO ERR IS HUMAN: TO FORGIVE IS NOT BANK POLICY.

- A company we know is encountering so many errors it's thinking of buying a supercomputer to blame them on.

OBSTACLES AND PROBLEMS

- If the only tool you have is a hammer, you tend to see every problem as a nail.
—Abraham Maslow
- A problem is a chance for you to do your best.
—Duke Ellington
- Some problems are just too complicated for rational, logical solutions. They admit of insights, not answers.
—Jerome Wiesner
- It is a riddle wrapped in a mystery inside an enigma.
—Winston Churchill, *describing the difficulties of forecasting the future of Russia*
- Problems are only opportunities in work clothes.
—Henry J. Kaiser
- Don't fix the blame, fix the problem.
—Keith S. Pennington
- If you are able to state a problem, then the problem can be solved.
—Edwin Land, *inventor of the instant camera*
- No problem is too big to run away from.
—Charles M. Schulz
- It is only because of problems that we grow mentally and spiritually.
—M. Scott Peck
- I have yet to see any problem, however complicated, which, when you looked at it in the right way, did not become still more complicated.
—Poul Anderson
- Nothing is particularly hard if you divide it into small jobs.
—Ray Kroc
- The greatest pleasure in life is doing what people say you cannot do.
—Walter Bagehot

Sayings

- THE PROBLEM WHEN SOLVED WILL BE SIMPLE.
—Sign on the wall of General Motors research laboratory
- An obstacle is something you see when you take your eyes off the goal.
- Do not look where you fell, but where you slipped.
—West African saying

Joke

- The shopkeeper was dismayed when a brand-new business much like his own opened up in the storefront to the left of him and erected a huge sign which read BEST DEALS. He was thunderstruck when another competitive enterprise opened up on his right, and announced its arrival with an even larger sign, reading LOWEST PRICES. The shopkeeper was panicked, until he got an idea. He put the biggest sign of all over his own shop—it read MAIN ENTRANCE.

OPPRESSION

- Big Brother is watching you. —George Orwell
- Men are not prisoners of fate, but only prisoners of their own minds. —Franklin D. Roosevelt
- Disobedience: the silver lining to the cloud of servitude. —Ambrose Bierce
- Oppressed people are frequently very oppressive when first liberated. And why wouldn't they be? They know best two positions: somebody's foot on their neck or their foot on somebody's neck. —Florynce Kennedy
- But I am pigeon-liver'd and lack gall / To make oppression bitter. —William Shakespeare

Saying

- The tyrant is only the slave turned inside out. —North African saying

Jokes

- "You may as well be happy here," the drill sergeant informed his miserable, exhausted squad after their first day of boot camp, "because no one gives a damn if you aren't."
- The slave driver of the Roman galleon leered down at his galley slaves and bellowed, "I've got some good news and some bad news. The good news is that you'll be getting double rations tonight."

The murmuring of the surprised slaves was interrupted by the bellow of the slave driver. "The bad news is that the admiral's son wants to water ski."

POVERTY

- Wars of nations are fought to change maps. But wars on poverty are fought to map change. —Muhammad Ali
- [Poverty is] a hellish state to be in. It is no virtue. It is a crime. —Marcus Garvey
- People who are homeless are not social inadequates. They are people without homes. —Sheila McKechnie
- I've been rich and I've been poor; rich is better. —Sophie Tucker
- Poverty of goods is easily cured; poverty of the mind is irreparable. —Michel Eyquem de Montaigne
- Who so mocketh the poor reproacheth his Maker. —Proverbs 17:5
- Thousands upon thousands are yearly brought into a state of real poverty by their great anxiety not to be thought poor. —William Cobbett
- Poverty is the open-mouthed, relentless hell which yawns beneath civilized society. —Henry George

- A decent provision for the poor is the true test of civilization. —*Samuel Johnson*
- If a free society cannot help the many who are poor, it cannot save the few who are rich. —*John F. Kennedy*
- Poverty has many roots, but the tap root is ignorance. —*Lyndon B. Johnson*
- For ye have the poor always with you. . . . —*Matthew 26:11*
- Remember the poor—it costs nothing. —*Josh Billings*
- The trouble with being poor is that it takes up all your time. —*Willem de Kooning*
- I used to think I was poor. Then they told me I wasn't poor, I was needy. Then they told me it was self-defeating to think of myself as needy. I was deprived. Then they told me that underprivileged was overused. I was disadvantaged. I still don't have a dime. But I have a great vocabulary. —*Jules Feiffer*
- Money is better than poverty, if only for financial reasons. —*Woody Allen*
- Like dear St Francis of Assisi I am wedded to Poverty: but in my case the marriage is not a success. —*Oscar Wilde*

Sayings

- Poverty makes a free man become a slave. —*West African saying*
- Borrowing is the first-born of poverty. —*West African saying*
- Poverty is “Who knows you?” Prosperity is “I am your relative.” —*West African saying*
- Work is the medicine for poverty. —*West African saying*
- Poverty is no disgrace.
- There's none so poor as he who knows not the joy of what he has.
- The rich get richer and the poor get poorer.
- The rich get richer and the poor get children.
- It's just as easy to love a rich man/woman as a poor one.

Jokes

- The impoverished child of a hopelessly poor family was asked by a social worker how he had managed to survive in such abject poverty for so long. “Keep in mind,” said the pauper with a wry smile, “I had a head start.”
- Sign held by man seen while driving on the freeway: IF YOU WERE HOMELESS, YOU'D BE HOME NOW.

RISK

- The safest way to double your money is to fold it over once and put it in your pocket. —*Kin Hubbard*

- Women do not like timid men. Cats do not like prudent mice. —*H. L. Mencken*
- Venus favors the bold. —*Ovid*
- The Wright brothers' design allowed them to survive long enough to learn how to fly. —*Michael Potts*
- Nothing will ever be attempted, if all possible objections must be first overcome. —*Samuel Johnson*
- Only those who dare to fail greatly can ever achieve greatly. —*Robert F. Kennedy*
- Results are often obtained by impetuosity and daring which could never have been obtained by ordinary methods. —*Niccolò Machiavelli*
- Don't be afraid to go out on a limb. That's where the fruit is. —*Arthur F. Lenehan*
- The trouble is, if you don't risk anything, you risk even more. —*Erica Jong*
- Being on the tightrope is living; everything else is waiting. —*Karl Wallenda*

Sayings

- Nothing ventured, nothing gained.
- No guts, no glory.

Joke

- Hear about the girlfriend who loved to have sex, but refused to take birth control pills?
—Her boyfriend charged her with practicing medicine without a license.

T H E H U M A N C O N D I T I O N

ATTITUDE

- If you think you can, you can. And if you think you can't, you're right.

—*Mary Kay Ash*

- Enjoy your ice cream while it's on your plate—that's my philosophy.

—*Thornton Wilder*

- Humans can learn to like anything, that's why we are such a successful species.

—*Jeannette Desor*

- The enemy is in front of us, behind us, to the left of us, and to the right of us. They can't escape us this time!

—*Marine lieutenant Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller*

- Funny is an attitude.

—*Flip Wilson*

- A much more effective and lasting method of face-lifting than surgical technique is happy thinking, new interests, and outdoor exercise.

—*Dr. Sara Murray Jordan*

- Because I remember, I despair. Because I remember, I have the duty to reject despair.

—*Elie Wiesel*

- I always cheer up immensely if an attack is particularly wounding because I think, well, if they attack one personally, it means they have not a single political argument left.

—*Margaret Thatcher*

- The Wright brothers flew right through the smoke screen of impossibility.

—*Charles F. Kettering*

- He that is of a merry heart hath a continual feast.

—*Proverbs 15:15*

- I am kind of a wild man. I have a pretty good brain, but I'm just off the wall. I love what I love, and I love to do it. I eat life in big bites.

—*David Crosby*

- Be cheerful while you are alive.

—*Ptahhotpe, c. 2350 B.C.*

- A bad attitude is the worst thing that can happen to a group of people. It's infectious.

—*Roger Allan Raby*

- I just concentrate on one hit at a time.

—*Phil Spector*

- If you're sitting around after a show and there's something you don't like, just switch it off by throwing a bottle through the screen.

—*Keith Moon*

- [Today's students] can put dope in their veins or hope in their brains. . . . If they can conceive it and believe it, they can achieve it. They must know it is not their aptitude but their attitude that will determine their altitude. —*Jesse Jackson*
- A man's happiness or unhappiness depends as much on his temperament as on his destiny. —*François, Duc de La Rochefoucauld*
- He who has the confidence in himself will lead the rest. —*Horace*
- Until you know that life is interesting—and find it so—you haven't found your soul. —*Arch. Geoffrey Fisher*
- If you think you're a second-class citizen, you are. —*Ted Turner*
- Some people are always grumbling because roses have thorns; I am thankful that thorns have roses. —*Alphonse Karr*
- Nobody holds a good opinion of a man who has a low opinion of himself. —*Anthony Trollope*
- A man's worth is no greater than the worth of his ambitions. —*Marcus Aurelius Antoninus*
- If the ends don't justify the means, what does? —*Robert Moses*
- The man who views the world at fifty the same as he did at twenty has wasted thirty years of his life. —*Muhammed Ali*
- Too clever is dumb. —*Odgen Nash*
- Not a shred of evidence occurs in favor of the idea that life is serious. —*Brendan Gill*
- I'm not happy, I'm cheerful. There's a difference. A happy woman has no cares at all. A cheerful woman has cares but has learned how to deal with them. —*Beverly Sills*
- Men are not prisoners of fate, but only prisoners of their own minds. —*Franklin D. Roosevelt*
- Sometimes you just gotta say, "What the fuck." —*The movie Risky Business, screenplay by Paul Brickman*

Sayings

- The wise don't expect to find life worth living; they make it that way.
- It takes seventeen muscles to smile and forty-three to frown.
- The difficult we do immediately; the impossible takes a little longer.

Jokes

- Two shoe salespeople were dispatched to a remote African country. In just a few days, their employer received telegrams from each. One read: "Get me out of here—no one wears shoes." The other read: "Send more inventory—no one here owns shoes."

- “Now tell me, Miss Galvin,” asked the senior partner of the very junior employee, “what is the main purpose of a holiday?”

“To impress upon the employees that the company can get along without them,” she responded promptly.

- The wedding night found Kent and Jen in a posh suite at the Hyatt, a bottle of champagne by the bed. Pulling a sexy negligee out of her suitcase, Jen was startled when Kent tossed her a pair of his pants and told her to put them on.

They fell down in a pool around her ankles. “Honey, I can’t wear your pants,” she protested.

“Damn straight, and don’t you forget it,” ordered the new husband. “I’m the man, and I wear the pants in this family.”

Jen slipped out of her panties and tossed them to Kent. “Put these on, darling,” she asked sweetly.

Of course Kent couldn’t pull the little scrap of lace past his knees. “I can’t get into your pants,” he complained.

“That’s right,” she snapped. “And it’s going to stay that way until you change your damn attitude!”

- What’s the difference between a stumbling block and a stepping stone?

—The way you approach it.

- The ninety-three-year-old woman astonished everyone who knew her with her unflagging optimism and good cheer. When pressed for her secret, she replied that her positive attitude was due to her enthusiasm for life. “And furthermore,” she continued, “even at my age I still have four boyfriends I spend part of every single day with. I get out of bed each day with Will Power, and after breakfast I go for a stroll with Arthur Ritis. Charley Horse almost always visits me in the afternoon, and I spend the evening with Ben Gay. Need I say more?”
- A little boy had one of those days in which everything seemed to go wrong and he seemed to aggravate his parents at every turn. Finally his father yelled at him and his mother ordered him to sit on the chair in the corner. The little boy stomped off to the chair, but after a minute or so he turned around and announced, “Mommy, I may be sitting down on the outside, but I’m standing up on the inside.”

BELIEF

- Beware of the community in which blasphemy does not exist: underneath, atheism runs rampant.
—*Joaquim Maria Machado de Assis*
- Conversion for me was not a Damascus Road experience. I slowly moved into an intellectual acceptance of what my intuition had always known.
—*Madeleine L’Engle*
- Man is what he believes.
—*Anton Chekhov*
- We have to believe in free will. We’ve got no choice.
—*Isaac Bashevis Singer*
- All I have seen teaches me to trust the creator for all I have not seen.
—*Ralph Waldo Emerson*

64 Belief

- We are inclined to believe those whom we do not know because they have never deceived us. —*Samuel Johnson*
- I'd rather be strongly wrong than weakly right. —*Tallulah Bankhead*
- A belief is not merely an idea the mind possesses; it is an idea that possesses the mind. —*Robert Bolton*
- Anyone who does not believe in miracles is not a realist. —*David Ben-Gurion*
- Whether you are really right or not doesn't matter; it's the belief that counts. —*Robertson Davies*
- If God be for us, who can be against us? —*Romans 8:31*
- I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though, after my skin, worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God. —*Job 19: 25-26*
- . . . when the Gods wish to punish us, they answer our prayers. —*Oscar Wilde*
- Surely the Lord is in this place and I knew it not. —*Genesis 28:16*
- I would not say I believe. I know! I have had the experience of being gripped by something that is stronger than myself, something that people call God. —*Carl Jung*
- I would believe only in a God that knows how to dance. —*Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche*
- They conquer who believe they can. —*John Dryden*
- I am proud of the revolutionary beliefs for which our forebears fought . . . the belief that the rights of man come not from the generosity of the state but the hands of God. —*John F. Kennedy*
- Reading made Don Quixote a gentleman, but believing what he read made him mad. —*George Bernard Shaw*
- The only completely consistent people are the dead. —*Aldous Huxley*
- Mix a conviction with a man and something happens. —*Adam Clayton Powell Jr.*
- Any man's a coward who won't die for what he believes. —*Chester Bomar Himes*
- "I can't believe that!" said Alice.
 "Can't you?" the Queen said in a pitying tone. "Try again, draw a long breath, and shut your eyes."
 Alice laughed. "There's no use trying," she said. "One can't believe impossible things."
 "I daresay you haven't had much practice," said the Queen. "When I was your age, I always did it for half-an-hour a day. Why, sometimes, I've believed as much as six impossible things before breakfast." —*Lewis Carroll*

Saying

- I sought my soul, but my soul I could not see. I sought my God, but my God eluded me. I sought my brother—and I found all three.

—Quoted by the London Church News Service, May 1986

Jokes

- The preacher surveyed his flock gathered on the riverbank for full-immersion baptism. “Do you *believe*?” he howled, grasping the nearest convert by the collar and thrusting him beneath the muddy waters.

“I believe,” gasped the fellow. Down he went again. “I *believe*,” he cried, more fervently. Coming up for the third time, choking and red-faced, he yelled, “I DO BELIEVE!” Then added, “I believe that y’all are trying to drown me.”

- Old Mrs. Watkins awoke one spring morning to find that the river had flooded not only her basement but the whole first floor of her house. And, looking out her bedroom window, she saw that the water was still rising. Two men passing by in a rowboat shouted up an invitation to row to safety with them.

“No, thank you,” replied Mrs. Watkins tartly. “The Lord will provide.” The men shrugged and rowed on.

By evening the water level forced Mrs. Watkins to climb out onto her roof, where she was spotted by a cheerful man in a motorboat. “Don’t worry, lady,” he called across the water. “I’ll pick you right up.”

“Please don’t trouble yourself—the Lord will provide.” Mrs. Watkins turned her back on her would-be rescuer, who buzzed off downriver.

Pretty soon Mrs. Watkins was forced to take refuge atop her chimney, the only part of the house still above water. Fortunately a Red Cross cutter came by on patrol. “Jump in, ma’am,” urged a rescue worker.

Mrs. Watkins shook her head vehemently. “The Lord will provide.” So the boat departed, the water rose, and the old woman drowned. Dripping wet and thoroughly annoyed, she came through the Pearly Gates and demanded to talk to God. “What happened?” she demanded. “I thought the Lord would *provide*.”

“For cryin’ out loud, lady,” said God wearily, “I sent *three* boats.”

BIRTH CONTROL AND ABORTION

- Abortion doesn’t belong in the political arena. It’s a private right, like many other rights concerning the family. —*Bella Abzug*
- I’m glad I’m a woman because I don’t have to worry about getting men pregnant. —*Nell Dunn*
- Parents may feel the need to have many babies to be sure that a few survive. —*World Bank, on high infant mortality rate in developing countries*
- We deal with a right of privacy older than the Bill of Rights—older than our political parties, older than our school system. —*William O. Douglas*
- No woman can call herself free who does not own and control her own body. —*Margaret Sanger*
- You must strive to multiply bread so that it suffices for the tables of mankind, and not rather favor an artificial control of birth, which would be irrational, in order to diminish the number of guests at the banquet of life. —*Pope Paul VI*
- Do you think someone who is about to rape you is going to stop and think about a condom? —*Eli Adorno*

66 Birth Control and Abortion

- The Catholic wife is under great pressure. . . . If she uses contraceptives, she is called wicked by her parish priest. If she follows the advice of her parish priest and refrains from sexual intercourse, she is called cold by her husband. If she doesn't take steps, she is called mad by society at large. —Anne Biezaneck
- The routine promotion of condoms through advertising has been stopped by networks who are so hypocritically priggish that they refuse to describe disease control as they promote disease transmission. —Henry A. Waxman
- . . . there is no nonarbitrary line separating a fetus from a child or, indeed, an adult human being. —Byron R. White
- I've noticed that everyone that is for abortion has already been born. —Ronald Reagan
- The states are not free, under the guise of protecting maternal health or potential life, to intimidate women into continuing pregnancies. . . . Abortion raises moral and spiritual questions over which honorable persons can disagree sincerely and profoundly. But those disagreements did not then and do not now relieve us of our duty to apply the Constitution faithfully. —Harry A. Blackmun
- A father's interest in having a child—perhaps his only child—may be unmatched by any other interest in his life. It is truly surprising that the state must assign a greater value to a mother's decision to cut off a potential human life by abortion than to a father's decision to let it mature into a live child. —William H. Rehnquist
- I realize that the subject of abortion is deeply divisive, with reaction felt more in the emotions than in the mind. For this reason, dispassionate factual discussions are more beneficial than the tossing about of violent slogans. I also realize that legalized abortion is far from the ideal solution to unwanted conception. Yet a lifetime of work in the field has convinced me that liberalized abortion is an absolutely essential tool to ease the lot of many women and families in a tough, tough world. —Alan Guttmacher
- There is an old Puerto Rican saying that a man must do three things during life: plant trees, write books, and have sons. I wish they would plant more trees and write more books. —Luis Muñoz Marin
- Whenever I hear people discussing birth control, I always remember that I was the fifth. —Clarence Darrow
- A society which practices death control must at the same time practice birth control. —John Rock
- One of the best things people could do for their descendants would be to sharply limit the number of them. —Olin Miller
- Every day we see increasing world problems because of rapidly expanding populations. Safe and effective contraception is essential in man's battle to control his environment. Thus far, the Pill remains one of the most effective weapons. Taken properly, under careful medical supervision, it is still the most reliable means of preventing unwanted pregnancy that man has yet been able to devise for wide-scale use. —Elizabeth Connell

- Once you pass into the utilitarianism of abortion, where do you go? Why do you kill an unborn child after six months and not old people or not criminals or not just every second person in the world?
—*Victor Heylen*
- If my parents had been exposed to today's ideas of family planning, my brothers Win and David might not have made it.
—*John D. Rockefeller III*
- Well, as you know, there are many things in life that are not fair, that wealthy people can afford and poor people can't. But I don't believe that the federal government should take action to try to make these opportunities exactly equal, particularly when there is a moral factor involved.
—*Jimmy Carter, on the availability of abortions*
- If men could get pregnant, abortions would be a sacrament.
—*Gloria Steinem (attrib.)*

Sayings

- The surest form of birth control is often a good argument.
- I wouldn't give you a nickel for another child, but I wouldn't take a million for the ones I've got.

Jokes

- The phrase itself—birth control—doesn't make sense. It's nine months earlier that you need the control.
- Loop before you leap.
—*Family-planning slogan*
- The best form of contraception is a pill—held firmly between the knees.

CHANGE

- Consistency is the quality of a stagnant mind.
—*John Sloan*
- Progress is a nice word. But change is its motivator and change has its enemies.
—*Robert F. Kennedy*
- The only completely consistent people are the dead.
—*Aldous Huxley*
- There is danger in reckless change, but greater danger in blind conservatism.
—*Henry Glasgow*
- Each generation criticizes the unconscious assumptions made by its parents. It may assent to them, but it brings them out into the open.
—*Alfred North Whitehead*
- . . . it behooves us to adapt oneself to the times if one wants to enjoy continued good fortune.
—*Niccolò Machiavelli*
- Force is the midwife of every old society pregnant with a new one.
—*Karl Marx*
- Wise and prudent men—intelligent conservatives—have long known that in a changing world worthy institutions can be conserved only by adjusting them to the changing time.
—*Franklin D. Roosevelt*

68 Commitment

- Weep not that the world changes—did it keep a stable, changeless state, it were cause indeed to weep. —*William Cullen Bryant*
- Change is constant in a progressive country. —*Benjamin Disraeli*
- Change is not progress. —*H. L. Mencken*
- Future shock [is] the shattering stress and disorientation that we induce in individuals by subjecting them to too much change in too short a time. —*Alvin Toffler*
- Nothing endures but change. —*Heracitus*
- Change has considerable psychological impact on the human mind. To the fearful it is threatening because it means that things may get worse. To the hopeful it is encouraging because things may get better. To the confident it is inspiring because the challenge exists to make things better. Obviously, then, one's character and frame of mind determine how readily he brings about change and how he reacts to change that is imposed on him. —*King Whitney Jr.*
- The reason men oppose progress is not that they hate progress, but that they love inertia. —*Elbert Hubbard*
- The human tendency prefers familiar horrors to unknown delights. —*Fred Woodworth*
- You must change in order to survive. —*Pearl Bailey*

Saying

- If you wait for tomorrow, tomorrow comes. If you don't wait for tomorrow, tomorrow comes. —*West African saying*

Jokes

- It's hard for me to get used to these changing times. I can remember when the air was clean and sex was dirty. —*George Burns*
- The story of little Mary illustrates one way in which change brings growth. One day in Sunday school she was asked, "Who made you?" After a moment's reflection, the little girl replied, "Well, God made a part of me." "Part of you?" The teacher was startled. "God made me very little," she explained, "and I grew the rest myself."

COMMITMENT

- Committing yourself is a way of finding out who you are. A man finds his identity by identifying. —*Robert Terwilliger*
- Passion is the quickest to develop, and the quickest to fade. Intimacy develops more slowly, and commitment more gradually still. —*Robert J. Sternberg*

- The fear of making permanent commitments can change the mutual love of husband and wife into two loves of self—two loves existing side by side, until they end in separation. —*Pope John Paul II*
- Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has. —*Margaret Mead*
- He who is most slow in making a promise is the most faithful in performance of it. —*Jean-Jacques Rousseau*
- To fly, we have to have resistance. —*Maya Lin*
- I can't imagine a person becoming a success who doesn't give this game of life everything he's got. —*Walter Cronkite*
- Whatever I have tried to do in life, I have tried with all my heart to do it well; whatever I have devoted myself to, I have devoted myself to completely. —*Charles Dickens*
- Commitment unlocks the doors of imagination, allows vision, and gives us the “right stuff” to turn our dreams into reality. —*James Womack*
- There's only one way to succeed in anything, and that is to give it everything. I do, and I demand that my players do. —*Vince Lombardi*

Sayings

- You can't keep a committed person from succeeding.
- If you don't stand for something, you'll fall for anything.

Jokes

- Apathy is one of America's greatest problems—but who cares?
- Sometimes we think we're committed but we aren't. The chicken and the pig were discussing the matter through the barnyard fence. The chicken said proudly, “I give eggs every single morning—I'm committed.” “Giving eggs isn't commitment, it's participation,” countered the pig. “Giving ham is commitment!”

COMMON SENSE

- Everybody gets so much information all day long that they lose their common sense. —*Gertrude Stein*
- The time to repair the roof is when the sun is shining. —*John F. Kennedy*
- Logical consequences are the scarecrows of fools and the beacons of wise men. —*Thomas Henry Huxley*
- The only way of finding the limits of the possible is by going beyond them into the impossible. —*Arthur C. Clarke*
- Kind words will never die—neither will they buy groceries. —*Bill Nye*

- A radical is a man with both feet firmly planted in the air. —*Franklin D. Roosevelt*
- Sometimes, the road less traveled . . . is less traveled for a reason. —*Jerry Seinfeld*
- The whole of science is nothing more than a refinement of everyday thinking. —*Albert Einstein*
- It is best not to swap horses while crossing the river. —*Abraham Lincoln*
- Common sense is genius dressed in its working clothes. —*Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- Horse sense is what keeps horses from betting on what people will do. —*Raymond Nash*

Sayings

- One pound of common sense requires ten pounds of common sense to apply it. —*Persian proverb*
- No one tests the depth of the river with both his feet. —*West African saying*

Jokes

- The kindergarten class went on a field trip to the local precinct house, where a kindly patrolman showed them about. Stopping in front of a “Ten Most Wanted” poster, he explained how citizens often help bring about arrests.
“Are those pictures of the bad guys?” asked one six-year-old.
The policeman soberly informed him they were.
“Well,” pursued the kid, “why didn’t you hold onto him after you took his picture?”
- Struther was assigned to show an important stockholder around the rubber goods factory. The woman nodded approvingly when shown the giant machine that spit out an endless stream of rubber nipples.
“One of our steady sellers; lotsa babies being born these days,” Struthers explained.
Not much later the stockholder inquired as to the function of another huge machine spitting out little rubber discs. “Condoms,” Struthers informed her. “Big sellers, too.”
“Understandably,” she commented. “But why’s that needle coming down and punching a little hole in each one?”
“Hey,” he whispered conspiratorially, “we can’t let the nipple business go downhill, now can we?”

COMPETITION

- Don’t look back. Someone might be gaining on you. —*Leroy (Satchel) Paige*
- I don’t meet competition. I crush it. —*Charles Revson*
- Don’t overlook the importance of worldwide thinking. A company that keeps its eye on Tom, Dick, and Harry is going to miss Pierre, Hans, and Yoshio. —*Al Ries*
- Like getting into a bleeding competition with a blood bank. —*Richard Branson, Chairman, Virgin Airlines, on competing with British Airways*

- When two men in business always agree, one of them is unnecessary.
—*William Wrigley Jr.*
- “Know thyself” is a good saying, but not in all situations. In many it is better to say “know others.”
—*Menander*
- Put your trust in God; but be sure to keep your powder dry.
—*Oliver Cromwell*
- Don’t fight a battle if you don’t gain anything by winning.
—*Gen. George S. Patton Jr.*
- A verbal agreement isn’t worth the paper it’s written on.
—*Louis B. Mayer (attrib.)*
- A man surprised is half beaten.
—*Thomas Fuller*
- Whenever a friend succeeds, a little something in me dies.
—*Gore Vidal*
- As he was valiant, I honor him; but as he was ambitious, I slew him.
—*William Shakespeare*
- There are only two ways of getting on in the world: by one’s own industry, or by the weaknesses of others.
—*Jean de La Bruyère*
- Next to knowing when to seize an opportunity, the most important thing in life is to know when to forego an advantage.
—*Benjamin Disraeli*
- There is hardly anything in the world that some man cannot make a little worse and sell a little cheaper
—*John Ruskin*
- We must believe in luck. For how else can we explain the success of those we don’t like?
—*Jean Cocteau*
- While one person hesitates because he feels inferior, the other is busy making mistakes and becoming superior.
—*Henry C. Link*
- Making money resembles chess in other ways, not least its cozy relationship with mathematics, still more in its abundance of traps, ploys, gambits, stratagems, variations, even in its recognized offensive and defensive openings. As in chess, the moneymaker gains more through his opponent’s mistakes than through his own immaculate brilliance, and for every winner, there must be at least one loser.
—*Robert Heller*

Sayings

- When two men of equal wisdom play together, discord arises.
—*West African saying*
- Rivalry is better than envy.
—*Central African saying*
- The successful salesman sells his goods on their merit—not on knocking his competitors

Jokes

- Anyone can win—unless there happens to be a second entry.
—*George Ade*
- Hard up for cash, Tarzan decided to go into the used-crocodile business. He spent the next day haggling over cranky crocs with nasty beasts, and barely had the energy to

swing back to the tree house. “Make me a martini, would you, Jane?” he asked. He gulped it down, then asked for another, and then a third.

“Tarzan, honey, aren’t you overdoing it a bit?” she remonstrated.

“Jane, you don’t understand,” he retorted, “it’s a *jungle* out there.”

- The two ex-partners maintained an intensively competitive relationship, so the first person Alice called from the brand-new cellular phone in her Maserati was Walter. She was well into a speech about the virtues of the new gizmo when Walter interrupted. “Hang on a sec, would you, Alice? I’m in the Bentley, and the other phone is ringing.”
- Two guys are being chased by a bear. One stops to put on his sneakers. The other guy yells back, “You idiot, you can’t outrun a bear.”
The first guy gasps, “I don’t have to outrun a bear—I just have to outrun you.”

CONSISTENCY

- Consistency is the foundation of virtue. —*Francis Bacon*
- Look, I don’t even agree with *myself* at times.
—*Jeanne Kirkpatrick, on changing her party affiliation to register as a Republican*
- Don’t be “consistent,” but be simply true. —*Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr.*
- A consistent thinker is a thoughtless person, because he conforms to a pattern; he repeats phrases and thinks in a groove. —*J. Krishnamurti*
- Consistency is the last refuge of the unimaginative. —*Oscar Wilde*
- An acquaintance seated next to R. J. Wrigley on a flight to Chicago asked the multimillionaire why he continued to advertise his chewing gum when it was far and away the most successful product in its field.
Wrigley replied, “For the same reason that the pilot keeps this plane’s engines running even though we’re already in the air.”
- A foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds. —*Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Saying

- What good is consistency, if you’re consistently wrong?

Joke

- “I thought you said you could type eighty words per minute!” the employer complained angrily to her new assistant.
“Oh, I can,” maintained the assistant airily, “some minutes. Not all of them.”

EGOTISM

- I have never seen a greater monster or miracle in the world than myself.
—*Michel Eyquem de Montaigne*

- If you think you're a second-class citizen, you are. —*Ted Turner*
- When a man is wrapped up in himself he makes a pretty small package. —*John Ruskin*
- Egotism is the anesthetic that dulls the pain of stupidity. —*Frank Leahy*
- Why can we remember the tiniest detail that has happened to us, and not remember how many times we told it to the same persons? —*François, Duc de La Rochefoucauld*
- You probably wouldn't worry about what people think of you if you knew how seldom they do. —*Olin Miller*
- Those who think they know it all are very annoying to those of us who do. —*Robert K. Mueller*
- An egotist is a man who thinks that if he hadn't been born, people would have wondered why. —*Dan Post*
- Don't be humble. You're not that great. —*Golda Meir*
- I never loved a person the way I loved myself. —*Mae West*
- The meek shall inherit the earth. —*Psalms 47:11*
- When you're as great as I am, it's hard to be humble. —*Muhammed Ali (attrib.)*
- If only I had a little humility, I would be perfect. —*Ted Turner (attrib.)*
- Egotism: the art of seeing in yourself what others cannot see. —*George Higgins*
- Nobody holds a good opinion of a man who has a low opinion of himself. —*Anthony Trollope*
- He fell in love with himself at first sight, and it is a passion to which he has always remained faithful. Self-love seems so often unrequited. —*Anthony Powell*
- An actor's a guy who, if you ain't talking about him, ain't listening. —*Marlon Brando*
- A writer is rarely so well inspired as when he talks about himself. —*Anatole France*
- This is the epitaph I want on my tomb: "Here lies one of the most intelligent animals who ever appeared on the face of the earth." —*Benito Mussolini*
- Never underestimate a man who overestimates himself. —*Franklin D. Roosevelt, on Gen. Douglas MacArthur*
- Each morning when I awake, I experience again a supreme pleasure—that of being Salvador Dali. —*Salvador Dali*

Sayings

- A big head is a big load. —*West African saying*
- Conceit wouldn't be so terrible if only the right people had it.

Jokes

- I think a lot of [Leonard] Bernstein—but not as much as he does.

—**Oscar Levant**

- There, but for the grace of God, goes Goc.

—*Winston Churchill (attrib.) regarding Stafford Cripps*

EXPERIENCE

- A man who carries a cat by the tail learns something he can learn in no other way.
—**Mark Twain**
- Judgment comes from experience and great judgment comes from bad experience.
—**Bob Packwood**
- If you shut your door to all errors, truth will be shut out.
—**Rabindranath Tagore**
- Getting results through people is a skill that cannot be learned in the classroom.
—**J. Paul Getty**
- Where I was born and how I have lived is unimportant. It is what I have done with where I have been that should be of interest.
—**Georgia O'Keefe**
- You know more of a road by having traveled it than by all the conjectures and descriptions in the world.
—**William Hazlitt**
- That which we have not been forced to decipher, to clarify by our own personal effort, that which was made clear before, is not ours.
—**Marcel Proust**
- The knowledge of the world is only to be acquired in the world, and not in a closet.
—**Philip Dormer Stanhope, Earl of Chesterfield**
- You cannot create experience. You must undergo it.
—**Albert Camus**
- Experience is not what happens to a man. It is what a man does with what happens to him.
—**Aldous Huxley**
- What we have to learn to do, we learn by doing.
—**Aristotle**
- It's a wise man who profits by his own experience, but it's a good deal wiser one who lets the rattlesnake bite the other fellow.
—**Josh Billings**
- Men are wise in proportion not to their experience but to their capacity for experience.
—**James Boswell**
- Experience keeps a dear school, yet fools will learn in no other.
—**Benjamin Franklin**
- The follies which a man regrets most in his life are those which he didn't commit when he had the opportunity.
—**Helen Rowland**
- I have but one lamp by which my feet are guided, and that is the lamp of experience. I know of no way of judging of the future but by the past.
—**Patrick Henry**
- One thorn of experience is worth a whole wilderness of warning.
—**James Russell Lowell**
- All genuine knowledge originates in direct experience.
—**Mao Tse-tung**

- Wisdom is not wisdom when it is derived from books alone. —*Horace*
- We should be careful to get out of an experience only the wisdom that is in it—and stop there, lest we be like the cat that sits down on a hot stove lid. She will never sit down on a hot stove lid again—and that is well; but also she will never sit down on a cold one anymore. —*Mark Twain*
- Do you know the difference between education and experience? Education is when you read the fine print; experience is what you get when you don't. —*Pete Seeger*
- It is the true nature of mankind to learn from mistakes, not from example. —*Fred Hoyle*
- It's said that Thomas J. Watson Jr., head of IBM, was asked if he was going to fire an employee whose recent mistake had cost the company six hundred thousand dollars. Watson shook his head, and explained, "I just spent six hundred thousand dollars training him. Why would I want anyone else to hire his experience?"

Sayings

- A self-made man has no factory guarantee.
- Experience is the dividend gained from one's mistakes.
- Experience is nontransferable.
- It is disgraceful to stumble against the same stone twice. —*Greek proverb*
- Good judgment comes from experience, and experience comes from poor judgment.

Jokes

- Experience: a comb life gives you after you lose your hair. —*Judith Stern*
- Trying to set up a match at the country fair for his protégé, the local boxing champion, the boxing promoter requested an experienced fighter. But when the day of the fight came around, he paled at the sight of an aging fellow with a punch-drunk walk, cauliflower ears, and a nose smashed flat against his face by innumerable encounters with a boxing glove. "I asked for an *experienced* fighter," the promoter complained, "not a damaged one."
- The personnel director was interviewing a job applicant. "Given that you have no experience whatsoever in this field, you're asking for an awfully high salary," she pointed out.
"I suppose so," replied the applicant, "but think how much harder the work's going to be if I don't know anything about it."

IDEALISM

- An idealist is one who helps the other fellow to make a profit. —*Henry Ford*
- To say that a man is an idealist is merely to say that he is a man. —*G. K. Chesterton*

- An idealist is one who, on noticing that a rose smells better than a cabbage, concludes that it will also make a better soup. —*H. L. Mencken*
- Much that passes as idealism is disguised hatred or disguised love of power. —*Bertrand Russell*
- Ideals are like stars; you will not succeed in touching them with your hands, but like the seafaring man . . . you choose them as your guides, and following them you will reach your destiny. —*Carl Schurz*
- Idealism increases in direct proportion to one's distance from the problem. —*John Galsworthy*
- America is the only country deliberately founded on a good idea. —*John Gunther*
- I think what's fun about the '60s was the exhilaration of this, "We're going to change the world," attitude. That huge group of young people with all this energy and idealism out there saying, "Let's make it better." I miss that as a movement. —*Mary Travers*
- Ideas are great arrows, but there has to be a bow. And politics is the bow of idealism. —*Bill Moyers*
- . . . it's a blessing to die for a cause, because you can so easily die for nothing. —*Andrew Young*
- The Peace Corps is a sort of Howard Johnson's on the main drag into maturity. —*Paul Theroux*

Saying

- Anyone's a fool who doesn't try to live up to his dreams and abilities.

Joke

- "Now there's a woman who has suffered a great deal for what she believes," declared Irma about a mutual acquaintance.
"Really? How so?" asked the friend she was lunching with.
"She believes she can wear size six and a half shoes on a size eight foot."

MODESTY

- Pocket all your knowledge with your watch, and never pull it out in company unless desired. —*Philip Dormer Stanhope, Earl of Chesterfield*
- The first test of a truly great man is his humility. —*John Ruskin*
- Self-made men are most always apt to be a little too proud of the job. —*Josh Billings*
- I don't deserve any credit for turning the other cheek as my tongue is always in it. —*Flannery O'Connor*
- The second sweetest set of three words in English is "I don't know." —*Carol Tavris*

- I feel it is time that I also pay tribute to my four writers, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.
—*Bhp. Fulton J. Sheen*
- A modest man is usually admired—if people ever hear of him.
—*Edgar Watson Howe*
- It's going to be fun to watch and see how long the meek can keep the earth after they inherit it.
—*Kin Hubbard*
- Great artists are modest almost as seldom as they are faithful to their wives.
—*H. L. Mencken*
- A whale is harpooned only when it spouts.
—*Henry Hillman, on why he avoids interviews*
- My religion consists of a humble admiration of the illimitable superior spirit who reveals himself in the slight details we are able to perceive with our frail and feeble minds.
—*Albert Einstein*

Sayings

- Modesty in delivering our opinions leaves us the liberty of changing them without embarrassment.
- Modesty is the art of encouraging people to find out for themselves how wonderful you are.

Jokes

- The city slicker was fishing with a fancy new rod and all the latest lures, but hadn't had a nibble by lunchtime. Adding to his irritation was the fact that a farm boy in a rowboat not far away had pulled in a number of good-sized bass. They quit about the same time, and the man couldn't help coming over. "You caught all those fish with that old stick—and a bent pin for a hook?" he croaked disbelievingly. "What's your secret?"
The boy shrugged and hitched up his overalls. "I guess I just keep myself out of sight."
- It's like what the beaver said to the rabbit as they stared up at the immense bulk of Hoover Dam: "No, I didn't actually build it—but it's based on an idea of mine."

POTENTIAL

- Never try to teach a pig to sing; it wastes your time and it annoys the pig.
—*Paul Dickson*
- I consider a human soul without education like marble in a quarry, which shows none of its inherent beauties until the skill of the polisher sketches out the colors, makes the surface shine, and discovers every ornamental cloud, spot, and vein that runs through it.
—*Joseph Addison*
- Too many people overvalue what they are not and undervalue what they are.
—*Malcolm S. Forbes*

- In proportion to the development of his individuality, each person becomes more valuable to himself, and is therefore capable of being more valuable to others.
—John Stuart Mill
- The nobler a man, the harder it is for him to suspect inferiority in others. —Cicero
- And what is a weed? A plant whose virtues have not been discovered.
—Ralph Waldo Emerson
- Education is helping the child realize his potentialities. —Erich Fromm
- The essence of our effort to see that every child has a chance must be to assure each an equal opportunity, not to become equal, but to become different—to realize whatever unique potential of body, mind, and spirit he or she possesses.
—John Fischer
- The greatest value in the world is the difference between what we are and what we could become.
—Ben Herbster
- All of us do not have equal talent, but all of us should have an equal opportunity to develop our talent.
—John F. Kennedy
- The biggest temptation is . . . to settle for too little.
—Thomas Merton
- Nature is often hidden, sometimes overcome, seldom extinguished. —Francis Bacon
- There's always room for improvement, you know—it's the biggest room in the house.
—Louise Heath Leber, *on being chosen Mother of the Year*
- Man needs, for his happiness, not only the enjoyment of this or that, but hope and enterprise and change.
—Bertrand Russell
- Loving a child doesn't mean giving in to all his whims; to love him is to bring out the best in him, to teach him to love what is difficult.
—Nadia Boulanger
- I long to accomplish a great and noble task, but it is my chief duty to accomplish small tasks as if they were great and noble.
—Helen Keller
- There is no meaning to life except the meaning man gives his life by the unfolding of his powers, by living productively.
—Erich Fromm
- Kind words will never die—neither will they buy groceries.
—Bill Nye
- Most novices picture themselves as masters—and are content with the picture. This is why there are so few masters.
—Jean Toomer
- When we grow old, there can only be one regret—not to have given enough of ourselves.
—Eleonora Duse

Sayings

- Mighty oaks from little acorns grow.
- Whoever spurns what is short has not stepped on a scorpion. —West African saying

Joke

- The farmer's son was returning from the market with the crate of chickens his father had entrusted to him, when all of a sudden the box fell and broke open. Chickens scurried off in different directions, but the determined boy chased all over the neighborhood scooping up the wayward birds and returning them to the repaired crate. Hoping he had found them all, the boy reluctantly returned home, anticipating the worst for being so careless. "Pa, the chickens got loose," the boy confessed sadly, "but I managed to find all twelve of them."

"Well, you did real good, son," the farmer beamed. "You left with seven."

PRIORITIES

- I'd rather have roses on my table than diamonds around my neck. —*Emma Goldman*
- Don't fight a battle if you don't gain anything by winning. —*Gen. George S. Patton Jr.*
- Few people do business well who do nothing else. —*Philip Dormer Stanhope, Earl of Chesterfield*
- To be able to throw oneself away for the sake of a moment, to be able to sacrifice years for a woman's smile—that is happiness. —*Hermann Hesse*
- The presidency is temporary—but the family is permanent. —*Yvonne de Gaulle, wife of the French president*
- It is not so important to be serious as it is to be serious about the important things. The monkey wears an expression of seriousness which would do credit to any college student, but the monkey is serious because he itches. —*Robert Maynard Hutchins*
- Don't ever take a fence down until you know why it was put up. —*Robert Frost*
- Most people would succeed in small things if they were not troubled with great ambitions. —*Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*
- He that leaveth nothing to chance will do few things ill, but he will do very few things. —*George Savile*
- Once you have been confronted with a life-and-death situation, trivia no longer matters. Your perspective grows and you live at a deeper level. There's no time for pettiness. —*Margaretta (Happy) Rockefeller*
- Anybody can become angry—that is easy; but to be angry with the right person, and to the right degree, and for the right purpose, and in the right way—that is not within everybody's power and is not easy. —*Aristotle*
- All of the animals except man know that the principal business of life is to enjoy it. —*Samuel Butler*
- Man is the only animal that laughs and weeps; for he is the only animal that is struck with the difference between what things are, and what they ought to be. —*William Hazlitt*

- Man is the only animal that laughs, drinks when he is not thirsty, and makes love at all seasons of the year. —*Voltaire*

Saying

- What seems so necessary today may not even be desirable tomorrow.

Joke

- Mr. Stone was in dire need of periodontal work, so Dr. Graves performed a series of operations over a three-month period. The patient, however, paid only the first third, ignoring all Dr. Graves's remittance notices and threats of collection agencies. Finally, the desperate dentist enclosed a snapshot of his three little children in a note reading, "Dear Mr. Stone—here's why I need the money you owe me."

Dr. Graves was thrilled when an envelope arrived from Stone the next week. Opening it up, he found an 8"×10" of a gorgeous woman. Scrawled on the bottom was a note from his errant patient: "Dear Dr. Graves—here's why I can't pay."

PROCRASTINATION

- It is better to have loafed and lost than never to have loafed at all. —*James Thurber*
- Those who are late will be punished by life itself. —*Mikhail Gorbachev*
- To do nothing is also a good remedy. —*Hippocrates*
- Those who make the worst use of their time are the first to complain of its brevity. —*Jean de La Bruyère*
- Work is the greatest thing in the world, so we should always save some of it for tomorrow. —*Don Herold*
- No task is a long one but the task on which one dare not start. It becomes a nightmare. —*Charles Baudelaire*
- Procrastination is the thief of time. —*Edward Young*
- If a thing's worth doing, it's worth doing late. —*Frederick Oliver*

Sayings

- If it weren't for the last minute, a lot of things would never get done.
- Tomorrow is often the busiest day of the week.
- Going slowly does not stop one from arriving. —*West African saying*

Joke

- Somebody was using the pencil. —*Dorothy Parker, on why she missed a deadline while working in an underequipped office*

RACE

- That all men should be brothers is the dream of people who have no brothers.
—*Charles Chincholles*
- America is God's Crucible, the great Melting Pot where all the races of Europe are melting and reforming!
—*Israel Zangwill*
- I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character.
—*Martin Luther King Jr.*
- Just being a Negro doesn't qualify you to understand the race situation any more than being sick makes you an expert on medicine.
—*Dick Gregory*
- Be nice to whites, they need you to rediscover their humanity. —*Arch. Desmond Tutu*
- After four hundred years of slave labor, we have some back pay coming. —*Malcolm X*
- Apartheid is an insult to God and man whom God dignifies.
—*Robert Runcie, Archbishop of Canterbury*
- Everybody's colored or else you wouldn't be able to see them. —*Captain Beefheart*
- Every man has pride of race, and under appropriate circumstances when the rights of others, his equals before the law, are not to be affected, it is his privilege to express such pride and to take such action based upon it as to him seems proper. . . Our Constitution is color-blind, and neither knows nor tolerates classes among citizens.
—*John Marshall Harlan*
- Men are not superior by reason of the accidents of race or color. They are superior who have the best heart—the best brain.
—*Robert G. Ingersoll*
- We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools.
—*Martin Luther King Jr.*
- After all, there is but one race—humanity. —*George Moore*
- Morality knows nothing of geographical boundaries or distinctions of race.
—*Herbert Spencer*
- The difference of race is one of the reasons why I fear war may always exist; because race implies difference, difference implies superiority, and superiority leads to predominance.
—*Benjamin Disraeli*
- I believe the life of the Negro race has been a life of tragedy, of injustice, of oppression. The law has made him equal, but man has not.
—*Clarence Darrow*
- Though the colored man is no longer subject to be bought and sold, he is still surrounded by an adverse sentiment which fetters all his movements. In his downward course he meets with no resistance, but his course upward is resisted at every stop of his progress.
—*Frederick Douglass*
- There are no "white" or "colored" signs on the foxholes or graveyards of battle.
—*John F. Kennedy*

- I have a dream that one day in the red hills of Georgia, sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave-owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.
—*Martin Luther King Jr.*
 - We have to prove beyond the shadow of a doubt that it is talent and training, not color, that makes a ballet dancer.
—*Arthur Mitchell*
 - Black art has always existed. It just hasn't been looked for in the right places.
—*Romare Bearden*
 - Human law may know no distinction among men in respect of rights, but human practice may.
—*Frederick Douglass*
 - . . . the color of the skin is in no ways connected with strength of the mind or intellectual powers. . . .
—*Benjamin Banneker*
 - We [blacks] wish to plead our own cause. Too long have others spoken for us.
—*John Browne Russwurm*
 - . . . it was asserted that we were “a ragged set crying for liberty.” I reply to it, the whites have so long and so loudly proclaimed the theme of equal rights and privileges that our souls have caught the flame, ragged as we are.
—*Maria W. Stewart*
 - Black men, don't be ashamed to show your colors, and to own them.
—*William Wells Brown*
 - The race problem is a moral one. . . . Its solution will come especially from the domain of principles. Like all the other great battles of humanity, it is to be fought out with the weapons of truth.
—*Alexander Crummell*
 - The inspiration of the race is the race.
—*Edward Wilmot Blyden*
 - No race can speak for another or give utterance to its striving goal.
—*Mary Church Terrell*
 - . . . pride of race is the antidote to prejudice.
—*Arthur Alfonso Schomburg*
 - Mumbling obeisance to the abhorrence of apartheid [is] like those lapsed believers who cross themselves when entering a church.
—*Nadine Gordimer*
 - I draw the line in the dust and toss the gauntlet before the feet of tyranny, and I say segregation now, segregation tomorrow, segregation forever.
—*George C. Wallace*

Sayings

- The white man lives in the castle; when he dies he lives in the ground.
—*West African saying*
 - Mankind consists of five races and an infinite number of heats.
 - Black is beautiful.
 - Frankly, if I'd been an Indian, I'd have wished Plymouth Rock had landed on the Pilgrims.

Joke

- The tourists visiting the temples of southern India trekked for several miles to a remote ruin. Suddenly one tourist paled and gasped, "Oh no! I forgot to lock the car." "Don't worry," the local guide assured her. "There's no white man within fifty miles."

REBELLION

- If Abu Nidal is a terrorist, then so is George Washington.
—*Mu'ammar Muhammad al-Gadhafi*
- A man that does not know how to be angry does not know how to be good.
—*Henry Ward Beecher*
- I am a member of the rabble in good standing.
—*Westbrook Pegler*
- Remember always that all of us, and you and I especially, are descended from immigrants and revolutionists.
—*Franklin D. Roosevelt*
- An idea that is not dangerous is not worthy of being called an idea at all.
—*Oscar Wilde*
- The dissenter is every human being at those moments of his life when he resigns momentarily from the herd and thinks for himself.
—*Archibald Macleish*
- The reasonable man adapts himself to the world: the unreasonable one persists in trying to adapt the world to himself. Therefore all progress depends on the unreasonable man.
—*George Bernard Shaw*
- The spirit of resistance to government is so valuable on certain occasions that I wish it to be always kept alive. It will often be exercised when wrong but better so than not to be exercised at all. I like a little rebellion now and then. It is like a storm in the atmosphere.
—*Thomas Jefferson*
- Here in America we are descended in blood and spirit from revolutionists and rebels—men and women who dared to dissent from accepted doctrine.
—*Dwight D. Eisenhower*
- Liberty has never come from the government. Liberty has always come from the subjects of it. The history of liberty is a history of resistance. The history of liberty is a history of limitations of governmental power, not the increase of it.
—*Woodrow Wilson*
- The tree of liberty grows only when watered by the blood of tyrants.
—*Bertrand Barère de Vieuzac*
- William Jennings Bryan compared the way a convention feels about demonstrations to the feeling of a big man whose wife was in the habit of beating him. When asked why he permitted it, he replied that it seemed to please her and did not hurt him.
- . . . I am as desirous of being a good neighbor as I am of being a bad subject. . . .
—*Henry David Thoreau*
- Every great advance in natural knowledge has involved the absolute rejection of authority.
—*Aldous Huxley*

- Anyone who takes it on himself, on his own authority, to break a bad law, thereby authorizes everyone else to break the good ones. —*Denis Diderot*
 - There are not enough jails, not enough policemen, not enough courts to enforce a law not supported by the people. —*Hubert H. Humphrey*
 - To make laws that man cannot, and will not obey, serves to bring all law into contempt. —*Elizabeth Cady Stanton*
 - Restlessness is discontent—and discontent is the first necessity of progress. Show me a thoroughly satisfied man and I will show you a failure. —*Thomas Alva Edison*
 - Every normal man must be tempted at times to spit on his hands, hoist the black flag, and begin slitting throats. —*H. L. Mencken*
 - The world owes all its onward impulses to men ill at ease. The happy man inevitably confines himself within ancient limits. —*Nathaniel Hawthorne*
 - You can't mine coal without machine guns. —*Richard B. Mellon*
 - Hungry men have no respect for law, authority, or human life. —*Marcus Garvey*
 - Take away the violence and who will hear the men of peace? —*Lorraine Hansberry*
 - We are the people our parents warned us against. —*Nicholas von Hoffman*
 - To be happy all the time is one of the most nonconformist things you can do. . . . To be always joyful is not just rebellion, it's *radical*. —*John-Roger and Peter McWilliams*
 - The most radical revolutionary will become a conservative the day after the revolution. —*Hannah Arendt*
 - The first duty of a revolutionary is to get away with it. —*Abbie Hoffman*
 - He who throws a bomb and kills a pedestrian, declares that as a victim of society he has rebelled against society. But could not the poor victim object: "Am I society?" —*Enrico Malatesta*
 - If you will protest courageously, and yet with dignity and Christian love, when the history books are written in future generations, the historians will have to pause and say, "There lived a great people—a black people—who injected new meaning and dignity into the veins of civilization." —*Martin Luther King Jr.*
 - All art is a revolt against man's fate. —*André Malraux*
 - Revolutions are the locomotives of history. —*Nikita S. Khrushchev*
 - The time to stop a revolution is at the beginning, not the end. —*Adlai Stevenson*
 - Inferiors revolt in order that they may be equal, and equals that they may be superior. Such is the state of mind which creates revolutions. —*Aristotle*
 - Those who make peaceful revolution impossible will make violent revolution inevitable. —*John F. Kennedy*
 - If a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand. —*Mark 3:25*

- Agitators are a set of interfering meddling people, who come down to some perfectly contented class of the community and sow the seeds of discontent among them. That is the reason why agitators are so absolutely necessary. —Oscar Wilde
- The people who are the most militant are often the ones who were least involved when things were tough and dangerous. —Andrew Young
- Death is the price of revolution. —H. Rap (Hubert Gerald) Brown
- Oppression makes a wise man mad. —Frederick Douglass
- When reform becomes impossible, revolution becomes imperative. —Kelly Miller
- Martyrs are needed to create incidents. Incidents are needed to create revolutions. Revolutions are needed to create progress. —Chester Bomar Himes
- Revolutions are never peaceful. . . . —Malcolm X

Sayings

- Rebellion is a phase that all children go through.
- Rebellion is the sign of a healthy ego.
- During uprisings, the tendency is to throw the baby out with the bathwater.
- Hot heads and cold hearts never solve anything.

Jokes

- When the aged president of the company was out of town, half a dozen of his senior executives got together to plan some way to ease the old coot out of the driver's seat. To their horror, the executive VP's secretary buzzed him halfway through the meeting and informed him the president was back early and on his way to see him.
“If he catches us all here, he'll know exactly what we're up to,” cried the VP.
“Quick—you five, jump out the window!”
“But we're on the thirteenth floor,” protested the company treasurer.
“Jump!” yelled the VP. “This is no time for superstition.”
- During the turbulent sixties, a very right-wing board of directors insisted that all prospective employees fill out an elaborate “loyalty form,” which included the following question: “Do you support the overthrow of the United States government by subversion, violence, or insurrection?” The recent college graduate, veteran of many multiple-choice exams, circled “subversion.”

REVENGE

- Don't go looking for a fight—but if you're hit, deck the bastard. —Roger Ailes
- A woman's desire for revenge outlasts all her other emotions. —Cyril Connolly

- When a man steals your wife, there is no better revenge than to let him keep her.
—*Sacha Guitry*
- Eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.
—*Exodus 21:24*
- Revenge is often like biting a dog because the dog bit you.
—*Austin O'Malley*
- Nobody ever forgets where he buried a hatchet.
—*Elbert Hubbard*
- Revenge is profitable, gratitude is expensive.
—*Cicero*
- The voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground.
—*Genesis 4:10*
- One of the shameful chapters of this country was how many of the comfortable—especially those who profited from the misery of others—abused her. . . . But she got even in a way that was almost cruel. She forgave them.
—*Ralph McGill, about Eleanor Roosevelt*
- Gentlemen: You have undertaken to cheat me. I won't sue you, for the law is too slow. I'll ruin you.
—*Cornelius Vanderbilt, in a letter to a competitor*

Sayings

- If thine enemy wrong thee, buy each of his children a drum.
—*Chinese proverb*
- Revenge is a dish best served cold.
- Revenge is sweet.
- When you grow up, I hope you have a child just like you so you'll know what I'm going through!

Joke

- A southern girls school and a military academy had a long-standing tradition of helping each other on social occasions. One spring morning the headmistress called the academy to arrange for escorts for the annual cotillion. Since the military academy had a new commandant, she felt obliged to remind him that only boys of the Christian faith should be sent over to mingle with her fine young ladies.

When the bus arrived from the academy, twenty perfectly dressed, elegant black cadets emerged. Considerably distressed, the headmistress cried, "There must be some mistake!"

"I doubt it, ma'am," responded the lieutenant in charge. "Captain Goldberg doesn't make mistakes."

VARIETY

- America is not like a blanket—one piece of unbroken cloth, the same color, the same texture, the same size. America is more like a quilt—many patches, many pieces, many colors, many sizes, all woven and held together by a common thread.

—*Jesse Jackson*

- The great source of pleasure is variety.
- Variety is the mother of enjoyment.
- Variety is the soul of pleasure.
- Variety's the very spice of life / That gives it all its flavour.

—*Samuel Johnson*

—*Benjamin Disraeli*

—*Aphra Behn*

—*William Cowper*

Sayings

- Variety means nothing to a hungry man.
- Diversity, yes; perversity, no.
- Better the evil known than the new unknown.

Joke

- “Bless me, Father, for I have sinned,” the young woman whispered into the grille of the confession booth. “I had intercourse eight times this weekend.”
“My gracious,” gasped the priest, “that’s serious. Was the man married?”
“Five of them were.”

MATTERS OF THE SOUL

ATHEISM

- An atheist is a man who has no invisible means of support. —*John Buchan*
- An atheist is a guy who watches a Notre Dame–SMU football game and doesn't care who wins. —*Dwight D. Eisenhower*
- It's an interesting view of atheism, as a sort of *crutch* for those who can't stand the reality of God. . . . —*Tom Stoppard*
- I once wanted to become an atheist, but I gave up—they have no holidays. —*Henny Youngman*

Sayings

- There are no atheists in foxholes.
- God gives nothing to those who keep their arms crossed. —*West African saying*

Jokes

- What do you get when you cross an insomniac, a dyslexic, and an agnostic?
—Someone who lies awake all night wondering if there really is a dog.
- What's the worst thing about being an atheist?
—You have no one to call to when you're having an orgasm.
- As long as there are Algebra exams, there will be worship in the schools.
- An atheist was spending a quiet day fishing when suddenly his boat was attacked by the Loch Ness monster. In one easy flip, the beast tossed him and his boat high into the air. Then it opened its mouth to swallow both.

As the man sailed head over heels, he cried out, "Oh, my God! Help me!"

At once, the ferocious attack scene froze in place, and as the atheist hung in midair, a booming voice came down from the heavens, "I thought you didn't believe in Me!"

"Come on, God, give me a break!!" the man pleaded. "Two minutes ago I didn't believe in the Loch Ness monster either!"

CHARITY AND PHILANTHROPY

- Sometimes give your services for nothing. . . . —*Hippocrates*
- Let us not paralyze our capacity for good by brooding over man's capacity for evil. —*David Sarnoff*
- Money is like manure. If you spread it around, it does a lot of good, but if you pile it up in one place, it stinks like hell. —*Clint W. Murchison*
- The worst sin towards our fellow creatures is not to hate them, but to be indifferent to them: that's the essence of inhumanity. —*George Bernard Shaw*
- It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of *God*. —*Mark 10:25*
- Science may have found a cure for most evils; but it has found no remedy for the worst of them all—the apathy of human beings. —*Helen Keller*
- Humanitarianism is the expression of stupidity and cowardice. —*Adolf Hitler*
- You can't take it with you. You never see a U-Haul following a hearse. —*Ellen Glasgow*
- No person was ever honored for what he received. Honor has been the reward for what he gave. —*Calvin Coolidge*
- We cannot exist without mutual help. All, therefore, that need aid have a right to ask it from their fellow men, and no one who has the power of granting can refuse it without guilt. —*Sir Walter Scott*
- Surplus wealth is a sacred trust which its possessor is bound to administer in his life-time for the good of the community. —*Andrew Carnegie*
- Philanthropy is almost the only virtue which is sufficiently appreciated by mankind. —*Henry David Thoreau*
- No people do so much harm as those who go about doing good. —*Mandell Creighton*
- He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack. —*Proverbs 28:27*
- A good deed never goes unpunished. —*Gore Vidal*
- Understanding human needs is half the job of meeting them. —*Adlai Stevenson*
- I sought my soul, but my soul I could not see. I sought my God, but my God eluded me. I sought my brother—and I found all three.
—*Quoted by the London Church News Service, May 1986*
- If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else. —*Booker T. Washington*
- To bear other people's afflictions, everyone has courage and enough to spare.
—*Benjamin Franklin*
- Money-giving is a very good criterion . . . of a person's mental health. Generous people are rarely mentally ill people. —*Karl A. Menninger*

- At the Harvest Festival in church the area behind the pulpit was piled high with tins of fruit for the old-age pensioners. We had collected the tinned fruit from door to door. Most of it came from old-age pensioners. —*Clive James*
 - A large part of altruism, even when it is perfectly honest, is grounded upon the fact that it is uncomfortable to have unhappy people about one. —*H. L. Mencken*
 - As the purse is emptied the heart is filled. —*Victor Hugo*
 - It is more blessed to give than to receive. —*Romans 20:35*
 - "Tis always more blessed to give than to receive; for example, wedding presents. —*H. L. Mencken*
 - Those who would administer wisely must, indeed, be wise, for one of the serious obstacles to the improvement of our race is indiscriminate charity. —*Andrew Carnegie*
 - The desire for power in excess caused angels to fall; the desire for knowledge in excess caused man to fall; but in charity is no excess, neither can man or angels come into danger by it. —*Francis Bacon*
 - Plenty of people despise money, but few know how to give it away. —*François, Duc de La Rochefoucauld*
 - A beggar can never be bankrupt. —*John Clarke*
 - Charity never faileth. —*I Corinthians 13:8*
 - And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity. —*I Corinthians 13:13*
 - God loveth a cheerful giver. —*II Corinthians 9:7*
 - For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more. —*Luke 12:48*
 - The dead carry with them to the grave in their clutched hands only that which they have given away. —*DeWitt Wallace*
 - We do not quite forgive a giver. The hand that feeds us is in some danger of being bitten. —*Ralph Waldo Emerson*
 - Freely ye have received, freely give. —*Matthew 10:8*
 - Let us not be weary in well doing. —*Galatians 6:9*
 - He gives twice that gives soon; i.e. he will soon be called to give again. —*Benjamin Franklin*
 - . . . when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth. —*Matthew 6:3*
 - As for charity, it is a matter in which the immediate effect on the persons directly concerned, and the ultimate consequence to the general good, are apt to be at complete war with one another. —*John Stuart Mill*
 - Charity is the power of defending that which we know to be indefensible. Hope is the power of being cheerful in circumstances which we know to be desperate. —*G. K. Chesterton*

- It is with narrow-souled people as with narrow-necked bottles: the less they have in them the more noise they make in pouring it out. —*Alexander Pope*
- Cheapness characterizes almost all donations of the American people to the Negro. . . . —*Alexander Crummell*
- A pretty good test of a man's religion is how it affects his pocketbook. —*Francis James Grimke*
- Business begs. Philanthropy begs. —*W. E. B. Du Bois*
- Everybody wants to do something to help, but nobody wants to be first. —*Pearl Bailey*
- Giving away a fortune is taking Christianity too far. —*Charlotte Bingham*
- The Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea are made of the same water. It flows down, clear and cool, from the heights of Hermon and the roots of the cedars of Lebanon. The Sea of Galilee makes beauty of it, for the Sea of Galilee has an outlet. It gets to give. It gathers in its riches that it may pour them out again to fertilize the Jordan plain. But the Dead Sea with the same water makes horror. But the Dead Sea has no outlet. It gets to keep. —*Rev. Harry Emerson Fosdick*
- When we grow old, there can only be one regret—not to have given enough of ourselves. —*Eleonora Duse*
- No man actually owns a fortune. It owns him. —*A. P. Giannini*
- It went beyond idealism and that ridiculous term *activism*, which basically means talking about something but doing nothing. . . . We made giving exciting. —*Bob Geldof, on organizing fund-raising concerts for African relief*
- The fountain is my speech. The tulips are my speech. The grass and trees are my speech. —*George T. Delacorte, donor of a public fountain*
- The eight grades of charity:
 1. To give reluctantly.
 2. To give cheerfully but not adequately.
 3. To give cheerfully and adequately, but only after being asked.
 4. To give cheerfully, adequately, and of your own free will, but to put in the recipient's hand in such a way as to make him feel lesser.
 5. To let the recipient know who the donor is, but not the reverse.
 6. To know who is receiving your charity but to remain anonymous to them.
 7. To have neither the donor nor the recipient be aware of the other's identity.
 8. To forego with charity altogether, by enabling your fellow humans to have the wherewithal to earn their own living.
 —*Maimonides*
- Karl Menninger was once asked what action he would recommend if a person were to feel a nervous breakdown coming on. "Lock up your house," the famous psychiatrist advised, "go across the railroad tracks, and find someone in need and do something for him."

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- No one would remember the Good Samaritan if he'd only had good intentions. He had money as well.
—*Margaret Thatcher*

Sayings

- When hunger gets inside you, nothing else can. —*West African saying*
- A man's true wealth is the good he does in this world.
- Give a man a fish and he will live for a day; give him a net, and he will live for a life-time. —*Chinese proverb*
- We find our lives in losing them in the service of others.
- You can't help someone uphill without getting closer to the top yourself.
- A beggar has no dignity. —*West African saying*
- Charity begins at home.
- Giving honors the giver.
- It is more blessed to give than to receive.

Jokes

- The clergyman famous for his abilities to get the collection plate filled turned his talents to a Sunday school audience. Drawing an elaborate analogy between his role as the pastor of a congregation to that of a shepherd to his flock of sheep, he paused dramatically and asked the children, "And who can tell me what a shepherd does for the sheep?"

A little hand shot up. "I know, Reverend—shears them!"

- The businessman was rather put off when the bum approached him with a request for five dollars to buy a cup of coffee. "You can buy coffee for sixty cents," he responded tartly.

"Right you are," conceded the bum cheerfully, "but I like to leave a big tip."

- The pig complained to the cow saying, "I know you give milk, leather, and beef, but I give pork, pigskin, and even my bristles are used for brushes. Why are you loved so much more?"

"Maybe," the cow said sweetly, "it's because I give while I'm still alive."

- Without warning, a hurricane blew across the Caribbean. The luxurious yacht soon foundered in the huge waves and sank without a trace. Only two survivors, the boat's owner and its steward, managed to swim to the closest island. Observing that it was utterly uninhabited, the steward burst into tears, wringing his hands and moaning that they'd never be heard of again. Meanwhile, his companion leaned back against a palm tree and relaxed.

"Dr. Karpman, Dr. Karpman, how can you be so calm?" moaned the distraught steward. "We're going to die on this godforsaken island. Don't you see? They're never going to find us."

"Let me tell you something, Mitchell," began Karpman with a smile. "Four years ago I gave the United Way \$500,000, and \$500,000 to the United Jewish Appeal. Three

years ago I did very well in the stock market, so I contributed \$850,000 to each. Last year business was good, so both charities got a million dollars."

"So?" screamed the wretched steward.

"It's time for their annual fund drives," the yachtsman pointed out, "and I *know* they're going to find me."

- Define philanthropist.
—One who steals privately so he can give publicly.

CONSCIENCE

- Living with a conscience is like driving a car with the brakes on. —*Budd Schulberg*
- It is easier to cope with a bad conscience than with a bad reputation.

—*Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche*

- There is no witness so dreadful, no accuser so terrible as the conscience that dwells in the heart of every man. —*Polybius*

- The Anglo-Saxon conscience does not prevent the Anglo-Saxon from sinning; it merely prevents him from enjoying his sin. —*Salvador de Madariaga y Rojo*

- A guilty conscience needs to confess. A work of art is a confession. —*Albert Camus*

- A guilty conscience is the mother of invention. —*Carolyn Wells*

- Conscience is the inner voice that warns us that someone may be looking. —*H. L. Mencken*

- Even when there is no law, there is conscience. —*Publilius Syrus*

- Most people sell their souls and live with a good conscience on the proceeds. —*Logan Pearsall Smith*

- I cannot and will not cut my conscience to fit this year's fashions. —*Lillian Hellman*

- . . . conscienceless efficiency is no match for efficiency quickened by conscience. —*Kelly Miller*

- Unless you're ashamed of yourself now and then, you're not honest. —*William Faulkner*

Sayings

- Conscience gets a lot of credit that belongs to cold feet.
- A clear conscience laughs at false accusations.

Jokes

- Edward Bok, the magazine publisher, was fond of flowers, and one spring planted thousands of daffodils in his front yard. "You shouldn't waste your money planting any beyond the fence," warned one neighbor. "People will steal them as fast as they bloom."

The next morning Bok nailed a sign on the fence that read, "These flowers are under the protection of the public."

Not one was picked.

- Conscience is the one thing that hurts when everything else feels great.

DUTY

- If we believe a thing to be bad, and if we have a right to prevent it, it is our duty to try to prevent it and damn the consequences. —*Lord Milner*
- That dull, laden, soul-depressing sensation known as the sense of duty. —*O. Henry*
- Duty consists largely of pretending that the trivial is critical. —*John Fowles*
- A sense of duty is moral glue, constantly subject to stress. —*William Safire*
- There is no duty we so much underrate as the duty of being happy. —*Robert Louis Stevenson*
- The burning conviction that we have a holy duty toward others is often a way of attaching our drowning selves to a passing raft. —*Eric Hoffer*
- I long to accomplish a great and noble task, but it is my chief duty to accomplish small tasks as if they were great and noble. —*Helen Keller*
- It is seldom very hard to do one's duty when one knows what it is, but it is often exceedingly difficult to find this out. —*Samuel Butler*
- What's a man's first duty? The answer's brief: To be himself. —*Henrik Ibsen*
- Duty is what one expects from others. —*Oscar Wilde*
- When a stupid man is doing something he is ashamed of, he always declares that it is his duty. —*George Bernard Shaw*
- The service we render others is really the rent we pay for our room on earth. —*Wilfred Grenfell*
- Make it a point to do something every day that you don't want to do. This is the golden rule for acquiring the habit of doing your duty without pain. —*Mark Twain*
- Let us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith let us to the end dare to do our duty as we understand it. —*Abraham Lincoln*

Sayings

- Duty comes first.
- Anytime you give up pleasure for duty, you're a stronger person.

Joke

- A Sunday-school teacher was having a hard time getting her young charges to grasp the message of the Good Samaritan. Finally she pointed at one of the least attentive chil-

dren and asked, "Alison, suppose on the way to church you passed a vacant lot and saw a man in ragged clothes lying on the ground, so badly beaten up that he was covered in blood. . . . What would you do?"

The eight-year-old's response: "I'd throw up!"

ETHICS AND MORALITY

- Give to every human being every right that you claim for yourself.

—*Robert G. Ingersoll*

- Ask yourself not if this or that is expedient, but if it is right.

—*Alan Paton*

- It is important that people know what you stand for. It's equally important that they know what you won't stand for.

—*Mary Waldrop*

- She wears her morals like a loose garment.

—*Langston Hughes*

- When morality comes up against profit, it is seldom that profit loses.

—*Shirley Chisholm*

- I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality. This is why right, temporarily defeated, is stronger than evil triumphant.

—*Martin Luther King Jr.*

- When you punish someone, you pay for it later. There was a time when pickpockets were publicly hanged, but other pickpockets took advantage of the large crowds attracted to the execution to ply their trade.

—*J. Hopps Baker*

- Art, like morality, consists in drawing the line somewhere.

—*G. K. Chesterton*

- For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?

—*Matthew 16:25*

- Indifference, to me, is the epitome of evil.

—*Elie Wiesel*

- I would prefer even to fail with honor than win by cheating.

—*Sophocles*

- No man is justified in doing evil on the grounds of expedience.

—*Theodore Roosevelt*

- This above all: to thine own self be true, / And it must follow, as the night the day, / Thou canst not then be false to any man.

—*William Shakespeare*

- Those who corrupt the public mind are just as evil as those who steal from the public.

—*Adlai Stevenson*

- Right is right, even if everyone is against it; and wrong is wrong, even if everyone is for it.

—*William Penn*

- Men are more often bribed by their loyalties and ambitions than by money.

—*Robert H. Jackson*

- Standards are always out of date. That is what makes them standards.

—*Alan Bennett*

- Expedients are for the hour, but principles are for the ages.

—*Henry Ward Beecher*

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- There is only one morality, as there is only one geometry. —*Voltaire*
- The moral sense, or conscience, is as much a part of man as his leg or his arm. —*Thomas Jefferson*
- When bad men combine, the good must associate; else they will fall, one by one, an unpitied sacrifice in a contemptible struggle. —*Edmund Burke*
- Man is an animal with primary instincts of survival. Consequently, his ingenuity has developed first and his soul afterwards. Thus the progress of science is far ahead of man's ethical behavior. —*Charlie Chaplin*
- A moral being is one who is capable of reflecting on his past actions and their motives—of approving of some and disapproving of others. —*Charles Darwin*
- Morals are an acquirement—like music, like a foreign language, like piety, poker, paralysis—no man is born with them. —*Mark Twain*
- Say what you want about the Ten Commandments, you must always come back to the pleasant fact that there are only ten of them. —*H. L. Mencken*
- An Englishman thinks he is moral when he is only uncomfortable. —*George Bernard Shaw*
- Moral indignation is jealousy with a halo. —*H. G. Wells*
- A hand on your cock is more moral—and more fun—than a finger on the trigger. —*Lawrence Lipton*
- I know what I have done, and Your Honor knows what I have done. . . . Somewhere between my ambitions and my ideals, I lost my ethical compass. —*Jeb Magruder*
- I would rather be the man who bought the Brooklyn Bridge than the man who sold it. —*Will Rogers*
- The coming together of two laudable movements—death with dignity and cost containment—concerns me. . . . Patients have a right to die. But do they have a duty to die? —*Mark Siegler*
- I think that very soon the right to die will become the duty to die. —*Cecily Saunders*

Sayings

- A man has to live with himself; he should see that he always has good company.
- All's fair in love and war
- In our society, the only sin is not getting away with it.

Jokes

- The businessman decided it was time to give his daughter, a recent business-school graduate, a little lecture. "In business, ethics are very important," he began. "Say, for instance, that a client comes in and settles his one hundred dollar bill in cash. After he leaves, you notice a second one hundred dollar bill stuck to the first one. Immediately

you are presented with an ethical dilemma. . . ." The businessman paused for dramatic effect. "Should you tell your partner?"

- The headmaster was chatting with some of his students' parents and stated that the worst thing that could happen to a schoolboy was to be caught cheating.

"You're wrong about that," interrupted the school chaplain bluntly. "It would be much worse for the boy to cheat and not be caught."

- It's said that George Bernard Shaw was seated at dinner one night next to an attractive woman. "Madam," he asked boldly, "would you go to bed with me for a thousand pounds?"

The woman blushed scarlet and shook her head sharply.

"For ten thousand pounds?" the eminent man pursued.

"I would not," she declared.

"Then how about the sum of fifty thousand pounds?"

The colossal sum gave the woman pause. After some reflection, she replied coyly, "Perhaps."

"And if I were to offer you five pounds?"

"Mr. Shaw!" The woman was shocked. "What do you take me for?"

"We have already determined what you are," he pointed out calmly. "Now we are merely haggling over the price."

FAITH

- You can't solve many of today's problems by straight linear thinking. It takes leaps of faith to sense the connections that are not necessarily obvious. —*Matina Horner*
- I could prove God statistically. —*George Gallup*
- Faith: belief without evidence in what is told by one who speaks without knowledge, of things without parallel. —*Ambrose Bierce*
- If there was no faith there would be no living in this world. We couldn't even eat hash with any safety. —*Josh Billings*
- Not truth, but faith, it is that keeps the world alive. —*Edna St. Vincent Millay*
- No faith is our own that we have not arduously won. —*Havelock Ellis*
- Beware of the community in which blasphemy does not exist: underneath, atheism runs rampant. —*Joaquim Maria Machado de Assis*
- For with God nothing shall be impossible. —*Luke 1:37*
- The Lord is my strength and my shield. —*Psalms 27:1*
- He only is my rock and my salvation: he is my defense; I shall not be moved. —*Psalms 62:6*
- The Lord is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation. —*Exodus 15:1–2*
- A casual stroll through a lunatic asylum shows that faith does not prove anything. —*Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche*

- Faith may be defined briefly as an illogical belief in the occurrence of the improbable.
—*H. L. Mencken*
- Conversion for me was not a Damascus Road experience. I slowly moved into an intellectual acceptance of what my intuition had always known. —*Madeleine L'Engle*
- You can do very little with faith, but you can do nothing without it. —*Samuel Butler*
- I would rather live in a world where my life is surrounded by mystery than live in a world so small that my mind could comprehend it. —*Rev. Harry Emerson Fosdick*
- There is nothing more perplexing in life than to know at what point you should surrender your intellect to your faith. —*Margot Asquith*

Sayings

- Keep the faith, baby.
- Faith is the vision of the heart; it sees God in the dark as well as in the day.

Jokes

- The minister of an Oklahoma farming parish convened a prayer meeting to pray for rain during a serious drought. Noting that on that cloudless morning the church was full to overflowing, he came to the pulpit and posed a single question to his flock. “You all know why we’re here,” he said. “What I want to know is, why didn’t any of you bring umbrellas?”
- A nun who works for a local home health care agency was out making her rounds when she ran out of gas. As luck would have it there was a station just down the street. She walked to the station to borrow a can with enough gas to start the car and drive to the station for a fill up.

The attendant regretfully told her that the only can he owned had just been loaned out, but if she would care to wait he was sure it would be back shortly. Since the nun was on the way to see a patient, she decided not to wait and walked back to her car.

After looking through her car for something to carry to the station to fill with gas, she spotted a bedpan she was taking to the patient. Always resourceful, she carried it to the station and filled it with gasoline. As she was pouring the gas into the tank of her car two men walked by. One was heard to exclaim, “Now that is what I call faith!”

HOPE

- Hope is delicate suffering. —*Imamu Amiri Baraka*
- Hope, deceitful as it is, serves at least to lead us to the end of our lives by an agreeable route. —*François, Duc de La Rochefoucauld*
- The miserable have no other medicine / But only hope. —*William Shakespeare*
- Charity is the power of defending that which we know to be indefensible. Hope is the power of being cheerful in circumstances which we know to be desperate. —*G. K. Chesterton*

- The human body experiences a powerful gravitational pull in the direction of hope. That is why the patient's hopes are the physicians' secret weapon. They are the hidden ingredients in any prescription. —*Norman Cousins*
- While there's life, there's hope. —*Terence*
- Hope is a good breakfast, but it is a bad supper. —*Francis Bacon*
- Hope springs eternal in the human breast. —*Alexander Pope*
- Thou art my hope in the day of evil. —*Jeremiah 17:17*
- Hope is generally a wrong guide, though it is good company along the way. —*George Savile*

Sayings

- Be careful what you hope for—you might get it.
- Hope lost, all lost.
- Hope is cheap.
- Hope deceives, too much.
- Hope for the best, but fear the worst.
- Hope is the poor man's bread.
- Hope keeps man alive.
- Nothing kills hope faster than cynicism.

Jokes

- Hope is a wonderful thing—one little nibble keeps a man fishing all day.
- It was Samuel Johnson who described an acquaintance's decision to marry for a second time as “the triumph of hope over experience.”

INFIDELITY

- Young men want to be faithful, and are not; old men want to be faithless, and cannot. —*Oscar Wilde*
- It is the fear of middle-age in the young, of old-age in the middle-aged, which is the prime cause of infidelity, that infallible rejuvenator. —*Cyril Connolly*
- Adultery is the application of democracy to love. —*H. L. Mencken*
- Next to the pleasure of making a new mistress is that of being rid of an old one. —*William Wycherley*
- The fickleness of the women I love is only equaled by the infernal constancy of the women who love me. —*George Bernard Shaw*

- [He] has decided to take himself a wife, but he hasn't decided yet whose. . . .
—Peter de Vries
- The trouble with marrying your mistress is that you create a job vacancy.
—Sir James Goldsmith
- A Code of Honor: Never approach a friend's girlfriend or wife with mischief as your goal. There are just too many women in the world to justify that sort of dishonorable behavior. Unless she's *really* attractive.
—Bruce Jay Friedman
- Extramarital sex is as overrated as premarital sex. And marital sex, come to think of it.
—Simon Gray
- I've been in love with the same woman for forty-one years. If my wife finds out, she'll kill me.
—Henny Youngman
- I am not faithful but I am attached.
—Günter Grass
- There's nothing like a good dose of another woman to make a man appreciate his wife.
—Clare Booth Luce
- Infidelities may be forgiven, but never forgotten.
—Madame de Lafayette

Saying

- Bigamy is having one spouse too many. Monogamy is the same thing.

Joke

- Surprisingly, more than three-quarters of the mistresses surveyed say they find the mistress-executive relationship to be stimulating, honest, emotionally gratifying, financially rewarding, and in all ways preferable to marriage, although if the executive offered to marry them they'd grab it in a second.
—The Wall Street Journal 1982

INSPIRATION

- What would you attempt to do if you knew you would not fail?
—Dr. Robert Schuller
- Trust your gut.
—Barbara Walters
- Inspiration is a farce that poets have invented to give themselves importance.
—Jean Anouilh
- I write when I'm inspired, and I see to it that I'm inspired at nine o'clock every morning.
—Peter de Vries
- My sole inspiration is a telephone call from a producer.
—Cole Porter
- [Inspiration arrives as a] packet of letters to be delivered.
—John Updike
- He thought of something and made a U-turn, and we never did get to church.
—The son of Willis Carrier, inventor of air-conditioning, who had been pondering the potential of the centrifugal compressor one Sunday morning

- I have the . . . inspiration, you might call it, every day, and, I do something every day. I never tend to forget what it is. It might be the odd line I've written down on the back of a postage stamp, that sort of thing, but generally, it's quite immediate. —*Chris Rea*
- Genius is one percent inspiration and ninety-nine percent perspiration. —*Thomas Alva Edison*
- There are one-story intellects, two-story intellects, and three-story intellects with skylights. All fact collectors with no aim beyond their facts are one-story men. Two-story men compare reason and generalize using labors of the fact collectors as well as their own. Three-story men idealize, imagine, and predict. Their best illuminations come from above through the skylight. —*Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr.*

Saying

- Inspiration is everywhere. If you're ready to appreciate it, an ant can be one of the wonders of the universe.

Joke

- "I'm leaving you, Ludwig," announced his long-suffering wife one morning. "I can't take it anymore."
- "Oh, but you can't, my darling," said the composer, looking up from the keyboard. "You are my inspiration."
- His wife snorted. "Tell me another one. Ha, ha, ha, *HA!*"

KINDNESS

- If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else. —*Booker T. Washington*
 - He was so benevolent, so merciful a man that, in his mistaken passion, he would have held an umbrella over a duck in a shower of rain. —*Douglas Jerrold*
 - No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted. —*Aesop*
 - A great man shows his greatness by the way he treats little men. —*Thomas Carlyle*
 - All cruelty springs from weakness. —*Seneca the Younger*
 - To err is human; to forgive, divine. —*Alexander Pope*
 - Do not feel badly if your kindness is rewarded with ingratitude; it is better to fall from your dream clouds than from a third-story window.
- Joaquim Maria Machado de Assis*

Sayings

- Kindness is the oil that takes the friction out of life.
- If you were paid ten cents for every kind word you ever spoke, and had to pay out five cents for every unkind word, would you be rich or poor?
- When you are dog tired at night, could it be from growling all day long?

Jokes

- “So how are things down on Earth?” asked St. Peter of the beggar who had just arrived at the Pearly Gates. “Did people treat you decently?”
“Oh, they were kind enough,” responded the beggar mournfully, “but even the kind ones never seemed to have any money.”
- The self-absorbed parishioner was told by her priest to go out in her community and do something kind for a needy person. Unable to bring herself to actually approach one of the unfortunates, the woman scribbled, “Best of luck” on a hundred-dollar bill and thrust it into the nearest hand.

The next day she was startled when the same fellow approached his benefactor and handed her one thousand dollars. “Nice work, lady,” he said cheerfully. “Best of Luck paid ten to one.”

- A lonely stranger went into a deserted restaurant and ordered the breakfast special. When his order arrived, he looked up at the waitress and asked, “How about a kind word.”

She leaned over and whispered, “Don’t eat the eggs.”

- “Now, Bruno,” said the teacher to the aggressive youngster, “what do you think your classmates would think of you if you were always kind and polite?”

“They’d think they could beat me up,” responded the kid promptly.

- “You’ve always been so good to me, Dad.” the extravagant coed wrote home, “but I haven’t gotten any money from you in two months. What sort of kindness is that?”

Her father wrote back, “Consider it unremitting kindness.”

MERIT

- The graveyards are full of people the world could not do without. —*Elbert Hubbard*
- You see, my good wenches, how men of merit are sought after; the undeserver may sleep, when the man of action is call’d on. —*William Shakespeare*
- Charm strikes the sight, but merit wins the soul. —*Alexander Pope*
- When campaigning for the Senate in 1962, Teddy Kennedy found himself talking with a blue-collar worker who said bluntly, “I understand you’ve never worked a day in your life.” Kennedy braced himself for a resentful lecture, only to be taken by surprise when the man continued, “Let me tell you, you haven’t missed a thing.”

Saying

- A successful salesman sells his goods on their merit—not on knocking his competitor.

Jokes

- The boss looked over the efficiency report on the new employee and added a few words of his own. “Hedges is a definite asset to the firm. She is efficient, discreet, energetic, creative, and—best of all—she makes the other people in her department very nervous.”

- "So tell me, Ms. Harris," asked the interviewer, "have you any other skills you think might be worth mentioning?"
"Actually, yes," said the applicant modestly. "Last year I had two short stories published in national magazines and finished a novel."
"Very impressive," he commented, "but I was thinking of skills you could apply during office hours."
The applicant explained brightly, "Oh, that was during office hours."
- The loan officer skeptically looked over the down-at-the-heels fellow in front of him, who had applied for a five hundred dollar loan. "Have you any collateral at all?" she asked. "A car, for example?"
"Oh yes, I have a '91 Mercedes coupe," he replied promptly.
The loan officer's eyebrows rose, but she continued, "Any stocks or shares?"
"Of course. I manage my own portfolio."
"I see." She made a note in his file. "And a house, I suppose."
"Certainly, up in the hills, with ten acres, a pool, and a tennis court."
That did it. The banker rose to her feet, protesting indignantly, "You must be joking!"
The applicant shrugged. "Well, you started it."

PEACE

- The mere absence of war is not peace. —*John F. Kennedy*
- Give peace in our time, O Lord. —*The Book of Common Prayer*
- Nothing can bring you peace but yourself. —*Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- No man can think clearly when his fists are clenched. —*George Jean Nathan*
- Peace upon any other basis than national independence, peace purchased at the cost of any part of our national integrity, is fit only for slaves, and even when purchased at such a price, it is a delusion, for it cannot last. —*William E. Borah*
- They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. —*Isaiah 2:4*
- In this age when there can be no losers in peace and no victors in war, we must recognize the obligation to match national strength with national restraint. —*Lyndon B. Johnson*
- Peace hath her victories / No less renown'd than war. —*John Milton*
- Peace, like charity, begins at home. —*Franklin D. Roosevelt*
- Only a peace between equals can last . . . —*Woodrow Wilson*
- An unjust peace is better than a just war. —*Cicero*
- Peace hath higher tests of manhood / Than battle ever knew. —*John Greenleaf Whittier*
- A soft answer turneth away wrath. —*Proverbs 15:1*

- Peace is the exhaustion of strife, and is only secure in her triumphs in being in instant readiness for war. . . . —*Mifflin Wistar Gibbs*
- Take away the violence and who will hear the men of peace? —*Lorraine Hansberry*
- Peace is necessary to this vast empire. We need population, not devastation. —*Catherine the Great*
- People want peace so badly that governments ought to get out of their way and let them have it. —*Dwight D. Eisenhower*
- If blood be shed, let it be our blood. Cultivate the quiet courage of dying without killing. For man lives freely only by his readiness to die, if need be, at the hands of his brother, never by killing him. —*Mahatma Gandhi*

Sayings

- Keep the peace.
- Peace at all costs.
- Peace makes plenty.
- Better to keep peace than have to make peace.
- War breaks out; peace settles in.
- Better an uneasy peace than an easy war.

Jokes

- “Coping with the Threat of Peace.” —*Headline appearing in the New York Times, January 1991*
- The first pacifist claimed his idealism was of the highest order. “Peace is so important to me, I’m willing to fight for it,” he declared.
“And I love peace so much,” replied the second pacifist, “that I am willing not to fight for it.”

RELIGION

- The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious. It is the source of all true art and science. —*Albert Einstein*
- Heresies are experiments in man’s unsatisfied search for truth. —*H. G. Wells*
- The whole religious complexion of the modern world is due to the absence from Jerusalem of a lunatic asylum. —*Havelock Ellis*
- Religion is the opiate of the masses. —*Karl Marx*
- [The yarmulke] is an indication that one recognizes that there is something above you. It says, “Above my intellect is a sign of godliness.” —*Rabbi Pinchas Stolper*

- The task of organized religion is not to prove that God was in the 1st century, but that he is in the 20th.
—*S. H. Miller*
- To be religious is to have a life that flows with the presence of the extraordinary.
—*Ann Belford Ulanov*
- Someday, after mastering the winds, the waves, the tides and gravity, we shall harness for God the energies of love, and then, for a second time in the history of the world, man will have discovered fire.
—*Pierre Teilhard de Chardin*
- I think it pisses God off if you walk by the color purple in a field somewhere and don't notice it.
—*Alice Walker*
- God, give us grace to accept with serenity the things that cannot be changed, courage to change the things which should be changed, and the wisdom to distinguish the one from the other.
—*Reinhold Niebuhr (later adopted by Alcoholics Anonymous)*
- The value of persistent prayer is not that he will hear us . . . but that we will finally hear him.
—*William McGill*
- Until you know that life is interesting—and find it so—you haven't found your soul.
—*Arch. Geoffrey Fisher*
- God, it seems, is a verb, not a noun, proper or improper.
—*R. Buckminster Fuller*
- My religion consists of a humble admiration of the illimitable superior spirit who reveals himself in the slight details we are able to perceive with our frail and feeble minds.
—*Albert Einstein*
- Health is the state about which medicine has nothing to say; sanctity is the state about which theology has nothing to say.
—*W. H. Auden*
- It is as impossible for man to demonstrate the existence of God as it would be for even Sherlock Holmes to demonstrate the existence of Arthur Conan Doyle.
—*Frederick Buechner*
- You can't divorce religious belief and public service . . . and I've never detected any conflict between God's will and my political duty. If you violate one, you violate the other.
—*Jimmy Carter*
- Men will wrangle for religion; write for it; fight for it; die for it; anything but live for it.
—*Charles Caleb Colton*
- Be good, keep your feet dry, your eyes open, your heart at peace, and your soul in the joy of Christ.
—*Thomas Merton*
- I find that the nicest and best people generally profess no religion at all, but are ready to like the best men of all religions.
—*Samuel Butler*
- I am one of those cliff-hanging Catholics. I don't believe in God, but I do believe that Mary was his mother.
—*Martin Sheen*
- A pretty good test of a man's religion is how it affects his pocketbook.
—*Francis James Grimke*
- . . . don't pray when it rains if you don't pray when the sun shines.
—*Leroy (Satchel) Paige*

- If God's got anything better than sex to offer, he's certainly keeping it to himself.
—*Sting*
- Who says I am not under the special protection of God?
—*Adolf Hitler*
- He was of the faith chiefly in the sense that the church he currently did not attend was Catholic.
—*Kingsley Amis*
- Heresy is only another word for freedom of thought.
—*Graham Greene*
- I'm a Catholic and I can't commit suicide, but I plan to drink myself to death.
—*Jack Kerouac*
- There is only one religion, though there are a hundred versions of it.
—*George Bernard Shaw*
- Religions die when they are proved to be true. Science is the record of dead religions.
—*Oscar Wilde*
- Christ died for our sins. Are we to make his martyrdom meaningless by not committing them?
—*Jules Feiffer*
- How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace.
—*Isaiah 52:7*
- The desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.
—*Isaiah 35: 1*
- What hath God wrought!
—*Numbers 23:23*
- Prayer gives a man the opportunity of getting to know a gentleman he hardly ever meets. I do not mean his maker, but himself.
—*William R. Inge*
- [The reason that] Orientals are better and wiser in sex and love is a manifestation of the same spirit that produced the Zen garden. Their religion is a much kinder religion than ours; it honors the forefathers, their gods are not mean-spirited, nasty, gimlet-eyed gods who'll give you a bolt of lightning in the ass if you masturbate.
—*Harlan Ellison*
- Professor Charles Copeland was once asked why he chose to live in a few small dusty rooms on the top floor of Harvard's Hollis Hall. He replied that he never intended to move. "It is the only place in Cambridge where God alone is above me." He paused, then added, "He's busy, but He's quiet."
- No one can say that Christianity has failed. It has never been tried.
—*Adam Clayton Powell Jr.*
- Christianity has not been tried and found wanting; it has been found difficult and not tried.
—*G. K. Chesterton*
- God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believed in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
—*John 3:16*
- Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.
—*Luke 23:24*
- Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.
—*Matthew 22:37-40*

- I have learned that human existence is essentially tragic. It is only the love of God, disclosed and enacted in Christ, that redeems the human tragedy and makes it tolerable. No, more than tolerable. Wonderful. —*Bhp. Angus Dun*
- The trouble with born-again Christians is that they are an even bigger pain the second time around. —*Herb Caen*
- Christianity is one beggar telling another beggar where he found bread. —*D. T. Niles*
- The most stupendous system of organized robbery known has been that of the church towards woman, a robbery that has not only taken her self-respect but all rights of person; the fruits of her own industry; her opportunities of education; the exercise of her own judgment; her own conscience, her own will. —*Matilda Gage*
- Being an Episcopalian interferes neither with my business nor my religion. —*John Kendrick Bangs*
- Greater love hath no man than to attend the Episcopal Church with his wife. —*Lyndon B. Johnson*
- A Sunday school is a prison in which children do penance for the evil conscience of their parents. —*H. L. Mencken*
- Mothers and dads that take their children to church never get into trouble. —*J. Edgar Hoover*

Sayings

- Religion's greatest miracle is the survival of faith.
- A man's faith, more than his house, is his castle.
- Work for the Lord. The pay isn't much, but the retirement plan is out of this world.
- More wrongs have been committed in the name of Christ than in the name of the devil.
- Our Christian duty is to be kind to our fellowman.
- If Christ returned today, would He recognize Christianity?
- As dead as a church on Monday.
- All are not saints that go to church.

Jokes

- If there is a God, give me a sign! . . . See, I told you that the klmpt smflrrt glptnrfu . . . —*Steve Martin*
- God isn't dead. He's just waiting for us to negotiate.
- I don't see why religion and science can't cooperate. What's wrong with using a computer to count our blessings?
- Gardening brings almost as many people to their knees as religion—only the words they use are a little different.

- I do benefits for all religions—I'd hate to blow the hereafter on a technicality.

—Bob Hope

- My son has taken up meditation—at least it's better than sitting doing nothing.

—Max Kauffmann

- Not only is there no God, but try getting a plumber at weekends.

—Woody Allen

- Jesus was making his usual rounds in Heaven when he noticed a wizened, white-haired old man sitting in a corner looking very disconsolate. The next week he was disturbed to come across him again, looking equally miserable, and a week later he stopped to talk to him.

“See here, old fellow,” said Jesus kindly, “this is Heaven. The sun is shining, the clouds are comfy, the heavenly orchestra is playing beautiful music—you’re supposed to be blissfully happy! What’s wrong?”

“I’ll tell you,” the old man offered sadly. “I was a carpenter on earth, and lost my only, dearly beloved son at an early age. And I was hoping more than anything that I would be reunited with him here in Heaven.”

Tears sprang into Jesus’ eyes. “Father!” he cried ecstatically.

The old man jumped to his feet and burst into tears. “Pinocchio!”

- Three fellows die and are transported to the Pearly Gates, where St. Peter explains that admission depends on a quick quiz, a mere formality. “I’m just going to ask each of you a single question,” he explains, turning to the first guy. “What, please, is Easter?”

“That’s easy. Christmas is when you celebrate the Pilgrims’ landing. You buy a turkey—”

“Sorry,” interrupts St. Peter briskly, “you’re out.” And he asks the second man, “What can you tell me about Easter?”

“No problem,” the fellow responded promptly. “That’s when we commemorate Jesus’ birth by going shopping, and decorating a tree . . .”

“No, no, no,” St. Peter bursts out, and turns in exasperation to the last guy. “I don’t suppose you know anything about Easter?”

“Certainly I do. See, Christ was crucified, and He died, and they took the body down from the cross and wrapped it in a shroud and put it in a cave and rolled this big stone across the entrance . . .”

“Hang on a sec,” interrupts St. Peter excitedly, beckoning the other two over. “Listen up. We’ve got someone here who actually knows his stuff.”

“And after three days they roll the stone away,” continues the third guy confidently, “and if He sees His shadow, there’s going to be six more weeks of winter.”

- Deciding to drink his troubles away, a fellow stayed on and on until the bar closed and he was ejected onto the sidewalk. And when he woke up the next morning, who should he see walking up to him but the pastor of his church. “Oh, Reverend,” he croaked, “I hate for you to see me this way.”

“Remember, Jimmy, God sees you this way, too,” counseled the minister gently.

“I suppose so,” groaned the fellow, “but he keeps it to himself.”

- Hear about the new-wave church in California?

—It has three commandments and six suggestions.

- A rabbi, a priest, and a minister were discussing how they divided up the money from the collection plate. The minister explained that he drew a circle on the ground, tossed

the collection in the air, and that all the money that landed in the circle was for God and the rest for himself and the parish. The priest described a similar system: He drew a line, and everything on the right went to God, while all the money on the left was contributed to his salary and church upkeep. The rabbi said his system worked on pretty much the same lines. "I just toss the collection up in the air," he explained, "and anything God can catch, He can keep."

SILENCE

- What a blessing it would be if we could open and shut our ears as easily as we do our eyes. —*Georg Christoph Lichtenberg*
- It's better to keep one's mouth shut and be thought a fool than to open it and resolve all doubt. —*Abraham Lincoln*
- Blessed is the man who, having nothing to say, abstains from giving in words evidence of the fact. —*George Eliot*
- Silence gives consent, or a horrible feeling that nobody is listening. —*Franklin P. Jones*
- . . . men of few words are the best men. . . . —*William Shakespeare*
- If nobody ever said anything unless he knew what he was talking about, a ghastly hush would descend upon the earth. —*Alan Herbert*
- Be silent, or speak something worth hearing. —*Thomas Fuller*
- I have noticed that nothing I have never said ever did me any harm. —*Calvin Coolidge*
- The innocent is the person who explains nothing. —*Albert Camus*
- Many a time have I wanted to stop talking and find out what I really believed. —*Walter Lippmann*
- Nothing so stirs a man's conscience or excites his curiosity as a woman's silence. —*Thomas Hardy*

Sayings

- Blessed are they who have nothing to say and cannot be persuaded to say it.
- Silence is also speech. —*West African saying*
- Silence is golden.

Jokes

- The only pay phone in sight was in use, so the woman stood off to the side politely to wait till it was free. Minutes went by, however, and she couldn't help noticing that the man in the phone booth was just standing there silently, not saying a word. Finally she tapped him on the shoulder and asked if she could use the phone.

"Hold your horses," responded the fellow, covering the receiver. "I'm talking to my wife."

- Women like silent men. They think they're listening.

—Marcel Achard

- One learns in life to keep silent and draw one's own confusions.

—Cornelia Otis Skinner

SOLITUDE

- I want to be alone.

—Greta Garbo (*attrib.*)

- The dread of loneliness is greater than the fear of bondage, so we get married.

—Cyril Connolly

- City Life. Millions of people being lonesome together.

—Henry David Thoreau

- Be good and you will be lonesome.

—Mark Twain

- Hell is other people.

—Jean-Paul Sartre

- The strongest man in the world is the man who stands alone.

—Henrik Ibsen

- Whosoever is delighted in solitude is either a wild beast or a god.

—Francis Bacon

- The individual who has experienced solitude will not easily become a victim of mass suggestion.

—Albert Einstein

- Loneliness seems to have become the great American disease.

—John Corry

- When I got my first television set, I stopped caring so much about having close relationships.

—Andy Warhol

Saying

- It's lonely at the top.

Joke

- If you can't stand solitude, maybe you bore others too.

—Bob Gordon

SPIRITUALITY

- We are not human beings on a spiritual path, but spiritual beings on a human path.

—Jean Shinoda Bolen

- Learning how to operate a soul figures to take time.

—Timothy Leary

- I think we would be able to live in this world more peaceably if our spirituality were to come from looking not just into infinity but very closely at the world around us—and appreciating its depth and divinity.

—Thomas Moore

- My enemy is my greatest teacher. —*Dalai Lama*
- All actions are based on intentions. —*Prophet Muhammad*
- The highest human purpose is always to reinvent and celebrate the sacred. —*N. Scott Momaday*
- Our entire economy is driven by our intense psychological need to fill our spiritual and emotional vacuum with more and more stuff and our illusion that the accumulation of wealth and material possessions can provide meaning to life. . . . Is there enough meaninglessness in America to keep the global economy afloat? Most probably, there is. Meaningless breeds affluenza, and affluenza breeds more meaninglessness. —*Thomas Naylor*
- If you judge people you have no time to love them. —*Mother Teresa*
- Learn to get in touch with the silence within yourself and know that everything in this life has a purpose. There are no mistakes, no coincidences. All events are blessings given to us to learn from. —*Elizabeth Kübler-Ross*
- Without the body, the wisdom of the larger self cannot be known. —*John Conger*
- Spread love everywhere you go; first of all in your house. Give love to your children, to your wife or husband, to a next door neighbor. . . . Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness; kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, and kindness in your smile, kindness in your warm greeting. —*Mother Teresa*
- Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our Light, not our Darkness, that most frightens us. —*Nelson Mandela*
- Prayer is the last refuge of a scoundrel. —*Lisa Simpson*
- The more I study religions the more I am convinced that man never worshipped anything but himself. —*Richard F. Burton*
- Religion is comparable to a childhood neurosis. —*Sigmund Freud*
- When a man is freed of religion, he has a better chance to live a normal and wholesome life. —*Sigmund Freud*
- Here in this body are the sacred rivers: here are the sun and moon, as well as all the pilgrimage places. I have not encountered another temple as blissful as my own body. —*Saraha*
- Spirituality is like a bird: If you hold it too closely, it chokes. And if you hold it too loosely, it escapes. —*Israel Salanter Lipkin*
- Do not, I beg you, look for anything behind phenomena. They are themselves their own lesson. —*Johann Wolfgang von Goethe*
- My task is really not to change myself but to become familiar with who I am. —*Maureen Cook*
- Attachment to spiritual things is . . . just as much an attachment as inordinate love of anything else. —*Beverly Sills*

- The Tao exists in the crickets . . . in the grasses . . . in tiles and bricks . . . and in shit and piss. —*Chuang Tzu*
 - Paradise is exactly like where you are right now . . . only much, much better. —Laurie Anderson

Saying

- God is in all of us.

Joke

- Praying is like a rocking chair—it'll give you something to do, but it won't get you anywhere.*—Gypsy Rose Lee*

TEMPTATION AND VICE

- Why resist temptation? There will always be more. —*Don Herold*
 - Get thee behind me, Satan. —*Matthew 16:23*
 - Watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. —*Matthew 26:41*
 - The biggest temptation is . . . to settle for too little. —*Thomas Merton*
 - I can resist everything except temptation. —*Oscar Wilde*
 - It has been my experience that folks who have no vices have very few virtues. —*Abraham Lincoln*
 - I prefer a comfortable vice to a virtue that bores. —*Molière*
 - Vice is its own reward. —*Quentin Crisp*
 - A thing moderately good is not so good as it ought to be. Moderation in temper is always a virtue; but moderation in principle is always a vice. —*Thomas Paine*
 - Man's chief enemy is his own unruly nature and the dark forces pent up within him. —*Ernst Jones*
 - Getting off the selling machine and trying to follow your bliss, that's a difficult thing for any of us who have been a selling machine. It's very hard to walk away from it totally. —*Lindsey Buckingham*
 - Vice is a coward; to be truly brave, a man must be truly good. —*Ignatius Sancho*

Sayings

- Forbidden fruits taste better than those that are allowed.
 - There's always free cheese in a mousetrap.

Jokes

- What's the eleventh commandment for bishops?
—Thou shalt not use thy rod on thy staff.
- The wages of sin is alimony. —*Carolyn Wells*

TRUST

- Trust everybody, but cut the cards. —*Finley Peter Dunne*
- Put your trust in God; but be sure to keep your powder dry. —*Oliver Cromwell*
- A verbal agreement isn't worth the paper it's written on. —*Louis B. Mayer (attrib.)*
- Put not your trust in princes. —*Psalms 146:3*
- Those you trust the most can steal the most. —*Lawrence Leif*
- I wonder men dare trust themselves with men. —*William Shakespeare*
- Never put anything on paper, my boy, and never trust a man with a small black moustache. —*P. G. Wodehouse*
- The louder he talked of his honor, the faster we counted our spoons. —*Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- You can never give complete authority and overall power to anyone until trust can be proven. —*Bill Cosby*

Sayings

- Never trust a man who says, "Trust me."
- Trust is hard-earned, and easily lost.
- Trust your instincts.
- Every good partnership is based on trust.

Jokes

- In God we trust. All others pay cash.
- Always look on the bright side of things—but if you're buying something, look on both sides.
- After almost twenty years teaching kindergarten, Ms. Ekeland had composed a note which she had each child carry home at the end of the first week of school. It read, "Dear Parents—if you promise not to believe everything your child says happens at school, I'll promise not to believe everything he or she says happens at home."

TRUTH

- Men stumble over the truth from time to time, but most pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing had happened. —Winston Churchill
 - Truth burns up error. —Sojourner Truth
 - Error moves with quick feet . . . and truth must never be lagging behind. —Alexander Crummell
 - Absolute truth is incompatible with an advanced state of society. —Joaquim Maria Machado de Assis
 - . . . the truth should be told, though it kill. —Timothy Thomas Fortune
 - You never find yourself until you face the truth. —Pearl Bailey
 - Truthfulness with me is hardly a virtue. I cannot discriminate between truths that need and those that need not to be told. —Margot Asquith
 - If one cannot invent a really convincing lie, it is often better to stick to the truth. —Angela Thirkell
 - Truth, like surgery, may hurt, but it cures. —Han Suyin
 - Art for the sake of art itself is an idle sentence. Art for the sake of truth, for the sake of what is beautiful and good—that is the creed I seek. —George Sand
 - Truth exists, only falsehood has to be invented. —Georges Braque
 - The truth shall make you free. —John 8:32
 - My way of joking is to tell the truth; it's the funniest joke in the world. —George Bernard Shaw
 - I never give them hell. I just tell the truth and they think it's hell. —Harry S. Truman
 - It has always been desirable to tell the truth, but seldom if ever necessary. —Arthur James Balfour
 - If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything. —Mark Twain
 - It is one thing to show a man that he is in error, and another to put him in possession of truth. —John Locke
 - It is the customary fate of new truths to begin as heresies and to end as superstitions. —Thomas H. Huxley
 - . . . in the end truth will out. —William Shakespeare
 - The truth is rarely pure, and never simple. —Oscar Wilde
 - No human being is constituted to know the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth; and even the best of men must be content with fragments, with partial glimpses, never the full fruition. —William Osler
 - It is an old maxim of mine that when you have excluded the impossible, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth. —Arthur Conan Doyle

- The obstinate insistence that tweedledum is not tweedledee is the bone and marrow of life.
—*William James*
- The reader deserves an honest opinion. If he doesn't deserve it, give it to him anyhow.
—*John Ciardi, on the role of reviewers*
- There is nothing more fickle, more vague, or more powerful; yet capricious as it is, [public opinion] is nevertheless much more often true, reasonable, and just, than we imagine.
—*Napoleon Bonaparte*
- One often contradicts an opinion when it is really only the tone in which it has been presented that is unsympathetic.
—*Wilhelm Friedrich Nietzsche*
- Popular opinions, on subjects not palpable to sense, are often true, but seldom or never the whole truth.
—*John Stuart Mill*
- The degree of one's emotion varies inversely with one's knowledge of the facts—the less you know, the hotter you get.
—*Bertrand Russell*
- The fact that an opinion has been widely held is no evidence whatever that it is not utterly absurd.
—*Bertrand Russell*
- Opinion is ultimately determined by the feelings, and not by the intellect.
—*Herbert Spencer*
- Every man has a perfect right to his opinion, provided it agrees with ours.
—*Josh Billings*
- We should stop kidding ourselves. We should let go of things that aren't true. It's always better with the truth.
—*R. Buckminster Fuller*
- The great enemy of the truth is very often not the lie—deliberate, contrived, and dishonest—but the myth—persistent, persuasive, and unrealistic.
—*John F. Kennedy*

Sayings

- Truth came to market and could not be sold; we buy lies with ready cash.
—*West African saying*
- Lies, though many, will be caught by the truth as soon as she rises up.
—*West African saying*
- Bitter truth is better than sweet falsehood.
—*East African saying*
- He who tells the truth is not well liked.
—*West African saying*

Jokes

- Judge: "Now, Mr. Conolly, do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?"
Conolly: "Yes, Your Honor, I do."
Judge: "Fine. Now you know why you're here; what have you to say for yourself?"
Conolly: "Judge, you have set up too many limitations."

- Then there's the matter of half-truths. A certain sailor, celebrating a long-awaited ship's leave, got very inebriated. When he staggered back up the gangway, the captain sternly entered in the log: "Mate drunk tonight."

When he saw the entry, the mate objected violently. "Captain, the boat was moored—you know I've never been drunk on board before, never drunk on duty. If this stays on the record, I'll never get work on another ship."

Stone-hearted, the captain refused to modify his entry. "It is the truth, and it shall remain on the record."

A few days later the captain was checking over the log and came across an entry written by the mate: "Captain was sober today." The outraged captain summoned the mate and accused him of creating a false impression. "Anyone reading this will think my sobriety was unusual, that I'm usually drunk!" he bellowed.

"The statement is true," the mate calmly asserted, "and it will remain in the log."

VIRTUE

- Virtue has never been as respectable as money. —*Mark Twain*
 - Virtue, like a dowerless beauty, has more admirers than followers. —*Marguerite, Countess of Blessington*
 - Good people are good because they've come to wisdom through failure. —*William Saroyan*
 - Few men have virtue to withstand the highest bidder. —*George Washington*
 - Woman's virtue is man's greatest invention. —*Cornelia Otis Skinner*
 - Ask yourself not if this or that is expedient, but if it is right. —*Alan Paton*
 - He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her. —*John 8:7*
 - Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. —*James 4:7*
 - There is a limit at which forbearance ceases to be a virtue. —*Edmund Burke*
 - Only the young die good. —*Oliver Herford*
 - The only reward of virtue is virtue; the only way to have a friend is to be one. —*Ralph Waldo Emerson*
 - Be not simply good; be good for something. —*Henry David Thoreau*
 - Virtue consists, not in abstaining from vice, but in not desiring it. —*George Bernard Shaw*
 - The more virtuous any man is, the less easily does he suspect others to be vicious. —*Cicero*
 - To abstain from sin when a man cannot sin is to be forsaken by sin, not to forsake it. —*Saint Augustine*

Saying

- Conscience gets a lot of credit that belongs to cold feet.

Joke

- Is it wrong to have sex before you're married?
—Only if it makes you late for the ceremony!

E M O T I O N S

ANGER

- No man thinks clearly when his fists are clenched. —*George Jean Nathan*
- Let not the sun go down upon your wrath. —*Ephesians 3:16*
- A soft answer turneth away wrath. —*Proverbs 15:1*
- Wrath killeth the foolish man, and envy slayeth the silly one. —*Job 5:2*
- Anybody can become angry—that is easy; but to be angry with the right person, and to the right degree, and for the right purpose, and in the right way—that is not within everybody's power and is not easy. —*Aristotle*
- When I am angry I can write, pray, and preach well, for then my whole temperament is quickened, my understanding sharpened, and all mundane vexations and temptations depart. —*Martin Luther*
- One man was so mad at me that he ended his letter: “Beware. You will never get out of this world alive.” —*John Steinbeck*
- A man that does not know how to be angry does not know how to be good. —*Henry Ward Beecher*
- Whate'er's begun in anger ends in shame. —*Benjamin Franklin*

Sayings

- Anger is one letter short of danger.
- I am righteously indignant; *you* are annoyed; *he* is making a fuss about nothing.

Jokes

- “I pushed my wife out of the second-story window,” an upset husband confessed to a nearby patrolman. “Put me in jail and throw away the key.”
“Did you kill her?” the officer asked.
“I’m not sure,” the terrified man answered, “that’s why you’ve got to put me in jail!”
- People who fly off the handle usually have a screw loose.
- People who like to blow a fuse are usually in the dark.

- I yelled at my assistant this morning. He didn't do anything wrong, but he types faster when he's mad.

ANXIETY AND FEAR

- A timid person is frightened before a danger, a coward during the time, and a courageous person afterwards. —*Jean Paul Friedrich Richter*
- None but a coward dares to boast that he has never known fear. —*Marshal Foch*
- Fear is a noose that binds until it strangles. —*Jean Toomer*
- To defend one's self against fear is simply to ensure that one will, one day, be conquered by it; fears must be faced. —*James Baldwin*
- A fool without fear is sometimes wiser than an angel with fear. —*Lady Nancy Astor*
- Anxiety is the interest paid on trouble before it is due. —*William R. Inge*
- What, me worry? —*Alfred E. Neumann*
- Anxiety is the space between the "now" and the "then." —*Richard Abell*
- Many of our cares are but a morbid way of looking at our privileges. —*Sir Walter Scott*
- Use your fear . . . it can take you to the place where you store your courage. —*Amelia Earhart*
- The reason why worry kills more people than work is that more people worry than work. —*Robert Frost*
- When you don't have any money, the problem is food. When you have money, it's sex. When you have both, it's health. If everything is simply jake, then you're frightened of death. —*J. P. Donleavy*
- I have a new philosophy. I'm only going to dread one day at a time. —*Charles M. Schulz*
- The only thing we have to fear is fear itself. —*Franklin D. Roosevelt*
- If you fear making anyone mad, then you ultimately probe for the lowest common denominator of human achievement. —*Jimmy Carter*
- Fear is the main source of superstition, and one of the main sources of cruelty. —*Bertrand Russell*
- Of all base passions, fear is most accursed. —*William Shakespeare*
- There is only one universal passion: fear. —*George Bernard Shaw*
- Hate is the consequence of fear; we fear something before we hate it; a child who fears noises becomes a man who hates noise. —*Cyril Connolly*

Sayings

- No one would ever have crossed the ocean if he could have gotten off the ship during the storms.
 - Worry never paid a bill.
 - He who never worries never cares.
 - You can always find something to worry about.

Jokes

- The psychiatrist gently pointed out that most of the things his patient was anxious about never actually came to pass.

“I know,” admitted the patient unhappily, “but then I worry about *why* they didn’t happen.”
 - Everybody’s shook up these days. Teenagers are upset because they’re living in a world dominated by terrorists—and adults are upset because they’re living in a world dominated by teenagers.
 - Listening to the radio on the way to work doesn’t help. The other morning the disc jockey asked, “Hey, what makes you so sure you locked the front door?”
 - What’s the difference between anxiety and panic?

—Anxiety is the first time you can’t do it a second time, and panic is the second time you can’t do it the first time.
 - Whenever he thought about his troubles, he felt terrible. And so at last he came to a fateful decision. He decided not to think about them.

CONFIDENCE

- Power without a nation's confidence is nothing. —*Catherine the Great*
 - If you're feeling good about you, what you're wearing outside doesn't mean a thing. —*Leontyne Price*
 - If you have no confidence in self you are twice defeated in the race of life. With confidence, you have won even before you have started. —*Marcus Garvey*
 - We have to learn to be our own best friends because we fall too easily into the trap of being our own worst enemies. —*Roderick Thorpe*
 - For a man to achieve all that is demanded of him he must regard himself as greater than he is. —*Johann Wolfgang von Goethe*
 - The leader must know, must know that he knows, and must be able to make it abundantly clear to those about him that he knows. —*Clarence B. Randall*
 - The ablest man I ever met is the man you think you are. —*Franklin D. Roosevelt*
 - Nobody holds a good opinion of a man who has a low opinion of himself. —*Anthony Trollope*

- The turning point in the process of growing up is when you discover the core of strength within you that survives all hurt. —*Max Lerner*
- I remember asking my dear friend Tom Petty to work with me on some songs. He said, "No. You're a premier songwriter. You don't need anyone to help you with your songs. Do it yourself." It was the jolt I needed. —*Stevie Nicks*
- He who has the confidence in himself will lead the rest. —*Horace*
- If you think you can, you can. And if you think you can't, you're right. —*Mary Kay Ash*
- Every new adjustment is a crisis in self-esteem. —*Eric Hoffer*
- Men are more ready to offend one who desires to be beloved than one who wishes to be feared. —*Niccolò Machiavelli*
- Materialists and madmen never have doubts. —*G. K. Chesterton*
- No one can make you feel inferior without your consent. —*Eleanor Roosevelt*
- Nothing is more humiliating than to see idiots succeed in enterprises we have failed in. —*Gustave Flaubert*
- One of the most wonderful things that happened in our *Nautilus* program was that everybody knew it was going to fail—so they let us completely alone so we were able to do the job.
—*Adm. Hyman G. Rickover, U.S. Navy, on development of the nuclear submarine*

Saying

- Confidence is not trying the knob after you've locked the door.

Jokes

- Hear about the easygoing guy who was given three weeks to live?
—He took the last two weeks of July and the week between Christmas and New Year.
- Confidence: What you start off with before you completely understand the situation.

CURIOSITY

- Millions saw the apple fall, but Newton was the one who asked why. —*Bernard Baruch*
- The important thing is not to stop questioning. —*Albert Einstein*
- Curiosity is a willing, a proud, an eager confession of ignorance. —*Leonard Rubinstein*
- Curiosity is one of the most permanent and certain characteristics of a vigorous intellect. —*Samuel Johnson*

Saying

- Curiosity killed the cat—satisfaction brought him back.

Jokes

- A key part of candidate Rudd's reform program was the elimination of the X-rated video stores springing up on Main Street. As he stood before the crowd, his face grew red with anger at the very thought of this threat to public decency and morals. "I actually rented one of these filthy cassettes," he declared boldly, "and was disgusted to witness horrible acts of perversion: sodomy, oral sex, one man engaging in the sex act with three women, a woman accommodating four men, even sex with a *dog!* Vote for David Rudd, ladies and gentlemen, and I guarantee this blight on our community will be eliminated!" Catching his breath, he asked, "Any questions?"

Twelve hands shot up. "Where'd you get the tape?"

- Observing the local farmer standing next to a deep hole and repeating, "33 . . . 33 . . . 33 . . .", a soldier from the invading army was unable to contain his curiosity. "What are you doing?" he demanded.

The peasant pointed down into the hole.

Shrugging, the infantryman approached the edge to see for himself just what was so interesting. The peasant shoved him into the hole, straightened up, and began repeating, "34 . . . 34 . . . 34 . . ."

CYNICISM

- The cynic is one who never sees a good quality in a man and never fails to see a bad one. He is the human owl, vigilant in darkness and blind to light, mousing for vermin, and never seeing noble game. The cynic puts all human actions into two classes—openly bad and secretly bad. *—Henry Ward Beecher*

- We can destroy ourselves by cynicism and delusion, just as effectively as bombs. *—Kenneth Clark*

- Cynicism is the intellectual cripple's substitute for intelligence. It is the dishonest businessman's substitute for conscience. It is the communicator's substitute, whether he is advertising man or editor or writer, for self-respect. *—Russell Lynes*

- A cynic is a man who, when he smells flowers, looks around for a coffin. *—H. L. Mencken (attrib.)*

- [A cynic is] a man who knows the price of everything and the value of nothing. *—Oscar Wilde*

- No matter how cynical you become, it's never enough to keep up. *—Lily Tomlin*

Sayings

- I've heard *that* one before.
- The day you're born is the day you draw your last peaceful breath.

- An optimist is a parent who'll let his kid borrow the new car for a date. A pessimist is one who won't. A cynic is one who did.
- Nothing kills hope faster than cynicism.

Joke

- “Hey, it’s cold outside. Could you close the window?”
Second person: “So if I close the window, will it be warm outside?”

EMBARRASSMENT

- Whoever blushes is already guilty; true innocence is ashamed of nothing.
—*Jean-Jacques Rousseau*
- I never wonder to see men wicked, but I often wonder to see them not ashamed.
—*Jonathan Swift*
- Man is the only animal that blushes. Or needs to.
—*Mark Twain*
- Blushing fulfills a most important function in propagation of the human species and is all the more interesting because it is involuntary and shows a readiness to be courted.
—*Joseph Sandler*

Saying

- It's no disgrace to get lice, but it is to keep them.

Jokes

- The bathroom scale manufacturer was very proud of the new model being introduced at the trade fair. “Listen to these features: It’s calibrated to one/hundredth of a pound; it can measure your height as well, in feet or meters; it gives you a readout via a LED or human-voice simulator; and that’s not all—”
“Very impressive,” interrupted a none-too-slender sales rep for a chain of home-furnishings stores, “but before I place an order I’ll have to try it out.”
“Be my guest,” said the manufacturer graciously.
But no sooner had the sales rep taken his place on the scale than a loud, very human voice issued forth: “One at a time, please, one at a time!”
- The best way to save face is not to lose your head.

EMOTIONS

- Your heart often knows things before your mind does.
—*Polly Adler*
- The emotions may be endless. The more we express them, the more we have to express.
—*E. M. Forster*

- To feel the right emotions is fully as important as to hold the right ideas, and the great service of religion is the development of the right emotions. —*Geoffrey Parsons*
- Emotional Intelligence is the capacity for recognizing our own feelings and those of others, for motivating ourselves, and for managing emotions well in ourselves and others. —*Daniel Goleman*
- As much as 80% of adult “success” comes from EQ. —*Daniel Goleman*
- Emotional Intelligence is a way of recognizing, understanding, and choosing how we think, feel, and act. It shapes our interactions with others and our understanding of ourselves. It defines how and what we learn; it allows us to set priorities; it determines the majority of our daily actions. —*Freedman et al., Handle with Care: The Emotional Intelligence Activity Book, Introduction*

- Emotions are a critical source of information for learning. —*Joseph LeDoux*
- In the last decade or so, science has discovered a tremendous amount about the role emotions play in our lives. Researchers have found that even more than IQ, your emotional awareness and abilities to handle feelings will determine your success and happiness in all walks of life, including family relationships. —*John Gottman*
- There is no separation of mind and emotions; emotions, thinking, and learning are all linked. —*Eric Jensen*
- The emotionally intelligent person is skilled in four areas: Identifying emotions, using emotions, understanding emotions, and regulating emotions. —*John Mayer and Peter Salovey*
- Emotion, which is suffering, ceases to be suffering as soon as we have a clear picture of it. —*Benedict Spinoza*
- There is no thinking without feeling and no feeling without thinking. —*Karen McCown, Anabel Jensen, Joshua Freedman, and Marsha Rideout*
- I think it's easy to mistake understanding for empathy—we want empathy so badly. . . . It's hard and ugly to know somebody can understand you without even liking you. —*Thomas Harris*
- If we lack emotional intelligence, whenever stress rises the human brain switches to autopilot and has an inherent tendency to do more of the same, only harder. Which, more often than not, is precisely the wrong approach in today's world. —*Robert K. Cooper*
- Emotions are enmeshed in the neural networks of reason. —*Antonio Damasio*
- All learning has an emotional base. —*Plato*
- There is only one corner of the universe you can be certain of improving . . . and that's your own self. —*Aldous Huxley*
- Emotions help keep us on the right track by making sure that we are led by more than cognition. —*Maurice Elias*
- An emotion occurs when there are certain biological, certain experiential, and certain cognitive states which all occur simultaneously. —*Jack Mayer*

- There are emotions which are more biologically oriented and then there are complex emotions which are saturated with thoughts and cognition. —*Jack Mayer*
- Emotions are the glue that holds the cells of the organism together. —*Candace Pert*

Sayings

- For news of the heart, ask the face. —*West African saying*
- Our homes need more electrical outlets, and more emotional outlets.
- Once more—this time with feeling.
- Stress makes you stupid.

Jokes

- He is not a male chauvinist pig—he has swine empathy.
- Mrs. Goldwyn decided to try to contact her deceased husband of many years through a medium, and sure enough, his voice was soon audible in the room. “Are you happy, sweetheart?” asked the widow, almost overcome with emotion.
“Yes,” came the ghostly reply.
“Happier than you were when we were together?” she asked, a little nervously.
“Yes,” replied the disembodied voice again.
“Oh, sweetheart,” she quavered, “what’s it like in Heaven?”
“Who’s in Heaven?”
- A golfer choked in midswing and was overcome by emotion as a funeral procession passed by next to the fairway. “Gee, Fred, you’re awfully broken up,” observed another member of his party.
“Yeah, it’s tough,” said the first guy, turning back to his ball. “Today would’ve been our thirty-first anniversary.”

ENTHUSIASM

- No person who is enthusiastic about his work has anything to fear from life. —*Samuel Goldwyn*
- Exuberance is better than taste. —*Gustave Flaubert*
- The secret of genius is to carry the spirit of the child into old age, which means never losing your enthusiasm. —*Aldous Huxley*
- There is nothing so easy but it becomes difficult when you do it reluctantly. —*Terence*
- Lack of pep is often mistaken for patience. —*Kin Hubbard*
- It is unfortunate, considering enthusiasm moves the world, that so few enthusiasts can be trusted to speak the truth. —*Arthur James Balfour*
- The love of life is necessary to the vigorous prosecution of any undertaking. —*Samuel Johnson*

- What hunger is in relation to food, zest is in relation to life. —**Bertrand Russell**
- The world belongs to the enthusiast who keeps cool. —**William McFee**
- Whatsoever thy hand findest to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom in the grave, whither thou goest. —**Ecclesiastes 9:10**
- There is real magic in enthusiasm. It spells the difference between mediocrity and accomplishment. . . . —**Norman Vincent Peale**
- Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm. —**Ralph Waldo Emerson**
- People who are unable to motivate themselves must be content with mediocrity, no matter how impressive their other talents. —**Andrew Carnegie**
- You can't sweep people off their feet if you can't be swept off yours. —**Clarence Day**
- A certain excessiveness seems a necessary element in all greatness. —**Harvey Cushing**
- Indifference may not wreck a man's life at any one turn, but it will destroy him with a kind of dry-rot in the long run. —**Bliss Carman**
- Fanaticism consists in redoubling your effort when you have forgotten your aim. —**George Santayana**
- Hard work keeps the wrinkles out of the mind and spirit. —**Helena Rubinstein**

Sayings

- Enthusiasm is more important than any other commodity. It will find solutions where none are apparent, and it will achieve success where none is thought possible.
- Go for it.
- You gotta want it.
- No pain, no gain.

Joke

- A man walked into a fancy dress store and announced to the owner, "I'm the greatest salesperson ever. And I want a job."

"That's quite a claim," the owner answered back, "but unfortunately, I don't have any openings."

Undaunted, the salesperson asked, "How many dresses does your best salesperson sell in a day?"

"Five or six," the owner answered.

Without blinking an eye, the salesperson claimed, "I'll sell twelve, and I'll do it without pay or commission."

The owner, knowing he couldn't lose, agreed. Just an hour before closing, the new salesperson had sold eighteen dresses. "Do I get the job now?" she asked.

"I've got one more test for you," the owner declared. He went back into the store-room and came back out with the most hideous dress imaginable. "Sell this dress by the time the store closes tonight and you've got a job."

Forty-five minutes later, she marched into the owner's office and threw down the sales receipt. "I'm impressed," the owner declared in amazement. "You've got the job. How on earth did you convince somebody to buy that thing?"

"Getting her to buy it wasn't a problem. Strangling the woman's seeing-eye dog was the tough part."

GRATITUDE

- How sharper than a serpent's tooth it is to have a thankless child.

—*William Shakespeare*

- If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous, he will not bite you; that is the principal difference between a dog and a man.

—*Mark Twain*

- Some people are always grumbling because roses have thorns; I am thankful that thorns have roses.

—*Alphonse Karr*

- Next to ingratitude, the most painful thing to bear is gratitude.

—*Henry Ward Beecher*

- Every acknowledgement of gratitude is a circumstance of humiliation; and some are found to submit to frequent mortifications of this kind, proclaiming what obligations they owe, merely because they think it in some measure cancels the debt.

—*Oliver Goldsmith*

- The public has neither shame nor gratitude.

—*William Hazlitt*

- Blessed is he who expects no gratitude, for he shall not be disappointed.

—*W. C. Bennett*

- Praise is the only gift for which people are really grateful.

—*Marguerite, Countess of Blessington*

Sayings

- You'll thank me someday.
- You'll thank me when I'm six feet under.
- Gratefulness is the poor man's payment.
- Gratitude can only be given, not taken.
- Gratitude is sometimes more easily given than received.
- Somebody up there likes me.

Joke

- For his fortieth birthday, the dutiful son received the usual two ties from his mother, this time a paisley and a solid. When he picked her up for dinner that night wearing the solid, she took one look and snapped, "And what's wrong with the paisley?"

GRIEF AND MOURNING

- For certain is death for the born / And certain is birth for the dead; / Therefore over the inevitable / Thou shalt not grieve. —*Bhagavad Gita*, 2:27
- Heavy hearts, like heavy clouds in the sky, are best relieved by the letting of a little water. —*Antoine Rivarol*
- Easy-crying widows take new husbands soonest; there's nothing like wet weather for transplanting. —*Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.*
- If you would have me weep, you must first of all feel grief yourself. —*Horace*
- Quiet and sincere sympathy is often the most welcome and efficient consolation to the afflicted. Said a wise man to one in deep sorrow, "I did not come to comfort you; God only can do that; but I did come to say how deeply and tenderly I feel for you in your affliction." —*Tryon Edwards*
- I am always grieved when a man of real talent dies, for the world needs such men more than Heaven does. —*Georg Christoph Lichtenberg*
- Sorrow is so easy to express and yet so hard to tell. —*Joni Mitchell*
- Grief is so selfish. —*Mary Elizabeth Braddon*
- Grief and greed are as inextricably entwined as love and marriage should be. —*Ann Kent*
- There are few sorrows, however poignant, in which a good income is of no avail. —*Logan Pearsall Smith*
- Grief is itself a med'cine. —*William Cowper*
- The bitterest tears shed over graves are for words left unsaid and deeds left undone. —*Harriet Beecher Stowe*
- Preparing for a death by creating meaningful rituals encourages emotional catharsis and spiritual release. And acknowledging family dynamics, in spite of the helpless and painful feelings, helps us more towards a resolution, however imperfect it may be. —*Nancy Cobb*
- Why is it that we rejoice at a birth and grieve at a funeral? It is because we are not the person involved. —*Mark Twain*
- When parents die . . . they take with them a large portion of the past. But when children die, they take away the future as well. That is what makes the valley of the shadow of death seem so incredibly dark and unending. In a prideful way it would be easier to walk the valley alone, nobly, head high, instead of—as we must—marching along as the latest recruit in the world's army of the bereaved. —*William Sloane Coffin*
- Death is different from what anyone knows, and luckier. —*Walt Whitman*
- A mourner is, perforce, a person with a story. The pity is, how very rarely it gets told. —*Christian McEwen*

- Maybe we put a contested election behind us. But we do not put death behind us. We do not put disaster—or call it trauma—behind us. We put either behind us at great peril. —*Dennis Klass*
- Give sorrow words; the grief that does not speak / Whispers the o'er-fraught heart and bids it break. —*William Shakespeare*
- Life is serious all the time but living cannot be. . . . You may have all the solemnity you wish in your neckties, but in anything important—such as sex, death, and religion—you must have mirth or you will have madness. —*G. K. Chesterton*
- We help each other—even unconsciously, each in our own effort, we lighten the effort of others—sorrow comes in great waves . . . but it rolls over us, and though it may almost smother us it leaves us on the spot and we know that if it is strong we are stronger, in as much as it passes and we remain. —*Henry James*
- Excess of grief for the deceased is madness; for it is an injury to the living, and the dead know it not. —*Xenophon*
- Not a day passes over the earth but men and women of no note do great deeds, speak great words, and suffer noble sorrows. —*Charles Reade*
- Suffering is not an elective, it is a core course in the University of Life. —*Steven J. Lawson*
- Pain is only bearable if we know it will end, not if we deny it exists. —*Viktor Frankl*
- When pain is to be borne, a little courage helps more than much knowledge, a little human sympathy more than much courage, and the least tincture of the love of God more than all. —*C. S. Lewis*
- Suffering breaks our world. Like a tree struck by lightning—splintered, shaken, denuded—our world is broken by suffering, and we will never be the same again. —*Nathan Kollar*
- I do not believe that sheer suffering teaches. If suffering alone taught, all the world would be wise, since everyone suffers. To suffering must be added mourning, understanding, patience, love, openness, and a willingness to remain vulnerable. —*Anne Morrow Lindbergh*
- The most difficult thing of all—yet the most essential—is to love life, even when you suffer, because life is all. —*Leo Tolstoy*
- Sorrows come to stretch out spaces in the heart—for joy. —*Edwin Markham*
- The world is full of suffering, it is also full of the overcoming of it. —*Helen Keller*
- How easy it is to mourn when I see tearing down, to fail to see that that is part of building. It cannot, or should not, be separated from building up. For without the tearing down of twigs, there would be no building of nests. —*Jane Grayshon*
- People in mourning have to come to grips with death before they can live again. Mourning can go on for years and years. —*Elisabeth Kübler-Ross*
- Those who grieve find comfort in weeping and in arousing their sorrow until the body is too tired to bear the inner emotions. —*Maimonides*

- An ungrieved loss remains forever alive in our unconscious, which has no sense of time. —**B. G. Simos**
- Whatever it is that I have lost (or must give up) I must grieve. If I do not do my grieving about the old hurts and insults, then, when I am faced with a here and now grief experience, I will end up having to dredge up all that old energy along with the current experience. —**Elaine Childs-Gowell**
- To find a safe journey through grief to growth does not mean one should forget the past. It means that on the journey we will need safe pathways so that remembrance, which may be painful, is possible. —**Donna O'Toole**
- You need to face the pain and the fear and walk through the Grief. —**Phil McGraw**
- The path to healing from a loss is different for each person, one which may have many unexpected twists and turns, but a road that has been traveled by many. —**Kirsti A. Dyer**
- Grief is a journey, often perilous and without clear direction, that must be taken. The experience of grieving cannot be ordered or categorized, hurried or controlled, pushed aside or ignored indefinitely. It is inevitable as breathing, as change, as love. It may be postponed, but it will not be denied. —**Molly Fumia**
- Grief has a quality of healing in it that is very deep because we are forced to a depth of emotion that is usually below the threshold of our awareness. —**Steven Levine**
- When an emotional injury takes place, the body begins a process as natural as the healing of a physical wound. Let the process happen. Trust that nature will do the healing. Know that the pain will pass, and, when it passes, you will be stronger, happier, more sensitive and aware. —**Mel Colgrove**
- We are healed of a suffering only by experiencing it in full. —**Marcel Proust**
- I knew that . . . the full acceptance of the finality of loss, and all the pain that goes with it, need not diminish life but could give it a new quality of fulfillment. I also knew that this could not be achieved without going through the agonies of grief and mourning. —**Lily Pincus**
- If it were possible for us to see further than our knowledge extends and out a little over the outworks of our surmising, perhaps we should then bear our sorrows with greater confidence than our joys. For they are the moments when something new, something unknown, has entered into us. The more patient, quiet and open we are in our sorrowing, the more deeply and the more unhesitatingly will the new thing enter us, the better shall we deserve it, the more will it be our own destiny. —**Rainer Maria Rilke**
- Nature provides the exact dosage for dealing with the constant strikes of pain we experience. Usually there is no real need for outside medication. Your body in its perfect wisdom gauges your requirements and numbs you accordingly. You will feel cold, but your bodymind will not allow more pain than you can tolerate. To disrupt the natural safeguards may only postpone the initial pain in your mourning process. —**V. Durling-Jones**
- After a stormy period of mixed feelings of prolonged sadness, there comes a calm. After we become convinced that we are at the very brink of eternal despair, or fear, or guilt,

or sadness, we are given a reprieve. We have a breathing space that eventually leads to whole days that have personal value and offer us the opportunity for affection. Then we recognize that no period of misery is endless and unrelenting; it is instead, changeable.

—Carol Staudacher

- When it seems that our sorrow is too great to be borne, let us think of the great family of the heavyhearted into which our grief has given us entrance, and inevitably, we will feel about us, their arms and their understanding. —Helen Keller
- Great joys make us love the world. Great sadnesses make us understand the world. —Kent Nerburn
- All I know from my own experience is that the more loss we feel the more grateful we should be for whatever it was we had to lose. It means that we had something worth grieving for. The ones I'm sorry for are the ones that go through life not knowing what grief is. —Frank O'Connor
- I know for certain that we never lose the people we love, even to death. They continue to participate in every act, thought and decision we make. Their love leaves an indelible imprint in our memories. We find comfort in knowing that our lives have been enriched by having shared their love. —Leo Buscaglia

Sayings

- You cannot prevent the birds of sorrow from flying over your head, but you can prevent them from building nests in your hair. —Persian proverb
- It can be terribly difficult to find the right words, but sometimes they're not even necessary. When one of his classmates died, an eight-year-old friend visited the boy's home one day after school. "What did you say?" asked his mother gently when the child returned.
"Nothing. I just sat on his mom's lap and cried with her."

Joke

- A guy returns from a long trip to Europe, having left his beloved cat in his brother's care. The minute he clears customs, he calls his brother and inquires after his pet.
"The cat's dead," replies his brother bluntly.
The guy is devastated. "You don't know how much that cat meant to me," he sobbed into the phone. "Couldn't you at least have given a little thought to a nicer way of breaking the news? For instance, couldn't you have said, 'Well, you know, the cat got out of the house one day and climbed up on the roof, and the fire department couldn't get her down, and finally she died of exposure . . . or starvation . . . or something?' Why are you always so thoughtless?"

"Look, I'm really really sorry," says his brother. "I'll try to do better next time, I swear."

"Okay, let's just put it behind us. How are you, anyway? How's Mom?"

There was a long pause. "Uh," the brother finally stammers, "uh . . . Mom's on the roof."

HAPPINESS AND UNHAPPINESS

Happiness

- If only we'd stop trying to be happy we could have a pretty good time.
—*Edith Wharton*
- It is difficult to tell which gives some couples the most happiness, the minister who marries them, or the judge who divorces them.
—*Mary Wilson Little*
- Being miserable is easy. Being happy is tougher and cooler.
—*Thom Yorke*
- There is no cosmetic for beauty like happiness.
—*Marguerite, Countess of Blessington*
- Anything you're good at contributes to happiness.
—*Bertrand Russell*
- Don't wish me happiness—I don't expect to be happy . . . it's gotten beyond that somehow. Wish me courage and strength and a sense of humor—I will need them all.
—*Anne Morrow Lindbergh*
- The search for happiness is one of the chief sources of unhappiness.
—*Eric Hoffer*
- It is neither wealth nor splendor, but tranquility and occupation, which give happiness.
—*Thomas Jefferson*
- The greatest happiness you can have is knowing that you do not necessarily require happiness.
—*William Saroyan*
- Happiness? A good cigar, a good meal, a good cigar, and a good woman—or a bad woman; it depends on how much happiness you can handle.
—*George Burns*
- Good friends, good books, and a sleepy conscience: this is the ideal life.
—*Mark Twain*
- Man needs, for his happiness, not only the enjoyment of this or that, but hope and enterprise and change.
—*Bertrand Russell*
- Happiness is a mystery like religion, and should never be rationalized.
—*G. K. Chesterton*
- Knowledge of what is possible is the beginning of happiness.
—*George Santayana*
- The great source of pleasure is variety.
—*Samuel Johnson*
- We must select the illusion which appeals to our temperament, and embrace it with passion, if we want to be happy.
—*Cyril Connolly*
- Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands.
—*Psalms 66:1*
- Happiness lies not in the mere possession of money; it lies in the joy of achievement, in the thrill of creative effort.
—*Franklin D. Roosevelt*
- Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves.
—*James M. Barrie*
- Happiness is a warm puppy.
—*Charles M. Schulz*

- Happiness is a warm gun. —*John Lennon and Paul McCartney*
- A man's happiness or unhappiness depends as much on his temperament as on his destiny. —*François, Duc de La Rochefoucauld*
- The supreme happiness of life is the conviction that we are loved. —*Victor Hugo*
- A lifetime of happiness! No man alive could bear it: it would be hell on earth. —*George Bernard Shaw*
- Happiness is speechless. —*George William Curtis*
- The only really happy folk are married women and single men. —*H. L. Mencken*
- He is happy that knoweth not himself to be otherwise. —*Thomas Fuller*
- A merry heart doeth good like a medicine —*Proverbs 17:22*
- In study after study, people themselves report that good relationships with family members, friends, or romantic partners—far more than money or fame—are prerequisites for their happiness. —*Robert Putnam*
- The happiest person is the person who suffers the least pain; the most miserable who enjoys the least pleasure. —*Jean-Jacques Rousseau*
- It is the inalienable right of all to be happy. —*Elizabeth Cady Stanton*
- Happiness makes up in height for what it lacks in length. —*Robert Frost*
- When I was young, I used to think that wealth and power would bring me happiness. . . . I was right. —*Gahan Wilson*

Sayings

- Everyone has the power to make others happy; some do it by entering the room, others by leaving it.
- To be happy and contented, count your blessings, not your cash.
- If you wish to be happy for an hour, get intoxicated. If you wish to be happy for three days, get married. If you wish to be happy for eight days, kill your pig and eat it. But if you wish to be happy forever, become a gardener. —*Chinese proverb*
- Be happy while you're living, for you're a long time dead. —*Scottish proverb*

Jokes

- There is a fable about a little orphan who was feeling particularly lonely and blue when she happened across a gorgeous butterfly trapped in the thorns of a blackberry bush. Taking great care not to tear its fragile wings, the girl's nimble fingers finally worked the insect free, whereupon, instead of fluttering away, it turned into a golden fairy who offered to grant any wish.

“I want to be happy!” the orphan cried.

The fairy smiled, leaned forward, whispered something in her ear, and vanished. And from that day forward there was no more happy spirit in the land than that child, who grew into a merry woman and a contented old lady. On her very deathbed, her neighbors

crowded around, desperate that the secret of happiness not die with her. "Tell us, please tell us, what the fairy said to you," they pleaded.

The old woman smiled benevolently, and whispered, "She told me that everyone—no matter how rich or secure or self-contained or successful they might appear—had need of me."

- Happiness is having a large, loving, caring, close-knit family in another city.

—George Burns

Unhappiness

- Men who are unhappy, like men who sleep badly, are always proud of the fact.

—Bertrand Russell

- How bitter a thing it is to look into happiness through another man's eyes!

—William Shakespeare

- A man should always consider how much he has more than he wants, and how much more unhappy he might be than he really is.

—Joseph Addison

- An era can be said to end when its basic illusions are exhausted.

—Arthur Miller

- Unhappiness is best defined as the difference between our talents and our expectations.

—Edward de Bono

- Ask yourself whether you are happy and you cease to be so.

—John Stuart Mill

- History is the sole consolation left to the people, for it shows them that their ancestors were as unhappy as they are, or even more so.

—Sébastien Chamfort

- We are never happy: we can only remember that we were so once.

—Alexander Smith

- Wasn't no heavy thought about ["When a Man Loves a Woman"]. I was just so damned sad.

—Percy Sledge

- We do not believe in having happiness imposed upon us.

—José Correa, UN Representative from Nicaragua, reply to Soviet representative

Saying

- If each hung up his pack of troubles on the wall and looked around at the troubles of others, he would quickly run back to claim his own bag.

Joke

- Wife: "You're always wishing for something you haven't got." Husband: "What else is there to wish for?"

HATRED

- Few people can be happy unless they hate some other person, nation, or creed.

—Bertrand Russell

- Hate is more lasting than dislike. —*Adolf Hitler*
- Everyone hates a martyr; it's no wonder martyrs were burned at the stake. —*Edgar Watson Howe*
- I shall never permit myself to stoop so low as to hate any man. —*Booker T. Washington*
- When our hatred is too keen it puts us beneath those whom we hate. —*François, Duc de La Rochefoucauld*
- Hate is the consequence of fear; we fear something before we hate it; a child who fears noises becomes a man who hates noise. —*Cyril Connolly*
- Now hatred is by far the longest pleasure; men love in haste but they detest at leisure. —*George Gordon, Lord Byron*
- Any man who tries to excite class hatred, sectional hate, hate of creeds, any kind of hatred in our community, though he may affect to do it in the interest of the class he is addressing, is in the long run with absolute certainty that class's own worst enemy. —*Theodore Roosevelt*

Sayings

- He who hates, hates himself. —*Southern African saying*
- Hate has no medicine. —*West African saying*
- Hatred is blind, as well as love.

Jokes

- The feud between the two politicians had been going on for years, but finally one day his opponent's bullying, thieving tactics caused the politician to blow his stack. He vented all his spleen in a venomous letter, but when his seasoned secretary brought it in for his signature, she ventured the opinion that it was a bit strong. So he cut a few of the most offensive bits, but the secretary still felt it should be toned down.
“All right,” he grumbled as he struck out a few more choice phrases, “but at this rate that schmuck’s likely to miss the point entirely.” Finally the secretary brought in the third version for his approval. “I suppose this’ll have to do,” said the politician, “but you’ve made a couple of typing errors. There’s no ‘c’ in ‘extortion’; ‘subpoena’ has an ‘o’ in it; and his wife’s name is Lucille.”
- Little old lady: “Why are you sitting here all by yourself, little boy. Haven’t you anyone to play with?”
Little boy: “Yes, I have one friend—but I hate him.”

JEALOUSY

- Men despise great projects when they do not feel themselves capable of great successes. —*Luc de Clapiers, Marquis de Vauvenargues*

- Jealousy is that pain which a man feels from the apprehension that he is not equally beloved by the person whom he entirely loves. —*Joseph Addison*
- It is not love that is blind, but jealousy. —*Lawrence Durrell*
- Trifles light as air are to the jealous confirmations strong as proofs of holy writ. —*William Shakespeare*
- Love that is fed by jealousy dies hard. —*Ovid*
- In jealousy there is more of self-love than love. —*François, Duc de La Rochefoucauld*
- Whenever a friend succeeds, a little something in me dies. —*Gore Vidal*
- Nothing arouses ambition so much in the heart as the trumpet-clang of another's fame. —*Baltasar Gracián*
- Jealousy, an uncontrollable passion. The Siamese twin of love. —*Marlene Dietrich*
- It's matrimonial suicide to be jealous when you have a really good reason. —*Clare Boothe Luce*
- Jealousy is the only evil we endure without becoming accustomed to it. —*Colette*

Saying

- The man who is not jealous in love does not love. —*North African saying*

Joke

- Sister Christen's first post as a missionary was to a remote tribal area in East Africa. She figured the first step in the conversion of the heathen would be to teach them her language, and she began with the tribal chieftain. Leading him into the countryside, she pointed out a banyan tree and said, "Tree," "Tree," the chief repeated obligingly. Next they came across a herd of monkeys. "Ba-boon," explained Sister Christen. "Ba-boon," he repeated. "Very good." The nun beamed. At the riverbank they encountered a herd of hippopotami. "Hip-po-pot-a-mus," recited the tribesman dutifully. And then what should they encounter in the rushes at the water's edge but a couple making love. Blushing scarlet, the nun blurted, "Man on bicycle." Paying no attention, the chief thrust his spear into the man's back. "Chief, why did you kill him?" screamed the horrified nun. "Him riding *my* bicycle," he explained with a shrug.

LOVE

Romantic

- Here's to the happy man: All the world loves a lover. —*Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- To love and be loved is to feel the sun from both sides. —*David Viscott*
- Venus favors the bold. —*Ovid*
- He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. —*I John 4:8*
- Americans, who make more of marrying for love than any other people, also break up more of their marriages, but the figure reflects not so much the failure of love as the determination of people not to live without it. —*Morton Hunt*
- Hell, madame, is to love no longer. —*Georges Bernanos*
- The course of true love never did run smooth. —*William Shakespeare*
- The love we give away is the only love we keep. —*Elbert Hubbard*
- Pains of love be sweeter far than all other pleasures are. —*John Dryden*
- It is impossible to repent of love. The sin of love does not exist. —*Muriel Spark*
- The first duty of love is to listen. —*Paul Tillich*
- It is not love, but lack of love, which is blind. —*Glenway Wescott*
- There is no surprise more magical than the surprise of being loved: it is God's finger on man's shoulder. —*Charles Morgan*
- Love commingled with hate is more powerful than love. Or hate. —*Joyce Carol Oates*
- This is one of the miracles of love: it gives . . . a power of seeing through its own enchantments and yet not being disenchanted. —*C. S. Lewis*
- Love cures people, the ones who receive love and the ones who give it, too. —*Karl A. Menninger*
- Love is the only sane and satisfactory answer to the problem of human existence. —*Erich Fromm*
- If you haven't at least a slight poetic crack in the heart, you have been cheated by nature. —*Phyllis Batelle*
- Let no one who loves be called altogether unhappy. Even love unreturned has its rainbow. —*James M. Barrie*
- Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. —*John 15:13*
- Love conquers all. —*Virgil*
- The supreme happiness of life is the conviction that we are loved. —*Victor Hugo*

- There is no fear in love, but perfect love casteth out fear. . . . —*I John 4:18*
- If you want to be loved, love and be loveable. —*Benjamin Franklin*
- It's love that makes the world go round. —*W. S. Gilbert*
- Love like ours can never die! —*Rudyard Kipling*
- To fear love is to fear life, and those who fear life are already three parts dead. —*Bertrand Russell*
- Love sought is good, but given unsought is better. —*William Shakespeare*
- "Tis better to have loved and lost / Than never to have loved at all. —*Alfred, Lord Tennyson*
- [Love is] the river of life in this world. —*Henry Ward Beecher*
- When love is suppressed hate takes its place. —*Havelock Ellis*
- The supreme happiness of life is the conviction that we are loved. —*Victor Hugo*
- I am two fools, I know, / For loving, and for saying so. —*John Donne*
- Love is not blind—it sees more, not less. But because it sees more, it is willing to see less. —*Rabbi Julius Gordon*

Cynical

- The one thing that I know about love for sure is that it's the only game in town and that you must keep going back to bat again and again and again. I have no respect for anyone who says they've given up, or that they're not looking or that they're tired. That is to abrogate one's responsibility as a human being. —*Harlan Ellison*
- Love is like an hourglass, with the heart filling up as the brain empties. —*Jules Renard*
- If love is the answer, could you rephrase the question? —*Lily Tomlin*
- One is very crazy when in love. —*Sigmund Freud*
- The only victory over love is flight. —*Napoleon Bonaparte*
- Love is an ocean of emotions, entirely surrounded by expenses. —*Sir James Dewar*
- Love is what happens to a man and woman who don't know each other. —*W. Somerset Maugham*
- He who cannot love must learn to flatter. —*Johann Wolfgang von Goethe*
- Love as a relation between men and women was ruined by the desire to make sure of the legitimacy of children. —*Bertrand Russell*
- Any woman can fool a man if she wants to and if he's in love with her. —*Agatha Christie*
- . . . love without esteem cannot go far or reach high. It is an angel with only one wing. —*Alexandre Dumas (fils)*

- Love is indescribable and unconditional. I could tell you a thousand things that it is not, but not one that it is. —*Duke Ellington*
- Love is an ideal thing, marriage a real thing; a confusion of the real with the ideal never goes unpunished. —*Johann Wolfgang von Goethe*
- It is impossible to love and be wise. —*Francis Bacon*
- When a man is in love he endures more than at other times; he submits to everything. —*Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche*
- He that falls in love with himself will have no rivals. —*Benjamin Franklin*
- Don't threaten me with love, baby. Let's just go walking in the rain. —*Billie Holiday*
- If two people love each other, there can be no happy end to it. —*Ernest Hemingway*
- Who so loves / Believes the impossible. —*Elizabeth Barrett Browning*
- There's nothing in this world so sweet as love, / And next to love, the sweetest thing is hate. —*Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*
- Love is blind. —*Geoffrey Chaucer*
- True love is like a psychic experience. Everyone tells ghost stories, but few have ever seen a ghost. —*François, Duc de La Rochefoucauld*
- I love you more than yesterday, less than tomorrow. —*Edmond Rostand*
- Love is like any other luxury. You have no right to it unless you can afford it. —*Anthony Trollope*
- Men always want to be a woman's first love—women like to be a man's last romance. —*Oscar Wilde*
- If it is your time, love will track you down like a cruise missile. If you say, "No, I don't want it right now," that's when you'll get it for sure. Love will make a way out of no way. Love is an exploding cigar which we willingly smoke. —*Lynda Barry*
- Love is like the measles—all the worse when it comes late in life. —*Douglas Jerrold*
- Love is like a war: easy to begin but very hard to stop. —*H. L. Mencken*
- I can see from your utter misery, from your eagerness to misunderstand each other, and from your thoroughly bad temper, that this is the real thing. —*Peter Ustinov*
- There is always something ridiculous about the emotions of people whom one has ceased to love. —*Oscar Wilde*
- Infatuation is when you think that he's as sexy as Robert Redford, as smart as Henry Kissinger, as noble as Ralph Nader, as funny as Woody Allen, and as athletic as Jimmy Connors. Love is when you realize that he's as sexy as Woody Allen, as smart as Jimmy Connors, as funny as Ralph Nader, as athletic as Henry Kissinger, and nothing like Robert Redford—but you'll take him anyway. —*Judith Viorst*

Sayings

- All's fair in love and war.
 - Love makes the world go 'round.
 - Love will find a way.
 - Love and a cough cannot be hid.
 - The love that lasts is the love that's last.
 - Money can't buy love.
 - Love conquers all.
 - Love is blind.
 - Make love, not war.

Jokes

- The young man staggered into the small-town bakery at the crack of dawn on a hideously cold, wet, stormy morning. “Thank God you’re open,” he gasped. “Do you have fresh cranberry muffins?” When the baker nodded, a huge smile broke out on the fellow’s face. “It’s worth the trek, then—she’ll be so happy. It’ll make her day.”
The baker nodded understandingly. “Are these for your mother, then?” he asked.
“Would my mother send me out on a day like this?” returned the young man with an incredulous look. “And would I go?”
 - Over dinner with his hard-hearted friend, the incurable romantic sighed and declared, “Love is the last word.”
The cynic shook his head and countered. “Only in a telegram.”

PASSION

- Passion is the quickest to develop, and the quickest to fade. Intimacy develops more slowly, and commitment more gradually still. —*Robert J. Sternberg*
 - Mencius enumerated the three “mature virtues” of his “great man” as “wisdom, compassion, and courage.” I should like to lop off one syllable and regard as the qualities of a great soul passion, wisdom, and courage. —*Lin Yutang*
 - The ruling passion, be it what it will, / The ruling passion conquers reason still. —*Alexander Pope*
 - Passions are vices or virtues in their highest powers. —*Johann Wolfgang von Goethe*

Sayings

- Passions are like fire and water, good servants, but bad masters.
 - The end of passion means the beginning of repentance.

Joke

- Taxi driver: “Where to, buddy?”
Jilted lover: “Drive off a cliff—I’m committing suicide.”

PLEASURE

- Pleasure is like a cordial—a little of it is not injurious, but too much destroys.

—*Marguerite, Countess of Blessington*

- The greatest pleasure in life is doing what people say you cannot do.

—*Walter Bagehot*

- Pleasure is frail like a dewdrop, while it laughs it dies.

—*Rabindranath Tagore*

- The rule of my life is to make business a pleasure, and pleasure my business.

—*Aaron Burr*

- The Puritans hated bear-baiting, not because it gave pain to the bear but because it gave pleasure to the spectators.

—*Lord Thomas Babington Macaulay*

- The rapturous, wild, and ineffable pleasure of drinking at someone else’s expense.

—*Henry Sambrooke Leigh*

- In youth is pleasure.

—*Robert Wever*

- I’m tired of love; I’m still more tired of rhyme / But money gives me pleasure all the time.

—*Hilaire Belloc*

Sayings

- If it feels good, do it.
- Business before pleasure.
- There is more pleasure in loving than in being loved.
- To overcome pleasure is the greatest pleasure.
- The pleasure of what we enjoy is lost by coveting more.
- Only uncomfortable chairs become antiques. The comfortable ones are worn out by a single generation.

Joke

- The masochist turned to the sadist and begged, “Beat me, beat me.”
The sadist smiled, and said, “No.”

T H E M I N D

CREATIVITY

- The best way to have a good idea is to have lots of ideas. —*Linus Pauling*
- The best ideas come from jokes. Make your thinking as funny as possible. —*David Ogilvie*
- Young men are fitter to invent than to judge. —*Francis Bacon*
- Originality is not seen in single words or even sentences. Originality is the sum total of a man's thinking and writing. —*Isaac Bashevis Singer*
- Originality is the essence of true scholarship. Creativity is the soul of the true scholar. —*Nnamdi Azikiwe*
- Ah, good taste! What a dreadful thing! Taste is the enemy of creativeness. —*Pablo Picasso*
- When in doubt, make a fool of yourself. There is a microscopically thin line between being brilliantly creative and acting like the most gigantic idiot on earth. So what the hell, leap. —*Cynthia Heimel*
- Consistency is the last refuge of the unimaginative. —*Oscar Wilde*
- Good design keeps the user happy, the manufacturer in the black, and the aesthete unoffended. —*Raymond Loewy*
- Creative minds always have been known to survive any kind of bad training. —*Anna Freud*
- I can very well do without God both in my life and in my painting, but I cannot, suffering as I am, do without something which is greater than I, which is my life—the power to create. —*Vincent van Gogh*
- Art begins with resistance—at the point where resistance is overcome. No human masterpiece has ever been created without great labor. —*André Gide*
- I just invent, then wait until man comes around to needing what I've invented. —*R. Buckminster Fuller*
- The creative person is both more primitive and more cultivated, more destructive and more constructive, a lot madder and a lot saner, than the average person. —*Dr. Frank Barron*

- Could *Hamlet* have been written by a committee, or the *Mona Lisa* painted by a club? Could the New Testament have been composed as a conference report? Creative ideas do not spring from groups. They spring from individuals. The divine spark leaps.
—*A. Whitney Griswold*
- No grand idea was ever born in a conference, but a lot of foolish ideas have died there.
—*F. Scott Fitzgerald*
- Life comes before literature, as the material always comes before the work. The hills are full of marble before the world blooms with statues.
—*Rev. Phillips Brooks*
- In creating, the only hard thing's to begin; / A grass blade's no easier to make than an oak.
—*James Russell Lowell*
- Nothing can be created out of nothing.
—*Lucretius*
- All good things which exist are the fruits of originality.
—*John Stuart Mill*
- We want the creative faculty to imagine that which we know.
—*Percy Bysshe Shelley*
- Men are like trees: each one must put forth the leaf that is created in him.
—*Henry Ward Beecher*
- Every great and original writer, in proportion as he is great and original, must himself create the taste by which he is to be relished.
—*William Wordsworth*

Sayings

- Invention is the son of need and the father of prosperity.
- Originality is not necessarily better than imitation, but it makes imitation possible.
- Necessity is the mother of invention.

Joke

- It was an elegant dinner party and the hostess had left nothing to chance—except that a little water had splashed on the marble floor outside the kitchen floor. And when the waiter came out carrying the beautiful roast suckling pig, he slipped and fell flat, sending the roast flying.

“Don’t worry, Charles,” said the hostess calmly. “Just take the roast back to the kitchen and bring out the other one.”

FACTS

- Figures won’t lie, but liars will figure.
—*Charles H. Grosvenor* (*attrib.*)
- There are three kinds of lies: lies, damned lies, and statistics.
—*Benjamin Disraeli* (*attrib.*)
- Truth exists, only falsehood has to be invented.
—*Georges Braque*
- There are two kinds of statistics, the kind you look up and the kind you make up.
—*Rex Stout*

- He uses statistics as a drunken man uses lampposts—for support rather than for illumination.
—*Andrew Lang*
 - A wise man recognizes the convenience of a general statement, but he bows to the authority of a particular fact.
—*Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.*
 - Get your facts first, and then you can distort them as much as you please.
—*Mark Twain*
 - Facts do not cease to exist because they are ignored.
—*Aldous Huxley*
 - All generous minds have a horror of what are commonly called “Facts.” They are the brute beasts of the intellectual domain.
—*Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.*
 - Facts are to the mind what food is to the body.
—*Edmund Burke*
 - I pass with relief from the tossing sea of cause and theory to the firm ground of result and fact.
—*Winston Churchill*
 - Knowing how hard it is to collect a fact, you understand why most people want to have some fun analyzing it.
—*Jesse L. Greenstein*
 - The trouble with facts is that there are so many of them.
—*Samuel McChord Crothers*
 - Comment is free, but facts are sacred.
—*C. P. Scott*
 - Every man has a right to be wrong in his opinions. But no man has a right to be wrong about his facts.
—*Bernard Baruch*

Sayings

- Let the facts speak for themselves.
 - Just the facts, ma'am.

Joke

- Of course facts are only as useful as one permits them to be. Take the example of the fellow who was convinced he was dead. He visited his doctor with this complaint several times, and the doctor was unable to change his mind. Finally, the exasperated doctor demanded whether his patient would believe otherwise in the face of physical evidence that he was alive.

"Of course," said the man calmly. "I'm a reasonable fellow."

"Now would you agree that dead men don't bleed?"

"Of course."

"Fine. Give me your hand," ordered the physician. Taking a needle, he swiftly pricked a fingertip, then squeezed it until a drop of blood beaded up. He thrust it in front of the man's eyes. "Look! Is that not blood?"

"I'll be darned," said the patient after a moment's astonished reflection. "Dead men do bleed."

FOOLS

- A fool and his money are soon married. —*Carolyn Wells*
- Only those are unwise who have never dared to be fools. —*Elsie de Wolfe*
- A fool without fear is sometimes wiser than an angel with fear. —*Lady Nancy Astor*
- Fools rush in where angels fear to tread. —*Alexander Pope*
- Angels rush in when fools are almost dead. —*Rudolph Fisher*
- It is difficult to free fools from the chains they revere. —*Voltaire*
- Fine clothes may disguise, but foolish words will disclose a fool. —*Aesop*
- Let us be thankful for the fools. But for them the rest of us could not succeed. —*Mark Twain*
- The fool doth think he is wise, but the wise man knows himself a fool. —*William Shakespeare*
- To make a trade of laughing at a fool is the highway to become one. —*Thomas Fuller*
- I am two fools, I know, for loving, and for saying so. —*John Donne*
- He who loves not wine, woman, and song, remains a fool his whole life long. —*Martin Luther*
- Every man has his follies—and often they are the most interesting things he has got. —*Josh Billings*
- A man may be a fool and not know it, but not if he is married. —*H. L. Mencken*
- Anybody who feels at ease in the world today is a fool. —*Robert Maynard Hutchins*
- When he said we were trying to make a fool of him, I could only murmur that the Creator had beat us to it. —*Ilka Chase*
- I had rather have a fool to make me merry than experience to make me sad. —*William Shakespeare*
- I only open my mouth to change feet. —*Emily Paine*

Sayings

- The fool can no more taste the sweetness of wisdom than the man with a cold can appreciate the scent of a rose. —*North African saying*
- Everyone loves a fool, but nobody wants him for a son. —*West African saying*

Joke

- A couple hired a repairman to fix a hole in their roof, and went to stay with some friends for the week the job would take.

A week later, in the midst of a torrential rainstorm, the couple returned. "You fool!" shouted the husband as he discovered the workman sitting in the living room on a

soaked couch in two inches of water. "What the hell are you sitting here for? Get up there and fix the leak in that roof!"

"I can't," the workman responded. "It's raining cats and dogs out there."

"Then why didn't you repair it when the sun was out?"

"Don't be silly," the workman answered, "the roof wasn't leaking then."

GENIUS

- Happiness, like youth and health, is rarely appreciated until it is past.
—*Marguerite, Countess of Blessington*
- The difference between genius and stupidity is that genius has its limits.
—*Albert Einstein*
- Genius is the ability to put into effect what is in your mind.
—*F. Scott Fitzgerald*
- To do what others cannot do is talent. To do what talent cannot do is genius.
—*Will Henry*
- Genius is more often found in a cracked pot than in a whole one.
—*E. B. White*
- A genius is a man who takes the lemons that fate hands him and starts a lemonade stand with them.
—*Elbert Hubbard*
- Men of genius do not excel in any profession because they labour in it, but they labour in it because they excel.
—*William Hazlitt*
- Name the greatest of all the inventors. Accident.
—*Mark Twain*
- The secret of genius is to carry the spirit of the child into old age, which means never losing your enthusiasm.
—*Aldous Huxley*
- Patience is a necessary ingredient of genius.
—*Benjamin Disraeli*
- I don't think necessity is the mother of invention—invention, in my opinion, arises directly from idleness, possibly also from laziness. To save oneself trouble.
—*Agatha Christie*
- Genius does what it must, and talent does what it can.
—*(Edward) Robert Bulwer-Lytton*
- Intelligence recognizes what has happened. Genius recognizes what will happen.
—*John Ciardi*
- Since when was genius found respectable?
—*Elizabeth Barrett Browning*
- Mediocrity knows nothing higher than itself, but talent instantly recognizes genius.
—*Arthur Conan Doyle*
- One machine can do the work of fifty ordinary men. No machine can do the work of one extraordinary man.
—*Elbert Hubbard*
- A harmless hilarity and a buoyant cheerfulness are not infrequent concomitants of genius; and we are never more deceived than when we mistake gravity for greatness, solemnity for science, and pomposity for erudition.
—*Charles Caleb Colton*

- Genius, in truth, means little more than the faculty of perceiving in an unhabitual way.
—*William James*
- Everyone is a genius at least once a year. The real geniuses simply have their bright ideas closer together.
—*Georg Christoph Lichtenberg*
- There is no great genius without a touch of madness.
—*Seneca the Younger*
- When a true genius appears in the world, you may know him by this sign, that the dunces are all in confederacy against him.
—*Jonathan Swift*
- Genius is one percent inspiration and ninety-nine percent perspiration.
—*Thomas Alva Edison*
- A genius? Perhaps, but before I was a genius, I was a drudge.
—*Ignace Jan Paderewski*

Sayings

- The line between madness and genius is a permeable membrane.
- A genius is one who shoots at something no one else can see, and hits it.

Joke

- If Seneca the Younger said “drunkenness is nothing, but voluntary madness,” and “there is no great genius without a touch of madness,” then is drunkenness a form of genius?
—*Tripp Evans*

HUMOR

- Whatever you have read I have said is almost certainly untrue, except if it is funny, in which case I definitely said it.
—*Tallulah Bankhead*
- Make us laugh and you can pick all pockets.
—*Clemence Dane*
- It is often a sign of wit not to show it, and not to see that others want it.
—*Suzanne Necker*
- The man with the real sense of humor is the man who can put himself in the spectator's place and laugh at his own misfortune.
—*Bert Williams*
- Funny is an attitude.
—*Flip Wilson*
- Impropriety is the soul of wit.
—*W. Somerset Maugham*
- Wit is the rarest quality to be met with among people of education.
—*William Hazlitt*
- There is nothing in which people more betray their character than in what they laugh at.
—*Johann Wolfgang von Goethe*
- No mind is thoroughly well organized that is deficient in a sense of humour.
—*Samuel Taylor Coleridge*

- Everything is funny as long as it is happening to somebody else. —*Will Rogers*
- You are not angry with people when you laugh at them. Humour teaches tolerance. —*W. Somerset Maugham*
- The man who sees the consistency in things is a wit; the man who sees the inconsistency in things is a humorist. —*G. K. Chesterton*
- The man who can make others laugh secures more votes for a measure than the man who forces them to think. —*Malcolm de Chazal*
- You could read Kant by yourself, if you wanted to; but you must share a joke with someone else. —*Robert Louis Stevenson*
- Wit is the sudden marriage of ideas which before their union were not perceived to have any relation. —*Mark Twain*
- Humor is a painful thing told playfully. —*Charles W. Jarvis*
- The greatest advantage I know of being thought a wit by the world is that it gives one the greater freedom of playing the fool. —*Jonathan Swift*
- I don't make jokes; I just watch the government and report the facts. —*Will Rogers*
- Of puns it has been said that they who most dislike them are least able to utter them. —*Edgar Allan Poe*
- I have never understood why it should be considered derogatory to the Creator to suppose that he has a sense of humor. —*Ralph Inge*
- Good taste and humor are a contradiction in terms, like a chaste whore. —*Malcolm Muggeridge*
- . . . brevity is the soul of wit. —*William Shakespeare*
- Men will let you abuse them only if you make them laugh. —*Henry Ward Beecher*
- Wit is so shining a quality that everybody admires it; most people aim at it, all people fear it, and few love it unless in themselves. —*Philip Dormer Stanhope, Earl of Chesterfield*
- A difference of taste in jokes is a great strain on the affections. —*George Eliot*
- Men show their characters in nothing more clearly than in what they think laughable. —*Johann Wolfgang von Goethe*
- No dignity, no learning, no force of character, can make any stand against good wit. —*Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- Humor can be dissected, as a frog can, but the thing dies in the process and the innards are discouraging to any but the pure scientific mind. —*E. B. White*
- Angels can fly because they take themselves lightly. —*G. K. Chesterton*
- Among those whom I like or admire, I can find no common denominator, but among those whom I love, I can: all of them make me laugh. —*W. H. Auden*

- We are in the world to laugh. In purgatory or in hell we shall no longer be able to do so.
And in heaven it would not be proper. —*Jules Renard*
- Not by wrath does one kill but by laughter. —*Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche*
- Laughter is a tranquilizer with no side effects. —*Arnold H. Glasow*
- If you don't learn to laugh at trouble, you won't have anything to laugh at when you grow old. —*Edgar Watson Howe*
- What I want to do is to make people laugh so that they'll see things seriously. —*William K. Zinsser*
- If you are not allowed to laugh in heaven, I don't want to go there. —*Martin Luther*
- Laughter is a form of internal jogging. It moves your internal organs around. It enhances respiration. It is an igniter of great expectation. —*Norman Cousins*
- He who laughs, lasts. —*Mary Pettibone Poole*
- There are few who would not rather be hated than laughed at. —*Sydney Smith*
- The best ideas come from jokes. Make your thinking as funny as possible. —*David Ogilvie*
- Laugh and the world laughs with you; / Weep, and you weep alone. —*Ella Wheeler Wilcox*
- Laughter is by definition healthy. —*Doris Lessing*
- The most wasted of all our days are those in which we have not laughed. —*Sébastien Chamfort*
- The man who laughs has not yet heard the news. —*Bertolt Brecht*
- Humor is an affirmation of dignity, a declaration of our superiority to all that befalls us. —*Romain Gary*
- If the cavemen had known how to laugh, history would have been different. —*Oscar Wilde*

Sayings

- Every survival kit should include a sense of humor.
- He who laughs last laughs loudest.
- Laughter is the best medicine.
- Laughter is contagious.
- Many friends have been lost by jest, but few have been gained.
- Screw 'em if they can't take a joke.

Jokes

- Repartee is something we think of twenty-four hours too late. —*Mark Twain*
- "Laughter is God's gift to mankind," proclaimed the preacher ponderously. "And mankind," responded the cynic, "is the proof that God has a sense of humor."

IDEAS

- The thinker dies, but his thoughts are beyond the reach of destruction. Men are mortal; but ideas are immortal. —*Walter Lippmann*
- You cannot put a rope around the neck of an idea; you cannot put an idea up against a barrack square wall and riddle it with bullets; you cannot confine it in the strongest prison cell that your slaves could ever build. —*Sean O'Casey*
- Generally students are the best vehicles for passing on ideas, for their thoughts are plastic and can be molded and they can adjust the ideas of old men to the shape of reality as they find it in the villages and hills of China or in ghettos and suburbs of America. —*Theodore H. White*
- You can't shoot an idea. —*Thomas E. Dewey*
- A man may die, nations may rise and fall, but an idea lives on. Ideas have endurance without death. —*John F. Kennedy*
- There is one thing stronger than all the armies in the world: an idea whose time has come. —*Victor Hugo*
- An idea that is not dangerous is not worthy of being called an idea at all. —*Oscar Wilde*
- An idea, to be suggestive, must come to the individual with the force of a revelation. —*William James*
- All the really good ideas I ever had came to me while I was milking a cow. —*Grant Wood*
- No grand idea was ever born in a conference, but a lot of foolish ideas have died there. —*F. Scott Fitzgerald*
- All great deeds and all great thoughts have a ridiculous beginning. Great works are often born on a street corner or in a restaurant's revolving door. —*Albert Camus*

Sayings

- Many great ideas have been lost because the people who had them couldn't handle being laughed at.
- When forty million people believe in a dumb idea, it's still a dumb idea. —*Ad run by United Technologies Corporation*

Jokes

- Two Asians were angrily shouting at one another in the middle of a crowded Singapore street. An American observer asked his Asian companion when he thought the two would begin exchanging blows. "The man who strikes first," the friend answered, "admits that his ideas have come to an end."

- First Entrepreneur: “I’ve got a great idea: I’m going to open up a bar and grill in the middle of the Sahara Desert.”

Second Entrepreneur: “That’s a ridiculous idea. You’ll be lucky to get more than one customer a month.”

First Entrepreneur: “Okay, but just *think* how thirsty he’ll be!”

IDENTITY

- It is not easy to find happiness in ourselves, and it is not possible to find it elsewhere.

—Agnes Repplier

- How queer everything is today! And yesterday things went on just as usual. I wonder if I’ve been changed in the night? Let me think: was I the same when I got up this morning? I almost think I can remember feeling a little different. But if I’m not the same, the next question is, “Who in the world am I?” Ah, that’s the great puzzle!

—Lewis Carroll

- Knowing others is wisdom. Knowing the self is enlightenment.

—Lao Tzu

- It took me quite a while to realize that the real deal is to be able to be enough of a person on your own to know when somebody loves you and cares about you.

—Stevie Ray Vaughan

- How many cares one loses when one decides not to be something but to be someone.

—Gabrielle (Coco) Chanel

- If you practice an art, be proud of it and make it proud of you. . . . It may break your heart, but it will fill your heart before it breaks it: it will make you a person in your own right.

—Maxwell Anderson

- Every man has three characters—that which he exhibits, that which he has, and that which he thinks he has.

—Alphonse Karr

- Men are created different; they lose their social freedom and their individual autonomy in seeking to become like each other.

—David Riesman

- Success, recognition, and conformity are the bywords of the modern world where everyone seems to crave the anesthetizing security of being identified with the majority.

—Martin Luther King Jr.

- The dissenter is every human being at those moments of his life when he resigns momentarily from the herd and thinks for himself.

—Archibald Macleish

- If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music he hears, however measured or far away.

—Henry David Thoreau

- Everyone alters and is altered by everyone else. We are all the time taking in portions of one another or else reacting against them, and by these involuntary acquisitions and repulsions modifying our natures.

—Gerald Brenan

- Everyone is a moon, and has a dark side which he never shows to anybody.

—Mark Twain

- I have never seen a greater monster or miracle in the world than myself.
—*Michel Eyquem de Montaigne*
- The turning point in the process of growing up is when you discover the core of strength within you that survives all hurt.
—*Max Lerner*
- “Know thyself” is a good saying, but not in all situations. In many it is better to say “know others.”
—*Menander*
- Character is much easier kept than recovered.
—*Thomas Paine*
- The Kingdom of God is within you.
—*Luke 17:21*
- Prayer gives a man the opportunity of getting to know a gentleman he hardly ever meets. I do not mean his maker, but himself.
—*William R. Inge*
- In proportion to the development of his individuality, each person becomes more valuable to himself, and is therefore capable of being more valuable to others.
—*John Stuart Mill*
- People often say that this or that person has not yet found himself. But the self is not something that one finds. It is something that one creates.
—*Thomas Szasz*
- . . . if a man is not faithful to his own individuality, he cannot be loyal to anything.
—*Claude McKay*
- One man’s way may be as good as another’s, but we all like our own best.
—*Jane Austen*
- A man finds his identity by identifying. A man’s identity is not best thought of as the way in which he is separated from his fellows but the way in which he is united with them.
—*Robert Terwilliger*
- Trying to define yourself is like trying to bite your own teeth.
—*Alan Watts*
- Character is made by what you stand for; reputation, by what you fall for.
—*Robert Quillen*
- Character, like a photograph, develops in darkness.
—*Yousuf Karsh*
- The one important thing I have learned over the years is the difference between taking one’s work seriously and taking one’s self seriously. The first is imperative and the second is disastrous.
—*Margot Fonteyn*
- Nothing can bring you peace but yourself.
—*Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- Elegance is innate. It has nothing to do with being well-dressed. Elegance is refusal.
—*Diana Vreeland*
- No one can make you feel inferior without your consent.
—*Eleanor Roosevelt*
- No one can possibly achieve any real and lasting success or “get rich” in business by being a conformist.
—*J. Paul Getty*
- When people are free to do as they please, they usually imitate each other.
—*Eric Hoffer*
- The golden rule is that there are no golden rules.
—*George Bernard Shaw*

- Don't compromise yourself. You're all you've got. —*Janis Joplin*
- When you've got the personality, you don't need the nudity. —*Mae West*

Sayings

- I want to be what I was when I wanted to be what I am now.
- Financially stable, mentally questionable.

—*Motto of the Gotham City Riders, an upscale New York City motorcycle gang*

Jokes

- A lot of people don't realize they're having an identity crisis until they try to cash a check in a strange town.
- The story of little Mary illustrates one way in which change brings growth. One day in Sunday school she was asked, "Who made you?"
After a moment's reflection, the little girl replied, "Well, God made a part of me?"
"Part of you?" The teacher was startled.
"God made me very little," she explained, "and I grew the rest myself."

IGNORANCE AND STUPIDITY

- No human folly can suppress the conceit of ignorance. —*Charles Victor Roman*
- The realization of ignorance is the first act of knowing. —*Jean Toomer*
- Violence is a tool of the ignorant. —*Flip Wilson*
- Fear always springs from ignorance. —*Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- I would rather have my ignorance than another man's knowledge, because I have so much of it. —*Mark Twain*
- Far more crucial than what we know or do not know is what we do not want to know. —*Eric Hoffer*
- The greatest obstacle to discovery is not ignorance—it is the illusion of knowledge. —*Daniel J. Boorstin*
- From ignorance our comfort flows. The only wretched are the wise. —*Matthew Prior*
- Ignorance is the womb of monsters. —*Henry Ward Beecher*
- Ignorance is the night of the mind, a night without moon or star. —*Confucius*
- Ignorance is not bliss—it is oblivion. —*Philip Wylie*
- Nothing in all the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity. —*Martin Luther King Jr.*
- He was born stupid and greatly improved his birthright. —*Samuel Butler*
- Stubborn and ardent clinging to one's opinion is the best proof of stupidity. —*Michel Eyquem de Montaigne*

- It is dangerous to be sincere unless you are also stupid. —*Oscar Wilde*
- Stupidity often saves a man from going mad. —*Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr.*
- The only foes that threaten America are the enemies at home, and these are ignorance, superstition, and incompetence. —*Elbert Hubbard*

Sayings

- The person who knows little is proud that she knows so much; the person who knows much is sorry that she knows so little.
- What he lacks in intelligence, he makes up for in stupidity.
- No darkness like ignorance. —*North African saying*

Jokes

- What's on your mind, if you will allow the overstatement? —*Fred Allen*
- He would come in and say he changed his mind—which was a gilded figure of speech, because he didn't have any. —*Mark Twain*

IMAGINATION

- I have learned to use the word “impossible” with the greatest caution. —*Wernher von Braun*
- A liberal mind is a mind that is able to imagine itself believing anything. —*Max Eastman*
- You can't depend on your judgment when your imagination is out of focus. —*Mark Twain*
- A lady's imagination is very rapid; it jumps from admiration to love, from love to matrimony in a moment. —*Jane Austen*
- Imagination is more important than knowledge. —*Albert Einstein*
- If we lacked imagination enough to foresee something better, life would indeed be a tragedy. —*Laurence J. Peter*
- Imagination grows by exercise, and contrary to common belief, is more powerful in the mature than in the young. —*W. Somerset Maugham*
- What is now proved was once only imagined. —*William Blake*
- Skill without imagination is craftsmanship and gives us many useful objects such as wickerwork picnic baskets. Imagination without skill gives us modern art. —*Tom Stoppard*
- When I examine myself and my methods of thought, I come close to the conclusion that the gift of fantasy has meant more to me than my talent for absorbing positive knowledge. —*Albert Einstein*

- Generalization is necessary to the advancement of knowledge; but particularity is indispensable to the creations of the imagination. —*Lord Thomas Babington Macaulay*
- Dare to be naive. —*R. Buckminster Fuller*

Sayings

- Imagination is a good stick but a bad crutch.
- If wishes were horses, beggars would ride.

Joke

- Phyllis came into the office all aflutter about her husband. “You won’t believe this, Susie, but Rick takes a fishing pole into the bathroom and tosses the hook into the tub.” “You’ve got to be kidding,” gasped her friend. “Don’t you think you should take him to a psychiatrist?” “No time,” replied Phyllis with a shrug. “I’m too busy cleaning fish.”

INSANITY

- Insanity is a matter of degree. —*Joaquim Maria Machado de Assis*
- One cannot be deeply responsive to the world without being saddened very often. —*Erich Fromm*
- We’re all controlled neurotics. —*Harry Reasoner*
- There was only one catch, and that was Catch-22, which specified that a concern for one’s own safety in the face of dangers that were real and immediate was the process of a rational mind. . . . Orr would be crazy to fly more missions and sane if he didn’t, but if he was sane he had to fly them. If he flew them he was crazy and didn’t have to; but if he didn’t want to he was sane and had to. —*Joseph Heller*
- There is always some madness in love. But there is also always some reason in madness. —*Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche*
- Sometimes accidents happen in life from which we have need of a little madness to extricate ourselves successfully. —*François, Duc de La Rochefoucauld*
- What is madness? To have erroneous perceptions and to reason correctly from them. —*Voltaire*
- Stupidity often saves a man from going mad. —*Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr.*
- When dealing with the insane, the best method is to pretend to be sane. —*Hermann Hesse*
- There is but an inch of difference between the cushioned chamber and the padded cell. —*G. K. Chesterton*
- We are all born mad. Some remain so. —*Samuel Beckett*

- The human race consists of the dangerously insane and such as are not.

—Mark Twain

- Every man has a sane spot somewhere.

—Robert Louis Stevenson

- Insanity is hereditary—you get it from your children.

—Sam Levenson

- That's the truest sign of insanity—insane people are always sure they're just fine. It's only the sane people who are willing to admit they're crazy.

—Nora Ephron

Sayings

- Just because you're paranoid doesn't mean they're not out to get you.
- Sanity is relative.

Joke

- Summoning the patient into his office, the psychiatrist shot her a radiant smile. "You know, Claudia, in this profession one rarely uses the word 'cure,' but after five years of therapy it is my pleasure to pronounce you one hundred percent cured!" he announced proudly.

To his surprise, an unhappy look came over the woman's face. "What's wrong?" asked the doctor. "This is a success for me and a triumph for you—I thought you'd be thrilled."

"Oh, it's fine for you," she finally snapped, "but look at it from my point of view. Three years ago I was Joan of Arc. Now I'm nobody."

INTELLIGENCE

- It has yet to be proved that intelligence has any survival value. —Arthur C. Clarke
- The only means of strengthening one's intellect is to make up one's mind about nothing—to let the mind be a thoroughfare for all thoughts. —John Keats
- There is no greater excitement than to support an intellectual wife and have her support you. Marriage is a partnership in which each inspires the other, and brings fruition to both of you. —Millicent Carey McIntosh
- The only difference between intelligence and education is this: intelligence will make you a good living. —Charles F. Kettering
- To the dull mind all nature is leaden. To the illumined mind the whole world sparkles with light. —Ralph Waldo Emerson
- We pay a high price for being intelligent. Wisdom hurts. —Euripides
- He's very clever, but sometimes his brains go to his head. —Margot Asquith
- The true, strong, and sound mind is the mind that can embrace equally great things and small. —Samuel Johnson
- The height of cleverness is to conceal one's cleverness. —François, Duc de La Rochefoucauld

- Every man of genius sees the world at a different angle from his fellows.
—*Havelock Ellis*
- Unless one is a genius, it is best to aim at being intelligible.
—*Anthony Hope Hawkins*
- No one is content with his fortune, nor discontent with his intellect.
—*Madame Antoinette Deshoulières*
- A woman uses her intelligence to find reasons to support her intuition.
—*G. K. Chesterton*

Sayings

- If brains were dynamite, you wouldn't have enough to blow your nose.
- The opinion of the intelligent is better than the certainty of the ignorant.
—*North African saying*
- If ignorance is bliss, why aren't more people happy?

Jokes

- When the none-too-bright young thing came to the line on the job questionnaire that read "Sign here," she pondered briefly, then wrote, "Sagittarius."
- Most people have minds like concrete: mixed up or permanently set.

KNOWLEDGE

- Knowledge itself is power.
—*Francis Bacon*
- Knowledge is power, if you know the right person.
—*Ethel Watts Mumford*
- In expanding the field of knowledge we but increase the horizon of ignorance.
—*Henry Miller*
- Integrity without knowledge is weak and useless, and knowledge without integrity is dangerous and dreadful.
—*Samuel Johnson*
- The greater our knowledge increases, the greater our ignorance unfolds.
—*John F. Kennedy*
- We know accurately only when we know little; with knowledge doubt increases.
—*Johann Wolfgang von Goethe*
- Just in ratio as knowledge increases, faith diminishes.
—*Thomas Carlyle*
- If we value the pursuit of knowledge, we must be free to follow wherever that search may lead us. The free mind is no barking dog to be tethered on a ten-foot chain.
—*Adlai Stevenson*
- The acquisition of knowledge is the mission of research, the transmission of knowledge is the mission of teaching, and the application of knowledge is the mission of public service.
—*James A. Perkins*

- The fox knows many things, but the hedgehog knows one great thing. —*Archilochus*
- The one important thing I have learned over the years is the difference between taking one's work seriously and taking one's self seriously. The first is imperative and the second is disastrous. —*Margot Fonteyn*
- The greatest obstacle to discovery is not ignorance—it is the illusion of knowledge. —*Daniel J. Boorstin*
- Knowing others is wisdom. Knowing the self is enlightenment. —*Lao Tzu*
- You never know what is enough unless you know what is more than enough. —*William Blake*
- Knowledge is of two kinds. We know a subject ourselves, or we know where we can find information upon it. —*Samuel Johnson*
- Knowledge which is obtained under compulsion obtains no hold on the mind. —*Plato*
- Tim was so learned that he could name a horse in nine languages: so ignorant that he bought a cow to ride on. —*Benjamin Franklin*
- The great end of life is not knowledge but action. —*Thomas Henry Huxley*

Sayings

- He who knows not, and knows not that he knows not, is a fool; shun him. He who knows not and knows that he knows not is a student; teach him. He who knows, and knows not that he knows, is asleep; wake him. He who knows, and knows that he knows, is wise; follow him. —*Asian proverb*
- Regardless of how rich you are, wisdom has to be acquired on the installment plan.
- What you don't know can hurt you.
- He that knows little soon repeats it.
- If you don't know, ask.
- No one is without knowledge except he who asks no questions. —*West African saying*
- Not to know is bad; not to wish to know is worse. —*West African saying*

Jokes

- You may lead an ass to knowledge but you cannot make him think. —*Ethel Watts Mumford*
- Never pride yourself on knowledge. Remember, even a head of iceberg lettuce knows more than you do. It knows whether or not that light really does go out when the refrigerator door shuts.

MEMORY

- Youth longs and manhood strives, but age remembers. . . . —*Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.*
- A retentive memory may be a good thing, but the ability to forget is the true token of greatness. —*Elbert Hubbard*
- The right honorable gentleman is indebted to his memory for his jests and to his imagination for his facts. —*Richard Brinsley Sheridan*
- Forget and forgive. This is not difficult, when properly understood. It means that you are to forget inconvenient duties, and forgive yourself for forgetting. In time, by rigid practice and stern determination, it comes easy. —*Mark Twain*
- Literature transmits incontrovertible condensed experience . . . from generation to generation. In this way literature becomes the living memory of a nation. —*Alexander Solzhenitsyn*
- The nation which forgets its defenders will be itself forgotten. —*Calvin Coolidge*
- My yesterdays walk with me. They keep step, they are gray faces that peer over my shoulder. —*William Golding*
- Because I remember, I despair. Because I remember, I have the duty to reject despair. —*Elie Wiesel*
- I do not bring forgiveness with me, nor forgetfulness. The only ones who can forgive are dead; the living have no right to forget. —*Chaim Herzog, at the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp*
- Memory is the mother of all wisdom. —*Aeschylus*
- Memory is a net; one finds it full of fish when he takes it from the brook, but a dozen miles of water have run through it without sticking. —*Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.*
- Everyone complains of his lack of memory, but nobody of his want of judgment. —*François, Duc de La Rochefoucauld*
- Better by far that you should forget and smile / Than that you should remember and be sad. —*Christina Rossetti*
- It is not so easy to forget. —*Richard Brinsley Sheridan*
- 'Tis sweet to think on what was hard t'endure. —*Robert Herrick*
- Our memories are card indexes consulted, and then put back in disorder, by authorities whom we do not control. —*Cyril Connolly*

Sayings

- When I am right, no one remembers; when I am wrong, no one forgets.
- Things that live on in memory have no visible means of support.
- We are apt to remember most vividly what we would most like to forget.
- Memory plays strange tricks.

Jokes

- I have a memory like an elephant. In fact, elephants often consult me.
—Noel Coward (*attrib.*)
- “Memory, it’s overrated,” complained the absentminded professor to a fellow teacher.
“I can’t say I agree with you,” said his friend.
“Agree about what?”

OBJECTIVITY

- Show me a man who claims he is objective and I’ll show you a man with illusions.
—Henry R. Luce
- If I were objective or if you were objective or if anyone was, he would have to be put away somewhere in an institution because he’d be some sort of vegetable.
—David Brinkley
- Obstinacy is the result of the will forcing itself into the place of the intellect.
—Arthur Schopenhauer
- What was most significant about the lunar voyage was not that men set foot on the moon but that they set eye on earth.
—Norman Cousins
- Smallness of mind is the cause of stubbornness, and we do not credit readily what is beyond our view.
—François, Duc de La Rochefoucauld
- Many things cause pain which would cause pleasure if you regarded their advantages.
—Baltasar Gracián
- A prophet is not without honor, save in his own country.
—Matthew 13:37

Sayings

- Far too many of us bring our prejudices along when we listen to a new idea.
- Great Spirit, grant that I may not criticize my neighbor until I have walked a mile in his moccasins.
—Native American saying

Jokes

- The chairman of the board was famed for his bullheadedness and inability to listen to anyone else, let alone take their advice. Why should he, since he had never made a mistake.
One day an exasperated executive couldn’t hold back any longer. “You say you’re always right, Ted, but there must have been times when you goofed up. Admit it.”
The chairman nodded. “Actually, it did happen once.”
“Aha!”
“Some years back I made a decision I thought was the wrong one,” the chairman elaborated, “but it turned out to be absolutely right.”

- When the pediatrician arrived late one morning and had to wend his way to the door through a group of frazzled mothers and cranky babies, one woman remarked to another, “I suppose to him we look just like a sink full of dirty dishes.”

OPINION

- Let us always remember that he does not really believe his own opinions who dares not give free scope to his opponent. —*Wendell Phillips*
- It is the absolute right of the state to supervise the formation of public opinion. —*Joseph Goebbels*
- In all matters of opinion, our adversaries are insane. —*Mark Twain*
- I am always of the opinion with the learned, if they speak first. —*William Congreve*
- Popular opinions, on subjects not palpable to sense, are often true, but seldom or never the whole truth. —*John Stuart Mill*
- The fact that an opinion has been widely held is no evidence whatever that it is not utterly absurd. —*Bertrand Russell*
- Opinion is ultimately determined by the feelings, and not by the intellect. —*Herbert Spencer*
- People think of the inventor as a screwball, but no one ever asks the inventor what he thinks of other people. —*Charles F. Kettering*
- I am free of all prejudice. I hate everyone equally. —*W. C. Fields*
- Prejudice is an opinion without judgment. —*Voltaire*
- Those who never retract their opinions love themselves more than they love the truth. —*Joseph Joubert*
- Nothing is more unjust or capricious than public opinion. —*William Hazlitt*
- Give every man thine ear, but few thy voice. —*William Shakespeare*
- They that approve a private opinion, call it opinion; but they that dislike it, heresy; and yet heresy signifies no more than private opinion. —*Thomas Hobbes*
- I hate to go on tryin’ your patience like this—but—well, I’m either dead right or I’m crazy. —*Jefferson, in Mr. Smith Goes to Washington, screenplay by Sidney Buchman*
- Taking a break from the courtroom squabbles of a case in Rock Island, Abraham Lincoln took a walk in the countryside. He followed a stream and came to a bridge, and a young boy sitting right in the middle. Lincoln said companionably, “I suppose you know all about this river.” “Sure I do, Mister,” responded the boy. “It was here when I was born and it’s been here ever since.” Lincoln smiled broadly. “It’s good to be out here where there is so much fact and so little opinion.”

Sayings

- A great leader molds public opinion; a wise leader listens to it.
- If I wanted your opinion, I'd ask for it.
- One man's meat is another man's poison.
- Each to his own taste.

Jokes

- Running into the local attorney on a street corner, the man asked her a business question. He was startled when a bill for her services arrived a few days later, to the tune of \$850.00.
Not long afterwards they ran into each other on the street again, and the lawyer greeted him cheerfully.
“Good morning,” he responded, “but I’m telling you, not asking you.”
- Desk sign: YOU MAY NOT THINK MUCH OF WHAT I HAVE TO SAY, BUT REMEMBER, IT’S ONE SIX-BILLION-TWO-HUNDRED-AND-TWENTY-SEVEN-MILLIONTH OF THE WORLD’S OPINION.

ORIGINALITY

- The future of dance? If I knew, I’d want to do it first. —*Martha Graham*
- Originality exists in every individual because each of us differs from the other. We are all primary numbers divisible only by ourselves. —*Jean Guitton*
- Originality does not consist in saying what no one has ever said before, but in saying exactly what you think yourself. —*James Stephens*
- What is originality? Undetected plagiarism. —*Dean Inge*
- My guess is that well over 80 percent of the human race goes through life without having a single original thought. —*H. L. Mencken*
- People who take time to be alone usually have depth, originality, and quiet reserve. —*John Miller*
- There is no new thing under the sun. —*Ecclesiastes 1:9*

Sayings

- People who claim to be “original” aren’t giving their parents enough credit.
- Originality is not necessarily better than imitation, but it makes imitation possible.
- He stands the tallest who stands alone.
- It’s fine to stand out from the crowd, but not when they’re shooting at you.

Jokes

- “Hendricks, your performance with our team has been so exceptional I’d like you to start up our new operation in Green Bay,” said the beaming boss.
“Green Bay—nobody lives there but fat, dumb meat packers and football players,” he blurted.
“I’ll have you know, Hendricks, that my wife comes from Green Bay.”
The bright young man recovered quickly, asking, “And what position does she play?”
- A company that sold red salmon found itself being outsold by pink salmon by a significant ratio. Finally, desperate to get a bigger share of the market, the owner hired an advertising agency. “I don’t care what it takes, as long as it’s legal,” he instructed them.
All the agency did was change the label on the can, to read: “Authentic Norwegian Red Salmon—guaranteed not to turn pink.”
- “Got that, Beth?” Finished dictating, the executive looked over at his trusty secretary.
Beth looked down at her notes and read, “Letter to old what’s-his-name, look up company name and address, usual salutation followed by standard opening paragraph, etc., etc., etc., toss in a few statistics, blah, blah blah, a bit of flattery and good luck with the new model, and the usual Yours truly.”
“Sounds about right. Type it up, will you?”

PREJUDICE

- Minds are like parachutes: they only function when open. —*Thomas R. Dewar*
- It’s only big enough people who can afford, occasionally, to be untrammeled by ordinary prejudice. —*Han Suyin*
- Prejudice is not so much dependent upon natural antipathy as upon education. —*David Ruggles*
- Race prejudice is the devil unchained. —*Charles Waddell Chestnutt*
- The ignorant are always prejudiced and the prejudiced are always ignorant. —*Charles Victor Roman*
- . . . pride of race is the antidote to prejudice. —*Arthur Alfonso Schomburg*
- If prejudice could reason, it would dispel itself. —*William Pickens*
- [Bigotry’s] birthplace is the sinister back room of the mind where plots and schemes are hatched for the persecution and oppression of other human beings. —*Bayard Rustin*
- It is never too late to give up your prejudices. —*Henry David Thoreau*
- He prided himself on being a man without prejudice, and this itself is a very great prejudice. —*Anatole France*
- Prejudice is the child of ignorance. —*William Hazlitt*

- Our nation's long neglect of minorities whose skin is dark is perhaps only a little worse than our neglect of another minority whose hair is white. —*Lyndon B. Johnson*
- Irrational barriers and ancient prejudices fall quickly when the question of survival itself is at stake. —*John F. Kennedy*
- Ignorance is stubborn and prejudice dies hard. —*Adlai Stevenson*
- I'm an equal-opportunity bigot. I offend everyone! —*Blanche Knott*
- A chip on the shoulder is a sure indication that there is more wood higher up. —*Aldous Huxley*

Sayings

- Hate has no medicine. —*West African saying*
- The difference between conviction and prejudice is that you can defend a conviction without getting angry.

Joke

- A Chinese man was having a quiet drink when a Jewish guy came over and slugged him so hard he fell off the barstool. “Wha . . . what the hell was *that* for?” asked the poor guy, pulling himself upright.
“*That* was for Pearl Harbor,” was the defiant explanation.
“The *Japanese* attacked Pearl Harbor. I’m *Chinese*,” he protested.
“Japanese, Chinese, they’re all the same to me,” snorted the aggressor, and returned to his beer.
A few minutes later, the Chinese man went over and slammed the first guy headfirst into the bar. Watching him stagger to his feet, he explained calmly, “That was for the *Titanic*.
“The *Titanic*?” Dazed and bewildered, the Jew protested, “The *Titanic* was sunk by an iceberg.”
As he turned away, the Chinese man shrugged. “Iceberg, Goldberg, they’re all the same to me.”

PSYCHOLOGY

- I prefer neurotic people. I like to hear rumblings beneath the surface. —*Stephen Sondheim*
- The analysis of character is the highest human entertainment. —*Isaac Bashevis Singer*
- Knowing your own darkness is the best method for dealing with the darknesses of other people. —*Carl Jung*
- Work and love—these are the basics. Without them, there is neurosis. —*Theodor Reik*

- The good writing of any age has always been the product of someone's neurosis.
—*William Styron*
- Everything that irritates us about others can lead us to an understanding of ourselves.
—*Carl Jung*
- When depression is stigmatized as illness and weakness, a double bind is created: if we admit to depression, we will be stigmatized by others; if we feel it but do not admit it, we stigmatize ourselves, internalizing the social judgment. . . . The only remaining choice may be truly sick behavior: to experience no emotion at all.
—*Lesley Hazleton*
- Neurosis seems to be a human privilege.
—*Sigmund Freud*
- Castles in the air—they are so easy to take refuge in. And so easy to build as well.
—*Henrik Ibsen*
- Behavioral psychology is the science of pulling habits out of rats.
—*Douglas Busch*
- The mind is its own place, and in itself, / Can make a Heaven of Hell, a Hell of Heaven.
—*John Milton*
- The object of all psychology is to give us a totally different idea of the things we know best.
—*Paul Valéry*
- Many of the quests for status symbols—the hot automobile, the best table in a restaurant, or a private chat with the boss—are shadowy reprises of infant anxieties. . . . The larger office, the corner space, the extra window are the teddy bears and tricycles of adult office life.
—*Willard Gaylin*
- We can be sure that the greatest hope for maintaining equilibrium in the face of any situation rests within ourselves. Persons who are secure with a transcendental system of values and a deep sense of moral duties are possessors of values which no man and no catastrophe can take from them.
—*Francis J. Braceland*
- Psychoanalysis . . . shows the human infant as the passive recipient of love, unable to bear hostility. Development is the learning to love actively and to bear rejection.
—*Karl Stern*

Sayings

- Psychology is the science of predicting how people behave—and explaining why they don't.
- Was the world happier before psychology, or was that a delusion?

Joke

- What did one lab rat say to the other?
“I've got my scientist so well trained that every time I push the buzzer, he brings me a snack.”

THOUGHT AND THINKING

- Nothing pains some people more than having to think. —*Martin Luther King Jr.*
- Judgment is more than skill. It sets forth on intellectual seas beyond the shores of hard indisputable factual information. —*Kingman Brewster*
- Don't just do something, stand there. —*Fr. Daniel Berrigan, on the importance of thought as well as action during the 1960s war protests*
- I have always thought the actions of men the best interpreters of their thoughts. —*John Locke*
- His words leap across rivers and mountains, but his thoughts are still only six inches long. —*E. B. White*
- Profundity of thought belongs to youth, clarity of thought to old age. —*Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche*
- Iron rusts from disuse, stagnant water loses its purity, and in cold weather becomes frozen; even so does inaction sap the vigors of the mind. —*Leonardo da Vinci*
- Intellectual activity is a danger to the building of character. —*Joseph Goebbels*
- Every man who expresses an honest thought is a soldier in the army of intellectual liberty. —*Robert G. Ingersoll*
- An intellectual is someone whose mind watches itself. —*Albert Camus*
- It is not enough to have a good mind; the main thing is to use it well. —*René Descartes*
- The only means of strengthening one's intellect is to make up one's mind about nothing—to let the mind be a thoroughfare for all thoughts. —*John Keats*
- Learning without thought is labor lost; thought without learning is perilous. —*Confucius*
- Man is a plant which bears thoughts, just as a rose-tree bears roses and an apple-tree bears apples. —*Antoine Fabre D'Olivet*
- If I look confused it's because I'm thinking. —*Sam Goldwyn*
- When all think alike, then no one is thinking. —*Walter Lippmann*
- Analysis kills spontaneity. The grain once ground into flour springs and germinates no more. —*Henri-Frédéric Amiel*
- In the field of observation, chance favors only the prepared minds. —*Louis Pasteur*
- One must learn to think well before learning to think; afterward it proves too difficult. —*Anatole France*
- If you make people think they're thinking, they'll love you. If you really make them think, they'll hate you. —*Don Marquis*
- A thought is often original, though you have uttered it a hundred times. —*Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.*

- When a thought is too weak to be expressed simply, it is proof that it should be rejected.
—*Luc de Clapiers, Marquis de Vauvenargues*
- When he who hears does not know what he who speaks means, and when he who speaks does not know what he himself means—that is philosophy.
—*Voltaire*
- To be honest, what I feel really bad about is that I don't feel worse. That is the intellectual's problem in a nutshell.
—*Michael Frayn*
- I too had thoughts once of being an intellectual, but I found it too difficult.
—*Albert Schweitzer*
- We pay a high price for being intelligent. Wisdom hurts.
—*Euripides*

Sayings

- Think today and speak tomorrow
- Think with the wise, but talk to the vulgar.
- Thinking is very far from knowing.

Jokes

- Manager: Say, what happened to all those THINK signs you used to have posted on the walls?
Second manager: Had to take 'em down. Everyone was sitting around thinking and no work got done.
- Einstein explained his theory to me every day, and on my arrival I was fully convinced that he understood it.
—*Chaim Weizmann, president of Israel, on transatlantic crossing with Albert Einstein*
- “We’re going to play a little game today,” Miss Kirk announced to the second graders. “I’m going to describe something and you see if you can guess what it is. Now the first thing is a fruit, and it’s red and round.”
“A tomato?” guessed Freddie.
“No, I was thinking of an apple—but I’m glad you’re thinking,” praised Miss Kirk.
“How about another fruit, with a yellow, bumpy skin?”
“A lemon?”
“No, Ramona, but I’m glad to see you’re thinking. The answer’s a grapefruit,” corrected Miss Kirk gently. “Who can tell what round, green vegetable I have in mind? Susie?”
“Lettuce?”
“No, I was thinking of a pea. But I’m glad to see you’re thinking.”
Just then little Danny raised his hand from the back row. “Can I ask you one, teacher?”
Miss Kirk nodded.
“I got something in my pocket. It’s long, and it’s hard, and it’s got a pink tip—”

"Danny," broke in Miss Kirk, "that's disgusting!"

"It's a match," said Danny, "but I'm glad to see you're thinking."

VISION

- I skate to where the puck is going to be, not where it has been. —*Wayne Gretzky*
- Dream as if you'll live forever. Live as if you'll die today. —*James Dean*
- Every closed eye is not sleeping, and every open eye is not seeing. —*Bill Cosby*
- Fooling around with alternating current is just a waste of time. Nobody will use it, ever. It's too dangerous. Direct current is safe. —*Thomas Alva Edison*
- What, sir, would you make a ship sail against the wind and currents by lighting a bonfire under her deck? I pray you excuse me. I have no time to listen to such nonsense. —*Napoleon to Robert Fulton*
- Necessity can set me helpless on my back, but she cannot keep me there; nor can four walls limit my vision. —*Margaret Fairless Barber*
- The man who radiates good cheer, who makes life happier wherever he meets it, is always a man of vision and faith. —*Ella Wheeler Wilcox*

Sayings

- Where there is no vision, the people perish. —*Proverbs 29:18*
- You must scale the mountain if you would view the plain. —*Chinese proverb*
- A task without a vision is drudgery. A vision without a task is a dream. A task with a vision is victory. —*German proverb*
- What's the use of running if you're not on the right road? —*German proverb*
- A genius is one who shoots at something no one else can see, and hits it.

Jokes

- A tourist visiting Italy came upon the construction site of a huge church. "What are you doing?" he asked three stonemasons who were working at their trade.
 "I'm cutting stone," answered the first tersely.
 "I'm cutting stone for twenty lira a day," the second responded.
 "I'm helping build a great cathedral," the third stonemason announced.
- The father was very proud when his son went off to college. He came to tour the school on Parents' Day and observed his son hard at work in the chemistry lab. "What are you working on?" he asked.
 "A universal solvent," explained the son, "a solvent that'll dissolve anything."
 The father whistled, clearly impressed, then wondered aloud, "What'll you keep it in?"

WISDOM

- A short saying oft contains much wisdom. —*Sophocles*
- It is unwise to be too sure of one's own wisdom. It is healthy to be reminded that the strongest might weaken and the wisest might err. —*Mahatma Gandhi*
- Nowadays most people die of a sort of creeping common sense and discover when it is too late that the only things one never regrets are one's mistakes. —*Oscar Wilde*
- Caution is the eldest child of wisdom. —*Victor Hugo*
- Wisdom comes by disillusionment. —*George Santayana*
- It is a characteristic of wisdom not to do desperate things. —*Henry David Thoreau*
- Wisdom at times is found in folly. —*Horace*
- The beginning of wisdom is the definition of terms. —*Socrates*
- In order to act wisely it is not enough to be wise. —*Fyodor Dostoyevsky*
- Good people are good because they've come to wisdom through failure. We get very little wisdom from success, you know. —*William Saroyan*
- We do not receive wisdom, we must discover it for ourselves, after a journey through the wilderness which no one else can make for us, which no one can spare us, for our wisdom is the point of view from which we come at last to regard the world. —*Marcel Proust*
- Self-reflection is the school of wisdom. —*Baltasar Gracián*
- Reason is a weak antagonist against love. —*Madeleine de Scudéry*
- Who is wise? He that learns from everyone. Who is powerful? He that governs his passions. Who is rich? He that is content. Who is that? Nobody. —*Benjamin Franklin*
- If one is too lazy to think, too vain to do a thing badly, too cowardly to admit it, one will never attain wisdom. —*Cyril Connolly*
- Nine-tenths of wisdom consists in being wise in time. —*Theodore Roosevelt*
- The art of being wise is the art of knowing what to overlook. —*William James*
- It is better to be wise than to seem wise. —*Origenes Adamantius*
- Wisdom is greater than knowledge, for wisdom includes knowledge and the due use of it. —*Joseph Burritt Sevelli Capponi*
- Everyone complains of his memory, but no one complains of his judgment. —*François, Duc de La Rochefoucauld*

Sayings

- Wisdom comes with age. —*West African saying*
- Those killed by lack of wisdom are numerous. Those killed by wisdom do not amount to anything. —*West African saying*

- The fool can no more taste the sweetness of wisdom than the man with a cold can appreciate the scent of a rose. —*North African saying*
 - When two men of equal wisdom play together, discord arises. —*West African saying*

Joke

- The theology student decided his academic pursuits were a travesty and that he should go forth and seek the meaning of life for himself. And in the course of his travels, he was directed to a distant peak in the Himalayas where a great sage resided. Arriving at the sage's austere cave after a trek of many days, the student prostrated himself and asked humbly, "Oh, Revered Master, what is life?"

"Life," pronounced the wizened old man gravely, "is the scent of jasmine after a spring rain."

The student frowned. "But Master," he objected gently, "an Incan wise man I encountered on the steps of Machu Picchu told me life was a thorn like a needle of tempered steel."

The sage nodded, unperturbed, and said, "That's *his* life."

T H E B O D Y

AGE AND AGING

Middle Age

- As long as a woman can look ten years younger than her own daughter, she is perfectly satisfied.
—Oscar Wilde
- We have not passed that subtle line between childhood and adulthood until we move from the passive voice to the active voice—that is until we have stopped saying “It got lost,” and say, “I lost it.”
—Sydney J. Harris
- When I can look life in the eyes, grown calm and very coldly wise, life will have given me the truth, and taken in exchange—my youth.
—Sara Teasdale
- He must have had a magnificent build before his stomach went in for a career of its own.
—Margaret Halsey
- Forty is the old age of youth; fifty is the youth of old age.
—Victor Hugo
- No one over thirty-five is worth meeting who has not something to teach us—something more than we could learn ourselves, from a book.
—Cyril Connolly
- The man who views the world at fifty the same as he did at twenty has wasted thirty years of his life.
—Muhammad Ali
- The greatest thing about getting older is that you don’t lose all the other ages you’ve been.
—Madeleine L’Engle
- Middle age is the time when a man is always thinking that in a week or two he will feel as good as ever.
—Don Marquis
- He carried his childhood like a hurt warm bird held to his middle-aged breast.
—Herbert Gold
- Do not go gentle into that good night. / Rage, rage against the dying of the light.
—Dylan Thomas
- Age is a very high price to pay for maturity.
—Tom Stoppard
- Litigation takes the place of sex at middle age.
—Gore Vidal
- When I grow up, I want to be a little boy.
—Joseph Heller
- At twenty years of age the will reigns; at thirty, the wit; at forty, the judgment.
—Benjamin Franklin

- I refuse to admit that I am more than fifty-two, even if that does make my sons illegitimate. —*Lady Nancy Astor (attrib.)*
- Middle age: When you begin to exchange your emotions for symptoms. —*Irvin Cobb*
- Boys will be boys, and so will a lot of middle-aged men. —*Elbert Hubbard*
- A woman is as old as she looks before breakfast. —*Edgar Watson Howe*
- Discussing how old you are is the temple of boredom. —*Ruth Gordon*
- Anyone can get old. All you have to do is live long enough. —*Groucho Marx*
- My only fear is that I may live too long. —*Thomas Jefferson*
- All would live long, but none would be old. —*Benjamin Franklin*
- 'Tis very certain the desire of life / Prolongs it. —*George Gordon, Lord Byron*
- I have been asked, "How do you grow old so easily?" I reply, "Very easily. I give all my time to it." —*Emanuel Celler*
- The four stages of man are infancy, childhood, adolescence, and obsolescence. —*Art Linkletter*
- People like John Lee Hooker, B. B. King and Jerry Lee Lewis demonstrate that this doesn't stop when you are 30, that you can keep your youth's inclinations. What is indeed changed, is that you start writing grown-up texts. —*George Koymans*
- When you are about thirty-five years old, something terrible always happens to music. —*Steve Race*
- What he hath scanted men in hair, he hath given them in wit. —*William Shakespeare*
- Children are a great comfort in your old age—and they help you to reach it faster, too. —*Lionel M. Kauffman*
- I don't care how old you get, I think a woman ought to stay sexy for her husband. —*Tammy Faye Bakker*
- Women, as they grow older, rely more and more on cosmetics. Men, as they grow older, rely more and more on a sense of humor. —*George Jean Nathan*
- One of the many things nobody ever tells you about middle age is that it's such a nice change from being young. —*Dorothy Canfield Fisher*

Sayings

- At twenty, we don't care what the world thinks of us; at thirty, we worry about what it's thinking of us; at forty we discover it isn't thinking about us at all.
- Middle age is when:
 the narrow waist and the broad mind begin to change places.
 you still have the old spark, but it takes more puffing.
 your idea of getting ahead is staying even.
 you know all the answers and nobody asks you the questions.

Jokes

- An enthusiastic tennis player, Supreme Court justice Hugo Black was advised by his doctor that the sport was inadvisable for someone in his forties. "In that case," rejoined the judge, "I can't wait to turn fifty so I can play again."
- I've got everything I had twenty years ago—except now it's all lower. —*Gypsy Rose Lee*
- Fun is like life insurance; the older you get, the more it costs. —*Elbert Hubbard*
- I may be forty, but every morning when I get up I feel like a twenty-year-old. Unfortunately, there's never one around.
- You know you're getting old when everything hurts, and what doesn't hurt, doesn't work.
- I was born in 1962. True. And the room next to me was 1963 . . . —*Joan Rivers*
- An actress told Bob Hope she was "approaching forty." The comedian couldn't help wondering from what direction.
- My wife never lies about her age. She just tells everyone she's as old as I am. Then she lies about my age.
- Paul Putney had planned a trip to Paris for a very long time, and the day after his retirement, he was on a plane. His old friend Herb met him at the airport, and asked, "Well, Paul, how was Paris?"
"Oh, it was fine," replied the weary traveler, "but I wish I'd gone twenty years ago."
"When Paris was really Paris, eh?" said Herb sympathetically.
"No, when Paul Putney was really Paul Putney."

Old Age

- One of the many pleasures of old age is giving things up. —*Malcolm Muggeridge*
- If you don't learn to laugh at trouble, you won't have anything to laugh at when you grow old. —*Edgar Watson Howe*
- It is always the season for the old to learn. —*Aeschylus*
- I'll never make the mistake of bein' seventy again! —*Casey Stengel*
- Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young. The greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young. —*Henry Ford*
- Old men are fond of giving good advice to console themselves for their inability to give bad examples. —*François, Duc de La Rochefoucauld*
- Growing old is no more than a bad habit which a busy man has no time to form. —*André Maurois*
- In old age . . . we are like a batch of letters that someone has sent. We are no longer in the past, we have arrived. —*Knut Hamsun*
- Lord, lord! How subject we old men are to this vice of lying. —*William Shakespeare*

- Old boys have their playthings as well as young ones; the difference is only in the price.
—*Benjamin Franklin*
 - To me, old age is always fifteen years older than I am.
—*Bernard Baruch*
 - Growing old is like being increasingly penalized for a crime you haven't committed.
—*Anthony Powell*
 - The first forty years of life give us the text; the next thirty supply the commentary.
—*Arthur Schopenhauer*
 - I adore life but I don't fear death. I just prefer to die as late as possible.
—*Georges Simenon*
 - There ain't nothin' an ol' man can do but bring me a message from a young one.
—*Jackie "Moms" Mabley*
 - Years ago, I thought old age would be dreadful, because I should not be able to do things I would want to do. Now I find there is nothing I want to do after all.
—*Lady Nancy Astor*
 - Age wins and one must learn to grow old.
—*Diana Cooper*
 - Being an old maid is like death by drowning, a really delightful sensation after you cease to struggle.
—*Edna Ferber*
 - I'm not interested in age. People who tell their age are silly. You're as young as you feel.
—*Elizabeth Arden*
 - When we grow old, there can only be one regret—not to have given enough of ourselves.
—*Eleonora Duse*
 - I never allow myself to be bored, because boredom is ageing. If you live in the past you grow old, and dull, and dusty. It's very nice, of course, to be young and beautiful; but there are other qualities, thank God.
—*Marie Tempest*

Sayings

- Do not resist growing old—many are denied the privilege.
 - You're not as young as you used to be / But you're not as old as you're going to be / So watch it! *—Irish saying*
 - You're only as old as you act / as you feel you are.
 - Long life is a gift that nobody gets to keep.
 - Old age doesn't keep men from chasing women; they just have trouble remembering why.
 - We grow too soon old and too late smart. *—Pennsylvania Dutch saying*

Jokes

- Nowadays there's a pill for everything—to keep your nose from running, to keep you regular, to keep your heart beating, to keep your hair from falling out, to improve your

muscle tone. . . . Why thanks to advances in medical science, every day people are dying who never looked better.

- At his annual checkup Bernie was given an excellent bill of health. "It must run in your family," commented the doctor. "How old was your dad when he died?"

"What makes you think he's dead?" asked Bernie. "He's ninety and still going strong."

"Aha! And how long did your grandfather live?"

"What makes you think he's dead, Doc? He's a hundred and six and getting married to a twenty-two-year-old next week," Bernie informed him.

"At his age!" exclaimed the doctor. "Why's he want to marry such a young woman?"

"Doc," replied Bernie, "what makes you think he wants to?"

- What's good about having Alzheimer's?

—You're always meeting new people, and you can hide your own Easter eggs.

- The elderly man flattered himself that he was still a ladies' man, and decided to flirt with the comely waitress. "So tell me, sweetheart, where have you been all my life?" he crooned.

"Actually, sir," she pointed out sweetly, "for the first forty-five years of it, I wasn't even around."

- When in his nineties, Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes was out for a stroll with a friend when they happened past a lovely young woman. "Ah," sighed the judge, "what I'd give to be seventy again . . ."

- What's the difference between the young and the old?

—The young don't know what to do, while the old can't do what they know.

- Why are old people so wrinkled?

—Ever try to iron one?

- When an aged woman was asked if there were to be candles on her birthday cake, she responded curtly, "No, it's a birthday party, not a torchlight procession."

- An eager-beaver real-estate agent was doing his best to pitch a condominium to this old coot in Palm Beach. Having outlined its many attractions, he concluded his pitch, "And, Mr. Rosenblatt, this is an investment in the future."

"Sonny," croaked Mr. Rosenblatt, "at my age I don't even buy green bananas."

B E A U T Y

- Men ought to be more conscious of their bodies as objects of delight.

—*Germaine Greer*

- I don't like standard beauty. There is no beauty without strangeness.

—*Karl Lagerfeld*

- How you lose or keep your hair depends on how wisely you choose your parents.

—*Edward R. Nida*

- There is no cosmetic for beauty like happiness.

—*Marguerite, Countess of Blessington*

- Love built on beauty, soon as beauty, dies. —*John Donne*
 - She walks in beauty, like the night / Of cloudless climes and starry skies, / And all that's best of dark and bright / Meet in her aspect and her eyes. —*George Gordon, Lord Byron*
 - Beauty: The power by which a woman charms a lover and terrifies a husband. —*Ambrose Bierce*
 - No object is so beautiful that, under certain conditions, it will not look ugly. —*Oscar Wilde*
 - My wife was too beautiful for words, but not for arguments. —*John Barrymore*
 - When I am working on a problem, I never think about beauty . . . but when I have finished, if the solution is not beautiful, I know it is wrong. —*R. Buckminster Fuller*
 - It is only the shallow people who do not judge by appearance. —*Oscar Wilde*
 - There is no excellent beauty that hath not some strangeness in the proportion. —*Francis Bacon*
 - A thing of beauty is a joy forever. —*John Keats*
 - It is amazing how complete is the delusion that beauty is goodness. —*Leo Tolstoy*
 - Remember that the most beautiful things in the world are the most useless; peacocks and lilies, for instance. —*John Ruskin*
 - Ask a toad what is beauty. . . . He will answer that it is a female with two great round eyes coming out of her little head, a large flat mouth, a yellow belly, and a brown back. —*Voltaire*
 - A much more effective and lasting method of face-lifting than surgical technique is happy thinking, new interests, and outdoor exercise. —*Dr. Sara Murray Jordan*
 - I always say beauty is only skin deep. —*Saki (H. H. Munro)*
 - I'm tired of all this nonsense about beauty being only skin deep. That is deep enough. What do you want, an adorable pancreas? —*Jean Kerr*
 - Anatomically speaking, a bust is here today and gone tomorrow. —*Isobel Barnett*

Sayings

- Beauty is only skin deep.
 - Beauty is in the eye of the beholder.
 - Only the brave desert the fair.

Jokes

- Adam was the perfect figure of a man, and Eve was indescribably beautiful . . . so where did all the ugly people come from?
 - Sometimes I just go [to the beauty parlor] for an estimate. —*Phyllis Diller*

- Her hair has more body than I do.
- I am beautiful; *you* have quite good features; *she* isn't bad looking if you like that type.

DEATH

- Of all escape mechanisms, death is the most efficient. —*H. L. Mencken*
- Death is the greatest evil, because it cuts off hope. —*William Hazlitt*
- I shall never act differently, even if I have to die for it many times. —*Socrates*
- If I could drop dead right now, I'd be the happiest man alive. —*Samuel Goldwyn*
- But man dieth, and wasteth away: yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where is he? —*Job 14:10*
- When good men die, their goodness does not perish. —*Euripides*
- May my last breath be drawn through a pipe and exhaled in a pun. —*Charles Lamb*
- The general outlook is not that the person has died but that the person has lived. —*William Buchanan, on writing obituaries*
- Death is the sound of distant thunder at a picnic. —*W. H. Auden*
- . . . any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in Mankind; and therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee. —*John Donne*
- If my doctor told me I only had six minutes to live, I wouldn't brood. I'd type a little faster. —*Issac Asimov*
- Boy, when you're dead, they really fix you up. I hope to hell when I *do* die somebody has sense enough to just dump me in the river or something. Anything except sticking me in a goddamn cemetery. People coming and putting a bunch of flowers on your stomach on Sunday and all that crap. Who wants flowers when you're dead? Nobody. —*J. D. Salinger*
- Eternity is a terrible thought. I mean, when's it going to end? —*Tom Stoppard*
- . . . in this world nothing is certain but death and taxes. —*Benjamin Franklin*
- For death is swallowed up in victory. / O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? —*I Corinthians 15:55*
- Death be not proud, though some have called thee / Mighty and dreadful, for thou art not so. / For those whom thou think'st thou dost overthrow / Die not, poor Death, not yet canst thou kill me. —*John Donne*
- Dust thou art, to dust returnest / Was not spoken of the soul. —*Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*
- I have a rendezvous with Death / At some disputed barricade. —*Alan Seeger*
- . . . it's a blessing to die for a cause, because you can so easily die for nothing. —*Andrew Young*

- Death is the price of revolution. —*H. Rap (Hubert Gerald) Brown*
 - We know the road to freedom has always been stalked by death. —*Angela Davis*
 - If you're afraid to die, you will not be able to live. —*James Baldwin*
 - The present life is naught but a diversion and a sport; surely the Last Abode is Life, did they but know? —*Koran, 29:64*
 - Death is just a low chemical trick played on everybody except sequoia trees. —*J. J. Furnas*
 - . . . I hope to see my Pilot face to face / When I have crossed the bar. —*Alfred, Lord Tennyson*
 - . . . Adam, the first great benefactor of our race. He brought death into the world. —*Mark Twain*
 - To die will be an awfully big adventure. —*James M. Barrie*
 - It hath been often said that it is not death but dying which is terrible. —*Henry Fielding*
 - If this is dying, I don't think much of it. —*Lytton Strachey (attrib.)*
 - The reports of my death are greatly exaggerated. —*Mark Twain*
 - Why fear death? It is the most beautiful adventure in life. —*Charles Frohman, May 7, 1915; supposedly said as he was dying in the torpedoing of the S.S. Lusitania*
 - His death was the first time that Ed Wynn ever made anyone sad. —*Red Skelton*
 - Earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. —*Burial of the Dead from The Book of Common Prayer*

Sayings

- To die in the flower of age is a life offered in sacrifice. —*Madagascar saying*
 - Death is nature's way of telling you to slow down.
 - If you don't go to people's funerals, they won't come to yours.

Jokes

- For three days after death, hair and fingernails continue to grow, but phone calls taper off.
—*Johnny Carson*
 - How can they tell?
—*Dorothy Parker, on being informed of the demise of Pres. Calvin Coolidge*
 - Two old guys wonder if there's baseball in heaven, and promise each other that the first to die will somehow let the other one know. A week later, one of them dies. And a week after that, his friend recognizes his voice coming down from the clouds. "Joe, I've got some good news and some bad news," the disembodied voice reports. "The

good news is that there *is* a baseball team in heaven. The bad news is that you're pitching on Friday."

DIETING

- I'm a fat anorexic. —*Kiri Te Kanawa*
- The best way to lose weight is to close your mouth—something very difficult for a politician. Or watch your food—just watch it, don't eat it. —*Edward I. Koch*
- The biggest seller is cookbooks and the second is diet books—how not to eat what you've just learned now to cook. —*Andy Rooney*
- To lengthen thy life, lessen thy meals. —*Benjamin Franklin*
- One must eat to live, not live to eat. —*Molière*
- O, that this too too solid flesh would melt . . . —*William Shakespeare*
- Everything I like is either illegal, immoral, or fattening. —*Alexander Wollcott (attrib.)*
- The appetite grows by eating. —*François Rabelais*
- Who ever hears of fat men heading a riot, or herding together in turbulent mobs? —*Washington Irving*
- I went on a diet, swore off drinking and heavy eating, and in fourteen days I lost two weeks. —*Joe E. Lewis*
- Those magazine dieting stories always have the testimonial of a woman who wore a dress that could slipcover New Jersey in one photo and thirty days later looked like a well-dressed thermometer. —*Erma Bombeck*
- From the day on which she weighs 140, the chief excitement of a woman's life consists in spotting women who are fatter than she is. —*Helen Rowland*
- I cannot but bless the memory of Julius Caesar, for the great esteem he expressed for fat men; and his aversion to lean ones. —*David Hume*
- . . . she's so fat she's my two best friends. She wears stretch caftans. She's got more chins than the Chinese telephone directory. —*Joan Rivers*
- Americans like fat books and thin women. —*Russell Baker*
- All real men love to eat. —*Marlene Dietrich*

Sayings

- Diets are for those who are thick and tired of it.
- Desperation is a fellow shaving before stepping on the scales.

Jokes

- In one of his films Jimmy Cagney shoved a grapefruit into a girl's face, and it was considered shocking. Now it's considered a diet.

- When she ran into a friend at the supermarket, Sylvia smugly announced that she'd discovered the perfect diet. "Every other day I eat like a pig, stuff myself with anything I'm in the mood for. Then, on the alternate days, I don't touch a thing but water."

"Interesting approach," commented her friend. "And how do you feel?"
 "Oh, just terrific," Sylvia replied cheerfully, "every other day."
- "Frankly, Mr. Schwartz, I just don't think your book has very good commercial prospects," pronounced the publisher, pushing the manuscript of *the 100-Year Diet* across his desk in the direction of its author. "See, the diet books the public wants are the ones that tell you how to lose weight *fast*."
 "Oh, my book tells you how to drop the weight fast," Schwartz maintained eagerly. "Then it goes on to explain how long you have to stay on the diet so you don't gain all of it back."
- My wife loves sweets. If she'd been Eve in the Garden of Eden, the snake would've had to use chocolate cake.
- Is she fat? Her favorite food is seconds.

—*Joan Rivers, of Elizabeth Taylor*

D R I N K

- People who drink to drown their sorrow should be told that sorrow knows how to swim.
 —*Ann Landers*
- Drink really promises you everything and gives you nothing. —*Lady Nancy Astor*
- When you stop drinking, you have to deal with this marvelous personality that started you drinking in the first place. —*Jimmy Breslin*
- Drinking makes such fools of people, and people are such fools to begin with it's just compounding the felony. —*Robert Benchley*
- What contemptible scoundrel stole the cork from my lunch? —*W. C. Fields*
- An alcoholic is someone you don't like who drinks as much as you do.
 —*Dylan Thomas*
- Wonderful euphemisms for drunk: Blitzed, blasted, blotto, bombed, cockeyed, crocked, ripped, looped, loaded, leveled, wasted, wiped, soured, sozzled, smashed, and schnockered. Stewed, stinko, stupid, tanked, totaled, tight, and tipsy. Not to mention feeling no pain, three sheets to the wind, in one's cups, intoxicated, addle-pated, and pixilated.
 —*Bruce Weber*
- I am prepared to believe that a dry martini slightly impairs the palate, but think what it does for the soul. —*Alec Waugh*
- The whole world is about three drinks behind. —*Humphrey Bogart*
- Drunkenness is nothing but voluntary madness. —*Seneca the Younger*
- Alcoholism isn't a spectator sport. Eventually the whole family gets to play.
 —*Joyce Rebeta-Burditt*
- Bacchus hath drowned more men than Neptune. —*Thomas Fuller*

- Claret is the liquor for boys; port for men; but he who aspires to be a hero must drink brandy. —*Samuel Johnson*
- I don't drink any more—just the same amount. —*Joe E. Lewis*
- Two reasons for drinking: one is, when you are thirsty, to cure it; the other, when you are not thirsty, to prevent it. —*Thomas Love Peacock*
- Champagne, if you are seeking the truth, is better than a lie detector. It encourages a man to be expansive, even reckless, while lie detectors are only a challenge to tell lies successfully. —*Graham Greene*
- A bottle of wine begs to be shared; I have never met a miserly wine lover. —*Clifton Fadiman*
- A woman drove me to drink and I never even had the courtesy to thank her. —*W. C. Fields (attrib.)*
- A man is never drunk if he can lie on the floor without holding on. —*Joe E. Lewis*
- I must get out of these wet clothes and into a dry martini. —*Alexander Woolcott (attrib.)*
- One reason I don't drink is that I want to know when I'm having a good time. —*Lady Nancy Astor*
- I drink no more than a sponge. —*François Rabelais*
- I drink when I have occasion, and sometimes when I have no occasion. —*Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra*
- Kings it makes gods, and meaner creatures, king. —*William Shakespeare*
- A good general rule is to state that the bouquet is better than the taste, and vice versa. —*Stephen Potter*
- Candy is dandy, but liquor is quicker. —*Ogden Nash*
- Wine maketh glad the heart of man. —*Psalms 104:15*
- He has a profound respect for old age. Especially when it's bottled. —*Gene Fowler, on W. C. Fields's fondness for aged bourbon*
- Wine nourishes, refreshes, and cheers . . . wherever wine is lacking, medicines become necessary. —*The Talmud*

Sayings

- There are more old drunkards than old doctors.
- Work is the curse of the drinking class.
- Drink and the world drinks with you; swear off and you drink alone.
- Better to pay the tavern keeper than the druggist. —*Spanish saying*
- If you drink like a fish, drink what a fish drinks.

Jokes

- I am sparkling; *you* are unusually talkative; *he* is drunk.
 - The Ten Stages of Drunkenness

1. Witty and charming
 2. Rich and famous
 3. Benevolent
 4. Clairvoyant
 5. Fuck dinner
 6. Patriotic
 7. Crank up the *Enola Gay*
 8. Witty and charming, Part Two
 9. Invisible
 10. Bulletproof

- Why do elephants drink?

—It helps them forget.

- This guy's not an ordinary, garden-variety drunk. Far from it. Last year he donated his body to science, and he's preserving it in alcohol till they can use it.
 - Actually it only takes one drink to get me loaded. Trouble is, I can't remember if it's the thirteenth or fourteenth. *—George Burns*
 - What's the difference between a drunk and an alcoholic?
—Drunks don't have to go to meetings.

—George Burns

DRUGS

- Speed will turn you into your parents. —*Frank Zappa (attrib.)*
 - Nobody in the United States is more than one handshake away from virtually any drug they want to get. —*Norman Zinberg*
 - The irony is that as the [cocaine] user gets sicker, he is less able to see it. The magic of the powder is that every noseful tells you that you don't really have a problem. —*Joseph Pursch*
 - All dope can do for you is kill you . . . the long hard way. And it can kill the people you love right along with you. —*Billie Holiday*
 - The desire to take medicine is perhaps the greatest feature which distinguishes man from animals. —*William Osler*
 - I hate to advocate drugs, alcohol, violence, or insanity to anyone, but they've always worked for me. —*Hunter S. Thompson*
 - Now they're calling taking drugs an epidemic—that's 'cos white folks are doing it. —*Richard Pryor*
 - It's easier to get people off heroin than coffee. —*Richard T. Rappolt*

- In extreme cases, marijuana can so destroy a man's character that he mixes freely with persons of another race. —*South African textbook on criminology*
- I've never had any problems with drugs, only with policemen. —*Keith Richards*
- Better living through chemistry. —*DuPont corporate slogan, 1960s*

Sayings

- Just say NO.
- Why do you think they call it dope?
- Reality is just a crutch for people who can't cope with drugs.

Jokes

- I didn't know my wife was on LSD until I suggested a weekend in Las Vegas. "Great!" she chirped. "Let's take the kids!"
- Why did the moron take two hits of mescaline?
—So he could go round trip.
- Cocaine is just God's way of telling you you're making too much money.

—*Robin Williams*

FACES

- His face was filled with broken commandments. —*John Masefield*
- The features of our face are hardly more than gestures which have become permanent. —*Marcel Proust*
- Often a noble face hides filthy ways. —*Euripides*
- To be loved at first sight, a man should have at the same time something to respect and something to pity in his face. —*Stendhal*
- My comfort is, that old age, that ill layer-up of beauty, can do no more spoil upon my face. —*William Shakespeare*
- Was this the face that launched a thousand ships, / And burnt the topless towers of Ilium? —*Christopher Marlowe*
- The eyes have one language everywhere. —*George Herbert*
- What a blessing it would be if we could open and shut our ears as easily we do our eyes. —*Georg Christoph Lichtenberg*

Sayings

- A rat is a beauty in the eyes of its mother.
- If you are ugly, be winsome. —*North African saying*

Jokes

- “I’ve had it with my husband. He’s such a clean freak,” a disgruntled woman complained to her friend. “Every night he makes me wash and scrub my face.”
“What’s wrong with that?” her friend asked.
“Then he wants to iron it.”
- Finding one of her students making faces at others on the playground, Ms. Smith stopped to gently reprove the child. Smiling sweetly, the Sunday school teacher said, “Bobby, when I was a child I was told that if I made ugly faces, it would freeze and I would stay like that.”
Bobby looked up and replied, “Well, Ms. Smith, you can’t say you weren’t warned.”

FOOD

- I doubt whether the world holds for anyone a more soul-stirring surprise than the first adventure with ice cream. —*Heywood Broun*
- Strange to see how a good dinner and feasting reconciles everybody. —*Samuel Pepys*
- I am not a vegetarian because I love animals; I am a vegetarian because I hate plants. —*A. Whitney Brown*
- No man is lonely eating spaghetti; it requires so much attention. —*Christopher Morley*
- At a dinner party one should eat wisely but not too well, and talk well but not too wisely. —*W. Somerset Maugham*
- Part of the secret of success in life is to eat what you like and let the food fight it out inside. —*Mark Twain*
- And ye shall eat the fat of the land. —*Genesis 45:18*
- Life itself is the proper binge. —*Julia Child*
- When I write of hunger, I am really writing about love and the hunger for it, and warmth and the love of it . . . and it is all one. —*M. F. K. Fisher*
- To eat is human, to digest, divine. —*Mark Twain*
- My mouth is a happy place. —*Pat Conroy*
- There’s someone at every party who eats all the celery. —*Kin Hubbard*
- Food is an important part of a balanced diet. —*Fran Liebowitz*
- An army marches on its stomach. —*Napoleon Bonaparte (attrib.)*
- Tell me what you eat and I will tell you what you are. —*Anthelme Brillat-Savarin*
- Life, within doors, has few pleasanter aspects than a neatly arranged and well-provisioned breakfast table. —*Nathaniel Hawthorne*
- There is no love sincerer than the love of food. —*George Bernard Shaw*

- My rule of life prescribed as an absolutely sacred rite smoking cigars and also the drinking of alcohol before, after, and if need be during all meals and in the interval between them.

—Winston Churchill, on dining with the abstinent King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia

- As for butter versus margarine, I trust cows more than chemists.

—John Glassow, assistant professor of nutrition and education, Columbia University

Sayings

- One man's meat is another man's poison.
- The way to a man's heart is through his stomach.

Jokes

- I'm at the age where food has taken the place of sex in my life. In fact, I've just had a mirror put over my kitchen table. —Rodney Dangerfield
- Two elderly women are at a Catskills mountain resort and one of 'em says, "Boy, the food at this place is really terrible." The other one says, "Yeah, and such small portions." —Alvy, in *Annie Hall*, screenplay by Woody Allen and Marshall Brickman
- You do not sew with a fork, and I see no reason why you should eat with knitting needles. —Miss Piggy, one of the Muppets, on chopsticks

HABITS AND ADDICTION

- Habit is habit, and not to be flung out of the window by any man, but coaxed downstairs a step at a time. —Mark Twain
- The fixity of a habit is generally in direct proportion to its absurdity. —Marcel Proust
- Two great European narcotics, alcohol and Christianity. —Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche
- Curious things, habits. People themselves never knew they had them. —Agatha Christie
- It is easier to prevent ill habits than to break them. —Thomas Fuller
- When you stop drinking, you have to deal with this marvelous personality that started you drinking in the first place. —Jimmy Breslin
- Habit is stronger than reason. —George Santayana
- A man of no conversation should smoke. —Ralph Waldo Emerson
- Alcoholism is a primary disease with genetic, psychosocial, and environmental factors influencing its development and manifestations. The disease is often progressive and fatal. It is characterized by impaired control over drinking, preoccupation with the drug

alcohol, use of alcohol despite consequences, and distortions in thinking, most notably denial. Each of these symptoms may be continuous or periodic.

—American Psychiatric Association (*official definition of alcoholism*)

- The denial is the center point of inappropriate thinking, and it is the main obstruction to treatment. The battle between denial and recognition is the central issue in drug and alcohol treatment. —Richard B. Freeman
 - Every form of addiction is bad, no matter whether the narcotic be alcohol or morphine or idealism. —Carl Jung
 - When I got sober seven years ago, I also changed my diet. . . . I've been healthy and less than healthy, and healthy's much better. Less than healthy's more fun, but healthy is better. —Bonnie Raitt
 - If you're an addictive personality, it doesn't matter what's around, you're gonna get hooked on it. I just thought it was a facetious kind of thing, Addicted to Love.

—Richard B. Freeman

—Carl Jung

—Bonnie Raitt

—Robert Palmer

Sayings

- Habit may be likened to a cable; every day we weave a thread, and soon we cannot break it.
 - Don't Blame Yourself. Addiction is a disease. You didn't cause it. You can't cure it. And you can't control it. It's not your fault. Be gentle with yourself.

Joke

- A rebel leader was finally apprehended by the military police and summarily sentenced to death. The generalissimo watched as the blindfolded man was led before the firing squad, then magnanimously came over to offer him a last cigarette.
“No thanks,” was the condemned man’s answer. “I’m trying to quit.”

HEALTH

- You can't talk of the dangers of snake poisoning and not mention snakes.
—*C. Everett Koop, regarding AIDS education*
 - I get my exercise running to the funerals of my friends who exercise. —*Barry Gray*
 - There are people who strictly deprive themselves of each and every eatable, drinkable, and smokable which has in any way acquired a shady reputation. They pay this price for health, and health is all they get for it. —*Mark Twain*
 - Suffering isn't ennobling, recovery is. —*Christiaan Barnard*
 - Sleep, riches, and health, to be truly enjoyed, must be interrupted. —*Jean Paul Friedrich Richter*
 - There are no such things as incurables, there are only things for which man has not found a cure. —*Bernard Baruch*

- A hospital bed is a parked taxi with the meter running. —*Groucho Marx*
- For extreme illnesses extreme remedies are most fitting. —*Hippocrates*
- The patient, treated on the fashionable theory, sometimes gets well in spite of the medicine. —*Thomas Jefferson*
- The miserable have no other medicine / But only hope. —*William Shakespeare*
- We are so fond of one another because our ailments are the same. —*Jonathan Swift*
- When we are well, we all have good advice for those who are ill. —*Terence*
- I enjoy convalescence. It is the part that makes the illness worthwhile. —*George Bernard Shaw*
- The trouble about always trying to preserve the health of the body is that it is so difficult to do without destroying the health of the mind. —*G. K. Chesterton*
- Health of body and mind is a great blessing, if we can bear it. —*John Henry Newman*
- Two things are bad for the heart—running uphill and running down people. —*Bernard Gimbel*
- Use your health, even to the point of wearing it out. That is what it is for. Spend all you have before you die; and do not outlive yourself. —*George Bernard Shaw*
- There is no riches above a sound body. —*The Apocrypha, Ecclesiasticus 10:16*
- Constant attention by a good nurse may be just as important as a major operation by a surgeon. —*Dag Hammarskjöld*
- Once you have been confronted with a life-and-death situation, trivia no longer matters. Your perspective grows and you live at a deeper level. There's no time for pettiness. —*Margareta (Happy) Rockefeller*
- Every stress leaves an indelible scar, and the organism pays for its survival after a stressful situation by becoming a little older. —*Hans Selye*
- Bodily pain affects man as a whole down to the deepest layers of his moral being. It forces him to face again the fundamental questions of his fate, of his attitude toward God and fellow man, of his individual and collective responsibility and of the sense of his pilgrimage on earth. —*Pope Pius XII*
- Rule Number 1 is, don't sweat the small stuff. Rule Number 2 is, it's all small stuff. And if you can't fight and you can't flee, flow. —*Robert S. Eliot*
- The more serious the illness, the more important it is for you to fight back, mobilizing all your resources—spiritual, emotional, intellectual, physical. —*Norman Cousins*
- Health is infectious. —*George Christoph Lichtenberg*
- If you mean to keep as well as possible, the less you think about your health, the better. —*Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.*
- Health is not a condition of matter, but of Mind. . . . —*Mary Baker Eddy*
- Look to your health; and if you have it, praise God, and value it next to a good conscience; for health is the second blessing that we mortals are capable of; a blessing that money cannot buy. —*Izaak Walton*

- Health that mocks the doctor's rules / Knowledge never learned of schools.
—*John Greenleaf Whittier*
 - Health is not valued till sickness comes.
—*Thomas Fuller*
 - If you treat a sick child like an adult and a sick adult like a child, everything usually works out pretty well.
—*Ruth Carlisle*
 - The only way to keep your health is to eat what you don't want, drink what you don't like, and do what you'd rather not.
—*Mark Twain*
 - For the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.
—*I Corinthians 3:17*

Sayings

- Health is better than wealth.
 - Early to bed, early to rise / Makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise.
 - Take your medicine like a man.
 - I'm not talking to you for my health.

Jokes

- If exercise is so good for you, why do athletes have to retire by age thirty-five?
 - “You’re really in pretty good shape for a man of sixty-five,” said the doctor reassuringly.
“Of course, you’re only forty-eight. . . .”
 - Definition of a minor operation: one performed on somebody else.
 - Personally I always go to [insert name of hospital]. That’s where all the truck drivers get operated on.
 - Q: What do you give to the man who has everything?
A: Penicillin.
 - “Yeah, Doc, what’s the news?” asked Fred when his doctor called with his test results.
“I have some bad news and some really bad news,” admitted the doctor. “The bad news is that you only have twenty-four hours to live.”
“Oh, my God,” gasped Fred, sinking to his knees. “What could be worse news than that?”
“I couldn’t get hold of you yesterday.”
 - The way managed care is going, pretty soon all it’ll pay for is get-well cards.
 - Nowadays there’s a pill for everything—to keep your nose from running, to keep you regular, to keep your heart beating, to keep your hair from falling out, to improve your muscle tone. . . . Why thanks to advances in medical science, every day people are dying who never looked better.
 - There was a terrible accident at the building site, and the construction worker rushed over to where a well-dressed woman was pinned beneath an iron girder.
“Hang in there, lady,” he said helplessly, “the ambulance will be here soon. Are you badly hurt?”
“How should I know?” she snapped. “I’m a doctor, not a lawyer.”

LIFE

- Is life worth living? This is a question for an embryo, not for a man. —*Samuel Butler*
- I would rather live in a world where my life is surrounded by mystery than live in a world so small that my mind could comprehend it. —*Rev. Harry Emerson Fosdick*
- Give me the luxuries of life and I will willingly do without the necessities. —*Frank Lloyd Wright*
- The first forty years of life give us the text; the next thirty supply the commentary. —*Arthur Schopenhauer*
- Life is ours to be spent, not to be saved. —*D. H. Lawrence*
- The basic fact about human existence is not that it is a tragedy, but that it is a bore. It is not so much a war as an endless standing in line. —*H. L. Mencken*
- The art of life is to know how to enjoy a little and to endure very much. —*William Hazlitt*
- All life is an experiment. —*Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr.*
- Life does not cease to be funny when people die any more than it ceases to be serious when people laugh. —*George Bernard Shaw*
- Life is a tragedy when seen in close-up, but a comedy in long-shot. —*Charlie Chaplin*
- What a fine comedy this world would be if one did not play a part in it! —*Denis Diderot*
- There is no meaning to life except the meaning man gives his life by the unfolding of his powers, by living productively. —*Erich Fromm*
- We live not as we wish to, but as we can. —*Menander*
- The unexamined life is not worth living. —*Plato*
- Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not. —*Job 14:1-2*
- Do not take life too seriously; you will never get out of it alive. —*Elbert Hubbard*
- Life is a disease; and the only difference between one man and another is the stage of the disease at which he lives. —*George Bernard Shaw*
- Life is a foreign language. All men mispronounce it. —*Christopher Morley*
- Life is an incurable disease. —*Abraham Cowley*
- The life of every man is a diary in which he means to write one story and writes another; and his humblest hour is when he compares the volume as it is with what he vowed to make it. —*James M. Barrie*
- Life's but a walking shadow, a poor player / That struts and frets his hour upon the stage / And then is heard no more: it is a tale / Told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, / Signifying nothing. —*William Shakespeare*

- Let us endeavor to live so that when we come to die, even the undertaker will be sorry.
—*Mark Twain*
- . . . this world is a comedy to those who think, a tragedy to those who feel . . .
—*Horace Walpole*
- Life is a sexually transmitted disease.
—*Guy Bellamy*
- Millions long for immortality who do not know what to do with themselves on a rainy Sunday afternoon.
—*Susan Ertz*
- Not a shred of evidence occurs in favor of the idea that life is serious.
—*Brendan Gill*
- Most of the evils of life arise from man's inability to sit still in a room.
—*Blaise Pascal*
- Life is either a daring adventure or nothing.
—*Helen Keller*
- Life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forwards.
—*Søren Kierkegaard*
- The mass of men lead lives of quiet desperation.
—*Henry David Thoreau*
- When I hear somebody sigh, "Life is hard," I am always tempted to ask, "Compared to what?"
—*Sydney J. Harris*
- Life is not for everyone.
—*Michael O'Donoghue*
- The purpose of life is living. Men and women should get the most they can out of their lives. The smallest, the tiniest intellect may be quite as valuable to itself; it may have all the capacity for enjoyment that the wisest has.
—*Clarence Darrow*
- As soon as you trust yourself, you will know how to live.
—*Johann Wolfgang von Goethe*
- Life appears to me too short to be spent in nursing animosity or registering wrongs.
—*Charlotte Brontë*

Sayings

- Life is a cereal.
- Life is what you make it.
- Nobody gets out of it alive.
- Life is the only thing worth living.
- Life is habit forming.
- Life has a certain ending and uncertain timing.
- Life should be measured by its breadth, not its length.
- The years in your life are less important than the life in your years.

Jokes

- You should make a point of trying every experience once, except incest and folk dancing.
- If you want my final opinion on the mystery of life and all that, I can give it to you in a nutshell. The universe is like a safe to which there is a combination. But the combination is locked up in the safe. —Peter de Vries
- Half our life is spent trying to find something to do with the time we have rushed through life trying to save. —Will Rogers

MODERATION AND ABSTINENCE

- I have learned to seek my happiness by limiting my desires, rather than in attempting to satisfy them. —John Stuart Mill
- I hate to advocate drugs, alcohol, violence or insanity to anyone, but they've always worked for me. —Hunter S. Thompson
- A thing moderately good is not so good as it ought to be. Moderation in temper is always a virtue; but moderation in principle is always a vice. —Thomas Paine
- The main dangers in this life are the people who want to change everything—or nothing. —Lady Nancy Astor
- The dinosaur's eloquent lesson is that if some bigness is good, an overabundance of bigness is not necessarily better. —Eric Johnston
- Extremism in the defense of liberty is no vice. . . . Moderation in the pursuit of justice is no virtue. —Barry M. Goldwater
- The secret to a long life is to stay busy, get plenty of exercise, and don't drink too much. Then again, don't drink too little. —Hermann Smith-Johannson, a 103-year-old
- We know what happens to people who stay in the middle of the road. They get run over. —Aneurin Bevan
- The middle of the road is all of the usable surface. The extremes, right and left, are in the gutters. —Dwight D. Eisenhower
- Nothing succeeds like excess. —Oscar Wilde
- If a man is right, he can't be too radical; if he is wrong, he can't be too conservative. —Josh Billings
- An optimist is a person who sees a green light everywhere, while the pessimist sees only the red stoplight. . . . The truly wise person is colorblind. —Albert Schweitzer
- Give me chastity and self-restraint, but do not give it yet. —Saint Augustine
- You never know what is enough unless you know what is more than enough. —William Blake
- To abstain from sin when a man cannot sin is to be forsaken by sin, not to forsake it. —Saint Augustine

- Man's many desires are like the small metal coins he carries about in his pocket. The more he has the more they weight him down. —*Satya Sai Baba*
- Insanity is a matter of degree. —*Joaquim Maria Machado de Assis*

Sayings

- Moderation is a tree with roots of contentment, and fruits of tranquility and peace. —*North African saying*
- Moderation in all things.
- If you drink like a fish, drink what a fish drinks.
- Do not use a hatchet to remove a fly from your friend's forehead. —*Chinese proverb*

Jokes

- A panhandler walked up to a woman who was just about to go into a coffee shop and exclaimed, "Lady, I haven't eaten in a week." "Wow!" exclaimed the woman, "I wish I had your willpower."
- Only use moderation in moderation.

SLEEP AND DREAMS

- Dreaming permits each and every one of us to be quietly and safely insane every night of our lives. —*Dr. William C. Dement*
- The best way to make your dreams come true is to wake up. —*Paul Valéry*
- People who don't have nightmares don't have dreams. —*Robert Paul Smith*
- Sleep is the best meditation. —*Dalai Lama*
- The amount of sleep required by the average person is about five minutes more. —*Max Kauffmann*
- To sleep, perchance to dream. —*William Shakespeare*
- People who say they sleep like a baby usually don't have one. —*Leo J. Burke*
- No small art is it to sleep, it is necessary for that purpose to keep awake all day. —*Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche*
- Bed is the perfect climate. —*Noel Coward*

Sayings

- Nothing is achieved in a dream. —*West African saying*
- Sleep, the near relative of death. —*Southern African saying*

Jokes

- Hear about the guy who had such a bad case of insomnia the sheep fell asleep?
- “Doc, I had the strangest dream last night. I dreamt I was the only man in a nudist colony.”
“My, my,” responded the doctor, “did you sleep well?”
“I tried,” answered the patient, “but it was hard.”
- Define bed.
—A place where people who are run down wind up.

YOUTH

- To get back one's youth one has merely to repeat one's follies. —Oscar Wilde
- Always be nice to those younger than you, because they are the ones who will be writing about you. —Cyril Connolly
- Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth. —Ecclesiastes 11:9
- I am not young enough to know everything. —James M. Barrie
- Live as long as you may, the first twenty years are the longest half of your life. —Robert Southey
- Youth would be an ideal state if it came a little later in life. —Lord Herbert Henry Asquith
- We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future. —Franklin D. Roosevelt
- Youth is like spring, an overpraised season. —Samuel Butler
- My salad days, / When I was green in judgment: cold in blood. . . . —William Shakespeare
- The young are in a state like intoxication, for youth is sweet and they are growing. —Aristotle
- . . . there's nothing that keeps its youth / So far as I know, but a tree and truth. —Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

Sayings

- Youth is wasted on the young.
- You're only young once.

Joke

- Sometimes we give kids information they're too young to understand. Like the seven-year-old who listened patiently to a lecture about the birds and the bees, then turned to his dad with a big smile. “I get it,” he announced triumphantly. “Since I have a brother and a sister, you and Mom did it three times!”

part two

Business, **W**ork, and **P**olitics

E C O N O M I C S

CREDIT

- We at Chrysler borrow money the old-fashioned way. We pay it back. —*Lee Iacocca*
- If you would know the value of money, go and try to borrow some. —*Benjamin Franklin*

- I can get no remedy against this consumption of the purse; borrowing only lingers and lingers it out, but the disease is incurable. —*William Shakespeare*

- Debt is the worst poverty. —*Thomas Fuller*

- I am dying beyond my means. —*Oscar Wilde*

- It is not my interest to pay the principal, nor my principle to pay the interest. —*Richard Brinsley Sheridan*

- Some people use half their ingenuity to get into debt, and the other half to avoid paying it. —*George D. Prentice*

- Neither a borrower, nor a lender be; / For a loan oft loses both itself and friend, / And borrowing dulls the edge of husbandry. —*William Shakespeare*

- Be not made a beggar by banqueting upon borrowing.

—*The Apocrypha, Ecclesiasticus 18:33*

- No man's credit is as good as his money. —*Edgar Watson Howe*

- The creditor hath a better memory than the debtor. —*James Howell*

- Live within your income, even if you have to borrow to do so. —*Josh Billings*

- Credit is a system whereby a person who can't pay gets another person who can't pay to guarantee that he can pay. —*Charles Dickens*

Saying

- In God we trust; all others pay cash.

Jokes

- “Do you live within your income?”
“No way! It's all I can do to live within my credit.”

- If it isn't the sheriff it's the finance company. I've got more attachments on me than a vacuum cleaner.
- John Barrymore*

ECONOMICS

- Whoever perpetrated the mathematical inaccuracy "Two can live as cheaply as one" has a lot to answer for.
- Caren Meyer*
- Economics is a subject that does not greatly respect one's wishes.
- Nikita Khrushchev*
- If ignorance paid dividends, most Americans could make a fortune out of what they don't know about economics.
- Luther Hodges*
- Blessed are the young, for they shall inherit the national debt.
- Herbert Hoover*
- Christmas is the time when kids tell Santa what they want and adults pay for it. Deficits are when adults tell the government what they want—and their kids pay for it.
- Richard Lamm*
- If all economists were laid end to end, they would not reach a conclusion.
- George Bernard Shaw (attrib.)*
- There was a farmer who planted some corn. He said to his neighbor, "I hope I break even this year. I really need the money."
- John F. Kennedy*
- We have always known that heedless self-interest was bad morals; we know now that it is bad economics.
- Franklin D. Roosevelt*
- An economist is a guy with a Phi Beta Kappa key on one end of his watch chain and no watch on the other end.
- Alben W. Barkley*

Sayings

- Economists and weather forecasters are the only people who can make an abundant living without ever being right.
- The paradox of economics: During periods when none of the economic theories are working, all the economists are.
- An economist is a man who talks about things you don't understand and makes you believe it's your fault.
- Gresham's Law: Bad money drives good money out of circulation.
- No one has ever repealed the law of supply and demand.
- Recession: When you lose your job.
Depression: When I lose my job.

Jokes

- A chemist, a physicist, and an economist were passengers on a flight that crashed in the middle of the ocean. Swimming to a tiny island, they discovered water but no food,

so they were overjoyed when a crate of canned food washed up on the beach. The chemist lost no time in getting to work on a chemical formula that would dissolve the lids of the cans. The physicist picked up a boulder and set to work calculating the angle and velocity of the blow which would pierce the cans. Observing their frantic efforts, the economist simply picked up a can, scratched his chin, and said, "Let's assume we have a can opener."

- President Hoover used to quip that he was looking for a one-armed economist for his staff, so he wouldn't be able to say, "On the one hand this, but on the other hand that . . ."
- The avant-garde economist was fond of pointing out how prostitution epitomizes a tenet of modern economic theory: Don't buy, lease!

ECONOMY AND THRIFT

- Budget: A mathematical confirmation of your suspicions. —*A. A. Latimer*
- I'm living so far beyond my income that we may almost be said to be living apart. —*e. e. cummings*
- My problem lies in reconciling my gross habits with my net income. —*Errol Flynn*
- Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure nineteen six, result happiness. Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure twenty pounds ought and six, result misery. —*Charles Dickens*
- There are several ways in which to apportion the family income, all of them unsatisfactory. —*Robert Benchley*
- Saving is a very fine thing. Especially when your parents have done it for you. —*Winston Churchill (attrib.)*
- What this country needs is a good five-cent nickel. —*Franklin Pierce Adams*
- A bargain is something you have to find a use for once you have bought it. —*Benjamin Franklin*
- The price of ability does not depend on merit, but on supply and demand. —*George Bernard Shaw*
- A penny saved is a penny earned. —*Benjamin Franklin*

Sayings

- If you have to ask what it costs, you can't afford it.
- He who hesitates—buys the stock two points higher.
- If you expect to save at all, do it while your salary's small.
- A miser isn't much fun to live with, but he makes a wonderful ancestor.

Jokes

- Halfway through the term, the freshman wrote home, "Dear Dad, I'm broke and have no friends. What should I do?"

His father wrote back. "Make friends at once."

- A tightwad owed a wedding present and everything in the store seemed way over-priced—until he spotted a lovely porcelain vase which had unfortunately been broken. The storekeeper was delighted to part with the damaged item for a low price and agreed to ship the item to the newlyweds.

The next week the cheapskate received a note thanking him politely for the vase, which suited the couple's taste exactly. It concluded, "Thank you, too, for taking care to wrap each piece separately."

- "Henry Junior thinks money grows on trees," the overworked businessman complained to his secretary one day. "Tonight he's getting a talking-to that'll really get across the value of a dollar."

"How'd it go?" asked the secretary the next morning.

"Not so good," he admitted glumly. "Now he wants his allowance in Euros."

- "I finally snapped. Last night while I was going over the bills, I discovered how much money my wife squanders and I hit the roof."

Second man: "What did you do?"

First man: "I stormed into the bedroom and gave her a lecture on economy and thrift."

Second man: "Did it help?"

First man: "I'll say. Tomorrow we're selling my golf clubs and fishing equipment."

INFLATION

- A billion dollars ain't what it used to be. —*Nelson Bunker Hunt*
- When future historians look back on our way of curing inflation, they'll probably compare it to bloodletting in the Middle Ages. —*Lee Iacocca*
- It now costs more to amuse a child than it once did to educate his father. —*Vaughn Monroe*
- Among the things money can't buy is what it used to. —*Max Kauffmann*
- Time for belt tightening. You can't live on a million a year anymore. —*Randy Newman*
- Americans are getting stronger. Twenty years ago it took two people to carry ten dollars' worth of groceries. Today, a five-year-old can do it. —*Henny Youngman*
- Asked why Congress doesn't decrease deficit spending, Strom Thurmond explained, "It's awfully hard to get a hog to butcher itself."

Sayings

- Inflation is a stab in the buck.
- Inflation is when you never had anything and now even that's gone.

- Inflation has made it possible for only the rich to afford a recession.
- Inflation is being broke with a pocketful of money.

Jokes

- I'm 300 percent against inflation.
- Inflation is when you pay cash for something and they ask to see your driver's license.
- How can you tell when inflation is bad?
—If you drop a dollar on the street, you get a ticket for littering.
- The candidate was asked what was responsible for inflation. "I don't know," the politician replied earnestly, "but I'm willing to spend whatever it takes to find out."
- Inflation is when vegetarians aren't the only ones not eating meat.
- Inflation is when the product you overpaid for in February is a bargain by midsummer.

MONEY

- Dollars not only count but they rule. —*Charles Thomas Walker*
- The great rule is not to talk about money with people who have much more or much less than you. —*Katharine Whitehorn*
- Money speaks sense in a language all nations understand. —*Aphra Behn*
- When it comes down to it, it is only money that commands respect. —*Madeleine Bingham*
- I don't want money. It is only people who pay their bills who want that, and I never pay mine. —*Oscar Wilde*
- There was a time when a fool and his money were soon parted, but now it happens to everybody. —*Adlai Stevenson*
- Money, and not morality, is the principle of commercial nations. —*Thomas Jefferson*
- When a man says money can do anything, that settles it: he hasn't got any. —*Edgar Watson Howe*
- I'd like to live like a poor man—only with lots of money. —*Pablo Picasso*
- Making money resembles chess in other ways, not least its cozy relationship with mathematics, still more in its abundance of traps, ploys, gambits, stratagems, variations, even in its recognized offensive and defensive openings. As in chess, the moneymaker gains more through his opponent's mistakes than through his own immaculate brilliance, and for every winner, there must be at least one loser. —*Robert Heller*
- Those who have some means think that the most important thing in the world is love. The poor know that it is money. —*Gerald Brenan*
- No one would remember the Good Samaritan if he'd only had good intentions. He had money as well. —*Margaret Thatcher*

- Money, it turned out, was exactly like sex: you thought of nothing else if you didn't have it and thought of other things if you did. —*James Baldwin*
- Money may be the husk of many things, but not the kernel. It brings you food, but not appetite; medicine, but not health; acquaintances, but not friends; servants, but not loyalty; days of joy, but not peace or happiness. —*Henrik Ibsen*
- There is nothing more demoralizing than a small but adequate income. —*Edmund Wilson*
- Money is the best bait to fish for man with. —*Thomas Fuller*
- When it is a question of money, everybody is of the same religion. —*Voltaire*
- When a fellow says, "It ain't the money but the principle of the thing," it's the money. —*Elbert Hubbard*
- Money is like muck, not good except it be spread. —*Francis Bacon*
- "Resource-constrained environment" [are] fancy Pentagon words that mean there isn't enough money to go around. —*Gen. John W. Vessey Jr., Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff*
- Among mankind money is far more persuasive than logical argument. —*Euripides*
- Money is the fruit of evil as often as the root of it. —*Henry Fielding*
- Money is indeed the most important thing in the world; and all sound and successful personal and national morality should have this fact for its basis. —*George Bernard Shaw*
- Money is like a sixth sense without which you cannot make a complete use of the other five. —*W. Somerset Maugham*
- Money is better than poverty, if only for financial reasons. —*Woody Allen*
- If you would know what the Lord God thinks of money, you have only to look at those to whom He gives it. —*Maurice Baring*
- Those who set out to serve both God and Mammon soon discover there is no God. —*Logan Pearsall Smith*
- I finally know what distinguishes man from the other beasts: financial worries. —*Jules Renard*
- Before we give you billions more, we want to know what you've done with the trillion you've got. —*Les Aspin, U.S. congressman and chairman of the House Armed Services Committee in a letter to Sect. of Defense Caspar W. Weinberger*
- The love of money is the root of all evil. —*Timothy 6:10*
- People who say money can't buy happiness just don't know where to shop. —*Tom Shivers*

Sayings

- Money kills more people than a club. —*West African saying*
- Money isn't everything; usually it isn't even enough.

- Money can't buy you love.
- Money can't buy happiness, but it certainly doesn't discourage it.

Joke

- There was this farmer with a two-seater outhouse, and one morning he happened to be sharing it with his none-too-bright brother-in-law. "Dammit," cursed the farmer as he pulled up his overalls. "Dropped a quarter in the dang hole."

"Don't worry, buddy, I'll get it for you," offered his companion cheerfully, pulling out a \$5 bill and tossing it into the farmer's hole.

"What'd you do that for?" asked the bewildered farmer.

"Hell, you didn't think I'd go down there just for a quarter, did you?"

TAXES

- The avoidance of taxes is the only pursuit that still carries any reward.
—John Maynard Keynes
- I'm proud to be paying taxes in the United States. The only thing is—I could be just as proud for half the money.
—Arthur Godfrey
- Psychiatrists say it's not good for man to keep too much to himself. The Internal Revenue Service says the same thing.
—Harold Smith
- Where there is an income tax, the just man will pay more and the unjust less on the same amount of income.
—Plato
- Tax reform means, "Don't tax you, don't tax me, tax that fellow behind the tree."
—Russell B. Long
- There is one difference between a tax collector and a taxidermist—the taxidermist leaves the hide.
—Mortimer Caplan
- The current tax code is a daily mugging.
—Ronald Reagan
- The wisdom of man never yet contrived a system of taxation that would operate with perfect equality.
—Andrew Jackson
- . . . the power to tax involves the power to destroy. . . .
—John Marshall
- In constitutional states, liberty is compensation for heavy taxes; in dictatorships the substitute for liberty is light taxes.
—Baron de Montesquieu
- Taxation without representation is tyranny.
—James Otis (attrib.)
- Taxes, after all, are the dues that we pay for the privilege of membership in an organized society.
—Franklin D. Roosevelt
- The income tax has made more liars out of the American people than golf has.
—Will Rogers (attrib.)
- When Joe Lewis was asked who had hit him the hardest during his boxing career, he replied, "That's easy—Uncle Sam!"

Sayings

- Next to being shot at and missed, nothing is quite so satisfying as an income tax refund.
- Government is an endless pursuit of new ways to tax.

Jokes

- I don't know why they couple death and taxes. You only die once.
- Responding to a burglar alarm in an IRS office, the police caught the thief red-handed. The accountant whose office had been burgled was delighted, until he got a call from the precinct office. "It's about the thief we apprehended in your office," explained the cop. "We found \$150 in his pockets."

"What of it?" asked the accountant.
 "He claims he had \$225 on him before breaking in."
- Tax inspector to creative taxpayer: "Could you clarify how you thought it was legal to claim depreciation on your mother-in-law?"
- When Mr. Fine was audited, the IRS took exception to certain deductions, among them one for the birth of a child. "She was born in January," the auditor explained.
 "So?" he protested. "It was last year's business."
- You've gotta admire the IRS. Any organization that makes that much money without advertising deserves respect.
- "Now, class, who can tell me what caused the American Revolution to break out?" asked Mrs. Humphries of her freshman economics seminar.
 "Taxation," replied a student in the front row.
 "Very good, Sherry." The teacher turned to a boy whose hand was waving. "Yes, Andrew? Do you have a question?"
 "Yeah, Mrs. Humphries. How come they teach that we won?"
- I just saw a modern-day version of *Faust*. In the first act he sells his soul to the devil. Then he spends the rest of the opera trying to convince the Internal Revenue it was a long-term capital gain.
- It's not whether you win or lose but how you play the game. Now, if we can only convince the IRS . . .

VALUE

- A thing is worth whatever the buyer will pay for it. —*Publilius Syrus*
- Sometimes give your services for nothing. . . . —*Hippocrates*
- If you pay peanuts, you get monkeys. —*Sir James Goldsmith*
- Nothing can move a man who is paid by the hour; how sweet the flight of time seems to his calm mind. —*Charles Dudley Warner*

- The salary of the chief executive of the large corporation is not a market award for achievement. It is frequently in the nature of a warm personal gesture by the individual to himself.

—John Kenneth Galbraith

Sayings

- Did you hear about the auto worker who was offered a position as president of a bank, but couldn't afford the pay cut?
- The cost of living is high, but it's worth it.
- What you have put into the kettle comes afterwards into your spoon.

—Turkestan proverb

Jokes

- After collecting her ten-dollar fee, Madame Sylvia, the Gypsy fortune-teller, informed her customer that his payment entitled him to ask her two questions. "Gee, isn't that a pretty high price for only a couple of questions?" protested the man.
"Some people think so," conceded the fortune-teller with a gracious nod. "And your last question?"
- Customer: "Gee, if these models are sold way under cost like you say they are, how do you make a living?"
Salesman: "Simple. We make our money fixing them."
- Michael Faraday, a pioneer in the field of electricity, was demonstrating the tremendous potential of his new invention, the dynamo, to the British scientific Royal Society. A young politician in the audience, William Gladstone, grew bored, finally saying, "I'm sure this is all very interesting, Mr. Faraday, but what in God's earth good is it?"
"Someday," replied the brilliant inventor dryly, "you politicians will be able to tax it."
- Upon learning that the store had been robbed of over sixty thousand dollars worth of clothes, the manager moaned, "If only this had happened two weeks ago, while the sale was still on—we'd have saved 20 percent."
- When the wealthy businessman choked on a fishbone at a restaurant, he was fortunate that a surgeon was seated at a nearby table. Springing up, the doctor deftly removed the bone and saved his life.

As soon as the fellow had calmed himself and could talk again, he thanked the surgeon profusely and offered to pay him for his services. "Just name the fee," he croaked gratefully.

"Okay," replied the doctor. "How about half of what you'd have offered when the bone was still stuck in your throat?"

- After concluding an impassioned sales spiel for the latest model, the car salesman paused to let it sink in. "Any questions?" he asked.
"Actually, yes," replied the prospect. "How come the \$26,000 sticker price you're asking is *modest*, and the \$400 rebate you're offering is *substantial*?"

WEALTH

- Seek wealth, it's good. —*Ivan Boesky*
- The first rule [of becoming wealthy] is not to lose money. The second rule is not to forget the first rule. —*Warren Buffet*
- The millionaire [has] become common in numbers, common in the source of wealth, common (in the usage of bygone snobberies) in social origin, common in the continued narrowing of the gap between his fortune and that of the normally affluent middle class. —*Robert Heller*
- To turn \$100 into \$110 is work. To turn \$100 million into \$110 million is inevitable. —*Edgar Bronfman*
- If you can count your money, you don't have a billion dollars. —*J. Paul Getty*
- Inherited wealth is a big handicap to happiness. It is as certain death to ambition as cocaine is to morality. —*William K. Vanderbilt*
- I am opposed to millionaires, but it would be dangerous to offer me the position. —*Mark Twain*
- Affluence means influence. —*Jack London*
- In truth, prosperity tries the souls even of the wise. —*Sallust*
- It is better to live rich than die rich. —*Samuel Johnson*
- The wretchedness of being rich is that you live with rich people. —*Logan Pearsall Smith*
- To be thought rich is as good as to be rich. —*William Makepeace Thackeray*
- Few rich men own their own property. The property owns them. —*Robert G. Ingersoll*
- It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. —*Mark 10:25*
- . . . a man is rich in proportion to the number of things he can afford to let alone. —*Henry David Thoreau*
- I find all this money a considerable burden. —*J. Paul Getty*
- Only the rich are lonesome. —*Paul Laurence Dunbar*
- The rich are different. —*F. Scott Fitzgerald*
- The rich are different—they have more money. —*Ernest Hemingway, in response to Fitzgerald*
- You can never be too rich or too thin. —*Wallis Warfield Simpson*

Sayings

- His wealth is superior to him. —*West African saying*
- Poverty is “Who knows you?” Prosperity is “I am your relative.” —*West African saying*

- Those who inherit fortunes are often more troublesome than those who make them.
—*Central African saying*
- It requires a great deal of boldness and a great deal of caution to make a great fortune, and when you have got it, it requires ten times as much wit to keep it.
- A fat purse never lacks friends.
- It's just as easy to love a rich man/woman as a poor one.

Jokes

- Beverly Hills is so exclusive—it's the only town in America where Taco Bell has an unlisted number. And so rich—it's the only place I've seen a Salvation Army Band with a string section.
- A millionaire and his wife had everything money could buy—until the fellow gambled on a few bad stock tips and lost everything. He came home that night with a heavy heart and explained their newly straitened circumstances to his wife. "Since we need to start somewhere, Myrna," he went on, "you better learn to cook so we can let the kitchen staff go."

His wife thought it over for a few moments. Nodding, she suggested, "Okay, George, but you better learn to screw so we can fire the chauffeur."

O C C U P A T I O N S

GENERAL PROFESSIONS

- It is a silly question to ask a prostitute why she does it. . . . These are the highest-paid “professional” women in America. —*Gail Sheehy*
- No man can be a pure specialist without being in the strict sense an idiot. —*George Bernard Shaw*
- Incomprehensible jargon is the hallmark of a profession. —*Kingman Brewster*
- [An expert is] somebody who is more than fifty miles from home, has no responsibility for implementing the advice he gives, and shows slides. —*Edwin Meese*
- The trouble with specialists is that they tend to think in grooves. —*Elaine Morgan*
- People of the same trade seldom meet together, even for merriment and diversion, but the conversation ends in a conspiracy against the public, or in some contrivance to raise prices. —*Adam Smith*
- All professions are conspiracies against the laity. —*George Bernard Shaw*
- If only I had known, I should have become a watchmaker. —*Albert Einstein*
- Even when all the experts agree, they may well be mistaken. —*Bertrand Russell*

Sayings

- An expert is a man who makes his mistakes quietly.
- Professionals built the *Titanic*; amateurs built the Ark.
- An expert is like the bottom of a double boiler. It shoots off a lot of steam, but it never really knows what's cooking.

Jokes

- A plumber was called by a frantic homeowner to stop a leak in the upstairs bathroom. The plumber quickly took stock of the situation, took his hammer, and hit the pipe hard. The leak stopped.
The customer was delighted, until he received the bill for \$180.35. “This is outrageous,” she protested. “All you did was hit the pipe once.”

By way of response, the plumber itemized the bill: "Wear and tear on the hammer, 35 cents. Knowing where to hit, \$180.00."

- A builder, an electrician, and a lawyer were arguing about which profession was the oldest. The builder pointed out proudly that the first thing God had done was to *build* the earth.

"True," said the electrician, "but before that, He said 'Let there be light.'"

"You're both right," said the lawyer agreeably, "but before the light there was chaos—and who do you think created the chaos?"

- Discovering a leak in the bathroom, the lawyer's secretary called the plumber, who fixed it in a matter of minutes. The bill, however, was substantial, so substantial that the lawyer called to complain. "You weren't here for more than ten minutes," he said, "and I don't charge that much for an hour."

"I know," responded the plumber sympathetically. "I didn't either when I was a lawyer."

- Definition of a statistician: Someone who, if you put his feet in the oven and his head in the freezer, would say, "On the average, I feel just fine."

ACCOUNTING AND ACCOUNTANTS

- Accountants are perpetually fighting their shiny pants, green eyeshades, number-cruncher image. —Albert Newgarden
- Did you ever hear of a kid playing accountant—even if he wanted to be one? —Jackie Mason
- The postwar architecture is the accountant's revenge on the prewar businessmen's dreams. —Rem Koolhaas
- Is a certified public accountant upper-lower middle class or lower-upper middle class? —Charles Merrill Smith
- Over the long haul of life on this planet, it is the ecologists, and not the bookkeepers of business, who are the ultimate accountants. —Stewart L. McKinley
- Canceled checks . . . will be to future historians and cultural anthropologists what the Dead Sea Scrolls and hieroglyphics are to us. —Brent Staples
- Figures won't lie, but liars will figure. —Charles H. Grosvenor (attrib.)
- . . . keep your accounts on your thumbnail. —Henry David Thoreau

Sayings

- The pocket protectors are to keep people from getting to their hearts.
- When they hear, "How do I love thee, let me count the ways," it's the counting part that interests them.
- CPA stands for Constantly Proposing Audits.

Jokes

- “I hear the company’s looking for a new accountant,” said one employee to another as they lingered by the water fountain.
 “Gee, I thought we hired one just last month.”
 “That’s the one they’re looking for.”
- Accountant’s maxim: “When you make the mistake of adding the date to the right side of the accounting statement, you must add it to the left side, too.”
- One of the sideshows at a circus featured a strong man who squeezed an orange until it appeared to be completely dry. When he finished, the strong man’s manager came forward and challenged anybody in the audience to come forward and try to get one last drop out of the supercompressed piece of fruit. To make the offer a bit more enticing, the manager offered one thousand dollars to anyone who successfully eked out just one tiny drop of juice.

A bulging-muscled weight lifter bounced up onto the stage and grabbed the orange from the manager and pressed it with all his might. Nothing came out. Next, a big, burly construction worker sauntered up and took the orange from the exhausted weight lifter. After ten minutes of intense squeezing and a lot of grimacing, the construction worker finally admitted defeat.

“No other takers?” the manager asked with a satisfied sneer.

“May I try?” responded a short, skinny, bespectacled man from the back row.

The manager couldn’t keep a straight face as he and the rest of the crowd watched as the stranger made his way up to the front. Suddenly, the laughter stopped when, to everyone’s amazement, the little guy picked up the orange and squeezed a puddle of juice onto the floor.

Flabbergasted, the manager sputtered, “How the heck did you do that?”

“I’m an accountant.”

- The company accountant once had occasion to go on a business trip with one of the vice presidents. “Look,” exclaimed his companion, gazing out the window of the train, “a flock of sheep—they’ve just been shorn.”
 Looking out to see for himself, the accountant noted, “On this side, at least.”
- What’s the definition of an actuary?
 —Someone who wanted to be an accountant but didn’t have the personality.
- I go to the world’s wealthiest accountant. I’ll tell you how rich he is: He takes his vacation in March.
- Somehow the IRS auditor knew it was my first audit. “How could you tell?” I wondered.
 “For this kind of examination you don’t have to undress,” she explained.

ADVERTISING

- One ad is worth more to a paper than forty editorials. —*Will Rogers*
- Advertising may be described as the science of arresting the human intelligence long enough to get money from it. —*Stephen Butler Leacock*

- Advertising is a valuable economic factor because it is the cheapest way of selling goods, particularly if the goods are worthless. —*Sinclair Lewis*
- Advertising has annihilated the power of the most powerful adjectives. —*Paul Valéry*
- Advertising is the modern substitute for argument; its function is to make the worse appear the better. —*George Santayana*
- Few people at the beginning of the nineteenth century needed an adman to tell them what they wanted. —*John Kenneth Galbraith*
- Let advertisers spend the same amount of money improving their product that they do on advertising and they wouldn't need to advertise it. —*Will Rogers*
- Nothing's so apt to undermine your confidence in a product as knowing that the commercial selling it has been approved by the company that makes it. —*Franklin P. Jones*
- It used to be that people needed products to survive. Now products need people to survive. —*Nicholas Johnson*
- A vice president in an advertising agency is a "molehill man" who has until 5 P.M. to make a molehill into a mountain. An accomplished molehill man will often have his mountain finished even before lunch. —*Fred Allen*
- Richard Nixon was just offered two million dollars by Schick to do a commercial—for Gillette. —*Gerald Ford*
- Many a small thing has been made large by the right kind of advertising. —*Mark Twain*
- Advertising is the greatest art form of the twentieth century. —*Marshall McLuhan*
- In good times, people want to advertise. in bad times, they have to. —*Bruce Barton*
- You have to do a little bragging on yourself even to your relatives—man doesn't get anywhere without advertising. —*John Nancy Garner*
- Advertising agency: Eighty-five percent confusion and fifteen percent commission. —*Fred Allen*
- The longest word in the English language is the one following the phrase, "And now a word from our sponsor." —*Hal Eaton*
- Doing business without advertising is like winking at a girl in the dark. You know what you are doing, but nobody else does. —*Stuart Henderson Britt*
- You can tell the ideals of a nation by its advertisements. —*Norman Douglas*
- Advertisements contain the only truths to be relied on in a newspaper. —*Thomas Jefferson*
- Advertisements are now so numerous that they are very negligently perused, and it is therefore become necessary to gain attention by magnificence of promises, and by eloquence sometimes sublime and sometimes pathetic. Promise—large promise—is the soul of advertising. —*Samuel Johnson (1759)*

- Half the money I spend on advertising is wasted; the trouble is, I don't know which half.
—*John Wanamaker (attrib.)*
- Advertise, or the sheriff may do it for you.
—*P. T. Barnum (attrib.)*
- . . . we've got to know what we've got a choice of. This is the function of advertising.
—*Tom Dillon*
- Advertising promotes that divine discontent which makes people strive to improve their economic status.
—*Ralph Butler*
- There is no such thing as a bad client. But there is such a thing as bad advertising.
—*Jerry Della Femina*

Sayings

- A good thing sells itself; a bad thing advertises itself for sale. —*East African saying*
- You always buy familiar names, the ones you recognize; that's why the adman always claims it pays to advertise.
- Advertising moves the goods—if it's good advertising. Bad advertising doesn't move the goods because it doesn't move the buyers.
- Advertisers are the merchants of dreams.

Jokes

- A good account person, when the client tells him to jump, asks, "How high and when should I come down?"
- An acquaintance seated next to R. J. Wrigley on a flight to Chicago asked the multimillionaire why he continued to advertise his chewing gum when it was far and away the most successful product in its field.

Wrigley replied, "For the same reason that the pilot keeps this plane's engines running even though we're already in the air."

- A client looking for a new advertising agency called the head of account services at three companies and asked them what time it was.

"It's 2:30 in the afternoon," answered the first person.

"I'll research that and get back to you," promised the representative at the second company.

But the person who landed the account was the one who replied, "What time would you like it to be?"

- Madison Avenue has come up with a special perfume for their junior executives who want to appear conscientious. It smells like fear.
- Harry was a complete skeptic about the value of advertising. "There's no such thing as an expert," he claimed. "Anybody can advertise and come up with the exact same results."

"Is that so?" His friend Jack, who happened to work in advertising, suggested they put Harry's theory to the test by advertising the same offer in the same medium on the same day.

Harry's ad read: "Free trip to Disneyland. Driver needed to deliver new car from New York." And he was quite pleased when he got five responses the next day.

The advertising man, however, took his phone off the hook after the hundredth call. His ad read: Drive free from New York to Disneyland delivering new air-conditioned PT Cruiser."

ARCHITECTURE AND ARCHITECTS

- The postwar architecture is the accountant's revenge on the prewar businessmen's dreams.
—Rem Koolhaas
 - God is in the details.
—Ludwig Mies van der Rohe
 - If we build in the desert, let the house know the desert and the desert be proud of the house.
—Frank Lloyd Wright
 - Architect: One who drafts a plan of your house, and plans a draft of your money.
—Ambrose Bierce
 - We shape our buildings. Thereafter they shape us.
—Winston Churchill
 - Less is more.
—Ludwig Mies van der Rohe
 - Less is a bore.
—Robert Venturi, in response to Ludwig Mies van der Rohe's credo
 - The purpose of architecture is to shelter and enhance man's life on earth and to fulfill his belief in the nobility of his existence.
—Eero Saarinen
 - Architecture is life, or at least it is life itself taking form, and therefore it is the truest record of life as it was lived in the world yesterday, as it is lived today or ever will be lived.
—Frank Lloyd Wright
 - Architecture is the learned game, correct and magnificent, of forms assembled in the light.
—Le Corbusier
 - It is our art that has an opportunity to leave a footprint in the sand. They don't wrap fish in our work.
—Hugh Newell Jacobsen
 - The physician can bury his mistakes, but the architect can only advise his client to plant vines.
—Frank Lloyd Wright
 - Architecture begins where engineering ends.
—Walter Gropius

Sayings

- Architects are practical poets
 - Well, back to the drawing board.

—Cartoon caption by Peter Arno

Joke

- It is the theater God would have built if he had the money.

—*Henry Geldzahler, commissioner, NYC Department of Cultural Affairs,
on preservation of Radio City Music Hall*

BANKING AND BANKERS

- Our banking system grew by accident, and whenever something happens by accident, it becomes a religion. —*Walter Wriston*
- This is the twilight of the banks. It would be a more cheerful spectacle if we could envision the dawn of the institutions that will replace them. —*Martin Mayer*
- I can hold a note as long as the Chase Manhattan Bank. —*Ethel Merman*
- Banking establishments are more dangerous than standing armies. —*Thomas Jefferson*
- I don't trust a bank that would lend money to such a poor risk. —*Robert Benchley*
- Except for the con men borrowing money they shouldn't get and the widows who have to visit the handsome young men in the trust department, no sane person ever enjoyed visiting a bank. —*Martin Mayer*
- A financier is a pawnbroker with imagination. —*Arthur Pinero*
- Banking may well be a career from which no man really recovers. —*John Kenneth Galbraith*

Sayings

- A banker is a man who lends you an umbrella when the weather is fair, and takes it away from you when it rains.
- Sign above bank teller's stations: TO ERR IS HUMAN; TO FORGIVE IS NOT BANK POLICY.

Jokes

- The loan officer skeptically looked over the down-at-the-heels fellow in front of him, who had applied for a five hundred dollar loan. "Have you any collateral at all?" she asked. "A car, for example?"
 "Oh yes, I have a '91 Mercedes coupe," he replied promptly.
 The loan officer's eyebrows rose, but she continued, "Any stocks or shares?"
 "Of course. I manage my own portfolio."
 "I see." She made a note in his file. "And a house, I suppose."
 "Certainly, up in the hills, with ten acres, a pool, and a tennis court."
 That did it. The banker rose to her feet, protesting indignantly, "You must be joking!"
 The applicant shrugged. "Well, you started it."
- Why doesn't money grow on trees?
 —Because banks own all the branches.

BROKERS AND THE STOCK MARKET

- Let Wall Street have a nightmare and the whole country has to help get them back in bed again. —*Will Rogers*
- I do not regard a broker as a member of the human race. —*Honoré de Balzac*
- We all have a stake in this economy. Everybody is hurt by inflation. If you really wanted to examine percentage-wise who was hurt most in their income, it was the Wall Street brokers. —*Alan Greenspan*
- Bulls and bears aren't responsible for as many stock losses as bum steers. —*Olin Miller*
- I refuse to believe that trading recipes is silly. Tuna-fish casserole is at least as real as corporate stock. —*Barbara Harrison*
- In Wall Street the only thing that's hard to explain is—next week. —*Louis Rukeyser*
- There are only two emotions on Wall Street: fear and greed. —*William Lefevre*
- Stocks do not move unless they are pushed. —*S. Jay Levin*
- If you don't know who you are, the stock market is an expensive place to find out. —*George Goodman*
- Like the cosmetics industry, the securities business is engaged in selling illusion. —*Paul Samuelson*
- No warning can save a people determined to grow suddenly rich. —*Lord Overstone*
- There is scarcely an instance of a man who has made a fortune by speculation and kept it. —*Andrew Carnegie*

Saying

- Thanks to this man I've gone from over-the-counter to over-the-barrel.

Jokes

- Market tips translated—
 - “Somewhat speculative issue” = Got me on this one.
 - “A strong institutional favorite” = A run-of-the-mill utility.
 - “Now trading at more realistic levels” = Now selling below what you paid for it.
 - “Looking at a great earnings report” = Too bad you didn’t buy a year ago.
- Since the crash, my broker sleeps like a baby. He wakes up every two hours and cries.

CAREGIVING

- You will find, as you look back upon your life, that the moments that stand out are the moments when you have done things for others. —*Henry Drummond*

- The greatest object in the universe, says a certain philosopher, is a good man struggling with adversity, yet there is a still greater, which is the good man that comes to relieve it. *—Oliver Goldsmith*
- No one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of it to anyone else. *—Charles Dickens*
- Being part of a friendly and supportive group of people is one of the most valuable of all health-building activities. People truly are regenerative for each other. *—Robert Rodale*
- Illness forces us to reach out for help, bringing more love to us. *—O. Carl Simonton*
- I put my hand where you lie so silently. I hope you will come glistening with life power, with it shining upon you as upon the feathers of birds. I hope you will be a warrior and fierce for change so all can live. *—Meridel Le Sueur*
- If there were such a thing as Caregivers Anonymous, the first step . . . would be to rid ourselves of that little voice inside us that says, “I can do it all. I am responsible for everything. Whatever I do, it’s never enough. I need more hours in the day. Everyone else comes before me. I coulda-shoulda-woulda.” *—Sherry Issa*
- Over the next decade approximately 47 million baby boomers in North America are or will be facing the role of caregiver to a parent, relative or elderly friend—an odyssey that will change many of your lives. *—www.caregiver.com*
- Our loved ones do not go on forever, in spite of what we may allow ourselves to believe. Sit, listen, love, appreciate with the person you care for. It will end and you probably won’t be ready. *—Karen Henderson*

Saying

- What goes around, comes around.

Jokes

- Be nice to your children; they’ll choose your nursing home.
- Grandchildren are God’s reward for not killing your children.
- The fact that the dependent exemption on income tax is so low is the biggest joke of all.

CLERGY

- The priest is concerned with other people for the sake of God and with God for the sake of other people. *—Robert Runcie, Archbishop of Canterbury*
- Generally speaking, bishops are generally speaking. *—Dennis Nineham*
- A Carmelite nun should be, by the very nature of her vocation, a specialist in prayer. Or, to give it a more modern twist, she is a career woman in the field of prayer and contemplation. *—Mother Catherine Thomas*

- Preaching is personal counseling on a group basis. —*Rev. Harry Emerson Fosdick*
- People expect the clergy to have the grace of a swan, the friendliness of a sparrow, the strength of an eagle, and the night hours of an owl—and some people expect such a bird to live on the food of a canary. —*Edward Jeffrey*
- My sister went to divinity school, to study how to become a divinity, I suppose. —*Eric Frothingham*

Saying

- Those who can't do, preach.

Joke

- Coming to the pulpit, the minister apologized for the bandage on his face. "This morning while I was shaving, I was thinking about my sermon and cut my face," he explained.
After church, he found a little note tucked under his windshield wiper. "Next week while you're shaving," it suggested, "why don't you think about your face and cut your sermon?"

DOCTORS AND DENTISTS

- The great secret of doctors, known only to their wives, but still hidden from the public, is that most things get better by themselves; most things, in fact, are better in the morning. —*Lewis Thomas*
- Physician, heal thyself. —*Luke 4:23*
- Let no one suppose that the words doctor and patient can disguise from the parties the fact that they are employer and employee. —*George Bernard Shaw*
- Never go to a doctor whose office plants have died. —*Erma Bombeck*
- The best doctor in the world is a veterinarian. He can't ask his patients what is the matter—he's got to know. —*Will Rogers*
- The longer I practice medicine, the more convinced I am there are only two types of cases: those that involve taking the trousers off, and those that don't. —*Alan Bennett*
- There is no greater reward in our profession than the knowledge that God has entrusted us with the physical care of his people. —*Dr. Elmer Hess*
- The only profession that labors incessantly to destroy the reason for its own existence. —*James Bryce*
- God heals, and the doctor takes the fees. —*Benjamin Franklin*
- For there was never yet philosopher / That could endure the toothache patiently. —*William Shakespeare*
- To the person with a toothache, even if the world is tottering, there is nothing more important than a visit to a dentist. —*George Bernard Shaw*

Sayings

- Why do the best doctors have the sickest patients?
- Good doctors make poor patients.
- The doctors can cure all sorts of ills, except the shock of doctors' bills.

Jokes

- "Your teeth are absolutely perfect, Mr. Rodgers," said the dentist to the Oklahoma oil-man. "You can get up."

"I'm feeling lucky," responded the millionaire. "Drill anyway."
- "Dr. Shimm," complained the elderly patient, "when I get up in the morning I feel very nauseated—and it lasts for up to an hour. What do you suggest?"

"Hmmm," murmured the doctor, thoughtfully stroking his chin. "How about getting up an hour later?"
- Nobody ever feels sorry for doctors, but I heard about one who got so down-and-out that he tried to rob a bank. Nobody could read his hold-up note.
- A specialist is a doctor with a smaller practice and a bigger boat.
- My doctor is wonderful. Once, in 1955, when I couldn't afford an operation, he touched up the X rays.
- You know how these days everyone wants a second opinion?

—*Joey Bishop*

Well, this lady had been going to a psychiatrist for years and one day she decided she'd had enough of it. "Doctor," she announced, walking into his office, "I've been seeing you every week for five years now. I don't feel any better, I don't feel any worse. What's the story? I want you to level with me: What's wrong with me?"

"All right," said the doctor, "I'll tell you. You're crazy."

"Now wait just a minute," she protested. "I think I'm entitled to a second opinion."

"Fine," he responded. "You're ugly, too."

ENGINEERS AND ENGINEERING

- The engineer is the key figure in the material progress of the world. It is his engineering that makes a reality of the potential value of science by translating scientific knowledge into tools, resources, energy and labor to bring them into the service of man. . . . To make contributions of this kind the engineer requires the imagination to visualize the needs of society and to appreciate what is possible as well as the technological and broad social age understanding to bring his vision to reality.
- The story of civilization is, in a sense, the story of engineering—that long and arduous struggle to make the forces of nature work for man's good.
- Engineering is not merely knowing and being knowledgeable, like a walking encyclopedia; engineering is not merely analysis; engineering is not merely the possession of the capacity to get elegant solutions to non-existent engineering problems; engineering is practicing the art of the organized forcing of technological change. . . . Engineers operate at the interface between science and society. . . .

—*Sir Eric Ashby*

—*L. Sprague DeCamp*

—*Dean Gordon Brown*

- Engineering is a great profession. There is the fascination of watching a figment of the imagination emerge through the aid of science to a plan on paper. Then it moves to realization in stone or metal or energy. Then it brings homes to men or women. Then it elevates the standard of living and adds to the comforts of life. This is the engineer's high privilege.

—Herbert Hoover

- Engineering is the professional and systematic application of science to the efficient utilization of natural resources to produce wealth.

—T. J. Hoover and J. C. L. Fish

- Engineering is the science of economy, of conserving the energy, kinetic and potential, provided and stored up by nature for the use of man. It is the business of engineering to utilize this energy to the best advantage, so that there may be the least possible waste.

—Willard A. Smith

- Scientists discover the world that exists; engineers create the world that never was.

—Theodore von Karman

Saying

- To the optimist, the glass is half-full. To the pessimist, the glass is half-empty. To the engineer, the glass is twice as big as it needs to be.

Jokes

- Normal people . . . believe that if it ain't broke, don't fix it. Engineers believe that if it ain't broke, it doesn't have enough features yet.
- An engineering student, a physics student, and a mathematics student were each given \$150 dollars and were told to use that money to find out exactly how tall a particular hotel was.

All three ran off, extremely keen on how to do this. The physics student went out, purchased some stopwatches, a number of ball bearings, a calculator, and some friends. He had them all time the drop of ball bearings from the roof, and he then figured out the height from the time it took for the bearings to accelerate from rest until they impacted with the sidewalk.

The math student waited until the sun was going down, then she took out her protractor, plumb line, measuring tape, and scratch pad, measured the length of the shadow, found the angle the building's roof made from the ground, and used trigonometry to figure out the height of the building.

Of course, with all that was involved in getting this experiment done, they were up plenty late studying for other courses' exams. These two students bumped into the engineering student the next day, who looked quite refreshed. When asked what he did to find the height of the building, he replied: "Well, I walked up to the bellhop, gave him ten bucks, asked him how tall the hotel was, and went inside for happy hour."

- One day, a mechanical engineer, electrical engineer, chemical engineer, and computer engineer were driving down the street in the same car when it broke down.

The mechanical engineer said, "I think a rod broke."

The chemical engineer said, "The way it sputtered at the end, I think it's not getting enough gas."

The electrical engineer said, "I think there was a spark and something's wrong with the electrical system."

All three turned to the computer engineer, who said, "I think we should all get out and then get back in."

- IBM decided to have some parts manufactured in Japan as a trial project. In the specifications, they stated that they would only accept three defective parts per ten thousand.

When the delivery came in there was an accompanying letter. It said, "We Japanese had a hard time understanding North American business practices. But the three defective parts per ten thousand have been separately manufactured and have been included in the consignment. Hope this pleases you."

FARMERS AND FARMING

- The only difference between a pigeon and the American farmer today is that a pigeon can still make a deposit on a John Deere. —*Jim Hightower*
- Burn down your cities and leave our farms, and your cities will spring up again as if by magic; but destroy our farms and the grass will grow in the streets of every city in the country. —*William Jennings Bryan*
- Farming looks mighty easy when your plow is a pencil and you're a thousand miles from the corn field. —*Dwight D. Eisenhower*
- The first farmer was the first man, and all historic nobility rests on possession and use of land. —*Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- Let us never forget that the cultivation of the earth is the most important labor of man. —*Daniel Webster*
- We must plant the sea and herd its animals . . . using the sea as farmers instead of hunters. That is what civilization is all about—farming replacing hunting. —*Jacques Cousteau*
- Farmers are now members of a capital-intensive industry that values good bookwork more than backwork. So several times a year almost every farmer must seek operating credit from the college fellow in the white shirt and tie—in effect, asking financial permission to work hard on his own land. —*Andrew H. Malcolm*

Saying

- Farmers are the salt of the earth.

Jokes

- Asked what he would do with the millions he'd just won in the state lottery, Farmer Jones scratched his chin and answered, "Oh, I suppose I'll just keep on farming till it's all gone."
- The young woman fresh out of agricultural college looked the whole farm over and then pronounced the farmer's methods of cultivation hopelessly out-of-date and inefficient.

"Why, I'd be amazed if you got even ten pounds of apples off that tree," she concluded decisively, pointing at a gnarled old fruit tree.

"It'd sure surprise me, too," commented the old farmer. "It's a pear tree."

- Why did the idiot buy a farm in Alaska?
—He wanted to grow frozen vegetables.

- A young farmer went to see the family doctor because he was having problems of a sexual nature with his wife.

"Clem," the doctor confided, "you have to be more loving to your wife. Give her extra hugs and kisses. Show her how much you care."

"I do the best I can, Doc," the boy moaned, "but I'm out working the field from dawn to dusk, and I'm just too tired."

"Hmmm," the doctor mused. "Take a shotgun with you next time you go out in the field and shoot it off every time you're feeling a bit frisky. When your wife hears the blast, she'll come a runnin'."

A month later the farmer returned to the doctor looking downright depressed.

"What happened?" asked the doctor. "Didn't you do what I said?"

"I sure did, and everything was going great until hunting season started last week," cried the farmer. "I haven't seen her since."

INSURANCE

- What the insurance companies have done is to reverse the business so that the public at large insures the insurance companies. —*Gerry Spence*
 - I don't want to tell you how much insurance I carry with the Prudential, but all I can say is: when I go, *they* go. —*Jack Benny* (*attrib.*)
 - Insurance: An ingenious modern game of chance, in which the player is permitted to enjoy the comfortable conviction that he is beating the man who keeps the table. —*Ambrose Bierce*
 - Insurance is for people who don't have money. —*Neil Zukerman*

Sayings

- Life insurance is the only game you win when you die.
 - You can't wait to buy a parachute when you need one.

Jokes

- How many doctors does it take to change a lightbulb?
—It depends on how much insurance the bulb has.
 - My car insurance is with one of those companies that questions everything. I think I've got the hundred dollar debatable.
 - The machine operator comes home from the factory and tells his wife he's got some good news and some bad news. "First the good news," he says, sitting down at the kitchen table. "The factory has great coverage: I'm getting \$75,000 in severance pay."

"That's great, honey," says his wife supportively. "So what's the bad news?"
 "Wait'll you hear what was severed . . ."

- He [the insurance salesman] keeps us poor all of our lives so we can die rich.
- "Don't let me pressure you, Mrs. Schmidt," said the aggressive life-insurance salesman. "Why don't you sleep on my offer and call me in the morning. If you wake up."
- Why is sex like insurance?
 —The older you get, the more it costs.
- What's the best thing about turning sixty-five?
 —No more calls from insurance salesmen.

LAWYERS

- I don't want a lawyer to tell me what I cannot do; I hire one to tell me how to do what I want to do. —*J. P. Morgan*
- If there were no bad people there would be no good lawyers. —*Charles Dickens*
- If the laws could speak for themselves, they would complain of the lawyers in the first place. —*George Savile*
- That all depends on what "is" is. —*Bill Clinton*
- If a man dies and leaves his estate in an uncertain condition, the lawyers become his heirs. —*Edgar Watson Howe*
- Lawyers are men who hire out their words and anger. —*Martial*
- What's the first excellence in a lawyer? Tautology. What's the second? Tautology. What's the third? Tautology. —*Richard Steele*
- What we lawyers want to do is to substitute courts for carnage, dockets for rockets, briefs for bombs, warrants for warheads, mandates for missiles. —*George Rhyne*
- What most impresses us about great jurists is not their tenacious grasp of fine points, honed almost to invisibility; it is the moment when we are suddenly aware of the sweep and direction of the law and its place in the lives of men. —*Irving R. Kaufman*
- A countryman between two lawyers is like a fish between two cats. —*Benjamin Franklin*
- The first thing we do, let's kill all the lawyers. —*William Shakespeare*
- You cannot live without the lawyers, and certainly you cannot die without them. —*Joseph H. Choate*
- The trouble with law is lawyers. —*Clarence Darrow*
- He is no lawyer who cannot take two sides. —*Charles Lamb*

- There is no better way of exercising the imagination than the study of law. No poet ever interpreted nature as freely as a lawyer interprets the truth. —*Jean Giraudoux*
- Taking a break from the courtroom squabbles of a case in Rock Island, Abraham Lincoln took a walk in the countryside. He followed a stream and came to a bridge, and a young boy sitting right in the middle. Lincoln said companionably, “I suppose you know all about this river.”

“Sure I do, mister,” responded the boy. “It was here when I was born and it’s been here ever since.”

Lincoln smiled broadly. “It’s good to be out here where there is so much fact and so little opinion.”

Sayings

- A lawyer’s opinion is worth nothing unless it is paid for.
- A lawsuit helps keep lawyers clothed.

Jokes

- It’s said that Abraham Lincoln once sized up the case of a prospective client as follows: “You have a pretty good case, technically, but in terms of justice and equity, it’s got problems. So you’ll have to look for another lawyer to handle the case, because the whole time I was up there talking to the jury, I’d be thinking, ‘Lincoln, you’re a liar!’ and I just might forget myself and say it out loud.”
- Two souls waiting to be admitted into heaven got into a furious argument about who had been first in line. Unable to resolve the dispute, they marched up to St. Peter and explained the need for legal counsel to help each plead his case.

“I’m afraid you’ll have to apply for a change of venue,” St. Peter replied with a bemused smile. “There aren’t any lawyers up here.”

- At a dinner party a doctor and a lawyer were arguing about whose calling was higher. The conversation grew fairly heated, and finally the doctor served his trump card. His chest swelling with righteousness, he proclaimed, “We doctors save *lives*.”

“And we lawyers,” his opponent pointed out wryly, “probate your failures.”

- A doctor, a lawyer, and an architect were arguing about whose dog was the smartest, so they agreed to stage a contest.

“Okay, Rover,” said the architect, and Rover trotted over to a table and in five minutes had constructed a perfect scale model of Chartres Cathedral out of toothpicks. Pretty impressive, everyone agreed, and the architect gave Rover a cookie.

“Hit it, Spot,” ordered the doctor, and Spot lost no time in performing an emergency Caesarian section on a cow, delivering healthy twin calves in less than three minutes. Not bad, the observers concurred, and Spot got a cookie from the doctor.

“Your turn, Fella,” said the lawyer. So Fella trotted over, screwed the other two dogs, took their cookies, and went out to lunch.

- Know why laboratories have switched from rats to lawyers for their experiments?

1. There's no shortage of lawyers.
2. You don't get so attached to them.
3. After all, there are *some* things you can't get rats to do.

MAIL CARRIERS

- If you spend enough time at camp, in boarding school, or in the military, the mailman becomes your main link with your family and the outside world. —*Georgia S. Clark*
- The postman always rings twice. —*James M. Cain*
- The mailman is the agent of impolite surprises. —*Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche*
- I never received more than one or two letters in my life . . . that were worth the postage. —*Henry David Thoreau*
- Neither snow nor rain, nor heat, nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds.

—*Inscription on Manhattan post office, adapted from Herodotus*

Saying

- The mail must go through.

Jokes

- When Frederick's thirty years in the post office were almost up, his supervisor called him in. "You've been here a long time, Phil," he said sagely. "Is there anything you've learned during these years of service you'd like to share with us?"
The mailman nodded. "Don't post my gold watch. I'll take it with me."
- What's the fastest thing in the postal service?
—The way the rates go up.
- The way it comes through, they ought to call it partial post.
- Hear about the new correspondence school for sex work?
—Just invite the mailman in.

PSYCHOTHERAPY, PSYCHIATRISTS, AND THERAPISTS

- I always say shopping is cheaper than a psychiatrist. —*Tammy Faye Bakker*
- A neurotic is a man who builds a castle in the air. A psychotic is the man who lives in it. And a psychiatrist is a man who collects the rent. —*Lord Webb-Johnson*
- Psychiatry enables us to correct our faults by confessing our parents' shortcomings. —*Laurence J. Peter*

- A psychiatrist is a fellow who asks you a lot of expensive questions your wife asks you for nothing. —*Joey Adams*
- A psychiatrist is a man who goes to Les Folies Bergère and looks at the audience. —*Mervyn Stockwood*
- Neurosis is the inability to tolerate ambiguity. —*Sigmund Freud*
- The pendulum of the mind oscillates between sense and nonsense, not between right and wrong. —*Carl Jung*
- Problems do not go away. They must be worked through or else they remain, forever a barrier to the growth and development of the spirit. —*M. Scott Peck*
- The nature of an individual's unconscious motives is revealed by the effect of his actions and behavior upon others. —*Theodor Reik*
- Listening, not imitation, may be the sincerest form of flattery. —*Joyce Brothers*
- Mother, food, love and career, the four major guilt groups. —*Cathy Guisewite*
- Anyone who goes to a psychiatrist should have his head examined. —*Samuel Goldwyn*
- Being in love is a transient state of psychosis. —*John Bradshaw*
- He who laughs, lasts. —*David Myers*
- When women are mad or depressed, they eat or go shopping. Men invade another country. It's a whole different way of thinking. —*Elayne Boosler*
- In the factory we make cosmetics, but in my stores we sell hope. —*Charles Revson*
- One should only see a psychiatrist out of boredom. —*Muriel Spark*
- A vigorous five-mile walk will do more good for an unhappy but otherwise healthy adult than all the medicine and psychology in the world. —*Paul Dudley White*
- The great majority of neuroses in women have their origin in the marriage bed. —*Sigmund Freud*
- Psychiatry is the art of teaching people how to stand on their own two feet while reclining on couches. —*Sigmund Freud*
- Why should I tolerate a perfect stranger at the bedside of my mind? —*Vladimir Nabokov*
- I do not have a psychiatrist and I do not want one, for the simple reason that if he listened to me long enough, he might become disturbed. —*James Thurber*
- I finally had an orgasm and my doctor told me it was the wrong kind. —*Woody Allen and Marshall Brickman*
- Sometimes a cigar is just a cigar. —*Sigmund Freud*
- Being a good psychoanalyst, in short, has the same disadvantage as being a good parent: the children desert one as they grow up. —*Morton Hunt*
- Neurosis is always a substitute for legitimate suffering. —*Carl Jung*

- Analysts keep having to pick away at the scab that the patient tries to form between himself and the analyst to cover over his wounds. [The analyst] keeps the surface raw, so that the wound will heal properly. —*Janet Malcolm*
- Mental health problems do not affect three or four out of every five persons but one out of one. —*William Menninger*
- There is no perfect solution to depression, nor should there be. And odd as this may sound . . . we should be glad of that. It keeps us human. —*Lesley Hazleton*
- Life itself still remains a very effective therapist. —*Karen Horney*
- To say that a particular psychiatric condition is incurable or irreversible is to say more about the state of our ignorance than about the state of the patient. —*Milton Rokeach*

Sayings

- You go to a psychiatrist when you're slightly cracked and keep going until you're completely cracked.
- A Freudian slip is when you say one thing but you mean your mother.
- I don't know what apathy is and I don't care!
- I'm beside myself with schizophrenia.
- I don't suffer from insanity; I enjoy every minute of it.
- Stress makes you stupid.
- That which we resist, persists.
- My shrink doesn't understand me.
- Psychiatrist: An M.D. who can't stand the sight of blood.
- The patient always lies on the couch.

Jokes

- Always borrow money from a pessimist; they don't expect to get paid back.
- Two psychiatrists leave their offices in the same elevator. "Hello, have a good evening," said one to the other as the doors opened.
"Now why'd he say that?" mused the other.
- Two psychiatrists encounter each other on the sidewalk. "Hey, Anabella, how are you?" said the first with a hearty handshake.
"You tell me," was the reply.
- A man was attacked and left bleeding in a ditch. The psychiatrists passed by and one said to the other, "We must find the man who did this—he needs help."
- Nerve is going to a psychiatrist because of a split personality and asking for a group rate.
- Two men are talking in the bar sharing their sob stories.
One man says, "I had the worst Freudian slip the other day."

The other man responds, "What is a Freudian slip?"

"You know, it's when you mean to say one thing, but you say something else that reveals what you are really thinking about. Like the other day I was at the airport and this really beautiful lady was helping me. Instead of asking her for 'two tickets to Pittsburgh,' I asked her for 'two Pickets to Pittsburgh.'"

The second replies, "Oh, now I know what you are talking about. It's like the other day when I was having breakfast with my wife. I wanted her to pass me the orange juice, and instead I said, 'You ruined my life!'"

- How many psychologists does it take to change a lightbulb?
 1. Just one, but the light has to really want to change.
 2. Just one. And his mother.
 3. Just one, but it takes nine visits.
 4. None. The lightbulb will change itself when it's ready.
 5. Why should the lightbulb necessarily *have* to change? Why can't it be happy the way it is?
 6. "How many do *you* think it takes?"
 7. "How long have you been having this fantasy?"
- A very shy guy goes into a bar and sees a beautiful woman sitting at the bar. After an hour of gathering up his courage, he finally goes over to her and asks, tentatively, "Um, would you mind if I chatted with you for a while?" She responds by yelling, at the top of her lungs, "NO! I won't sleep with you tonight!" Everyone in the bar is now staring at them. Naturally, the guy is hopelessly and completely embarrassed, and he slinks back to his table.
- After a few minutes, the woman walks over to him and apologizes. She smiles at him and says, "I'm sorry if I embarrassed you. You see, I'm a graduate student in psychology, and I'm studying how people respond to embarrassing situations." To which he responds, at the top of his lungs, "What do you mean two hundred dollars?"
- When the new patient was settled comfortably on the couch, the psychiatrist began his therapy session.
- "I'm not aware of your problem," the doctor said. "So perhaps, you should start at the very beginning."
- "Of course," replied the patient. "In the beginning, I created the Heavens and the Earth . . ."

SALES AND SALESPEOPLE

- If you don't sell, it's not the product that's wrong, it's *you*. —Estée Lauder
- Inequality of knowledge is the key to a sale. —Neil O. Gustafson
- There are no dumb customers. —Peter F. Drucker
- When you stop talking, you've lost your customer. —Estée Lauder
- In the jungle of the marketplace, the intelligent buyer must be alert to every commercial sound, to every snapping of selling twig, to every rustle that may signal the uprising arm holding the knife pointed toward the jugular vein. —Dexter Masters

- [A car] for every purse and purpose. —*Alfred P. Sloan Jr., president of General Motors*
- Everyone lives by selling something. —*Robert Louis Stevenson*
- People will buy anything that's one to a customer. —*Sinclair Lewis*
- Simon & Schuster runs a sales contest every year. The winners get to keep their jobs. —*Jack O'Leary*
- Any fool can paint a picture, but it takes a wise man to be able to sell it. —*Samuel Butler*
- There's a sucker born every minute. —*P. T. Barnum*
- You can fool too many of the people too much of the time. —*James Thurber*
- There is no such thing as "hard sell" and "soft sell." There is only "smart sell" and "stupid sell." —*Leo Burnett*

Sayings

- It takes less to keep an old customer satisfied than to get a new customer interested.
- Columbus was definitely the world's most amazing salesman. He started out not knowing where he was going. When he got there, he didn't know where it was, so when he got back, he couldn't say where's he'd been. And he did it all on a big cash advance, and he got a repeat order.
- The fish sees the bait, not the hook. —*Chinese proverb*
- Before salespeople can sell something to others, they must first sell it to themselves.
- Caveat emptor—let the buyer beware.

Jokes

- Over breakfast in the corner diner, the salesman peered out at the snow piling up against the window. "Think the roads are clear enough to make some sales calls?" he mused.
The waiter shrugged. "Depends on whether you're working on salary or commission, I suppose."
- When the legendary salesman was asked his secrets of success, he gave a humble shrug. "I'm sure you all know the cardinal rules: know your product; make lots of calls; never take no for an answer. But frankly, I owe my success to consistently missing a three-foot putt by two inches."
- The Arab sheikh welcomed his son back from a tour of the United States and was eager for the young man's impressions. "What were you the most impressed by, Fouad?" he pressed. "The lush scenery, or the democratic system at work? Or perhaps by the Americans' energy and initiative, or their lack of class distinction?"
"To tell you the truth, Dad," responded the prince, unpacking six pairs of snowshoes, "what impressed me the most was their salesmanship."
- If You Don't Buy This Magazine, We'll Kill This Dog.

—*Cover of the National Lampoon, January 1973*

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- First salesman: “I made some very valuable contacts today.”
Second salesman: “I didn’t get any orders either.”
- Marveling at a certain employee’s ability to sell toothbrushes, the head of the sales department decided to follow him around one day. He soon observed this particular salesman choose a busy street corner on which to set up an array of toothbrushes and a small bowl of brownish stuff surrounded by chips. The salesman would then select a likely customer and announce, “Good morning! We’re introducing Nifty Chip Dip—would you like a free sample?”

Tasting the dip, the bystander would invariably spit it out in disgust and howl, “It tastes like shit!”

“It is,” the salesman would inform them calmly. “Care to buy a toothbrush?”

- The banker fancied himself interested in young people, so when a young lad came in to make an eighty-dollar deposit, he came over and patted him on the shoulder. “You must be a pretty enterprising fellow,” he remarked. “How did you earn the money?”

“Selling Christmas cards,” the boy replied.

“Good for you! You must have sold them to everyone in the neighborhood.”

The boy shook his head. “No, sir. One family bought them all—their dog bit me.”

B U S I N E S S

BUSINESS

- Business is like sex. When it's good, it's very, very good; when it's not so good, it's still good.
—*George Katona*
- The trouble with the profit system has always been that it was highly unprofitable to most people.
—*E. B. White*
- Business has only two functions—marketing and innovation.
—*Peter F. Drucker*
- If you break one hundred, watch your golf. If you break 80, watch your business.
—*Joey Adams*
- Never invest your money in anything that eats or needs repairing.
—*Billy Rose*
- Boldness in business is the first, second, and third thing.
—*Thomas Fuller*
- Don't steal; thou'l never thus compete successfully in business. Cheat.
—*Ambrose Bierce*
- We should distrust any enterprise that requires new clothes. —*Henry David Thoreau*
- The business of government is to keep the government out of business—that is, unless business needs government aid.
—*Will Rogers*
- Business? It's quite simple. It's other people's money.
—*Alexandre Dumas (fils)*
- Men in business are in as much danger from those at work under them as from those that work against them.
—*George Savile*
- It is not the employer who pays wages; he only handles the money. It is the product that pays wages.
—*Henry Ford*
- “Absorption of overhead” is one of the most obscene terms I have ever heard.
—*Peter F. Drucker*
- Business without profit is not business any more than a pickle is candy.
—*Charles F. Abbott*
- If the government was as afraid of disturbing the consumer as it is of disturbing business, this would be some democracy.
—*Kin Hubbard*
- All business sagacity reduces itself in the last analysis to a judicious use of sabotage.
—*Thorstein Veblen*

- It's not the bulls or the bears you need to avoid—it's the bum steers. —*Chuck Hillis*
- Buy low, sell high, collect early, and pay late. —*Dick Levin*
- He who builds a better mousetrap these days runs into material shortages, patent-infringement suits, work stoppages, collusive bidding, discount discrimination—and taxes. —*H. E. Martz*
- Before you build a better mousetrap, it helps to know if there are any mice out there. —*Mortimer B. Zuckerman*
- Money itself doesn't interest me. But you must make money to go on building the business. —*Rupert Murdoch*
- Sometimes I get the feeling that the two biggest problems in America today are making ends meet—and making meetings end. —*Robert Orben*
- I've got to keep breathing. It'll be my worst business mistake if I don't. —*Nathan Meyer Rothschild*
- The big print giveth and the fine print taketh away. —*Bhp. Fulton J. Sheen*
- The salary of the chief executive of the large corporation is not a market award for achievement. It is frequently in the nature of a warm personal gesture by the individual to himself. —*John Kenneth Galbraith*
- When you are skinning your customers, you should leave some skin on to grow so that you can skin them again. —*Nikita S. Khrushchev*
- Corporation: An ingenious device for obtaining individual profit without individual responsibility. —*Ambrose Bierce*
- Monopoly is business at the end of its journey. —*Henry Demarest Lloyd*
- The human being who would not harm you or an individual, face-to-face basis, who is charitable, civic-minded, loving and devout, will wound or kill you from behind the corporate veil. —*Morton Mintz, on the marketing of the Dalkon Shield*
- The feminist surge will crest when a lady named Arabella, flounces and ruffles and all, can rise to the top of a Fortune 500 corporation. —*Alma Denny*
- Corporate identity specialists . . . spend their time rechristening other companies [and conducting] a legal search [and] a linguistic search to insure that the name is not an insult in another language. —*Lisa Belkin*
- Two-tier tender offers, Pac-Man and poison-pill defenses, crown-jewel options, green-mail, golden parachutes, self-tenders—all have become part of our everyday business. —*Felix G. Rohatyn*
- Television is business, and business is America. —*Bill Cosby*
- Business begs. Philanthropy begs. —*W. E. B. Du Bois*
- When morality comes up against profit, it is seldom that profit loses. —*Shirley Chisholm*
- I have no friends and no enemies—only competitors. —*Aristotle Onassis*

- Under the new industrial competition, there are no frozen niches in frozen markets for which established producers compete like so many successive dictators in a banana republic. Markets and industries are themselves in flux, and to the winners belong not so much the old-fashioned spoils of victory as the right to define the terms of competition in the future.
- William J. Abernathy, Kim B. Clark, and Alan M. Kantrow*

Sayings

- Business is what when you don't have any, you get out of.
- Business before pleasure.
- Business is business.

Jokes

- “What's this for?” asked the boss of his Midwest sales rep, pointing to an especially large item on her expense account.
“That's my restaurant bill.”
“Hmmm.” The boss was skeptical. “Well, don't buy any more restaurants.”
- The bum rang the doorbell of a Beverly Hills mansion, and rang, and rang, undissuaded by the fact that it was the middle of the night. Finally, ten minutes later, the disheveled homeowner came to the door, pulling his silk dressing gown around him.
“What are you doing leaning on my doorbell at three in the morning?” he screamed.
“Can I have two dollars?” asked the bum.
“Why the hell did you need to wake me out of a sound sleep for two goddamn dollars?” the millionaire raged.
“I don't tell you how to run your business,” was the cool response, “so don't tell me how to run mine.”

CLIENTS

- IBM is customer- and market-driven, not technology-driven. —*Buck Rogers*
- The client may be an idiot, but he's never wrong. —*Tripp Evans*
- Always be smarter than the people who hire you. —*Lena Horne*
- Dealing with more than one client at a time is the business world's equivalent of bigamy. It's so awkward to tell one client that you're working on someone else's business that you inevitably start lying. —*Andrew Frothingham*
- There is no such thing as a bad client. But there is such a thing as bad advertising. —*Jerry Della Femina*

Sayings

- The client is always right.
- Rule No. 1: The client is always right.
Rule No. 2: If the client is ever wrong, reread Rule No. 1.

Joke

- A good account person, when the client tells him to jump, asks, “How high and when should I come down?”

COMMITTEES

- If you ever live in a country run by a committee, be on the committee.

—*William Graham Sumner*

- Having served on various committees, I have drawn up a list of rules: Never arrive on time; this stamps you as a beginner. Don’t say anything until the meeting is over: this stamps you as being wise. Be as vague as possible: this avoids irritating the others. When in doubt, suggest that a subcommittee be appointed. Be the first to move for adjournment: this will make you popular—it’s what everyone is waiting for.

—*Harry Chapman*

- Not even computers will replace committees, because committees buy computers.

—*Edward Shepherd Mead*

- A committee is a cul-de-sac down which ideas are lured and then quietly strangled.

—*Barnett Cocks*

- We always carry out by committee anything in which any of us alone would be too reasonable to persist.

—*Frank Moore Colby*

- To get something done a committee should consist of no more than three men, two of whom are absent.

—*Robert Copeland*

- A group of the unfit appointed by the unwilling to do the unnecessary.

—*Carl C. Byers*

- Committee work is like a soft chair—easy to get into but hard to get out of.

—*Kenneth J. Shively*

- A committee can’t succeed if everybody’s on board but nobody’s at the wheel.

—*Kathy Griffith*

Sayings

- A committee is a group that takes minutes and wastes hours.
- A camel is a racehorse built by committee.

Jokes

- Charles Kettering was president of General Motors when Charles Lindbergh made his famous flight. When the news came over the radio, his secretary rushed in to declare, “Charlie Lindbergh just flew the Atlantic alone!”

Kettering looked up from a pile of papers and snorted, “Heck, that’s nothing—let him try it with a committee.”

- Computers are definitely smarter than people. When's the last time you heard of six computers getting together to form a committee?

CONSULTANTS

- Consultants are people who borrow your watch and tell you what time it is, then walk off with the watch. —*Robert Townsend*
- Experts should be on tap but never on top. —*Winston Churchill*
- Consult: To seek another's approval of a course already decided upon. —*Ambrose Bierce*
- No man can be a pure specialist without being in the strict sense an idiot. —*George Bernard Shaw*
- The trouble with specialists is that they tend to think in grooves. —*Elaine Morgan*
- Make three correct guesses consecutively and you will establish a reputation as an expert. —*Laurence Peter*
- A consultant is an ordinary man away from home giving advice. —*Oscar Wilde*
- It used to be that when all else failed, a guy went into the army; now he becomes a consultant. —*Blackie Sherrod*
- Consultants are people who come down from the hill to shoot the wounded after the battle is over. —*Doc Blakeley*
- After the ship has sunk, a consultant knows how it might have been saved. —*Newt Hielescher*
- A consultant is someone who saves his client almost enough to pay his fee. —*Arnold Glasgow*

Saying

- A consultant is a man who knows 147 ways to make love, but doesn't know any women.

Jokes

- The Fallons had a tomcat that insisted on going out every night to prowl around and chase after cats in heat. And week after week he'd return bloody and battered, ears torn, fur shredded. Finally his owners had enough and took him to the vet to be neutered.

The cat lay low for a week or two, so the Fallons were delighted when one night the cat got dressed in black tie and tails, just as in the old days, and headed out the door. They were even more surprised when he was home by midnight without a spot or scratch on him. Crowding around and stroking him, they asked, "How'd you do it, old boy?" "Easy," responded the cat, slicking back his whiskers. "Now I'm a consultant."

- [An expert is] like the bottom of a double boiler. It shoots off a lot of steam, but it never really knows what's cooking.

CONVENTIONS

- A convention is a splendid place to study human nature. Man in a crowd is quite a different creature than man acting alone. —*William Jennings Bryan*
- Of representative assemblies may not this good be said: That contending parties in a country do thereby ascertain one another's strength. They fight there, since fight they must, by petition, parliamentary eloquence, not by sword, bayonet, and bursts of military cannon. —*Thomas Carlyle*
- Conventions are like coins, an easy way of dealing with the commerce of relations. —*Freya Stark*

Saying

- An individual starts off by facing his problem with resolution, but a convention saves the resolution for the end.

Jokes

- Delegate-at-large: A man at a convention whose wife didn't accompany him.
 - "You keep maintaining that conventions are nothing but a waste of time," the eager young man pointed out to the veteran conventioneer. "So why do you keep attending them?"
- "If I didn't," retorted the seasoned fellow, "how could I be sure?"

DIVERSITY

- Xenophobia doesn't benefit anybody unless you're playing highstakes Scrabble. —*Dennis Miller*
- Diversity is a competitive advantage. Different people approach similar problems in different ways. —*Rich McGinn*
- Our markets demand that we be diverse because we serve such a diverse population. Diversity is more than the right thing to do—it's a business imperative. —*Lorraine Stimmel*
- Some people think that seeking diversity automatically leads to excellence, but I think focusing on excellence inevitably leads to diversity. —*William C. Steere*
- I'm against a homogenized society because I want the cream to rise to the top. —*Robert Frost*
- Black minds and talent have skills to control a spacecraft or scalpel with the same finesse and dexterity with which they control a basketball. —*Ronald McNair*
- If we cannot end now our differences, at least we can help make the world safe for diversity. —*John F. Kennedy*

- Let a hundred flowers bloom. Let a hundred schools of thought contend.

—*Mao Tse-tung*

- America is woven of many strands; I would recognize them and let it so remain. . . .

Our fate is to become one, and yet many.

—*Ralph Ellison*

- The higher up you go, the deeper the closets get.

—*Ed Mickens*

- We need women designing vehicles for the simple reason that they use them.

—*Mimi Vandermolen*

- Hiring alone doesn't give equal opportunity.

—*Richard J. Mahoney*

Saying

- Executives pick successors in their own image.

Joke

- A large newspaper decided that to keep up with the times the word "black" would be replaced with words "African American." The change was done automatically on word processors, and the next day the business section reported that several companies were "in the African American."

LABOR

- Encouraging worker ideas and participation in decision making is no longer just an option for American business. It is a necessity. Employees come to the workplace today with expectations that their recommendations will be given serious consideration.

—*Roger Smith*

- Esau sold his birthright for a mess of pottage. Judas Iscariot sold his Savior for thirty pieces of silver. Benedict Arnold sold his country for a promise of a commission in the British army: The modern strikebreaker sells his birthright, his country, his wife, his children, and his fellow men for an unfulfilled promise from his employer, trust, or corporation.

—*Jack London*

- You need men, and I have all the men. What am I bid?

—*John L. Lewis, United Mine Workers union president*

- Dammit, the law is the law, and the law says they cannot strike. If the [air-traffic controllers] strike, they quit their jobs.

—*Ronald Reagan*

- On the evening bus, the tense, pinched faces of young file clerks and elderly secretaries tell us more than we care to know.

—*Studs Terkel*

- I am a man, not a consignment of goods to be bought and sold.

—*Curtis Flood*

- The strike is the weapon of the industrial jungle.

—*Sidney Hillman*

- My mistake was buying stock in the company. Now I worry about the lousy work I'm turning out.

—*Marvin Townsend*

- I believe in the dignity of labor, whether with head or hand; that the world owes every man the opportunity to make a living.

—John D. Rockefeller Jr.

Sayings

- Cut your own wood, and it will warm you twice.
- *Laborare est orare*—To work is to pray.
- Labor is the ultimate power of the people.
- The real power of labor is that it works.
- One man's labor is another man's capital.

Jokes

- “We don’t mind the wage cut, or the faster assembly line,” said the shop steward to the foreman, “but what’s this new rule that you have to be sick if you want to take a sick day?”
- Employee: “I really need a raise—I’ve even been praying in church for one.”
Boss: “How dare you go over my head.”
- Employee: “Three other people have been promoted past me even though I have twenty years of experience in this job!”
Boss: “No, you don’t. You have one year of experience twenty times—you’ve been making the same mistakes since you first started.”
- “Why’d the foreman fire you?”
“You know how the foreman is the guy who stands around watching other people work?”
“Yeah, but why’d you get fired?”
“The foreman got jealous—a lot of people thought I was the foreman.”
- After days of tough negotiation, the senior shop steward emerged from behind closed doors looking very pleased with himself. Addressing the workers, he declared the results: a 25 percent wage hike, two months paid vacation, full dental coverage, and two hours for lunch. “And furthermore,” he concluded triumphantly, “you only have to work one day a week—Wednesday.”
“What?” came a voice from the back of the room. “*Every Wednesday?*”

MANAGEMENT AND BOSSES

- Chief executives, who themselves own a few shares of their companies, have no more feeling for the average stockholder than they do for baboons in Africa.
- I don’t want any yes-men around me. I want everybody to tell me the truth, even if it costs them their jobs.
- Getting results through people is a skill that cannot be learned in the classroom.

—T. Boone Pickens

—Samuel Goldwyn

—J. Paul Getty

- Never try to teach a pig to sing; it wastes your time and it annoys the pig.

—Paul Dickson

- If my boss calls, be sure to get his name.

—Comment of ABC executive, quoted by William Rukeyser in report on rapid personnel shifts

- There's just three things I'd ever say:

If anything goes bad, I did it.

If anything goes semi-good, then we did it.

If anything goes real good, then you did it.

That's all it takes to get people to win football games for you. —Paul "Bear" Bryant

- Efficiency is getting the job done *right*. Effectiveness is getting the *right job done*.

—John-Roger and Peter McWilliams

- Men are going to learn to be managers in a world where the organization will come close to consisting of all chiefs and one Indian. The Indian, of course, is the computer.

—Thomas L. Whisler

- The secret of managing is to keep the guys who hate you away from the guys who are undecided. —Casey Stengel

- I won't eat anything that has intelligent life, but I would gladly eat a network executive or a politician. —Marty Feldman

- Lots of folks confuse bad management with destiny. —Kin Hubbard

- What is worth doing is worth the trouble of asking somebody to do it. —Ambrose Bierce

- The longer the title, the less important the job. —George McGovern

- Always mistrust a subordinate who never finds fault with his superior.

—William Collins

- The shepherd always tries to persuade the sheep that their interests and his own are the same. —Stendhal

- On a good day, I view the job [of president of Yale] as directing an orchestra. On the dark days, it is more like that of a clutch—engaging the engine to effect forward motion, while taking greater friction. —A. Bartlett Giamatti

- It is difficult to get a man to understand something when his salary depends upon his not understanding it. —Upton Sinclair

- The conventional definition of management is getting work done through people, but real management is developing people through work. —Agha Hasan Abedi

- When people are highly motivated, it's easy to accomplish the impossible. And when they're not, it's impossible to accomplish the easy. So how do we motivate them? Discard the mushroom theory of management—the one that says, keep your employees in the dark and throw a lot of manure on them. If you're going to manage a growing company, you have to concentrate on managing people, not ignoring them. —Bob Collings

- A businessman's judgment is no better than his information. —*R. P. Lamont*
- The brand of leadership we propose has a simple base of MBWA (Managing by Wandering Around). To "wander" with customers and vendors and our own people is to be in touch with the very first vibrations of the new. —*Thomas J. Peters and Nancy K. Austin*
- A good manager is a man who isn't worried about his own career but the careers of those who work for him. —*H. M. S. Burns*
- Executives who get there and stay suggest solutions when they present the problems. —*Malcolm S. Forbes*
- One of the most important tasks of a manager is to eliminate his people's excuses for failure. —*Robert Townsend*
- No one can possibly achieve any real and lasting success or "get rich" in business by being a conformist. —*J. Paul Getty*
- Every president needs his son-of-a-bitch; I'm Nixon's. —*H. R. Haldeman*
- By working faithfully eight hours a day, you may eventually get to be a boss and work twelve hours a day. —*Robert Frost*
- The most important aspect of the relationship between the president and the secretary of state is that they both understand who is president. —*Dean Acheson*
- In a hierarchy, every employee tends to rise to his level of incompetence. —*Laurence J. Peter*
- Management is nothing more than motivating people. —*Lee Iacocca*
- It has long since become a familiar observation that generals regularly spend their time preparing to fight the war. Managers often do the same. Whether from the force of habit or from the appeal of comfortable modes of thought and action, they often fail to see how the problems that beset them are unlike those with which they have become familiar. —*William J. Abernathy, Kim B. Clark, and Alan M. Kantrow*
- I learned in business that you had to be very careful when you told somebody that's working for you to do something, because the chances were very high he'd do it. In government, you don't have to worry about that. —*George Schultz*
- Every time I fill a vacant office, I make ten malcontents and one ingrate. —*Louis XIV*
- Of course in selecting staff I shall make a few bad decisions. After all, Jesus Christ had to make twelve appointments and one of them was a bummer. —*Ted Turner*

Sayings

- A man who works with his hands is a laborer. A man who works with his hands and his brains is a craftsman. But a man who works with his brains and the hands of others is an executive.
- The players win, not the coach. The best thing a coach can do is get the best players in action and let them do their thing. The coach can lose for you, but he can't win for you.

- *A Short Course in Human Relations*

The six most important words: I admit that I was wrong.
 The five most important words: You did a great job.
 The four most important words: What do you think?
 The three most important words: Could you please . . . ?
 The two most important words: Thank you.
 The most important word: We.
 The least important word: I.

Jokes

- An executive is one who never puts off until tomorrow what he can get someone else to do today.
- Running into a former colleague who'd gone into business for himself, Sylvia asked him how it was going.
 "To tell you the truth," admitted her friend, "I never knew how stupid bosses could be until I became self-employed."
- An enterprising woman turned a demoralized, run-down agency into one of the top in its field. It didn't cost her a penny; she didn't have to hire any experts or consultants. Her secret? Each Monday morning, she requested a report from every department head on all of the good things that had happened in his department during the past week.
- You can't help liking the managing director—if you don't, he fires you.
- Addressing the annual sales meeting, the owner of the company loosened up the audience with a couple of jokes, as was his custom. Everyone roared except a certain fellow in the fifth row, so the boss tried a few more of his best lines. Still the guy never cracked a smile.

Finally, the exasperated speaker looked straight at him and demanded, "What's your problem? Don't you have a sense of humor?"

"I don't have to laugh," the guy explained. "I'm starting a new job on Monday."

- The boss, Ms. Bennett, always scheduled the weekly staff meetings for 4:30 on Fridays. When one of the employees finally got up the nerve to ask why, she explained, "I'll tell you why—I've learned that's the only time of the week when none of you seem to want to argue with me."
- A young woman made her way to the back of the restaurant to use the pay phone. "Mr. Lewis?" she inquired. "I understand you've been advertising for an account executive? Oh . . . you're quite satisfied with the person you hired six weeks ago? Well, I hope you continue to be pleased."

She hung up, and as she turned away, the bartender said, "Listen, I couldn't help overhearing your conversation. Too bad about that job."

The woman flashed him a big smile and assured him his sympathies weren't necessary. "Lewis is my boss; he hired me six weeks ago," she explained cheerfully. "I was just phoning to find out how I'm doing."

MARKETING

- Everyone lives by selling something. —*Robert Louis Stevenson*
- Marketing is trying to figure out what people want so you can give it to them. —*Shelly Lazarus*
- Marketing is a very special view of the business process. It views the business enterprise as an organized process to create a customer. —*Theodore Levitt*
- People do not need snack foods. Our jobs as marketers is to entertain and bring happiness to people. —*David J. Guston*
- When the product is right, you don't have to be a great marketer. —*Lee Iacocca*
- Marketing strategy is a lot like military strategy. —*Liddell Hart*
- The meek shall inherit the world, but they'll never increase market share. —*William G. McGowan*
- The things that people take home from the store become part of their identities. —*David Masten*
- We sell sex. It's never going to go out of style. —*Bob Guccione*
- No great marketing decision was ever made on quantitative data. —*John Sculley*
- Every American thinks he's alone on the continent. —*Philip Slater*
- The market has no morality. —*Michael Haseltine*
- Where we once looked at brands on a surface level, we now . . . plumb their depths, looking for reassurance that they are good, responsible, sensitive, knowing and hip. —*Scott Bedbury*
- Marketing is far too important to leave to the marketing department. —*David Packard*

Sayings

- The market is always right.
- Only the leading dog on a sled team has a good view.

Jokes

- Mr. Smith immigrated to the United States as a young man and fulfilled the immigrant's dream: He started up his own nail factory in Brooklyn, bought a nice house, sent his kids to college, even put the oldest son through Harvard Business School. When the young man graduated, Smith patted him on the back and said, "Jimmy, you're the smart one. I'm turning the business over to you and retiring to Miami Beach."

A year later he got an excited call from his son. "Dad, things are going great: I've computerized inventory, automated the factory, even got a great new ad campaign going. You've got to come see it with your own eyes." So the young man picked him up at the airport, and just before they reached the factory a huge billboard loomed up. In huge let-

ters, beneath a close-up of Jesus on the cross, it read USE SMITH'S NAILS FOR THE TOUGHEST JOBS. "Jimmy," groaned Mr. Smith, "that's the new ad campaign? I'm telling you, the public's never gonna go for it."

A year later Jimmy informed him that things at the factory were going very well. "Come on up and check it out, Dad," he urged. "Oh, and by the way, you were right about that ad campaign. We've got a whole new one running now." So Mr. Smith flew up again, and on the way in from the airport spotted the same huge billboard. Only this time the picture showed Jesus crumpled at the foot of the cross, and the slogan read, YOU SHOULD HAVE USED SMITH'S NAILS.

- A marketer is a guy who sits at the end of the bed on his honeymoon and tells his bride how good its going to be.

MEETINGS

- Sometimes I get the feeling that the two biggest problems in America today are making ends meet—and making meetings end. —*Robert Orben*
- Meetings are indispensable when you don't want to do anything. —*Robert Frost*
- Meetings . . . are rather like cocktail parties. You don't want to go, but you're cross not to be asked. —*Jilly Cooper*
- *The Law of Triviality:* Briefly stated, it means that the time spent on any item of the agenda will be in inverse proportion to the sum involved. —*C. Northcote Parkinson*
- A conference is a gathering of important people who singly can do nothing but together can decide that nothing can be done. —*Fred Allen*

Sayings

- Show me a person who likes to go to meetings, and I'll show you a person who doesn't have enough to do.
- A meeting is no substitute for progress.

Jokes

- Business meetings are important—because they're one way of demonstrating how many people the company can operate without.
- What's the difference between an alcoholic and a drunk?
—Drunks don't have to go to meetings.
- During a heated Senate subcommittee meeting, one man lost his temper and told another member to "go to hell." The maligned fellow appealed to Vice President Calvin Coolidge, who was presiding, concerning the propriety of the remark.

Coolidge, who'd been idly leafing through a book, looked and said, "I've checked the rule book, Senator—you don't have to go."

NEGOTIATION

- Only free men can negotiate; prisoners cannot enter into negotiations. Your freedom and mine cannot be separated.
—*Nelson Mandela, refusing to bargain for freedom after twenty-one years in prison*
- A verbal contract isn't worth the paper it's written on. —*Louis B. Mayer*
- Never claim as a right what you can ask as a favour. —*Churton Collins*
- There is nothing more likely to start disagreement among people or countries than an agreement. —*E. B. White*
- Neither a Fortress nor a Maidenhead will hold out long after they begin to parley.
—*Benjamin Franklin*
- Let us never negotiate out of fear. But let us never fear to negotiate. —*John F. Kennedy*
- When a man tells me he's going to put all his cards on the table, I always look up his sleeve. —*Lord Hore-Belisha*
- Let me suggest that tragedy is not what men suffer but what they miss.
—*Abba Eban, addressing the impulsive tendency of nations to reject diplomatic compromise*
- One and one is two, and two and two are four, and five will get you ten if you know how to work it. —*Mae West*
- You need men, and I have all the men. What am I bid?
—*John L. Lewis, United Mine Workers union president*

Sayings

- I can forget and you can forget, but a piece of paper never forgets.
- Don't win a battle and lose the war.
- Everyone has his price.

Jokes

- Luke was small for his age but a quick thinker, which stood him in good stead when the school bully came up and demanded his lunch money.
“Whatsamatter, you deaf?” growled the big kid as Luke looked up at him calmly.
“Hand it over, runt!”
Luke jumped back a good three feet, drew a line in the dirt with his toe, and said dramatically, “Now, you just step across that line.”
Taken by surprise, the bully actually paused for a moment before stalking across the line and glaring down at his prey once more. “So whaddaya gonna do about it?”
Luke looked him straight in the eye with a smile and pointed out, “Now we're on the same side!”
- A certain businessman was proud of his reputation as a hard-nosed negotiator. He took a much-needed vacation to fish in the Rockies and happened to pull an extraordinary,

iridescent fish into his boat. As it thrashed about frantically, the fish suddenly spoke.
“Put me back in the water and I will grant you any three wishes.”

A light came into the businessman’s eye. “Make it five and we’ve got a deal.”

“Please, I can only grant three,” gasped the fish.

The man considered the offer for a minute, then proposed four and a half.

“Three,” the fish whispered, its struggles growing feebler.

“Okay, we’ll compromise on four.”

But there was no reply. The fish lay dead in the bottom of the boat.

THE OFFICE

- The person who says “I’m not political” is in great danger. . . . Only the fittest will survive, and the fittest will be the ones who understand their office’s politics.

—*Jean Hollands*

- No office anywhere on earth is so puritanical, impeccable, elegant, sterile or incorruptible as not to contain the yeast for at least one affair, probably more. You can say it couldn’t happen *here*, but just let a yeast riser into the place and first thing you know—bread!

—*Helen Gurley Brown*

- Windows . . . are as essential to office prestige as Christmas is to retailing.

—*Enid Nemy*

- The brain is a wonderful little organ. It starts working the moment you get up in the morning, and does not stop until you get into the office.

—*Robert Frost*

- I yield to no one in my admiration for the office as a social center, but it’s no place actually to get any work done.

—*Katharine Whitehorn*

Sayings

- I gave at the office.
- A salesperson’s office is the car.
- Office romances are ill-fated and inevitable.
- No need to insure the office clock—everyone watches it.
- If you have a no-show job, don’t introduce yourself to people at the Christmas party.

Jokes

- He and I had an office so tiny that an inch smaller and it would have been adultery.

—*Dorothy Parker*

- What is boss spelled backwards?

—Double s-o-b.

- Define boss: Someone who delegates authority, shifts all the blame, and takes all the credit. Or, someone who throws his own weight around instead of pulling it.

- I work for a good cause—cause I need the money.
 - A smart employee is someone who spends December working her fingers to the bonus.

RESEARCH

- Research is four things: Brains with which to think, eyes with which to see, machines with which to measure, and fourth, money. —*Albert Szent-Gyorgyi*
 - He uses statistics as a drunken man uses lampposts—for support rather than for illumination. —*Andrew Lang*
 - Knowing how hard it is to collect a fact, you understand why most people want to have some fun analyzing it. —*Jesse L. Greenstein*
 - It is inexcusable for scientists to torture animals; let them make their experiment on journalists and politicians. —*Henrik Ibsen*
 - Money won't buy happiness, but it will pay the salaries of a large research staff to study the problem. —*Bill Vaughn*
 - It is a capital mistake to theorize before one has data. —*Arthur Conan Doyle*
 - Market research can establish beyond the shadow of a doubt that the egg is a sad and sorry product and that it obviously will not continue to sell. Because after all, eggs won't stand up by themselves, they roll too easily, are too easily broken, require special packaging, look alike, are difficult to open, and won't stack on the shelf. —*Robert Pliskin*
 - The trouble with research is that it tells you what people were thinking about yesterday, not tomorrow. It's like driving a car using a rearview mirror. —*Bernard Loomis*
 - The latest research on polls has turned up some interesting variables. It turns out, for instance, that people will tell you any old thing that pops into their heads. —*Charles Saxon*
 - The will to succeed is important, but what's even more important is the will to prepare. —*Bobby Knight*
 - Every man has a right to be wrong in his opinions. But no man has a right to be wrong about his facts. —*Bernard Baruch*
 - It requires a very unusual mind to undertake the analysis of the obvious. —*Alfred North Whitehead*
 - Basic research is what I am doing when I don't know what I am doing. —*Werner von Braun*

Sayings

- Answers are easy. Finding the right questions is the tricky part.
 - Better ask twice than lose your way once. —*Danish proverb*

Jokes

- Developing a new process involves three steps. First, an American company announces its invention. Next, the Soviet Union announces that a Soviet scientist made the same discovery fifteen years earlier. Third, the Japanese start exporting it.
- How do researchers differentiate male chromosomes from female chromosomes?
—They pull down their genes.

RETIREMENT

- Most people spend most of their days doing what they do not want to do in order to earn the right, at times, to do what they may desire. —*John Brown*
- I'm now at the age where I've got to prove that I'm just as good as I never was. —*Rex Harrison (attrib.)*
- I have made noise enough in the world already, perhaps too much, and am now getting old, and want retirement. —*Napoleon Bonaparte*
- I am convinced that the best service a retired general can perform is to turn in his tongue along with his suit and to mothball his opinions. —*Gen. Omar N. Bradley*
- I really think it's better to retire when you still have some snap left in your garters. —*Russell B. Long*
- Who knows whether in retirement I shall be tempted to the last infirmity of mundane minds, which is to write a book. —*Arch. Geoffrey Fisher*
- People do not retire. They are retired by others. —*Duke Ellington*

Saying

- I'm retired, but I'm not dead yet.

Jokes

- The problem with being retired is that you never know what day it is, what time it is, where you're supposed to be, or what you're supposed to be doing. It's a lot like working for the government.
- The managing director had quite a bit to drink at Mrs. Witherspoon's retirement banquet, and it showed when he stood up to present her gift. "Mrs. Witherspoon, as a token of your contribution to our firm over the last three decades, we had a very special gold watch made up," he declared loudly. "It needs a lot of winding up, it's always late, and every day at 4:45 it stops working."
- Not known for his tact, the boss's retirement speech for old Stumfig consisted of the following: "We're really going to miss Stumfig. He's going to be hard to replace, especially at the pitiful salary we've been paying him all these years."
- I married him for better or worse, but not for lunch.

—*Hazel Weiss, after her husband, George Weiss,
retired as general manager of the New York Yankees, 1960*

- You can only hold your stomach in for so many years.

—*Burt Reynolds, on retiring briefly from films*

WORK

- There are very few jobs that actually require a penis or a vagina. All other jobs should be open to everybody. *—Florynce Kennedy (also attributed to Gloria Steinem)*
- It's an ear job, not an eye job. *—Donald T. Regan, on his job as White House chief of staff*
- As is the case in all branches of art, success depends in a very large measure upon individual initiative and exertion, and cannot be achieved except by dint of hard work. *—Anna Pavlova*
- Blessed is he who has found his work; let him ask no other blessedness. *—Thomas Carlyle*
- If you pay peanuts, you get monkeys. *—Sir James Goldsmith*
- The only way anybody'd get me to work was to make the hours from one to two with an hour off for lunch. *—Minnesota Fats*
- The best preparation for good work tomorrow is to do good work today. *—Elbert Hubbard*
- Work and love—these are the basics. Without them there is neurosis. *—Theodor Reik*
- Work is the refuge of people who have nothing better to do. *—Oscar Wilde*
- I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat. *—Winston Churchill*
- A bee is never as busy as it seems; it's just that it can't buzz any slower. *—Kin Hubbard*
- The harder you work, the luckier you get. *—Gary Player*
- Labor: One of the processes by which A acquires property of B. *—Ambrose Bierce*
- Well, we can't stand around here doing nothing, people will think we're workmen. *—Spike Milligan*
- Work is not a curse, it is the prerogative of intelligence, the only means to manhood, and the measure of civilization. Savages do not work. *—Calvin Coolidge*
- Work hard. There is no short cut. *—Alfred P. Sloan Jr.*
- My father taught me to work; he did not teach me to love it. *—Abraham Lincoln*
- The world is full of willing people; some willing to work, the rest willing to let them. *—Robert Frost*
- Work is work if you're paid to do it, and it's pleasure if you pay to be allowed to do it. *—Finley Peter Dunne*
- The more I want to get something done, the less I call it work. *—Richard Bach*

- The person who knows “how” will always have a job. The person who knows “why” will always be his boss.
—Diane Ravitch
- I like work: it fascinates me. I can sit and look at it for hours. —Jerome K. Jerome
- Work is accomplished by those employees who have not yet reached their level of incompetence.
—Laurence J. Peter
- In order that people may be happy in their work, these three things are needed: they must be fit for it; they must not do too much of it; and they must have a sense of success in it.
—John Ruskin
- Job. (A low word now much in use, of which I cannot tell the etymology.) (1) A low mean lucrative busy affair. (2) Petty, piddling work; a piece of chance work.
—Samuel Johnson
- The man whose life is devoted to paperwork has lost the initiative. He is dealing with things that are brought to his notice, having ceased to notice anything for himself. He has been essentially defeated in his job.
—C. Northcote Parkinson
- Work is much more fun than fun.
—Noel Coward
- I pride myself on the fact that my work has no socially redeeming value.
—John Waters
- Work is no curse, but drudgery is.
—Henry Ward Beecher
- Far and away the best prize that life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing.
—Theodore Roosevelt
- . . . there is as much dignity in tilling a field as in writing a poem.
—Booker T. Washington
- Work was like cats were supposed to be; if you disliked and feared it and tried to keep out of its way, it knew at once and sought you out. . . .
—Kingsley Amis
- Anyone can do any amount of work, provided it isn’t the work he is supposed to be doing at that moment.
—Robert Benchley
- Work expands so as to fill the time available for its completion.
—C. Northcote Parkinson
- Work is the curse of the drinking class.
—Oscar Wilde (*attrib.*)
- The man with the best job in the country is the Vice-President. All he has to do is get up every morning and say “How’s the President?”
—Will Rogers
- Every man’s work, whether it be literature or music or pictures or architecture or anything else, is always a portrait of himself.
—Samuel Butler
- The gambling known as business looks with austere disfavour upon the business known as gambling.
—Ambrose Bierce
- Work is the greatest thing in the world, so we should always save some of it for tomorrow.
—Don Herold
- The reason why worry kills more people than work is that more people worry than work.
—Robert Frost

- Many of us spend half our time wishing for things we could have if we didn't spend half our time wishing. —*Alexander Woolcott*
- If you have great talents, industry will improve them; if you have but modest abilities, industry will supply their deficiencies. —*Joshua Reynolds*
- There is no such thing as a free lunch. —*Milton Friedman*
- If you don't drive your business, you will be driven out of business. —*B. C. Forbes*
- It is an immutable law in business that words are words, explanations are explanations, promises are promises—but only performance is reality. —*Harold S. Geneen*
- When you soar like an eagle, you attract the hunters. —*Milton S. Gould*
- When two men in business always agree, one of them is unnecessary. —*William Wrigley Jr.*
- Life without industry is guilt, industry without art is brutality. —*John Ruskin*
- Few people do business well who do nothing else. —*Philip Dormer Stanhope, Earl of Chesterfield*
- The business of America is business. —*Calvin Coolidge*
- If you would have your business done, go; if not, send. —*Benjamin Franklin*
- It is just as important that business keep out of government as that government keep out of business. —*Herbert Hoover*
- Put all your eggs in one basket and—WATCH THAT BASKET. —*Mark Twain*
- He [the businessman] is the only man who is for ever apologizing for his occupation. —*H. L. Mencken (attrib.)*
- If the government was as afraid of disturbing the consumer as it is of disturbing business, this would be some democracy. —*Kin Hubbard*
- Whenever you're sitting across from some important person, always picture him sitting there is a suit of long red underwear. That's the way I always operated in business. —*Joseph P. Kennedy*
- Nothing is illegal if a hundred businessmen decide to do it, and that's true anywhere in the world. —*Andrew Young*
- The playthings of our elders are called business. —*Saint Augustine*
- The ideal client is the very wealthy man in very great trouble. —*John Sterling*
- Landlord of a bordello! The company's good and the mornings are quiet, which is the best time to write. —*William Faulkner, on his ideal job*
- The pay is good, and I can walk to work. —*John F. Kennedy, on being elected president*
- Like getting into a bleeding competition with a blood bank. —*Richard Branson, Chairman, Virgin Airlines, on competing with British Airways*
- Work is a necessity for man. Man invented the alarm clock. —*Pablo Picasso*

- Like every man of sense and feeling, I abominate work. —*Aldous Huxley*
- I go on working for the same reason that a hen goes on laying eggs. —*H. L. Mencken*
- My parents always told me that people will never know how long it takes you to do something. They will only know how well it is done. —*Nancy Hanks*

Sayings

- Work for the Lord. The pay isn't much, but the retirement plan is out of this world.
- Everyone should be paid what he is worth, no matter how big a pay cut is involved.
- Words do not make flour. —*Italian proverb*
- He who is afraid of doing too much always does too little. —*German proverb*
- Work is the easiest activity man has invented to escape boredom.
- If you're willing to work, others will let you.
- A man who works with his hands is a laborer. A man who works with his hands and his brains is a craftsman. But a man who works with his brains and the hands of others is an executive.
- First get the job; then get the job done.
- A job worth doing is worth doing well.
- Many hands make light work.
- If you want the job done fast, give it to a busy person.
- Business is a two-way street.
- There's no room for sentiment in business.
- Everyone, in the final analysis, is in business for himself.
- Work makes you free. —*Inscription over the entrance to Auschwitz*

Jokes

- Q: How long have you been working here?
A: Ever since they threatened to fire me.
- According to the latest statistics, there are 6.7 million Americans who aren't working. And there are plenty more if you count the ones with jobs.
- It's no surprise that people grouse about their take-home pay. You know why you have to take it home? It's too little to go by itself.
- It's easy to tell inventory from money. Money's the stuff you can get rid of.

T H E N A T I O N A L S C E N E

CANDIDATES AND POLITICIANS

- Politicians are the same all over. They promise to build a bridge even when there's no river.
—*Nikita S. Khrushchev*
- Being a President is like riding a tiger . . . keep on riding or be swallowed. A President is either constantly on top of events or . . . events will soon be on top of him.
—*Harry S. Truman*
- A politician has spent the best years of his life in an endeavour to make the world safe for stupidity.
—*Nancy Boyd*
- The first requirement of a statesman is that he be dull. This is not always easy to achieve.
—*Dean Acheson*
- The politician is an acrobat. He keeps his balance by saying the opposite of what he does.
—*Maurice Bares*
- Every President needs his son-of-a-bitch; I'm Nixon's.
—*H. R. Haldeman*
- The most successful politician is he who says what everybody is thinking most often and in the loudest voice.
—*Theodore Roosevelt*
- An independent is the guy who wants to take the politics out of politics.
—*Adlai Stevenson*
- I have spent much of my life fighting the Germans and fighting the politicians. It is much easier to fight the Germans.
—*Lord Montgomery*
- Ninety-eight percent of the adults in this country are decent, hard-working Americans. It's the other lousy two percent that get all the publicity. But then—we elected them.
—*Lily Tomlin*
- A politician is an animal that can sit on a fence and keep both ears to the ground.
—*H. L. Mencken*
- An honest politician is one who, when he is bought, will stay bought.
—*Simon Cameron*
- I won't eat anything that has intelligent life, but I would gladly eat a network executive or a politician.
—*Marty Feldman*
- What is the use of being elected or re-elected unless you stand for something?
—*Grover Cleveland*

- Frankly, I don't mind not being president. I just mind that somebody else is.
—*Edward M. Kennedy*
- I like to operate like a submarine on sonar. When I am picking up noise from both the left and the right, I know my course is correct.
—*Gustavo Diaz Ordóñez, while campaigning for the presidency of Mexico*
- You campaign in poetry. You govern in prose.
—*Mario Cuomo*
- When I was a boy, I was told that anybody could become President; I'm beginning to believe it.
—*Clarence Darrow*
- You can't beat somebody with nobody.
—*Joseph Cannon (attrib.)*
- The idea that you can merchandise candidates for high office like breakfast cereal is . . . I think, the ultimate indignity for the democratic process.
—*Adlai Stevenson*
- Once there were two brothers. One ran away to sea, the other was elected Vice-President, and nothing was ever heard of either of them again.
—*Thomas R. Marshall*
- I wanted to be a sports writer, but it took me too long to turn out my stuff. I found I could become Vice President faster than I could become a newspaperman.
—*Richard Milhous Nixon*
- The short memories of American voters is what keeps our politicians in office.
—*Will Rogers*
- Bad politicians are sent to Washington by good people who don't vote.
—*William E. Simon*
- People have got to know whether or not their president is a crook. Well, I'm not a crook. I earned everything I've got.
—*Richard Milhous Nixon*
- If you want to find a politician free of any influence, you can find Adolf Hitler, who made up his own mind.
—*Eugene McCarthy*
- Since a politician never believes what he says, he is surprised when others believe him.
—*Charles de Gaulle*
- Probably the most distinctive characteristic of the successful politician is selective cowardice.
—*Richard Harris*
- Mothers all want their sons to grow up to be President, but they don't want them to become politicians in the process.
—*John F. Kennedy (attrib.)*
- Now I know what a statesman is: he's a dead politician. We need more statesmen.
—*Bob Edwards*
- Every man who takes office in Washington either grows or swells, and when I give a man an office, I watch him carefully to see whether he is swelling or growing.
—*Woodrow Wilson*
- Some members of the congress are the best actors in the world.
—*Shirley Chisholm*
- If nominated, I will not accept; if elected, I will not serve.
—*Gen. William T. Sherman*
- You really have to get to know Dewey to dislike him.
—*Robert A. Taft*

Sayings

- Promise them anything, but get out the vote.
- Elections are the way we find chosen people.
- Politicians don't like to talk turkey because they hate to eat crow.

Jokes

- Q: Why are politicians so busy?
A: When they're not spending time passing laws, they're trying to help their friends get around them.
- Q: Why does our government get so much support?
A: Because the politicians keep holding it up.
- Q: What do political speeches and cattle horns have in common?
A: There are some good points, but a lot of bull in the middle.
- Q: Why do politicians stand on their records?
A: So the voters can't get a good look at them.
- Here is an animal with a hide two feet thick and no apparent interest in politics. What a waste. *—Hames C. Wright Jr., about the rhinoceros*
- Ever notice how they always place the street cleaners directly behind the politicians in a parade?
- A father wanted to find out if his son was going to be either a banker, a preacher, or a bum so he devised a little test. He put a twenty-dollar bill, a Bible, and a bottle of whiskey on the kitchen table and hid in the broom closet. A short time later, his son walked into the kitchen and slowly walked around the table. Eventually, he picked up the twenty-dollar bill, held it to the light, and put it back down. Next, he lifted the Bible, leafed through it, and gently put it back where he'd found it. Finally, he crossed over to the bottle of whiskey. Checking to make sure no one was watching, he opened the bottle, slugged down the contents, grabbed the twenty-dollar bill and stuffed it in his pocket, stashed the Bible under his arm, and strode out of the room humming to himself. The father grinned and said, "Imagine that! My boy's going to be a politician!"
- Concluding a powerful and impassioned speech enumerating his many splendid qualities, the candidate finally asked if anyone had any questions.
"Yes, sir," called out a voice from the crowd. "Who else is running?"
- When the candidate running for the governorship of Texas announced at a big barbecue that he was a "favorite son," one of his detractors was heard to mutter, "That's the most obvious unfinished sentence ever spoken in the state of Texas."
- It really shakes you to see one of them sign a piece of legislation, and then wipe his fingerprints off the pen.
- I know one politician who went to Washington and took the pulse of the town—and everything else that wasn't nailed down.
- The *Mona Lisa* expression looks like a reporter listening to a politician.

CAPITALISM

- For the right amount of money, you're willing to eat Alpo. —*Reggie Jackson*
- Civilization and profits go hand in hand. —*Calvin Coolidge*
- Frankly, I'd like to see the government get out of war altogether and leave the whole field to private industry. —*Joseph Heller*
- Fascism is capitalism plus murder. —*Upton Sinclair*
- When we hang the capitalists they will sell us the rope. —*Joseph Stalin*
- Nobody ever lost money taking a profit. —*Bernard Baruch*
- The trouble with the profit system has always been that it was highly unprofitable to most people. —*E. B. White*
- The engine which drives enterprise is not thrift, but profit. —*John Maynard Keynes*
- Capitalism has destroyed our belief in any effective power but that of self-interest backed by force. —*George Bernard Shaw*
- The inherent vice of capitalism is the unequal sharing of blessings; the inherent virtue of socialism is the equal sharing of miseries. —*Winston Churchill*
- Not every problem someone has with his girlfriend is necessarily due to the capitalist mode of production. —*Herbert Marcuse*
- Capitalism inevitably and by virtue of the very logic of its civilization creates, educates, and subsidizes a vested interest in social unrest. —*Joseph Schumpeter*
- . . . racism cannot be separated from capitalism. —*Angela Davis*
- The public be damned. —*W. H. Vanderbilt*
- “The trouble with socialism,” a European observer once remarked, “is socialism. The trouble with capitalism is capitalists.” —*William F. Buckley*
- The superior man understands what is right; the inferior man understands what will sell. —*Confucius*
- Capitalism without bankruptcy is like Christianity without hell. —*Frank Borman*
- A holding company is a thing where you hand an accomplice the goods while the policeman searches you. —*Will Rogers*

Sayings

- Capitalism is the best means ever found to motivate men.
- Capitalism is merely economic Darwinism.
- Capitalism is what makes America great.
- Capitalism is the most rewarding system of government.
- The carrot gets better results than the stick.

Joke

- “My boy decided to go into business on a shoestring,” said George. “He’s tripled his investment, but he’s still not satisfied, can you believe it?”
“Why not?” asked his friend.
“He can’t think of anything to do with three shoestrings.”

CIVIL RIGHTS

- After four hundred years of slave labor, we have some back pay coming. —*Malcolm X*
- . . . it’s a blessing to die for a cause, because you can so easily die for nothing. —*Andrew Young*
- The white man’s happiness cannot be purchased by the black man’s misery. —*Frederick Douglass*
- I glory in conflict, that I may hereafter exult in victory. —*Frederick Douglass*
- The haughty American nation . . . makes the Negro clean its boots and then proves the moral and physical inferiority of the Negro by the fact that he is a bootblack. —*George Bernard Shaw*
- America has put a tight shoe on the Negro and now he has a callous on his soul. —*Dick Gregory*
- . . . an American Negro isn’t a man—he’s a walking defense mechanism. —*Frank Yerby*
- The Negro was invented in America. —*John Oliver Killens*
- Some of the best pretending in the world is done in front of white folks. —*Ossie Davis*
- Of my two “handicaps,” being female put many more obstacles in my path than being black. —*Shirley Chisholm*
- This [America] is the red man’s country by natural right, and the black man’s by virtue of his suffering and toil. —*Robert Purvis*

Sayings

- We shall overcome.
- Do the right thing.

Jokes

- Q: What’s the number one driving offense in New Jersey?
A: DWB—Driving While Black.
- What do you call a black hitchhiker?
—Stranded.

COMMUNISM

- Communism is the corruption of a dream of justice. —*Adlai Stevenson*
- Communism is like Prohibition. It's a good idea but it won't work. —*Will Rogers*
- [Communism is] a strange, a perverted creed that has a queer attraction both for the most primitive and for the most sophisticated societies. —*Harold Macmillan*
- Communism is not love. Communism is a hammer which we use to crush the enemy. —*Mao Tse-tung*

Sayings

- A communist is one who has nothing and wishes to share it with the world.
- If it walks like a duck, and quacks like a duck, then it just may be a duck. —*Walter Reuther, trade union leader, on how to tell a Communist*
- Under capitalism it's dog eat dog. Under communism, it's just the opposite.
- The Eastern Bloc family was visited by a Western friend, who found only the young daughter at home. "When will your father be back?" he inquired.

"In sixteen hours, eight minutes, and twenty-seven seconds," the little girl replied crisply.

"My goodness—where is he?"

"He is in his twenty-sixth orbit around the Earth."

"I see." The visitor was clearly impressed. "And your mother, when will she be home?"

The little girl shrugged.

"Can you give me some idea when she is expected?"

The little girl shook her head.

"Come on now," persisted the visitor. "How is it that you know to the second when your father will be back but can't even manage a guess as to when I can see your mother? Where is she?"

"She's in line for meat at the market."

CONSERVATIVES

- Conservative: A statesman who is enamored of existing evils, as distinguished from the liberal, who wishes to replace them with others. —*Ambrose Bierce*
- I never dared to be a radical when young for fear it would make me conservative when old. —*Robert Frost*
- A liberal is a person who believes that water can be made to run uphill. A conservative is someone who believes everybody should pay for his water. I'm somewhere in between: I believe water should be free, but that it flows downhill. —*Theodore H. White*
- A conservative is a man who will not look at the new moon, out of respect for that ancient institution, the old one. —*Douglas Jerrold*

- The modern conservative is engaged in one of man's oldest exercises in moral philosophy, that is, the search for a superior moral justification for selfishness.
—John Kenneth Galbraith
- The most radical revolutionary will become a conservative the day after the revolution.
—Hannah Arendt
- The true conservative seeks to protect the system of private property and free enterprise by correcting such injustices and inequalities as arise from it. The most serious threat to our institutions comes from those who refuse to face the need for change. Liberalism becomes the protection for the far-sighted conservative.
—Franklin D. Roosevelt

Sayings

- A conservative is someone who admires radicals a century after they're dead.
- Conservative means small change, and radical means large bills.

Jokes

- A conservative believes freedom has a price—and if you can't afford it, you can't have it.
- A politician decided that to compete with the Republicans, who have the elephant mascot, and Democrats, who have the donkey mascot, the Conservatives needed a symbol, too. After a week of meetings, they issued a press release saying they had chosen the condom as a symbol because it "halts production, stands inflation, protects dicks, and gives the public a sense of security while being screwed."

DEMOCRACY

- Let the people think they govern and they will be governed.
—William Penn
- The death of democracy is not likely to be an assassination from ambush. It will be a slow extinction from apathy, indifference, and undernourishment.
—Robert Maynard Hutchins
- Only a base, vile, insignificant country can be democratic.
—Benito Mussolini
- The health of a democratic society may be measured by the quality of functions performed by private citizens.
—Alexis de Tocqueville
- The ship of democracy, which has weathered all storms, may sink through the mutiny of those on board.
—Grover Cleveland
- Democracy cannot be static. Whatever is static is dead.
—Eleanor Roosevelt
- A great democracy must be progressive or it will soon cease to be a great democracy.
—Theodore Roosevelt
- We must be thoroughly democratic and patronize everybody without distinction of class.
—George Bernard Shaw

- Democracy is the art of running the circus from the monkey cage. —*H. L. Mencken*
- Democracy means government by the uneducated, while aristocracy means government by the badly educated. —*G. K. Chesterton*
- And so, my fellow Americans: ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your country. —*John F. Kennedy*
- Democracy substitutes elections by the incompetent many for appointment by the corrupt few. —*George Bernard Shaw*
- It has been said that democracy is the worst form of government except all those other forms that have been tried from time to time. —*Winston Churchill*
- One-fifth of the people are against everything all the time. —*Robert F. Kennedy*
- The experience of democracy is like the experience of life itself—always changing, infinite in its variety, sometimes turbulent and all the more valuable for having been tested by adversity. —*Jimmy Carter*
- If the government was as afraid of disturbing the consumer as it is of disturbing business, this would be some democracy. —*Kin Hubbard*
- I am a member of the rabble in good standing. —*Westbrook Pegler*
- Democracy is good. I say this because other systems are worse. —*Jawaharlal Nehru*
- Democracy is not tolerant. Democracy is a prescribed way of life erected on the premise that all men are created equal. —*Chester Bomar Himes*
- The unhealthy gap between what we preach in America and what we often practice creates a moral dry rot that eats at the very foundation of our democratic ideals and values. —*Whitney Moore Young Jr.*

Saying

- When people start standing in line to get out of this country instead of standing in line to get in, then we can start worrying about our system.

Joke

- Sign in a corporate boardroom: Thank heavens this is a free country where you can do exactly as the government pleases.

DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS

- When a leader is in the Democratic party he's a boss; when he's in the Republican party he's a leader. —*Harry S. Truman*
- . . . while the Republicans are smart enough to make money, the Democrats are smart enough to get in office every two or three times a century and take it away from 'em. —*Will Rogers*
- I like Republicans, have grown up with them and would trust them with anything in the world except public office. —*Adlai Stevenson*

Sayings

- A Republican is a Democrat who got rich.
 - Around the world people have revolted for the right to have more than one party. Here in the United States, we settle for one and a half.
 - We're asked to choose between a party with a lumbering elephant as a mascot and another whose mascot is a jackass. The sad part is how appropriate the symbols genuinely are.

Jokes

- The Democrats and the Republicans seem dedicated to the idea that the real party is in Washington.
 - I belong to no organized party—I am a Democrat. —*Will Rogers* (*attrib.*)
 - Republicans sleep in twin beds—some even in separate rooms. That is why there are more Democrats. —*Will Stanton*
 - The old man was critically ill. Feeling that death was near, he called his lawyer. “I want to become a Democrat. Get me a change of registration form.” “You can do it,” the lawyer said. “But why? You’ll be dead soon, why do you want to become a Democrat?” “That’s my business! Get me the form!”

Four days later, the old man got his registration changed. His lawyer was at his bedside making sure his bill would be paid. Suddenly the old man was racked with fits of coughing, and it was clear that this would be the end. Still curious, the lawyer leaned over and said, "Please, before it's too late, tell me why you wanted to become a Democrat so badly before you died?" In a faint whisper, as he breathed his last, the old man said: "One less Democrat."

- Q: What do you get when you cross a pilgrim with a Democrat?
A: A god-fearing tax collector who gives thanks for what other people have
 - Q: What is the Republican doing when he holds his hands tightly over his ears?
A: Trying to hold on to a thought.
 - For years, the young attorney had been taking vacations at a country inn. The last time he'd finally managed an affair with the innkeeper's daughter. Looking forward to an exciting few days, he dragged his suitcase up the stairs of the inn, then stopped short. There sat his lover with an infant on her lap!

"Helen, why didn't you write when you learned you were pregnant?" he cried. "I would have rushed up here, we could have gotten married, and the baby would have my name!"

"Well," she said, "when my folks found out about my condition, we sat up all night talking and talking, and decided it would be better to have a bastard in the family than a Republican."

- Q: Republicans want to bring back the pre-1950 laws that ban contraceptive devices.
What is their simpler method of birth control?
A: They take off their clothes.

DIPLOMACY AND TACT

- What the United States does best is to understand itself. What it does worst is understand others. —*Carlos Fuentes*
- [The] American temptation [is] to believe that foreign policy is a subdivision of psychiatry. —*Henry Kissinger*
- Neither conscience nor sanity itself suggests that the United States is, should or could be the global gendarme. —*Robert S. McNamara*
- I thought using the Ayatollah's money to support the Nicaraguan resistance . . . was a neat idea. —*Oliver North*
- The aim of an argument or discussion should not be victory, but progress. —*Joseph Joubert*
- This is the very devilish thing about foreign affairs: they are foreign and will not always conform to our whim. —*James Reston*
- The well-bred contradict other people. The wise contradict themselves. —*Oscar Wilde*
- There is nothing more likely to start disagreement among people or countries than an agreement. —*E. B. White*
- It has always been desirable to tell the truth, but seldom if ever necessary. —*Arthur James Balfour*
- The ability to get to the verge without getting into the war is the necessary art. If you cannot master it, you inevitably get into war. If you try to run away from it, if you are scared to go to the brink, you are lost. —*John Foster Dulles*
- Watching foreign affairs is sometimes like watching a magician; the eye is drawn to the hand performing the dramatic flourishes, leaving the other hand—the one doing the important job—unnoticed. —*David K. Shipley*
- We shall be judged more by what we do at home than what we preach abroad. —*John F. Kennedy*
- Sincere diplomacy is no more possible than dry water or wooden iron. —*Joseph Stalin*
- To say nothing, especially when speaking, is half the art of diplomacy. —*Will Durant*
- Diplomacy is to do and say the nastiest thing in the nicest way. —*Isaac Goldberg*
- A diplomat is a man who always remembers a woman's birthday but never remembers her age. —*Robert Frost*
- I despise the pleasure of pleasing people whom I despise. —*Mary Wortley Montagu*
- An ambassador is an honest man sent to lie abroad for the good of his country. —*Henry Wotton*
- You can safely appeal to the United Nations in the comfortable certainty that it will let you down. —*Conor Cruise O'Brien*

- All diplomacy is a continuation of war by other means. —*Chou En-lai*
- You cannot shake hands with a clenched fist. —*Indira Gandhi*
- Diplomats are useful only in fair weather. As soon as it starts to rain, they drown in every drop. —*Charles de Gaulle*
- A diplomat is a person who can tell you to go to hell in such a way that you actually look forward to the trip. —*Caskie Stinnett*
- A diplomat is a man who thinks twice before he says nothing. —*Frederick Sawyer*
- Diplomacy, n., is the art of letting somebody else have your way. —*David Frost*

Sayings

- It never hurts to be nice.
- You catch more flies with honey than you do with vinegar.
- Living next to you is in some ways like sleeping with an elephant. No matter how friendly and even-tempered is the beast, if I can call it that, one is affected by every twitch and grunt. —*Pierre Trudeau, on how Canada feels about the United States*

Jokes

- Definition of a diplomat: A man who can convince his wife that a fur coat will make her look fat.
- The aging film star was furious when she saw the new contact sheets. “I look wretched, Clive, positively ancient!” she shrieked at the hapless photographer. “Why they’re nowhere near as good as the last set you took.”
“Indeed,” he observed tactfully, “it must be because I was ten years younger then.”
- The newly appointed ambassador to a tiny Central American country was delighted when her first speech was followed by enthusiastic chants of “Yopapa, yopapa!” from the sizeable crowd. In fact, “Yopapa!” rang out after every public appearance, and the ambassador grew more and more gratified—until, stepping out of her limousine in a tiny rural village, she was warned, “Don’t step in the yopapa!”
- Interviewing candidates for a position as a shoe salesman, the store manager asked each one how they would handle a customer who had one foot much larger than the other. The fellow who got the job was the one who said he would say, “Why, ma’am, your left foot is even smaller than your right!”

GOVERNMENT

- The more laws and order are made prominent, the more thieves and robbers there will be. —*Lao Tzu*
- There can be no truer principle than this—that every individual of the community at large has an equal right to the protection of government. —*Alexander Hamilton*

- That all men are equal is a proposition to which, in ordinary times, no sane individual has ever given his assent. —*Aldous Huxley*
- Nothing appears more surprising to those who consider human affairs with a philosophical eye than the easiness by which the many are governed by the few. —*David Hume*
- Fear and hope are the two great instruments for the governance of men. . . . —*Jean-Jacques Rousseau*
- In general, the art of government consists in taking as much money as possible from one class of citizens to give to the other. —*Voltaire*
- Every country has the government it deserves. —*Joseph de Maistre*
- If you're going to sin, sin against God, not the bureaucracy. God will forgive you, but the bureaucracy won't. —*Adm. Hyman G. Rickover*
- . . . Government, even in its best state, is but a necessary evil; in its worst state, an intolerable one. —*Thomas Paine*
- No government can be long secure without a formidable Opposition. —*Benjamin Disraeli*
- The less government we have, the better—the fewer laws, and the less confided power. —*Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- . . . *all* government, whatever its forms or pretenses, is a dead weight that paralyzes the free spirit and activities of the masses. —*Emma Goldman*
- The government solution to a problem is usually as bad as the problem. —*Milton Friedman* (*attrib.*)
- No man is good enough to govern another man without that other's consent. —*Abraham Lincoln*
- There's no trick to being a humorist when you have the whole government working for you. —*Will Rogers*
- Hell hath no fury like the bureaucrat scorned. —*Milton Friedman*
- We are willing to spend the least amount of money to keep a kid at home, more to put him in a foster home, and the most to institutionalize him. —*Marian W. Edelman*
- Bad administration, to be sure, can destroy good policy; but good administration can never save bad policy. —*Adlai Stevenson*
- Bureaucracy defends the status quo long past the time when the quo has lost its status. —*Laurence J. Peter*
- I don't mind how much my ministers talk—as long as they do what I say. —*Margaret Thatcher*
- The stakes . . . are too high for government to be a spectator sport. —*Barbara Jordan*
- It is error alone which needs the support of government. Truth can stand by itself. —*Thomas Jefferson*

- [Congress is] functioning the way the Founding Fathers intended—not very well. They understood that if you move too quickly, our democracy will be less responsible to the majority.
—*Barber B. Conable Jr.*
- The nine most terrifying words in the English language are “I’m from the government and I’m here to help you.”
—*Ronald Reagan*
- In constitutional states, liberty is compensation for heavy taxes; in dictatorships the substitute for liberty is light taxes.
—*Baron de Montesquieu*
- The art of governing consists in not allowing men to grow old in their jobs.
—*Napoleon Bonaparte*
- Govern a great nation as you would cook a small fish. (Don’t overdo it.)
—*Lao Tzu*
- All free governments are managed by the combined wisdom and folly of the people.
—*James A. Garfield*
- It is perfectly true that the government is best which governs least. It is equally true that the government is best that provides the most.
—*Walter Lippmann*
- It’s a piece of cake until you get to the top. You find you can’t stop playing the game the way you have always played it.
—*Richard Milhous Nixon*
- Some of us are like a shovel brigade that follow a parade down Main Street cleaning up.
—*Donald T. Regan*
- It is the absolute right of the state to supervise the formation of public opinion.
—*Joseph Goebbels*
- The oppressed are allowed once every few years to decide which particular representatives of the oppressing class are to represent and repress them.
—*Karl Marx*
- There are two periods when Congress does no business: one is before the holidays, and the other after.
—*George D. Prentice*
- Fleas can be taught nearly everything a Congressman can.
—*Mark Twain*
- Our government sprang from and was made for the people—not the people for the government. To them it owes an allegiance; from them it must derive its courage, strength, and wisdom.
—*Andrew Johnson*
- Britain has invented a new missile. It’s called the civil servant—it doesn’t work and it can’t be fired.
—*Walter Walker*
- The single most exciting thing you encounter in government is competence, because it’s so rare.
—*Daniel Patrick Moynihan*
- A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul.
—*George Bernard Shaw*
- The biggest lesson I learned from Vietnam is not to trust [our own] government statements. I had no idea until then that you could not rely on [them].
—*J. William Fulbright*

- I learned in business that you had to be very careful when you told somebody that's working for you to do something, because the chances were very high he'd do it. In government, you don't have to worry about that. —*George Schultz*
- The state has no business in the bedrooms of the nation. —*Pierre Trudeau*

Sayings

- Government should not interfere with any business capable of failing by itself.
- Most people would be glad to tend their own business if the government would give it back.
- Government never shrinks.
- The people's government is always run by the government's people.
- Government gets the best people—one way or another.

Jokes

- He who builds a better mousetrap will soon find the government spending \$850,000 to build a better mouse.
- Guidelines for Bureaucrats: (1) When in charge, ponder; (2) when in trouble, delegate; (3) when in doubt, mumble. —*James H. Boren*
- My dog can bark like a congressman, fetch like an aide, beg like a press secretary, and play dead like a receptionist when the phone rings. —*Gerald P. Solomon*
- Working for a federal agency was like trying to dislodge a prune skin from the roof of the mouth. More enterprise went into the job than could be justified by the result. —*Caskie Stinnett*
- Trying to make things work in government is sometimes like trying to sew a button on a custard pie. —*Adm. Hyman G. Rickover*
- When they call the roll in the Senate, the senators do not know whether to answer "present" or "not guilty." —*Theodore Roosevelt*

LIBERALS

- A liberal is a man too broad-minded to take his own side in a quarrel. —*Robert Frost*
- You know what they say; if God had been a liberal, we wouldn't have had the Ten Commandments. We'd have had the ten suggestions. —*Malcolm Bradbury and Christopher Bigsby*
- What the liberal really wants is to bring about change which will not in any way endanger his position. —*Stokely Carmichael*
- . . . one who has both feet planted firmly in the air . . . —*Franklin D. Roosevelt*

- The liberals in the House strongly resemble liberals I have known through the last two decades in the civil rights conflict. When it comes time to show on which side they will be counted, they excuse themselves. —*Shirley Chisholm*
- There are no more liberals. . . . They've all been mugged. —*James Q. Wilson*
- Radical chic invariably favors radicals who seem primitive, exotic, and romantic, such as the grape workers who are not merely radical and "of the soil" but also Latin; the Panthers, with their leather pieces, Afros, shades and shoot-outs; and the Red Indians, who, of course, had always seemed primitive, exotic, and romantic. —*Tom Wolfe*
- Stop the liberals from spending taxpayers' money on perverted, deviant art. —*Jesse Helms*

Sayings

- A liberal is a conservative who's been mugged by reality.
- The liberals can understand everything but people who don't understand them.

Joke

- The two die-hard liberals were walking down the street when they nearly stumbled across the prostrate form of a fellow who'd been robbed and badly beaten. "This is terrible, really terrible," said one liberal, as they kneeled down beside the victim. "The person who did this really needs help."

THE MILITARY

- I think women are too valuable to be in combat. —*Caspar W. Weinberger*
- Military intelligence is a contradiction in terms. —*Groucho Marx (attrib.)*
- It is impossible to give a soldier a good education without making him a deserter. His natural foe is the government that drills him. —*Henry David Thoreau*
- I am convinced that the best service a retired general can perform is to turn in his tongue along with his suit and to mothball his opinions. —*Gen. Omar N. Bradley*
- Most battles are won before they are ever fought. —*Gen. George Patton*
- "Resource-constrained environment" [are] fancy Pentagon words that mean there isn't enough money to go around. —*Gen. John W. Vessey Jr.*
- Military justice is to justice what military music is to music. —*Georges Clemenceau*
- The first virtue in a soldier is endurance of fatigue; courage is only the second virtue. —*Napoleon Bonaparte*
- Soldiers ought more to fear their general than their enemy. —*Michel Eyquem de Montaigne*
- When I first went into the active army, you could tell someone to move a chair across the room—now you have to tell him why. —*Robert Lembke*

- The professional military mind is by necessity an inferior and unimaginative mind; no man of high intellectual quality would willingly imprison his gifts in such a calling.
—*H. G. Wells*
- The atomic bomb will not go off—and I speak as an expert in explosives.
—*Admiral W. Leahy (to President Truman, 1945)*
- No nation ever had an army large enough to guarantee it against attack in time of peace or insure its victory in time of war.
—*Calvin Coolidge*
- Cogito ergo boom.
—*Susan Sontag*
- Praise the Lord and pass the ammunition.
—*Ch. Howell M. Forgy, at Pearl Harbor*
- Retreat, Hell! We're just advancing in another direction.
—*Marine general P. O. Smith, during the Korean War*

Sayings

- There are three ways of doing it: the right way, the wrong way, and the army way.
- To enlist native help . . . treat natives like human beings. . . . Respect personal property, especially their women.
—*1969 U.S. Army field manual*

Jokes

- There's this to recommend army life: you never have to decide what to wear.
- Frankly, instead of considering it as the armed forces, I think of it as prep school for the American Legion.
- Lieutenant Bremmer was given a twenty-four-hour pass on the condition that he get a haircut before leaving the base. And on his way to the barber, he was to drop off the commander's golf clubs at the Officers' Mess.

Just as he was entering the mess, the soldier encountered the regimental C.O., who inquired, "Off to play golf?"

"No, sir," replied the soldier, "going to get my hair cut."

He spent the weekend confined to barracks for insubordination.

POLITICS

- In politics stupidity is not a handicap.
—*Napoleon Bonaparte*
- Politics has got so expensive that it takes lots of money to even get beat with.
—*Will Rogers*
- Politics is the art of looking for trouble, finding it everywhere, diagnosing it incorrectly, and applying the wrong remedies.
—*Groucho Marx*
- Crime does not pay . . . as well as politics.
—*Alfred E. Newman*
- Politics is not the art of the possible. It consists in choosing between the disastrous and the unpalatable.
—*John Kenneth Galbraith*

- Any party which takes credit for the rain must not be surprised if its opponents blame it for the drought. —*Dwight W. Morrow*
- The fact is that a reformer can't last in politics. He can make a show for a while, but he always comes down like a rocket. Politics is as much a regular business as the grocery or the drygoods or the drub business. —*George Washington Plunkett*
- In politics there is no honour. —*Benjamin Disraeli*
- I always cheer up immensely if an attack is particularly wounding because I think, well, if they attack one personally, it means they have not a single political argument left. —*Margaret Thatcher*
- Politics is supposed to be the second-oldest profession. I have come to realize that it bears a very close resemblance to the first. —*Ronald Reagan*
- I seldom think of politics more than eighteen hours a day. —*Lyndon B. Johnson*
- Man is by nature a political animal. —*Aristotle*
- If you take yourself seriously in politics, you've had it. —*Lord Carrington*
- Politics are almost as exciting as war and quite as dangerous. In war you can only be killed once, but in politics many times. —*Winston Churchill*
- Politics is like being a football coach. You have to be smart enough to understand the game, and stupid enough to think it's important. —*Eugene McCarthy*
- Politics is perhaps the only profession for which no preparation is thought necessary. —*Robert Louis Stevenson*
- An independent is the guy who wants to take the politics out of politics. —*Adlai Stevenson*
- A radical is a man with both feet firmly planted in the air. —*Franklin D. Roosevelt*
- The middle of the road is all of the usable surface. The extremes, right and left, are in the gutters. —*Dwight D. Eisenhower*
- If a man is right, he can't be too radical; if he is wrong, he can't be too conservative. —*Josh Billings*
- Doublethink means the power of holding two contradictory beliefs in one's mind simultaneously, and accepting both of them. —*George Orwell*
- You can't divorce religious belief and public service . . . and I've never detected any conflict between God's will and my political duty. If you violate one, you violate the other. —*Jimmy Carter*
- Oil is seldom found where it is most needed, and seldom most needed where it is found. —*L. E. J. Brouwer*
- In politics, as in other things, there is no such thing as one getting something for nothing. The payoff may involve compromises of various types that may strike at the ideals and principles one has held dear all his life. —*Asa Philip Randolph*
- I have sometimes looked with wonder on the jargon of our times wherein those whose minds reside in the past are called "progressive" while those whose minds are vital

enough to challenge and to mold the future are dubbed “reactionary.”

—*Jomo Mzee Kenyatta*

- Ideas are great arrows, but there has to be a bow. And politics is the bow of idealism.

—*Bill Moyers*

Sayings

- Running for your varsity team is athletics; running for a train is exercise; running for office is work.
- They keep saying that what really matters isn't whether you won but how well you played. The problem is that the best way to determine how well you played the game is by whether or not you won.
- Politics is the art of the passable.

Jokes

- IF YOU'VE GOT 'EM BY THE BALLS, THEIR HEARTS AND MINDS WILL FOLLOW.

—*Sign in the White House office of Charles Colson, aide to Richard Nixon*

- We have the power to do any damn fool thing we want to do, and we seem to do it about every ten minutes.

—*J. William Fulbright, on the Senate's right to change its mind*

- COMMUNISM: You have two cows. The government takes both, milks them, keeps the milk, and gives you a pint.

SOCIALISM: The government takes one of your cows and gives it to a neighbor.

FASCISM: The government takes both cows and shoots one of them.

NAZISM: The government takes both cows and shoots you.

CAPITALISM: You milk both cows, sell one of the cows, and buy a bull.

BUREAUCRACY: The government takes both cows, milks them, and pours the milk down the drain.

- How boring was the last election?

—When voters walked into the voting booth and pulled the lever, the machine yawned.

- What's the difference between baseball and politics?

—In baseball you're out if you're caught stealing.

POWER

- We must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence . . . by the military industrial complex. The potential for the disastrous rise of misplaced power exists and will persist.

—*Dwight D. Eisenhower*

- Men of power have no time to read; yet the men who do not read are unfit for power.

—*Michael Foot*

- Ecological devastation is the excrement, so to speak, of man's power worship.
—*Ernest Becker*
- Power without a nation's confidence is nothing.
—*Catherine the Great*
- Art is interested in life at the moment when the ray of power is passing through it.
—*Boris Pasternak*
- Knowledge is power if you know it about the right person.
—*Ethel Watts Mumford*
- Power is not merely shouting aloud. Power is to act positively with all the components of power.
—*Gamal Abdel Nasser*
- Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power.
—*Abraham Lincoln*
- He who loves the world as his body may be entrusted with the empire.
—*Lao Tzu*
- Lack of something to feel important about is almost the greatest tragedy a man may have.
—*Arthur E. Morgan*
- The urge to save humanity is almost always a false front for the urge to rule.
—*H. L. Mencken*
- Power is the ultimate aphrodisiac.
—*Henry Kissinger*
- He who has his thumb on the purse has the power.
—*Otto von Bismarck*
- Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely.
—*John Emerich Edward Dalberg Acton*
- Power corrupts, but lack of power corrupts absolutely.
—*Adlai Stevenson*
- Being powerful is like being a lady. If you have to tell people you are, you ain't.
—*Jesse Carr*
- Everyone has an influence on public affairs if he will take the trouble to exert it.
—*Calvin Coolidge*
- You can get much further with a kind word and a gun than you can with a kind word alone.
—*Al Capone*
- I have a fantasy where Ted Turner is elected President but refuses because he doesn't want to give up power.
—*Arthur C. Clarke*
- Gentlemen: You have undertaken to cheat me. I won't sue you, for the law is too slow. I'll ruin you.
—*Cornelius Vanderbilt, in a letter to a competitor*

Sayings

- Knowledge is power.
- It's not what you know, it's who you know.
- Power to the people.

Jokes

- Important guest: "Could I have another piece of chicken, please?"
Server: "I'm sorry, only one piece per person."
Important guest: "But I'm starving."
Server: "I'm sorry, sir."
Important guest: "Do you know who I am? I'm the guest of honor!"
Server: "Do you know who I am? I'm the person in charge of the chicken."
- Definition of a power struggle: When your boss has the power and you have the struggle.

PROPAGANDA

- All animals are equal, but some animals are more equal than others. —George Orwell
- It is the absolute right of the state to supervise the formation of public opinion. —Joseph Goebbels
- Doublethink means the power of holding two contradictory beliefs in one's mind simultaneously, and accepting both of them. —George Orwell
- The propagandist's purpose is to make one set of people forget that certain other sets of people are human. —Aldous Huxley
- Our program necessarily includes the propaganda of atheism. —V. I. Lenin
- You can fool too many of the people too much of the time. —James Thurber
- There isn't any way for the people of Nicaragua to find out what's happening in Nicaragua. —Elliot Abrams, announcing U.S. aid to Nicaraguan rebels for new anti-Sandinista radio station
- We must never forget that art is not a form of propaganda; it is a form of truth. —John F. Kennedy
- Why is propaganda so much more successful when it stirs up hatred than when it tries to stir up friendly feeling? —Bertrand Russell
- Propaganda is the art of persuading others of what you don't believe yourself. —Abba Eban
- Never believe anything until it has been officially denied. —Claud Cockburn

Sayings

- Propaganda can often be deflated by wit.
- In the modern world, propaganda is as important as ammunition.
- Wars are now fought for the hearts and minds of nations.

Jokes

- Slogans subject to graffiti often take on a whole new meaning. For example:
 - “Join the military, see foreign lands, and meet interesting people” was turned into “Join the military, see foreign lands, meet interesting people, and kill them.”
 - “Support the right to bear arms” was turned into “Support the right to arm bears.”
 - “Make love, not war” was turned into “Make love, not war, but be ready for both.”
- At an international engineering conference a Russian asked the man seated next to him where he hailed from.
 “Why, I’m from the greatest country on earth,” replied the American proudly.
 “Funny,” commented his puzzled companion, “you don’t sound Russian.”

THE PUBLIC

- Consider the public . . . Never fear it nor despise it. Charm it, interest it, stimulate it, shock it now and then if you must, make it laugh, make it cry, but above all . . . never, never bore the living hell out of it. —*Noel Coward*
- The public is like a piano. —*Al Capp*
- Learn from the masses, and then teach them. —*Mao Tse-tung*
- To succeed in chaining the multitude you must seem to wear the same fetters. —*Voltaire*
- Since the masses are always eager to believe something, for their benefit nothing is so easy to arrange as facts. —*Charles-Maurice de Talleyrand-Périgord*
- I love the people with their straightforward minds. It’s just that their smell brings on my migraine. —*Bertolt Brecht*
- Ten persons who speak make more noise than ten thousand who are silent. —*Napoleon Bonaparte*
- It is an easy and vulgar thing to please the mob, and no very arduous task to astonish them. —*Charles Caleb Colton*
- The acquisition of knowledge is the mission of research, the transmission of knowledge is the mission of teaching, and the application of knowledge is the mission of public service. —*James A. Perkins*
- I do not know the method of drawing up an indictment against an whole people. —*Edmund Burke*
- God must have loved the common people because He made so many of them. —*Abraham Lincoln (attrib.)*
- Blessed are the common people. God loves them, that is why he made millions of them. —*Nnamdi Azikiwe*
- Just remember this, Mr. Potter, that this rabble you’re talking about . . . they do most of the working and paying and living and dying in this community. —*George, in It's a Wonderful Life, screenplay by Frances Goodrich, Albert Hackett, and Frank Capra*

Sayings

- Everybody knows better than anybody.
- What the public thinks depends on what the public hears.

Joke

- You give the people what they want, they'll turn out.

—A rival producer, observing the crowd at Louis B. Mayer's funeral

SOCIALISM

- The function of socialism is to raise suffering to a higher level. —*Norman Mailer*
- We should have had socialism already, but for the socialists. —*George Bernard Shaw (attrib.)*
- You can be socially minded without being a socialist. —*Charles E. Wilson*
- “The trouble with socialism,” a European observer once remarked, “is socialism. The trouble with capitalism is capitalists.” —*William F. Buckley*
- Socialism is nothing but capitalism for the lower classes. —*Oswald Spengler*
- Socialism is workable only in heaven, where it isn't needed, and in hell, where they've got it. —*Cecil Palmer*
- Socialism, or any other alternative to private enterprise, would inevitably mean a vast expansion of federal government. General Motors would disappear; it would be lumped with Ford, Chrysler, Boeing, Pan American and so on in a vast Ministry of Transportation. And bureaucracy would conquer all. —*John W. Gardner*
- From each according to his abilities, to each according to his needs. —*Karl Marx*

Saying

- A socialist is someone who has nothing and wants to divide it with you.

Joke

- Q: Would it be possible to import Socialism into the Sahara?
A: Yes, but after the first five-year plan, the Sahara will have to import sand.

VOTING

- If you don't vote, you're going to get a spanking. —*Madonna*
- Bad politicians are sent to Washington by good people who don't vote. —*William E. Simon*

- We go by the major vote, and if the majority are insane, the sane must go to the hospital.
—**Horace Mann**
- Whenever a fellow tells me he's bipartisan I know he's going to vote against me.
—**Harry S. Truman**
- America is a land where a citizen will cross the ocean to fight for democracy—and won't cross the street to vote in a national election.
—**Bill Vaughan**
- Voters don't decide issues, they decide who will decide issues.
—**George F. Will**
- If the ballot doesn't work, we'll try something else. But let us try the ballot.
—**Malcolm X**
- Vote for the man who promises least; he'll be the least disappointing.
—**Bernard Baruch**
- A straw vote only shows which way the hot air blows.
—**O. Henry**
- Voting is the first duty of democracy.
—**Lyndon B. Johnson**
- The ballot is stronger than the bullet.
—**Abraham Lincoln**
- Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves.
—**Franklin D. Roosevelt**
- Act as if the whole election depended on your single vote . . .
—**John Wesley**

Sayings

- If voting changed anything, they'd make it illegal.
- The votes that count are the ones that can be counted.

Jokes

- During his whistle-stop campaign for the presidency in 1948, Harry Truman is reputed to have asked a fellow in the crowd before him how he was intending to vote.
“Mr. Truman,” came the reply, “I wouldn't vote for you if yours was the only name on the ballot.”
Truman turned to an aide and instructed, “Put that man down as doubtful.”
- It was a terrific election. Ninety-five million Americans took time off from work to vote, and sixty-eight million of them did.

WAR

- You will kill ten of our men, and we will kill one of yours, and in the end it will be you who tire of it.
—**Ho Chi Minh**
- War never leaves a nation where it found it.
—**Edmund Burke**
- I look upon the whole world as my fatherland, and every war has to me the horror of a family feud.
—**Helen Keller**

- He will win who knows when to fight and when not to fight. —*Sun Tzu*
- It is forbidden to kill, therefore all murderers are punished unless they kill in large number and to the sound of trumpets. —*Voltaire*
- Terrorism has become the systematic weapon of a war that knows no borders or seldom has a face. —*Jacques Chirac*
- War is a poor chisel to carve out tomorrow. —*Martin Luther King Jr.*
- Wars of nations are fought to change maps. But wars on poverty are fought to map change. —*Muhammad Ali*
- A life without fighting is a dead sea in the universal organism. —*Joaquim Maria Machado de Assis*
- Make wars unprofitable and you make them impossible. —*Asa Philip Randolph*
- War is never fatal but always lost. —*Gertrude Stein*
- Ambition is the grand enemy of all peace. —*John Cowper Powys*
- Trees, though they are cut and lopped, grow up again quickly, but if men are destroyed, it is not easy to get them again. —*Pericles*
- You can't say civilizations don't advance . . . for in every war they kill you a new way. —*Will Rogers*
- The law is silent during war. —*Cicero*
- Once more unto the breach, dear friends, once more; / Or close the wall up with our English dead. —*William Shakespeare*
- War is the business of barbarians. —*Napoleon Bonaparte*
- God is always on the side of the heaviest battalions. —*Voltaire*
- The right of conquest has no foundation other than the right of the strongest. —*Jean-Jacques Rousseau*
- How are the mighty fallen in the midst of the battle! —*Samuel 1:25*
- Ideas are the great warriors of the world, and a war that has no ideas behind it is simply brutality. —*James A. Garfield*
- Soldiers win battles and generals get the credit. —*Napoleon Bonaparte*
- Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired, signifies in the final sense a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed. —*Dwight D. Eisenhower*
- . . . war can only be abolished through war, and in order to get rid of the gun it is necessary to take up the gun. —*Mao Tse-tung*
- Frankly, I'd like to see the government get out of war altogether and leave the whole field to private industry. —*Joseph Heller*
- In peace the sons bury their fathers and in war the fathers bury their sons. —*Francis Bacon*

- Older men declare war. But it is youth that must fight and die. —*Herbert Hoover*
- It is well that war is so terrible—we would grow too fond of it. —*Gen. Robert E. Lee*
- It is always easy to begin a war, but very difficult to stop one, since its beginning and end are not under the control of the same man. —*Sallust*
- The quickest way of ending a war is to lose it. —*George Orwell*
- There is many a boy here today who looks on war as all glory, but boys, it is all hell. —*Gen. William T. Sherman*
- . . . it is all too obvious that if we do not abolish war on this earth, then surely, one day, war will abolish us from the earth. —*Harry S. Truman*
- Nothing in life is so exhilarating as to be shot at without result. —*Winston Churchill*
- History is filled with wars which everybody knew would never happen. —*Enoch Powell*
- It is not merely cruelty that leads men to love war, it is excitement. —*Henry Ward Beecher*
- A general and a bit of shooting . . . takes your mind off the cost of living. —*Brendan Behan*
- But that was war. Just about all he could find in its favor was that it paid well and liberated children from the pernicious influence of their parents. —*Joseph Heller*
- War may make a fool of man, but it by no means degrades him; on the contrary, it tends to exalt him, and its net effects are much like those of motherhood on women. —*H. L. Mencken*
- The nation which forgets its defenders will be itself forgotten. —*Calvin Coolidge*
- My yesterdays walk with me. They keep step, they are gray faces that peer over my shoulder. —*William Golding, on the influence of his WWII naval service*
- There are no “white” or “colored” signs on the foxholes or graveyards of battle. —*John F. Kennedy*
- In this age when there can be no losers in peace and no victors in war, we must recognize the obligation to match national strength with national restraint. —*Lyndon B. Johnson*
- I have a rendezvous with Death / At some disputed barricade. —*Alan Seeger*
- You’re not here to die for your country. You’re here to make those so-and-so’s die for theirs. —*Gen. John H. (Iron Mike) Michaelis, in Korea*

Sayings

- A war without headquarters is an expedition. —*West African saying*
- Self-defense is not fear. —*East African saying*
- War ends nothing. —*Central African saying*
- In the next war there will be no rear echelon.

Jokes

- The missionary located a primitive tribe of cannibals and settled into trying to convert them to Western ways of thought and behavior. He spent many evenings around the fire conversing with the cannibal chieftain, who was considered quite a sage and reminisced at length about his many victorious campaigns and all the people he had eaten in the process.

“Ah, but our wars are fought for a higher purpose,” expounded the missionary. “For religious freedom, for democracy, for truth . . .”

The cannibal nodded. “You must eat many, many people,” he commented admiringly.

“Oh, no!” The missionary was shocked. “We don’t eat humans.”

“Then,” the chieftain pointed out, “you have no reason to kill each other.”

- Private Richie was a brave soldier, but all his worst fears about combat came true when he stepped on a land mine and woke in a hospital to see his lower legs a mass of plaster and gauze. “Doc, what’s the story?” he asked anxiously.

“Mr. Richie, I have some good news and some bad news,” the doctor gravely informed him. “The bad news is that both your legs had to be amputated below the knee.”

Richie groaned. “And the good news?”

“See the fellow in that bed across the aisle?” asked the doctor brightly.

Richie nodded.

“He wants to buy your boots!”

part three

The Community



T H E A R T S

ART

- We look too much to museums. The sun coming up in the morning is enough.
—*Romare Bearden*
- Art is like a border of flowers along the course of civilization.
—*Lincoln Steffens*
- Art for the sake of art itself is an idle sentence. Art for the sake of truth, for the sake of what is beautiful and good—that is the creed I seek.
—*George Sand*
- I like to know what a picture represents without being told by the artist. Ladies with no mouth and six arms; gentlemen with eyes in their stomachs and legs of grand pianos; landscapes with wardrobe trunks overflowing with human limbs and peopled by alarm clocks with black silk-stockinged feet, only make me laugh, and anyone who can take them seriously has my undying admiration.
—*Hermione Gingold*
- We must carry the arts to the people, not wait for the people to come to the arts.
—*Arthur Mitchell*
- Art . . . cannot be an egotistic activity engulfed in the limits of pure creation, free of all human contamination.
—*Nicolas Guillén*
- Black art has always existed. It just hasn't been looked for in the right places.
—*Romare Bearden*
- He knows all about art, but he doesn't know what he likes.
—*James Thurber*
- The greatness of art is not to find what is common but what is unique.
—*Isaac Bashevis Singer*
- It is very good advice to believe only what an artist does, rather than what he says about his work.
—*David Hockney*
- All art is a revolt against man's fate.
—*André Malraux*
- Art for art's sake makes no more sense than gin for gin's sake.
—*W. Somerset Maugham*
- Art flourishes where there is a sense of adventure.
—*Alfred North Whitehead*
- I shut my eyes in order to see.
—*Paul Gauguin*
- In a work of art the intellect asks questions; it does not answer them.
—*Fredrich Hebbel*

- Art is the signature of civilizations. —*Jean Sibelius*
- Art is interested in life at the moment when the ray of power is passing through it. —*Boris Pasternak*
- The new job of art is to sit on the wall and get more expensive. —*Robert Hughes*
- Life is very nice, but it lacks form. It's the aim of art to give it some. —*Jean Anouilh*
- In art, as in life, instinct is enough. —*Anatole France*
- All day long I add up columns of figures and make everything balance. I come home. I sit down. I look at a Kandinsky and it's wonderful! It doesn't mean a damn thing! —*Solomon Guggenheim*
- Less is more. —*Ludwig Mies van der Rohe*
- I don't believe less is more. I believe that less is less, fat fat, thin thin, and enough is enough. —*Stanley Elkin*
- Art is a jealous mistress. —*Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- We must never forget that art is not a form of propaganda; it is a form of truth. —*John F. Kennedy*
- Art must be parochial in the beginning to become cosmopolitan in the end. —*George Moore*
- The essence of all art is to have pleasure in giving pleasure. —*Mikhail Baryshnikov*
- I think of art, at its most significant, as a DEW line, a Distant Early Warning system that can always be relied on to tell the old culture what is beginning to happen to it. —*Marshall McLuhan*
- Art, like morality, consists in drawing the line somewhere. —*G. K. Chesterton*
- If you ask me what I came to do in this world, I, an artist, I will answer you: "I am here to live out loud." —*Emile Zola*
- A guilty conscience needs to confess. A work of art is a confession. —*Albert Camus*
- Life without industry is guilt, industry without art is brutality. —*John Ruskin*
- Art is essentially the affirmation, the blessing, and the deification of existence. —*Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche*
- Art imitates nature in this: not to dare is to dwindle. —*John Updike*
- Art is not a pastime but a priesthood. —*Jean Cocteau*
- Religion and art spring from the same root and are close kin. Economics and art are strangers. —*Willa Cather*
- There is an inherent truth which must be disengaged from the outward appearance of the object to be represented. This is the only truth that matters. . . . Exactitude is not truth. —*Henri Matisse*
- The people who make art their business are mostly imposters. —*Pablo Picasso*

- Art is the most intense mode of individualism that the world has known.
—Oscar Wilde
- You must have the devil in you to succeed in any of the arts.
—Voltaire
- One must act in painting as in life, directly.
—Pablo Picasso
- Art teaches nothing, except the significance of life.
—Henry Miller
- Painting isn't an aesthetic operation; it's a form of magic designed as a mediator between this strange hostile world and us, a way of seizing the power by giving form to our terrors as well as our desires.
—Pablo Picasso
- You use a glass mirror to see your face; you use works of art to see your soul.
—George Bernard Shaw
- The work of art may have a moral effect, but to demand moral purpose from the artist is to make him ruin his work.
—Johann Wolfgang von Goethe
- Without art, the crudeness of reality would make the world unbearable.
—George Bernard Shaw
- The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious. It is the source of all true art and science.
—Albert Einstein
- Art is meant to disturb.
—Georges Braque
- All of the arts, poetry, music, ritual, the visible arts, the theatre, must singly and together create the most comprehensive art of all, a humanized society, and its masterpiece, free man.
—Bernard Berenson
- If art is to nourish the roots of our culture, society must set the artist free to follow his vision wherever it takes him.
—John F. Kennedy
- True art selects and paraphrases, but seldom gives a verbatim translation.
—Thomas Bailey Aldrich
- One of the best things about paintings is their silence—which prompts reflection and random reverie.
—Mark Stevens, *decrying guided tours by headphone*
- I think art is a great big river that just flows and it's been flowing for thousands of years. . . . Art doesn't win wars, but it's the only thing that remains after the civilizations go. Nobody knows much about the politics of certain Egyptian dynasties but people remember the art, the great things that were created.
—Robert Scull

Sayings

- Art has no enemy except ignorance.
- Art lies in concealing art.
- Art may be regarded as a luxury, but to the artist, it is a necessity.
- Art is what separates man from beast.

Jokes

- The penniless artist was cornered by her landlord, who demanded several months' past rent. "Just think," she pleaded, "someday tourists will be pointing at this building, and saying, 'The great abstract painter Susan Krechevsky used to live here.' "

The landlord shrugged. "And if you don't pay up, they can come by tomorrow and say that."

- I saw some things at the auction labeled "Art Objects": considering what they looked like, I'd object, too.
- A sad thing happened at the museum the other day. They replaced that statue of *The Thinker*—with a computer.
- Abstract Art: A product of the untalented, sold by the unprincipled to the utterly bewildered.

—*Al Capp*

ARTISTS

- An artist is his own fault. —*John O'Hara*
- An artist is a man of action, whether he creates a personality, invents an expedient, or finds the issue of a complicated situation. —*Joseph Conrad*
- Every artist writes his own autobiography. —*Havelock Ellis*
- The artist, like the God of the creation, remains within or behind or beyond or above his handiwork, invisible, refined out of existence, indifferent, paring his fingernails. —*James Joyce*
- Great artists are modest almost as seldom as they are faithful to their wives. —*H. L. Mencken*
- The aim of every artist is to arrest motion, which is life, by artificial means and hold it fixed so that a hundred years later, when a stranger looks at it, it moves again since it is life. —*William Faulkner*
- The great artists of the world are never puritans, and seldom even ordinarily respectable. —*H. L. Mencken*
- An artist should be well read in the best books, and thoroughly high bred, both in heart and bearing. In a word, he should be fit for the best society, and should keep out of it. —*John Ruskin*
- The artist is the seismograph of his age. —*Robert W. Corrigan*
- Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up. —*Pablo Picasso*
- Every time an artist dies, part of the vision of mankind passes with him. —*Franklin D. Roosevelt*
- The refusal to rest content, the willingness to risk excess on behalf of one's obsessions, is what distinguishes artists from entertainers, and what makes some artists adventurers on behalf of us all. —*John Updike*

- I never practice; I always play. —*Wanda Landowska*
- Copy nature and you infringe on the work of our Lord. Interpret nature and you are an artist. —*Jacques Lipchitz*
- The first quality that is needed [in an artist] is audacity. —*Winston Churchill*
- Aesthetics is to the artist what ornithology is to the birds. —*Barnett Newman*
- Artists must be sacrificed to their art. Like bees, they just put their lives into the sting they give. —*Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- Anyone who sees and paints a sky green and pastures blue ought to be sterilized. —*Adolf Hitler*
- The artistic temperament is a disease that afflicts amateurs. —*G. K. Chesterton*
- He always did have that “Touch of Madness” that marks the true artists and breaks the hearts of young girls from fine homes. —*Robert Crumb*
- The artist is a lucky dog. . . . In any community of a thousand souls there will be nine hundred doing the work, ninety doing well, nine doing good, and one lucky dog painting or writing about the other nine hundred and ninety-nine. —*Tom Stoppard*
- No great artist ever sees things as they really are. If he did he would cease to be an artist. —*Oscar Wilde*
- Immature artists imitate. Mature artists steal. —*Lionel Trilling*
- Journeys, like artists, are born and not made. A thousand differing circumstances contribute to them, few of them willed or determined by the will—whatever we may think. —*Lawrence Durrell*

Saying

- Often they hang the painting when they should hang the artist instead.

Jokes

- An artist who'd had considerable success selling his work to hotel chains was asked his secret. “Simple,” he admitted cheerfully, “I make all my paintings too big to fit in a suitcase.”
- I was on my way to becoming an artist, but they booted me out of drawing class when I wanted to trace the nudes.

T H E S T A G E

ACTORS AND ACTING

- I think acting is the biggest drag of all time for a girl. —*Jackie Collins*
- I got all the schooling any actress needs. That is, I learned to write well enough to sign contracts. —*Hermione Gingold*
- Comedians on the stage are invariably suicidal when they get home. —*Elsa Lanchester*
- Lead the audience by the nose to the thought. —*Laurence Olivier*
- On the stage he was natural, simple, affecting; / 'Twas only that when he was off he was acting. —*Oliver Goldsmith*
- When an actor has money he doesn't send letters, he sends telegrams. —*Anton Chekhov*
- If you really want to help the American theater, don't be an actress, dahling. Be an audience. —*Tallulah Bankhead*
- Playing Shakespeare is so tiring. You never get a chance to sit down unless you're a king. —*Josephine Hull*
- Acting is merely the art of keeping a large group of people from coughing. —*Ralph Richardson*
- Know your lines and don't bump into the furniture. —*Spencer Tracy*
- Acting is all about honesty. If you can fake that, you've got it made. —*George Burns* (*attrib.*)
- Your motivation is your pay packet on Friday. Now get on with it. —*Noel Coward* (*attrib.*)
- Acting is standing up naked and turning around slowly. —*Rosalind Russell*
- Some of the greatest love affairs I've known involved one actor, unassisted. —*Wilson Mizner* (*attrib.*)
- Anyone who works is a fool. I don't work—I merely inflict myself on the public. —*Robert Morley* (*attrib.*)

Sayings

- Break a leg.
- Don't quit your day job.

Jokes

- An aspiring actor called home to announce with great pride that he'd been cast in an off-Broadway play. "It's a real opportunity, Dad," he said. "I play this guy who's been married for twenty-five years."

"That's great, son," enthused his father. "And one of these days you'll work up to a speaking part."
- You should be on the stage . . . the next one leaves in five minutes.
- How many actors does it take to change a lightbulb?
—One hundred. One to change the bulb, and ninety-nine to say, "I could've done that."

AUDIENCES

- I see their souls, and I hold them in my hands, and because I love them they weigh nothing.
—*Pearl Bailey, on audiences*
- The best audience is intelligent, well-educated, and a little drunk.
—*Alben W. Barkley*
- If they liked you, they didn't applaud—they just let you live.
—*Bob Hope*
- I am perfectly happy to believe that nobody likes us but the public.
—*Rudolph Bing, director of the Metropolitan Opera*
- I never failed to convince an audience that the best thing they could do was to go away.
—*Thomas Love Peacock*
- Every crowd has a silver lining.
—*P. T. Barnum*
- If you really want to help the American theater, don't be an actress, dahling. Be an audience.
—*Tallulah Bankhead*
- A painter paints his pictures on canvas. But musicians paint their pictures on silence. We provide the music, and you provide the silence.
—*Leopold Stokowski, reprimanding a talkative audience*
- The play was a great success but the audience was a failure.
—*Oscar Wilde*

Saying

- The stars may be on stage, but the audience is king.

Jokes

- Now they've got a stereo that gives real concert-hall sound. Every two minutes it coughs and rattles a program.

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DANCE

- Dance is the only art of which we ourselves are the stuff of which it is made.

—*Ted Shawn*

- The universe lies before you on the floor, in the mysterious bodies of your dancers, in your mind. From this voyage no one returns poor or weary. —*Agnes de Mille*

- Dancing is the loftiest, the most moving, the most beautiful of the arts, because it is no mere translation or abstraction from life; it is life itself. —*Havelock Ellis*

- I would believe only in a God that knows how to dance. —*Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche*

- We have to prove beyond the shadow of a doubt that it is talent and training, not color, that makes a ballet dancer. —*Arthur Mitchell*

- In life as in dance: Grace glides on blistered feet. —*Alice Abrams*

- Dance isn't something that can be explained in words; it has to be danced. —*Paige Arden*

- Someone once said that dancers work just as hard as policeman, always alert, always tense, but see, policeman don't have to be beautiful at the same time. —*George Balanchine*

- I do not try to dance better than anyone else. I only try to dance better than myself. —*Mikhail Baryshnikov*

- Dancing can reveal all the mystery that music conceals. —*Charles Baudelaire*

- Dance can give the inarticulate a voice. —*Pamela Brown*

- The only way to do it is to do it. —*Merce Cunningham*

- Dancing: The Highest Intelligence in the Freest Body. —*Isadora Duncan*

- Dance is the hidden language of the soul. —*Martha Graham*

- Wherever a dancer stands is holy ground. —*Martha Graham*

- Dancing is like bank robbery, it takes split second timing. —*Twyla Tharp*

Sayings

- All dancing girls are nineteen years old. —*Japanese proverb*
- Anyone who says sunshine brings happiness has never danced in the rain.

- The ballet toe shoe is one of the few instruments of torture to survive intact into our time.
- Dance is a delicate balance between perfection and beauty.
- If you're on thin ice, you might as well be dancing.
- Remember, Ginger Rogers did everything that Fred Astaire did, backwards and on high heels.
- You can dance anywhere, even if only in your heart.
- Dancing is the perpendicular expression of a horizontal desire.

Jokes

- Do you know why Baptists refuse to make love standing up? They're afraid it will lead to dancing!
- It's not the turning that's hard in pirouettes, it's that you gotta keep on doin' it.

THE MOVIES

- I dream for a living. —*Steven Spielberg*
- The movies enable an actor not only to act but also to sit down in the theatre and clap for himself. —*Will Rogers*
- There's nothing funnier than the human animal. —*Walt Disney*
- An adult Western is where the hero still kisses his horse at the end, only now he worries about it. —*Milton Berle*
- An actor entering through the door, you've got nothing. But if he enters through the window, you've got a situation. —*Billy Wilder*
- Movies are fun, but they're not a cure for cancer. —*Warren Beatty*
- If my fanny squirms, it's bad. If my fanny doesn't squirm, it's good. It's as simple as that. —*Harry Cohn*
- I didn't know the whole world was wired to Harry Cohn's ass. —*Herman Manckiewicz*
- Most arts appeal to the mature. This art appeals at once to every class: mature, immature, developed, undeveloped, law-abiding, criminal . . . —*Production code of the Motion Picture Association of America, early 1960s*
- Over in Hollywood they almost made a great picture, but they caught it just in time. —*Wilson Mizner*
- You can take all the sincerity in Hollywood, place it in the navel of a fruit fly, and still have room enough for three caraway seeds and a producer's heart. —*Fred Allen*
- No one ever went broke in Hollywood underestimating the intelligence of the public. —*Elsa Maxwell*
- Hollywood—an emotional Detroit. —*Lillian Gish*

Sayings

- America's most popular export.
- The mythology of modern times.
- Movie theaters are the cathedrals of the twentieth century.
- Everything's always all right at the movies.
- The only "ism" Hollywood believes in is plagiarism.
- Read the book; see the movie.

Joke

- An intellectual in Hollywood is anyone who can read freeway signs without moving his lips.

THEATER

- The theater is so endlessly fascinating because it's so accidental. It's so much like life.
—*Arthur Miller*
- Consider the public. . . . Never fear it nor despise it. Charm it, interest it, stimulate it, shock it now and then if you must, make it laugh, make it cry, but above all . . . never, never bore the living hell out of it.
—*Noel Coward*
- The first rule of the theater—give the best lines to yourself.
—*Robert Bloch*
- It's one of the tragic ironies of the theater that only one man in it can count on steady work—the night watchman.
—*Tallulah Bankhead*
- Show me a congenital eavesdropper with the instincts of a Peeping Tom and I will show you the makings of a dramatist.
—*Kenneth Tynan*
- Judge not the play before the play is done: / Her plot hath many changes . . .
—*Francis Quarles*
- The business of the dramatist is to keep out of sight and let nothing appear but his characters.
—*Lord Thomas Babington Macaulay*
- The play's the thing / Wherin I'll catch the conscience of the King.
—*William Shakespeare*
- All the world's a stage / And all the men and women merely players: / They have their exits and their entrances; / And one man in his time plays many parts . . .
—*William Shakespeare*
- It is an extremely difficult thing to put on the stage anything which runs contrary to the opinions of a large body of people.
—*George Bernard Shaw*
- Whoever condemns the theater is an enemy of his country.
—*Voltaire*
- Opening night: the night before the play is ready to open.
—*George Jean Nathan*

Sayings

- There's a broken heart for every light on Broadway.
- Real life isn't necessarily good theater.
- The show must go on.
- The stars may be on stage, but the audience is king.

Jokes

- A showman who'd been asked for a definition of theater gave the following example. "When a person falls down in the middle of the sidewalk and a crowd gathers around, that's an event," he explained. "But when someone falls down in the middle of a stage, and people pay money to see it, that's theater."
- Danny Kaye noted the difference between comedy and tragedy in Russian drama. In both, everybody dies; but in the comedy, they die happy.

M U S I C

COMPOSERS

- In order to compose, all you need to do is remember a tune that nobody else has thought of.
—*Robert Schumann*
- Keep it simple, keep it sexy, keep it sad.
—*Mitch Miller, on popular music*
- You compose because you want to somehow summarize in some permanent form your most basic feelings about being alive, to set down . . . some sort of permanent statement about the way it feels to live now, today. So that when it's all gone, people will be able to go to the artwork of the time and get some sense of what it felt like to be alive in this year.
—*Aaron Copland*
- Ah, Mozart! He was happily married—but his wife wasn't.
—*Victor Borge*
- I like Beethoven, especially the poems.
—*Ringo Starr*
- Wagner's music is better than it sounds.
—*Mark Twain*

Saying

- Composers can *see* music.

Jokes

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- At a party to celebrate the success of the musical *Showboat*, Mrs. Kern, the wife of the composer, was approached by a gushing fan. “And to think your husband wrote that fabulous song ‘Old Man River.’ It’s absolutely my favorite—”
“No, you’ve got it wrong,” interrupted Mrs. Hammerstein. “My husband wrote ‘Old Man River.’ Her husband wrote, ‘Dum dum dum-dum, da dum dum dum-dum . . .’”
- What’s Beethoven doing now?
—Decomposing!

MUSIC AND MUSICIANS

- To produce music is also in a sense to produce children.

—**Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche**

- When people hear good music, it makes them homesick for something they never had, and never will have.

—**Edgar Watson Howe**

- Nothing soothes me more after a long and maddening course of pianoforte recitals than to sit and have my teeth drilled.

—**George Bernard Shaw**

- Music is the universal language of mankind.

—**Henry Wadsworth Longfellow**

- Jazz will endure as long as people hear it through their feet instead of their brains.

—**John Philip Sousa**

- Song is the pen of the soul.

—**Rabbi Chaim Drizin**

- Show me an orchestra that likes its conductor and I'll show you a lousy conductor.

—**Goddard Lieberson**

- Kids develop incredible loyalty and attachment to music. Songs played over and over become part of one's soul.

—**Paul Stookey**

- Music is assigned and designed to transform your molecular structure. If you ever run more than six or seven miles, it's like your body turns to crystals. Music can have that effect. People cry and laugh at the same time.

—**Carlos Santana**

- If music could be translated into human speech, it would no longer need to exist.

—**Ned Rorem**

- Music and silence . . . combine strongly because music is done with silence, and silence is full of music.

—**Marcel Marceau**

- Chaos is a friend of mine. —**Bob Dylan**, defining his musical style in the mid sixties

- Playing “bop” is like playing Scrabble with all the vowels missing. —**Duke Ellington**

- The popular song is America’s greatest ambassador. —**Sammy Cahn**

- I don’t know anything about music—in my line, you don’t have to. —**Elvis Presley**

- Music is well said to be the speech of angels; in fact, nothing among the utterances allowed to man is felt to be so divine. It brings us near to the Infinite.

—**Thomas Carlyle**

- Music hath charms to soothe the savage breast . . . —**William Congreve**

- And the night shall be filled with music/And the cares that infest the day, / Shall fold their tents like the Arabs/And silently steal away. —**Henry Wadsworth Longfellow**

- Extraordinary how potent cheap music is. —**Noel Coward**

- Classical music is the kind we keep thinking will turn into a tune. —**Kin Hubbard**

- It is quite untrue that the English people don’t appreciate music. They may not understand it but they absolutely love the sound it makes. —**Thomas Beecham**

- Without music, life would be a mistake. —*Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche*
- Music is essentially useless, as life is. —*George Santayana*
- It was loud in spots and less loud in other spots, and it all had that quality which I have noticed in all violin solos of seeming to last much longer than it actually did. —*P. G. Wodehouse*
- Hell is full of musical amateurs. Music is the brandy of the damned. —*George Bernard Shaw*
- . . . music is perpetual, and only hearing is intermittent. —*Henry David Thoreau*
- If you have to ask what jazz is, you'll never know. —*Louis Armstrong*
- If you're in jazz and more than ten people like you, you're labeled "commercial." —*Wally Stott*
- Music played at weddings always reminds me of the music played for soldiers before they go into battle. —*Heinrich Heine*
- Music is not written in red, white, and blue. It is written in the heart's blood of the composer. —*Nellie Melba*
- Music is my mistress, and she plays second fiddle to no one. —*Duke Ellington*
- Music is either good or bad, and it's got to be learned. You got to have balance. —*Louis Armstrong*
- Music is the only language in which you cannot say a mean or sarcastic thing. —*John Erskine*
- I have my own particular sorrows, loves, delights; and you have yours. But sorrow, gladness, yearning, hope, love, belong to all of us, in all times and in all places. Music is the only means whereby we feel these emotions in their universality. —*Harry Overstreet*
- I have no pleasure in any man who despises music. It is no invention of ours: it is the gift of God. I place it next to theology. Satan hates music: he knows how it drives the evil spirit out of us. —*Martin Luther*

Sayings

- Music is the international language.
- The song is ended but the melody lingers on.
- Face the music

Jokes

- "Excuse me, but can you tell me how I can get to Carnegie Hall?" the tourist asked a New York City cop.
"Practice, practice, practice," he replied.
- When the orchestra began playing Tchaikovsky's *Romeo and Juliet* overture, a woman noticed tears beginning to run down the cheeks of the elderly man she was seated next

to. Before long he was sobbing outright, so she turned and said gently, "You must be an incurable romantic."

"Not at all," he gulped. "I'm a musician."

OPERA

- Oh how wonderful, really wonderful, opera would be if there were no singers!
—*Gioacchino Antonio Rossini*
- The opera is like a husband with a foreign title: expensive to support, hard to understand, and therefore a supreme social challenge.
—*Cleveland Amory*
- I do not mind what language an opera is sung in so long as it is a language I do not understand.
—*Edward Appleton*
- People are wrong when they say that opera is not what it used to be. It *is* what it used to be. That is what is wrong with it.
—*Noel Coward*
- An unalterable and unquestioned law of the musical world required that the German text of French operas sung by Swedish artists should be translated into Italian for the clearer understanding of English-speaking audiences.
—*Edith Wharton*
- No good opera plot can be sensible, for people do not sing when they are feeling sensible.
—*W. H. Auden*
- Opera in English is, in the main, just about as sensible as baseball in Italian.
—*H. L. Mencken*

Saying

- It ain't over till the fat lady sings.

Joke

- Opera is when a guy gets stabbed in the back and instead of bleeding, he sings.
—*Ed Gardner*

ROCK AND ROLL

- Rock 'n' roll is trying to convince girls to pay money to be near you. —*Richard Hell*
- Rock journalism is people who can't write interviewing people who can't talk for people who can't read. —*Frank Zappa*
- Rock 'n' roll might best be summed up as monotony tinged with hysteria. —*Vance Packard*
- I'm the Connie Francis of rock and roll. —*Elton John*
- I bit the head off a bat the other night. It was like eating a Crunchie wrapped in chamois leather. —*Ozzy Osborne*

- For most rockers, the only thing standing between them and total illiteracy is the need to get through their Mercedes-Benz owners' manuals. —*Garry Trudeau*
- It will be gone by June. —*1955 statement on rock 'n' roll by Variety*
- Rock and roll is a communicable disease. —*New York Times, 1956*

Sayings

- Rock 'n' roll has a beat that can't be beat.
- Rock till you drop.

Jokes

- I heard some rock 'n' roll yesterday; it sounded exactly like labor pains with a beat.
- I'm not knocking rock and roll, but if Van Gogh had lived to hear it, he'd have cut off the other ear.
- You know you're going out with someone too young for you when they say, "Did you know Paul McCartney was in a band before Wings?"
- Why can't you go to the bathroom at a Beatles concert?
—There's no John.

P R O S E A N D P O E T R Y

AUTOBIOGRAPHY

- Nobody can write the life of a man, but those who have eat and drunk and lived in social intercourse with him. —*Samuel Johnson*
- Every man's work, whether it be literature or music or pictures or architecture or anything else, is always a portrait of himself. —*Samuel Butler*
- Every artist writes his own autobiography. —*Havelock Ellis*
- An autobiography is an obituary in serial form with the last installment missing. —*Quentin Crisp*
- Next to the writer of real estate advertisements, the autobiographer is the most suspect of prose artists. —*Donald Henahan*
- When you put down the good things you ought to have done, and leave out the bad things you did do—that's Memoirs. —*Will Rogers*
- Only when one has lost all curiosity about the future has one reached the age to write an autobiography. —*Evelyn Waugh (attrib.)*
- Keep a diary and one day it'll keep you. —*Mae West*

Saying

- Autobiography is a writer's dream—you never have to leave the house to do research.

Joke

- Looking down sternly from the bench, the judge asked the defendant why, after a blameless six decades, she had turned to a life of crime.
“Your Honor, I began working on my memoirs,” she explained, “and they were just too damn boring.”

BOOKS AND READING

- People say that life is the thing, but I prefer reading. —*Logan Pearsall Smith*
- Literature is my Utopia. Here I am not disfranchised. No barrier of the senses shuts me out from the sweet, gracious discourse of my book friends. They talk to me without embarrassment or awkwardness. —*Helen Keller*
- Language is the soul of intellect, and reading is the essential process by which that intellect is cultivated beyond the commonplace experiences of everyday life. —*Charles Scribner*
- Literature transmits incontrovertible condensed experience . . . from generation to generation. In this way literature becomes the living memory of a nation. —*Alexander Solzhenitsyn*
- When I am not walking I am reading; I cannot sit and think. Books think for me. —*Charles Lamb*
- Read no history: nothing but biography, for that is life without theory. —*G. K. Chesterton*
- Until I feared I would lose it, I never loved to read. One does not love breathing. —*Harper Lee*
- Reading is thinking with someone else's head instead of one's own. —*Arthur Schopenhauer*
- The chief knowledge that a man gets from reading books is the knowledge that very few of them are worth reading. —*H. L. Mencken (attrib.)*
- Don't read science fiction books. It'll look bad if you die in bed with one on the nightstand. Always read stuff that will make you look good if you die in the middle of the night. —*P. J. O'Rourke*
- A man's library is a sort of harem. —*Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- Beware of the man of one book. —*Thomas Aquinas*
- It is with books as with men: a very small number play a great part. —*Voltaire*
- Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested. —*Francis Bacon*
- "What is the use of a book," thought Alice, "without pictures or conversation?" —*Lewis Carroll*
- The multitude of books is making us ignorant. —*Voltaire*
- Books are the collective memory of mankind. —*Herbert Bailey Smith*
- A man loses contact with reality if he is not surrounded by his books. —*François Mitterrand*
- An art book is a museum without walls. —*André Malraux*

- A good novel tells us the truth about its hero; but a bad novel tells us the truth about its author. —*G. K. Chesterton*
- A book that is shut is but a block. —*Thomas Fuller*
- A classic is something that everybody wants to have read and nobody wants to read. —*Mark Twain*
- The chief glory of every people arises from its authors. . . . —*Samuel Johnson*
- Life comes before literature, as the material always comes before the work. The hills are full of marble before the world blooms with statues. —*Rev. Phillips Brooks*
- Books are the quietest and most constant of friends; they are the most accessible and wisest of counsellors, and the most patient of teachers. —*Charles W. Eliot*
- In the highest civilization, the book is still the highest delight. He who has once known its satisfactions is provided with a resource against calamity. —*Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- I cannot live without books. —*Thomas Jefferson*
- . . . who kills a man kills a reasonable creature, God's image; but he who destroys a good book kills reason itself, kills the image of God, as it were, in the eye. —*John Milton*
- Books are good enough in their way, but they are a mighty bloodless substitute for life. —*Robert Louis Stevenson*
- We're drowning in information and starving for knowledge. —*Rutherford D. Rogers, librarian, Yale University, on the massive amount of matter printed each year*
- How many a man has dated a new era in his life from the reading of a book. —*Henry David Thoreau*
- There is no such thing as a moral or an immoral book. Books are well written or badly written. That is all. —*Oscar Wilde*

Sayings

- You can't tell a book by its cover.
- Books and friends should be few and good.
- There is no worse robber than a bad book. —*Italian saying*

Joke

- "Enough about me," said the newly published woman. "Have you read my book?"

EDITORS

- Only presidents, editors, and people with tapeworms have the right to use the editorial "we." —*Mark Twain*

- For better or worse, editing is what editors are for: and editing is selection and choice of material. That editors—newspapers or broadcast—can and do abuse this power is beyond doubt, but that is no reason to deny the discretion Congress provided.

—*Warren E. Burger, in majority ruling that allowed radio and TV stations to refuse to sell time for political or controversial advertisement*

- Editing is the same as quarreling with writers. —*Harold Ross*
- No passion in the world is equal to the passion to alter someone else's draft. —*H. G. Wells*
- An editor is one who separates the wheat from the chaff and prints the chaff. —*Adlai Stevenson*
- The editor doesn't make the news . . . but he does interpret it and shape it, as the conductor does. . . . Above all, he selects what's going to be on the program, which is one hell of a power. —*Hedley Donovan*

Sayings

- Editors read books with scissors.
- The voice of reason reigning in the writer.
- An editor knows a beautiful sentence when she reads it—then she simplifies it.
- The urge to edit someone else's copy is stronger than the urge to eat, sleep, or pro-create.

Joke

- When Peters, the star fullback, was injured the week before the homecoming game, the *Campus Gazette* ran the story with the headline, "Team to Play Without Peters." The dean was less than pleased and ordered the editor to revise the headline for the next week's edition. The editor cheerfully obliged, and the second story ran with the headline, "Team Will Play with Peters Out."

POETS AND POETRY

- Genuine poetry can communicate before it is understood. —*T. S. Eliot*
- A poet can write about a man slaying a dragon, but not about a man pushing a button that releases a bomb. —*W. H. Auden*
- Poetry is man's rebellion on being what he is. —*James Branch Cabell*
- A poet never takes notes. You never take notes in a love affair. —*Robert Frost*
- Writing free verse is like playing tennis with the net down. —*Robert Frost*
- There is no money in poetry; but then, there is no poetry in money, either. —*Robert Graves*
- A poet in history is divine, but a poet in the next room is a joke. —*Max Eastman*

- I know that poetry is indispensable, but to what I couldn't say. —*Jean Cocteau*
- A poet looks at the world as a man looks at a woman. —*Wallace Stevens*
- Poets utter great and wise things which they do not themselves understand. —*Plato*
- A poem is a form of refrigeration that keeps language from going bad. —*Peter Porter*
- Poetry is a synthesis of hyacinths and biscuits. —*Carl Sandburg*
- Poets are born, not paid. —*Wilson Mizner*
- Poetry is the spontaneous overflow of powerful feelings: it takes its origin from emotion recollected in tranquility. —*William Wordsworth*

Sayings

- Poets are like birds: the least thing makes them sing.
- Orange is one of the only words that cannot be rhymed.

Joke

- Rose are red / Violets are blue / Some poems rhyme / This one doesn't.

PUBLISHING

- There are three difficulties in authorship: to write anything worth the publishing, to find honest men to publish it, and to get sensible men to read it. —*Charles Caleb Colton*
- The profession of book writing makes horse racing seem like a solid, stable business. —*John Steinbeck*
- To write a book is a task needing only one pen, ink, and paper; to print a book is rather more difficult, because genius often expresses itself illegibly; to read a book is more difficult still, for one has to struggle with sleep; but to sell a book is the most difficult task of all. —*Frank Munny*
- I am a publisher—a hybrid creature: one part stargazer, one part gambler, one part businessman, one part midwife, and three parts optimist. —*Cass Canfield*
- In a world where the time it takes to travel (supersonic) or to bake a potato (microwave) or to process a million calculations (microchip) shrinks inexorably, only three things have remained constant and unrushed: the nine months it takes to have a baby, the nine months it takes to untangle a credit card dispute, and the nine months it takes to publish a hardcover book. —*Andrew Tobias*

Saying

- After a while, you get ink in your blood.

Jokes

- Do you realize what would happen if Moses were alive today? He'd come down from Mount Sinai with the Ten Commandments and spend the next five years trying to get them published.
- I just heard about the greatest book club. You send in fifteen dollars a month for a year—and they leave you completely alone!
- First guy: "Hey, did you hear Joe's writing a book?"
Second guy: "Why doesn't he buy one—it's faster."

WRITERS AND WRITING

- A professional writer is an amateur who didn't quit. —Richard Bach
- The first draft of anything is shit. —Ernest Hemingway
- Every book has an intrinsic impossibility, which its writer discovers as soon as his first excitement dwindles. —Annie Dillard
- The good writing of any age has always been the product of *someone's* neurosis. —William Styron
- Biography, like big game hunting, is one of the recognized forms of sport, and it is [as] unfair as only sport can be. —Philip Guedella
- People who write fiction, if they had not taken it up, might have become very successful liars. —Ernest Hemingway
- Anybody can make history; only a great man can write it. —Oscar Wilde
- Every aspect of life is worth writing about. I'm just trying to identify forces at play that are in everybody's lives. —Jackson Browne
- I believe in the pen, I believe in language and I believe in words . . . it's a dying art. —Don Henley
- Writing is always just the most fun imaginable. And also unspeakable. I do try to avoid it. That's why I have deadlines. —Lou Reed
- Reading makes a full man, conference a ready man, and writing an exact man. —Francis Bacon
- Perversity is the muse of modern literature. —Susan Sontag
- Literature is the human activity that takes the fullest and most precise account of variability, possibility, complexity, and difficulty. —Lionel Trilling
- Without knowing the force of words, it is impossible to know men. —Confucius
- What is so wonderful about great literature is that it transforms the man who reads it towards the condition of the man who wrote. —E. M. Forster
- A writer is rarely so well inspired as when he talks about himself. —Anatole France
- An author who speaks about his own books is almost as bad as a mother who talks about her own children. —Benjamin Disraeli

- The most essential gift for a good writer is a built-in, shockproof shit detector. This is the writer's radar and all great writers have had it. —*Ernest Hemingway*
- I am a camera with its shutter open, quite passive, recording, not thinking. —*Christopher Isherwood*
- Everything goes by the board: honor, pride, decency . . . to get the book written. —*William Faulkner*
- Sit down and put down everything that comes into your head and then you're a writer. But an author is one who can judge his own stuff's worth, without pity, and destroy most of it. —*Colette*
- Literature is the art of writing something that will be read twice. —*Cyril Connolly*
- Planning to write is not writing. Outlining . . . researching . . . talking to people about what you're doing, none of that is writing. Writing is writing. —*E. L. Doctorow*
- Writing is the great vocation of the dispossessed. —*Mary Gordon*
- If you wish to be a writer, write. —*Epictetus*
- A writer should have the precision of a poet and the imagination of a scientist. —*Vladimir Nabokov*
- Writing a book is an adventure: it begins as an amusement, then it becomes a mistress, then a master, and finally a tyrant. —*Winston Churchill*
- The novelist, afraid his ideas may be foolish, slyly puts them in the mouth of some other fool and reserves the right to disavow him. —*Diane Johnson*
- There's nothing to writing. All you do is sit down at a typewriter and open a vein. —*Red Smith*
- All a writer has to do to get a woman is to say he's a writer. It's an aphrodisiac. —*Saul Bellow*
- Finishing a book is just like you took a child out in the yard and shot it. —*Truman Capote*
- What a writer wants to do is not what he does. —*Jorge Luis Borges*
- There are three rules for writing the novel. Unfortunately, no one knows what they are. —*W. Somerset Maugham (attrib.)*
- It's a damn good story. If you have any comments, write them on the back of a check. —*Erle Stanley Gardner, note on submitted manuscript*
- Will the reader turn the page? —*Catherine Drinker Bowen, note posted in her study*
- That's not writing—that's typing. —*Truman Capote (attrib.) of Jack Kerouac*
- It is not my experience that society hates and fears the writer, or that society adulates the writer. Instead my experience is the common one, that society places the writer so far beyond the pale that society does not regard the writer at all. —*Annie Dillard*

Sayings

- Many writers create worlds in which the wrongs they suffered as children are finally righted.
 - The pen is mightier than the sword.

Jokes

- I never think at all when I write. Nobody can do two things at the same time and do them both well. —*Don Marquis*
 - He writes so well he makes me feel like putting the quill back in the goose. —*Fred Allen*
 - I love being a writer. What I can't stand is the paperwork. —*Peter de Vries*
 - Getting a phone message from one of his authors, the editor called back. "What can I do for you, Tom?" she asked cordially.
 "It's about my manuscript," said the writer, "the one I sent you a couple of months ago?"
 "Oh, yes . . . yes. Can't wait to read it," managed the editor, unable to summon up the slightest memory. "But remind me, Tom, is it a historical novel?"
 "No," replied the writer dryly, "or at least it wasn't when I sent it in."

C R I T I C S A N D C R I T I C I S M

CRITICS—GENERAL

- I am perfectly happy to believe that nobody likes us but the public.
—*Rudolph Bing, director of the Metropolitan Opera*
- Two and two continue to make four, in spite of the whine of the amateur for three, or the cry of the critic for five.
—*James McNeill Whistler*
- It is much easier to be critical than to be correct.
—*Benjamin Disraeli*
- To escape criticism—do nothing, say nothing, be nothing.
—*Elbert Hubbard*
- Nature fits all her children with something to do, / He who would write and can't write, can surely review.
—*James Russell Lowell*
- Since we have to speak well of the dead, let's knock them while they're alive.
—*John Sloan*
- A critic is a man who knows the way but can't drive the car.
—*Kenneth Tynan*
- Criticism comes easier than craftsmanship.
—*Zeuxis*
- I like criticism, but it must be my way.
—*Mark Twain*
- You explain how it went, and as far as you can figure out how it got that way.
—*Virgil Thomson, on his role as critic*
- Pay no attention to what the critics say; no statue has ever been put up to a critic.
—*Jean Sibelius*
- There is a certain justice in criticism. The critic is like a midwife—a tyrannical mid-wife.
—*Stephen Spender*
- Honest criticism is hard to take, particularly from a friend, an acquaintance, or a stranger.
—*Franklin P. Jones*
- A good writer is not, per se, a good critic. No more than a good drunk is automatically a good bartender.
—*Jim Bishop*
- A critic is a bunch of biases held loosely together by a sense of taste.
—*Whitney Balliett*
- The good critic is he who relates the adventures of his soul among masterpieces.
—*Anatole France*

- A man must serve his time to every trade / Save censure—critics are all ready made.
—*George Gordon, Lord Byron*
- Critics are like eunuchs in a harem: they know how it's done, they've seen it done every day, but they're unable to do it themselves. —*Brendan Behan (attrib.)*
- A critic is a man created to praise greater men than himself, but he is never able to find them. —*Richard Le Gallienne*
- What a blessed thing it is that Nature, when she invented, manufactured, and patented her authors, contrived to make critics out of the chips that were left! —*Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr.*
- If you can't stand the heat, you better get out of the kitchen. —*Harry S. Truman (attrib.)*

Sayings

- Nobody throws stones at a fruitless tree.
- The person who can't dance says the band can't play.
- Do not use a hatchet to remove a fly from your friend's forehead. —*Chinese proverb*
- One survives all wounds except those of critics. —*North African saying*

Joke

- *Playboy* interviewer: "You've been accused of vulgarity."
Mel Brooks: "Bullshit!"

CRITICS—ART

- You know who critics are?—the men who have failed in literature and art.
—*Benjamin Disraeli*
- Writing about art is like dancing about architecture. —*Steve Martin*
- Pop art is the inedible raised to the unspeakable. —*Leonard Baskin*
- What makes people the world over stand in line for Van Gogh is not that they will see beautiful pictures [but] that in an indefinable way they will come away feeling better human beings. And that is exactly what Van Gogh hoped for. —*John Russell*
- A painting is like a man. If you can live without it, then there isn't much point in having it. —*Lila Acheson Wallace*
- The protein of our cultural imagination.
—*Robert Hughes, on exhibits in new gallery of the Museum of Modern Art*

Sayings

- Critics are the kind of people who'd memorize the menu at an orgy.
- It's always easier to tear down than to build.

Jokes

- “I know great art when I see it,” pronounced the snooty critic.
 Responded the artist, “And I know great art when I feel it.”
 - I may not know anything about art, but I know what’s suitable for framing.

—New Yorker cartoon

CRITICS—BOOKS

- Your manuscript is both good and original; but the part that is good is not original, and the part that is original is not good. —*Samuel Johnson*
 - Asking a writer what he thinks about critics is like asking a lamppost what it feels about dogs. —*John Osborne*
 - From the moment I picked it [a book] up until I laid it down, I was convulsed with laughter. Someday I intend reading it. —*Groucho Marx (attrib.)*
 - This is not a novel to be tossed aside lightly. It should be thrown with great force. —*Dorothy Parker*
 - I never read a book before reviewing it—it prejudices a man so. —*Sydney Smith*
 - As for Mrs. May, I must have named her that because I knew some English teacher would write and ask me why. I think you folks sometimes strain the soup too thin. . . . —*Flannery O'Connor*

Sayings

- A critic should be able to tell you all about a book without giving any of it away.
 - Critics are the writers whom writers fear most.

Joke

- A famous literary critic got drunk and confused at a cocktail party, and ended up in his host's pantry, reading the phone book. After about seventy-five pages, he looked up and murmured, "Plenty of characters, but the plot's weak."

CRITICS—MOVIES

- Through the magic of motion pictures, someone who's never left Peoria knows the softness of a Paris spring, the color of a Nile sunset, the sorts of vegetation one will find along the upper Amazon, and that Big Ben has not yet gone digital. —*Vincent Canby*
 - Hollywood grew to be the most flourishing factory of popular mythology since the Greeks. —*Alistair King*
 - During the years when the barely educated immigrants were being replaced by barely educated native sons, Hollywood . . . proved a more reliable, cost-effective

means of securing world domination than any nuclear arsenal or diplomatic demarche.

—*Frederic Raphael*

- It was one of history's great love stories, the mutually profitable romance which Hollywood and bohunk America conducted almost in the dark, a tapping of fervent messages through the wall of the San Gabriel Range.
- Sam Goldwyn is credited with devising the all-purpose critical response to a new film: "What a picture!"
- This long but tiny film . . . —*Stanley Kaufmann, reviewing Isadora, 1969*
- This film needs a certain something. Possibly burial.

—*David Lardner, reviewing Panama Hattie, 1942*

Saying

- Being a movie critic is every child's dream—you get to watch movies and somebody pays you to do it!

Jokes

- Movie critics are always suggesting they shoot fewer movies and more actors.
- Movie critics must be slow learners—they're always reviewing the material.
- Movie reviewers think they're enlightened—even though they're always in the dark.

CRITICS—THEATER

- To many people dramatic criticism must seem like an attempt to tattoo soap bubbles. —*John Mason Brown*
- The day I shall begin to worry is when the critics declare: "This is Noel Coward's greatest play." But I know they bloody well won't. —*Noel Coward (attrib.)*
- A drama critic is a person who surprises the playwright by informing him what he meant. —*Wilson Mizner*
- I love every bone in their heads. —*Eugene O'Neill, on critics*
- One of us is obviously mistaken. —*William Saroyan, to a British critic who had panned his latest play*
- It seems not to have been written. It is the quintessence of life. It is the basic truth. —*Brooks Atkinson on Tennessee Williams's Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*
- I saw this show under adverse circumstances—my seat was facing the stage. —*John David Klein, on Three Guys Naked from the Waist Down*
- I have seen stronger plots than this in a cemetery. —*Stewart Klein, on Break a Leg*
- Go to the Martin Beck Theater and watch Katherine Hepburn run the gamut of emotions from A to B. —*Dorothy Parker, reviewing The Lake*

- All through the five acts . . . he played the King as though under momentary apprehension that someone else was about to play the Ace.

—*Eugene Field, reviewing Creston Clarke's King Lear*

- Miss Stapleton played the part as though she had not yet signed the contract with the producer.
—*George Jean Nathan, reviewing The Emperor's Clothes*
- The play was a great success but the audience was a failure.
—*Oscar Wilde*

Saying

- Definition of a critic: Someone who likes to hiss and tell.

Jokes

- There's a story about the theatre critic Heywood Broun and the actor Geoffrey Steyne. It seems Mr. Steyne sued Mr. Broun after a review written by Mr. Broun ran which skewered Mr. Steyne and called him the worst actor on the American stage.

Eventually, the suit was thrown out of court, but it was not forgotten.

As so happened, Mr. Steyne subsequently appeared in a new play which Mr. Broun was sent to review. Being as politic as possible, Mr. Broun refrained from mentioning the actor's name until the last sentence, which read, "Mr. Steyne's performance was not up to his usual standard."

- Define theatre critic.
—One who stones the first cast.

A S S O C I A T I O N S

CLUBS

- You're either on the bus or off the bus. —Ken Kesey
- I don't want to belong to any club that would have me as a member. —Groucho Marx (attrib.)
- All men seek the society of those who think and act somewhat like themselves. —William Cobbett
- A convention is a splendid place to study human nature. Man in a crowd is quite a different creature than man acting alone. —William Jennings Bryan

Sayings

- If you want to join the club, you have to pay your dues.
- A club has to have more than one member and has to exclude more than one person; if anyone can get in, it isn't a club anymore.
- A club may be judged by its choice of members, and an individual by his or her choice of clubs.
- The basis of the fraternity system is that not all men are brothers.

Joke

- How does an elk make love?
—How should I know? I'm a Shriner.

COOPERATION AND TEAMWORK

- A song without music is a lot like H₂ without the O. —Ira Gershwin
- I never could understand how two men can write a book together; to me that's like three people getting together to have a baby. —Evelyn Waugh (attrib.)
- People of the same trade seldom meet together, even for merriment and diversion, but the conversation ends in a conspiracy against the public, or in some contrivance to raise prices. —Adam Smith

- When bad men combine, the good must associate; else they will fall, one by one, an unpitied sacrifice in a contemptible struggle. —*Edmund Burke*
- We must, indeed, all hang together, or most assuredly we shall all hang separately. —*Benjamin Franklin*
- No matter what accomplishments you make, somebody helps you. —*Althea Gibson Darben*
- I hand him a lyric and get out of his way. —*Oscar Hammerstein, on partnership with Richard Rogers*
- Never get on another man's island without your own boat. —*E. J. Applewhite*

Sayings

- The gums best understand the teeth's affairs. —*West African saying*
- Sticks in a bundle are unbreakable. —*East African saying*
- You are permitted in time of great danger to walk with the devil until you have crossed the bridge. —*Bulgarian proverb*

Jokes

- When Jones died, he descended to Hell, where he saw souls seated before a banquet of unimaginable bounty. However, a long spoon was strapped to each person's wrist, so long that he or she was unable to bring the delicacies to his or her own mouth. And so everyone was full of frustration and rage.

In Heaven, Jones found the same setup, except that everyone was radiantly happy. For the people were using the long spoons to feed each other.

- The telephone operator in the tiny town received a call every single day requesting the exact time. Finally her curiosity got the better of her, and she asked her caller why he did so.

"I have to know the correct time," he explained, "because I have to blow the factory whistle right at noon."

The operator gasped. "Oh, my goodness—I always set my clock by your whistle!"

- When the van pulled into the only remaining vacant campsite, everyone jumped out and began to work at a feverish pace. After completely unloading the vehicle and setting up the tent, two kids rushed off to gather firewood while the other two set up the camp stove and began setting out the ingredients for dinner.

"Gee," commented a fellow at the neighboring campsite, "you sure get some teamwork out of your family. I never saw anything like it."

"I have a system," the father confided. "No one gets to go to the bathroom until camp is set up."

FRIENDSHIP

- Friends are God's apology for relatives. —*Hugh Kingsmill*
- Your friend is the man who knows all about you and still likes you. —*Elbert Hubbard*
- The only reward of virtue is virtue; the only way to have a friend is to be one. —*Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- It takes your enemy and your friend, working together, to hurt you to the heart; the one to slander you and the other to get the news to you. —*Mark Twain*
- Instead of loving your enemies, treat your friends a little better. —*Edgar Watson Howe*
- True friendship is like sound health; the value of it is seldom known until it be lost. —*Charles Caleb Colton*
- Friendship is like money, easier made than kept. —*Samuel Butler*
- One loyal friend is worth ten thousand relatives. —*Euripides*
- Friendship is a single soul dwelling in two bodies. —*Aristotle*
- My best friend is the one who brings out the best in me. —*Henry Ford*
- A faithful friend is a strong defense: and he that hath found such an one hath found a treasure. —*The Apocrypha, Ecclesiasticus 6:14*
- A friend cannot be known in prosperity: and an enemy cannot be hidden in adversity. —*The Apocrypha, Ecclesiasticus 12:8*
- We are so fond of one another because our ailments are the same. —*Jonathan Swift*
- We have to learn to be our own best friends because we fall too easily into the trap of being our own worst enemies. —*Roderick Thorpe*
- Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. —*John 15:13*
- A true Friend is the best Possession. —*Benjamin Franklin*
- Friendships multiply joys and divide grief. —*Thomas Fuller*
- I never considered a difference of opinion in politics, in religion, in philosophy, as cause for withdrawing from a friend. —*Thomas Jefferson*
- We often choose a friend as we do a mistress—for no particular excellence in themselves, but merely from some circumstance that flatters our self-love. —*William Hazlitt*
- The ornament of a house is the friends who frequent it. —*Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- There are three faithful friends—an old wife, an old dog, and ready money. —*Benjamin Franklin*
- Friendship is seldom lasting but between equals, or where the superiority on one side is reduced by some equivalent advantage on the other. —*Samuel Johnson*

- Friendship is constant in all things, / Save in the office and affairs of love.
—*William Shakespeare*
- The holy passion of Friendship is of so sweet and steady and loyal and enduring a nature that it will last through a whole lifetime, if not asked to lend money.
—*Mark Twain*
- A friend in need is a friend to be avoided.
—*Lord Samuel*
- Anybody can sympathize with the sufferings of a friend, but it requires a very fine nature to sympathize with a friend's success.
—*Oscar Wilde*
- I have lost friends, some by death . . . others by sheer inability to cross the street.
—*Virginia Woolf*
- It is prudent to pour the oil of delicate politeness upon the machinery of friendship.
—*Colette*
- God gives us our relatives; thank God we can choose our friends.
—*Ethel Watts Mumford*
- A devoted friendship is never without anxiety.
—*Madame de Sévigné*

Sayings

- A knot in the tree spoils the axe; famine spoils friendship.
—*West African saying*
- An enemy slaughters, a friend distributes.
—*West African saying*
- A powerful friend becomes a powerful enemy.
—*East African saying*
- An intelligent enemy is better than an ignorant friend.
—*North African saying*
- No man is the whole of himself. His friends are the rest of him.
- A friend in need is a friend indeed.
- Books and friends should be few and good.
- Friendship is the only thing in the world concerning the usefulness of which all mankind are agreed.

Jokes

- My friends all told me I'd never be anything but a failure at this business, so I decided to do something about it—I went out and made some new friends.
- Poor Hackley . . . half his friends deserted him the day he lost his money. The rest left as soon as they found out.
- He's really a wonderful guy. Why, if I asked him to, he'd give me the shirt off his back. After all, it's mine.

NEIGHBORS

- People have discovered that they can fool the devil; but they can't fool the neighbors.
—*Edgar Watson Howe*
- Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. / This is the first and great commandment. / And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. / On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.
—*Matthew 22: 37–40*
- Do not love your neighbor as yourself. If you are on good terms with yourself, it is an impertinence; if on bad, an injury.
—*George Bernard Shaw*
- Nothing makes you more tolerant of a neighbor's party than being there.
—*Franklin P. Jones*
- It is easier to love humanity as a whole than to love one's neighbor.
—*Eric Hoffer*
- The way to get on in the world is to be neither more nor less wise, neither better nor worse than your neighbors.
—*William Hazlitt*
- Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.
—*Leviticus 19:18*
- No man is an island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main; . . . any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind; and therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee.
—*John Donne*
- Good fences make good neighbors.
—*Robert Frost*
- Your own safety is at stake when your neighbor's house is burning.
—*Horace*
- . . . better is a neighbor that is near than a brother far off.
—*Proverbs 27:10*
- In the field of world policy, I would dedicate this nation to the policy of the good neighbor.
—*Franklin D. Roosevelt*
- . . . I am as desirous of being a good neighbor as I am of being a bad subject . . .
—*Henry David Thoreau*

Sayings

- We can live without our friends, but not without our neighbors.
- When you have a plot of land, the best thing to cultivate is your neighbors.
- Two's company; three's a neighborhood.

Jokes

- What did one Indian say to the other when they spotted the Pilgrims landing at Plymouth Rock?
—“There goes the neighborhood!”
- Did you hear about the sign this guy around the corner hangs on his front door whenever he goes away on vacation? It reads: ATTENTION THIEVES: DO NOT BOTHER TO GO ANY FURTHER, AS ANYTHING OF VALUE HAS ALREADY BEEN BORROWED BY MY NEIGHBORS.

REUNIONS

- We never had a tenth-year reunion, which was just as well with me. The principal's office statute of limitations probably doesn't run out in ten years. They might have had something on me. —*Lewis Grizzard*
- Benjamin Franklin said, "Fish and visitors smell in three days," but old friends from college usually smell already. —*P. J. O'Rourke*
- It is indeed ironic that we spend our school days yearning to graduate and our remaining days waxing nostalgic about our school days. —*Isabel Waxman*
- The phenomenon of wishing to return to high school is only slightly less powerful and neurotic than the desire to return to the womb. —*Isaac Flood*
- Given the fact that most of us spent our high school days feeling ugly and unattractive, it's not surprising that reunions make such great settings for revenge-oriented horror movies. —*Charlotte King*
- You can't go home again. —*Thomas Wolfe*
- Forsake not an old friend; for the new is not comparable to him: a new friend is as new wine; when it is old, thou shalt drink it with pleasure.

—The Apocrypha, Ecclesiasticus 9:10

Sayings

- Absence makes the heart grow fonder.
- An alumni reunion is living history in the process of being rewritten.

Jokes

- [We look like] a road company of the Last Supper.
—*Dorothy Parker, on her companions at the celebrated Algonquin Round Table*
- The wealthy old man looked around the table at his sons and daughters and their spouses gathered for a family reunion. "Not a single grandchild," he said with a sigh. "Why, I'll give a million dollars to the first kid who presents me with a little one to bounce on my knee. Now, let's say grace." When the old man lifted his eyes again, his wife was the only other person at the table.

C O M M U N I C A T I O N

COMMUNICATIONS

- There is nothing that can't be made worse by telling. —*Terence*
- Good conversation is as stimulating as black coffee, and just as hard to sleep after. —*Anne Morrow Lindbergh*
- When he who hears does not know what he who speaks means, and when he who speaks does not know what he himself means—that is philosophy. —*Voltaire*
- My method is to take the utmost trouble to find the right thing to say, and then to say it with the utmost levity. —*George Bernard Shaw*
- Words are like money; there is nothing so useless, unless when in actual use. —*Samuel Butler*
- His words leap across rivers and mountains, but his thoughts are still only six inches long. —*E. B. White*
- A blow with a word strikes deeper than a blow with a sword. —*Robert Burton*
- If you think before you speak, the other fellow gets in his joke first. —*Edgar Watson Howe*
- It is all right to hold a conversation, but you should let go of it now and then. —*Richard Armour*
- That which we are capable of feeling, we are capable of saying. —*Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra*
- Many attempts to communicate are nullified by saying too much. —*Robert Greenleaf*
- He was as uncommunicative as a vending machine. —*Lewis H. Lapham, on White House press secretary George E. Reedy*
- I am told that I talk in shorthand and then smudge it. —*J. R. R. Tolkien, acknowledging comments that his writing was difficult to understand*

Sayings

- The turtle lays thousands of eggs without anyone knowing, but when the hen lays an egg, the whole country is informed. —*Malaysian proverb*

- I know you believe you understood what you think I said, but I'm not sure you realize that what you heard is not what I meant to say.

—Sign on executive's desk

Jokes

- “What happened?” asked the receptionist when the account executive came out of the chairman’s office shaking his head.
“I’m not sure,” he admitted, “but I think I’ve been fired.”
“What do you mean, you *think* so?”
“Well, she just looked me in the eye and said, ‘Morris, I don’t know how we’re going to get along without you, but starting a week from Monday we’re going to do our best.’ ”
- In the interest of streamlining operations, an urgent memo was issued by the chairman of the board. It read: “We must eliminate all unnecessary duplication of communication. I cannot repeat this too many times.”

FAREWELLS AND EPITAPHS

- Good night, Mrs. Calabash, wherever you are!
—Jimmy Durante, sign-off line referring to nickname of his late wife
- “Good night, Chet.”
“Good night, David.” *—Sign-off lines on Huntley-Brinkley Report*
- And that’s the way it is, March 6, 1981.
—Walter Cronkite, sign-off line on his last night as television anchor
- It won’t be long before we’ll be writing together again. I just hope they have a decent piano up there. *—Frederick Loewe, letter read at Alan Jay Lerner’s memorial service*
- This is the epitaph I want on my tomb: “Here lies one of the most intelligent animals who ever appeared on the face of the earth.” *—Benito Mussolini*
- When good men die, their goodness does not perish. *—Euripides*
- The general outlook is not that the person has died but that the person has lived. *—William Buchanan, on obituaries*
- Every time an artist dies, part of the vision of mankind passes with him. *—Franklin D. Roosevelt*
- The rarest quality in an epitaph is truth. *—Henry David Thoreau*

Sayings

- I told you I was sick, Elizabeth. *—New England tombstone inscription*
- She lived with her husband fifty years and died in the confident hope of a better life.
- If you can’t be good, be careful.

Jokes

- I Would Rather Be Living in Philadelphia.

—*W. C. Fields, suggested epitaph for himself*

- The businesswoman ordered a fancy floral arrangement for the grand opening of her new outlet, and she was furious when it arrived adorned with a ribbon that read, MAY YOU REST IN PEACE.

Apologizing profusely, the florist finally got her to calm down with the reminder that in some funeral home stood an arrangement bearing the words, GOOD LUCK IN YOUR NEW LOCATION.

JOURNALISM

- People don't actually read newspapers. They get into them every morning, like a hot bath.
—*Marshall McLuhan*
- It is only fair to state, with regard to modern journalists, that they always apologize to one in private for what they have written against one in public.
—*Oscar Wilde*
- Journalism is literature in a hurry.
—*Matthew Arnold*
- Four hostile newspapers are more to be feared than a thousand bayonets.
—*Napoleon Bonaparte*
- All I know is what I read in the papers.
—*Will Rogers*
- The press should be not only a collective propagandist and a collective agitator, but also a collective organizer of the masses.
—*V. I. Lenin*
- The man who reads nothing at all is better educated than the man who reads nothing but newspapers.
—*Thomas Jefferson*
- The most important service rendered by the press is that of educating people to approach printed matter with distrust.
—*Samuel Butler*
- News is a business, but it is also a public trust.
—*Dan Rather*
- It's all storytelling, you know. That's what journalism is all about.
—*Tom Brokaw*
- People everywhere confuse what they read in the newspaper with news.
—*A. I. Liebling*
- Like officials in Washington, we suffer from Afghanistanism. If it's far away, it's news, but if it's close to home, it's sociology.
—*James Reston*
- Editorial writers . . . enter after battle and shoot the wounded.
—*Neil E. Goldschmidt*
- If writing must be a precise form of communication, it should be treated like a precision instrument. It should be sharpened and it should not be used carelessly.
—*Theodore M. Bernstein*
- Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter.
—*Thomas Jefferson*

- Newspapers always excite curiosity. No one ever lays one down without a feeling of disappointment. —*Charles Lamb*
- I keep reading between the lies. —*Goodman Ace*
- Everything you read in the newspapers is absolutely true except for the rare story of which you happen to have first-hand knowledge. —*Erwin Knoll*
- [A device] unable . . . to discriminate between a bicycle accident and the collapse of civilization. —*George Bernard Shaw*
- In the old days men had the rack, now they have the Press. —*Oscar Wilde*
- You should always believe all you read in the newspapers, as this makes them more interesting. —*Rose Macauley*
- Rock journalism is people who can't write interviewing people who can't talk for people who can't read. —*Frank Zappa*
- Cronyism is the curse of journalism. After many years I have reached the conclusion that it is impossible for any objective newspaperman to be a friend of a president. —*Walter Lippmann*
- [Ken] Kesey practices what has come to be known as gonzo journalism. The reporter, often intoxicated, fails to get the story but delivers a stylishly bizarre account that mocks conventional journalism. —*R. Z. Sheppard*
- The permanent power brokers of this town are the columnists. —*Hugh Newell Jacobsen, about Washington, D.C.*
- All day long they lie in the sun, and when the sun goes down, they lie some more. —*Frank Sinatra, on Hollywood reporters*
- Every morning I take out my bankbook, stare at it, shudder—and turn quickly to my typewriter. —*Sydney J. Harris, on incentive as a journalist*

Sayings

- Reporters are like alligators. You don't have to love them, you don't necessarily have to like them. But you do have to feed them. —*Anonymous White House source*
- Freedom of the press is a right; freedom from the press is an illusion.
- Bad news travels fast.
- No news is good news.
- It isn't news till it's reported

Jokes

- I was too old for a paper route, too young for Social Security, and too tired for an affair. —*Erma Bombeck, on beginning her humor column*
- At dinner the editor of the country paper was all smiles. "What happened today?" asked his wife. "Some piece of good luck?"

"I'll say," answered the editor. "Parson Nelson, who hasn't paid for the paper since 1978, came in and stopped his subscription today."

TELEVISION

- Television is best when it has something on its mind. —*Norman Lear*
- The medium is the message. —*Marshall McLuhan*
- Television probably has become the most evocative, widely observed signpost we have. —*Robert McCormick Adams*
- All television is children's television. —*Richard P. Adler*
- If *The Scarlet Letter* took place in modern times, Hester and the Reverend Arthur Dimmesdale would appear on talk show after talk show until they had whetted themselves into a kind of telegenic sharpness. —*Colin McEnroe*
- All television is educational television. The question is what is it teaching? —*Nicholas Johnson*
- [Television executives] are afraid to advertise condoms that could save lives, but do not blush about telecasting a *National Geographic* special on President Reagan's pelvic plumbing. —*Martin F. Nolan*
- The routine promotion of condoms through advertising has been stopped by networks who are so hypocritically priggish that they refuse to describe disease control as they promote disease transmission. —*Henry A. Waxman*
- Television is business, and business is America. —*Bill Cosby*
- Imitation is the sincerest form of television. —*Fred Allen*
- Television is the bland leading the bland. —*Murray Schumach*
- Thanks to television, for the first time the young are seeing history made before it is censored by their elders. —*Margaret Mead*
- When I got my first television set, I stopped caring so much about having close relationships. —*Andy Warhol*
- Television should be kept in its proper place—beside us, before us, but never between us and the larger life. —*Robert Fraser*
- Some television programs are so much chewing gum for the eyes. —*James Mason Brown*
- Nothing is really real unless it happens on television. —*Daniel J. Boorstin*
- It is a medium of entertainment which permits millions of people to listen to the same joke at the same time, and yet remain lonesome. —*T. S. Eliot*
- The product is the delivery of the largest number of people at the least cost. —*George Gerbner*
- [Television] is like the invention of indoor plumbing. It didn't change people's habits. It just kept them inside the house. —*Alfred Hitchcock*

- The heightened public clamor resulting from radio and television coverage will inevitably result in prejudice. Trial by television is, therefore, foreign to our system.

—*Tom C. Clark*

- When television is good, nothing—not the theater, not the magazines or newspapers—nothing is better. But when television is bad, nothing is worse. . . . a vast wasteland.

—*Newton H. Minow*

- Television is the first truly democratic culture—the first culture available to everybody and entirely governed by what the people want. The most terrifying thing is what the people do want.

—*Clive Barnes*

- All you have to do on television is be yourself, provided, that is, that you have a self to be.

—*Clive James*

- I hate television, I hate it as much as peanuts. But I can't stop eating peanuts.

—*Orson Welles*

- I like to talk on TV about those things that aren't worth writing about.

—*Truman Capote*

- The ultimate game show will be the one where somebody gets killed at the end.

—*Chuck Barris*

- Television is for appearing on, not looking at.

—*Noel Coward*

- What the mass media offer is not popular art, but entertainment which is intended to be consumed like food, forgotten, and replaced by a new dish.

—*W. H. Auden*

Sayings

- *Veni, video, vici:* I came, I appeared on television, I conquered.
- TV is the great democratizer: everyone gets a front row seat.
- Television is everybody's window on the world.

Jokes

- What were the most erotic words ever spoken on TV?
“Gee, Ward, you were kind of rough on the Beaver last night.”
- A recent poll reported that the more intelligent a person is, the less he watches television. Personally, I think they have it backwards: The more a person watches television, the less intelligent he becomes.
- What do television and the mind have in common?
—When either goes blank, it's best to turn off the sound.

E D U C A T I O N

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

- If you feel you have both feet planted on level ground, then the university has failed you.
—*Robert F. Goheen*
- Universities are full of knowledge; the freshman bring a little in and the seniors take none away, and the knowledge accumulates.
—*Abbott Lawrence Lowell*
- A university should be a place of light, of liberty, and of learning.
—*Benjamin Disraeli*
- The quality of a university is measured more by the kind of student it turns out than the kind it takes in.
—*Robert J. Kibbee*
- I find that the three major administrative problems on a campus are sex for the students, athletics for the alumni, and parking for the faculty.
—*Clark Kerr*
- One of the benefits of a college education is to show the boy its little avail.
—*Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- The idea of a college education for all young people of capacity, provided at nominal cost by their own states, is very peculiarly American. We in America invented the idea. We in America have developed it with remarkable speed.
—*Lyndon B. Johnson*
- The use of a university is to make young gentlemen as unlike their fathers as possible.
—*Woodrow Wilson*

Sayings

- A college education never hurt anyone willing to learn something afterward.
- A college diploma used to be a license to look for a job. Now it is a license to look for a higher degree.
- Adults now speak of their children as having a choice: to go to work or to go to college. When did they become opposed?

Jokes

- Q: What's your son going to be when he graduates from college?
A: Senile.
- The McKenzies were thrilled to get a letter from their daughter, who was halfway through her freshman year in college, but less than thrilled as they began reading.

"Dear Mom and Dad (it read): Just wanted to fill you in on my plans. I've been going with a really cool guy named Lance for a couple of months now. He doesn't believe in the capitalist system, but he makes enough playing occasional gigs with a punk rock group to help support the two little children from his first marriage. As soon as his divorce comes through we want to get married, but until then I think I'm just going to move into his trailer. It's kind of far from the campus, but I was planning to drop out anyhow—maybe I'll go back someday. I need to save money anyhow, because I think I might be pregnant." Sweating and white-faced, the McKenzies turned the page:

"Mom and Dad, none of what I've written is true. *It hasn't happened.* I promise. But it IS true that I'm failing computer science and barely pulling a C in Asian studies. And it IS true that I'm overdrawn and need three hundred dollars more to get through the semester. Lots of love from your darling daughter . . ."

EDUCATION

- I will have no intellectual training. Knowledge is ruin among my young men.
—*Adolf Hitler*
- I read Shakespeare and the Bible, and I can shoot dice. That's what I call a liberal education.
—*Tallulah Bankhead*
- There is one sin that slavery committed against me which I can never forgive. It robbed me of my education. The injury is irreparable.
—*James W. C. Pennington*
- I consider a human soul without education like marble in a quarry, which shows none of its inherent beauties until the skill of the polisher sketches out the colors, makes the surface shine, and discovers every ornamental cloud, spot, and vein that runs through it.
—*Joseph Addison*
- The man who does not read books has no advantage over the man who cannot read them.
—*Mark Twain*
- In the 1940s a survey listed the top seven discipline problems in public schools: talking, chewing gum, making noise, running in the halls, getting out of turn in line, wearing improper clothes, and not putting paper in wastebaskets. A 1980s survey lists these top seven: drug abuse, alcohol abuse, pregnancy, suicide, rape, robbery, assault. (Arson, gang warfare, and venereal disease are also-rans.)
—*George F. Will*
- Four years was enough of Harvard. I still had a lot to learn, but had been given the liberating notion that now I could teach myself.
—*John Updike*
- One may receive the information but miss the teaching.
—*Jean Toomer*
- An educated man . . . is thoroughly inoculated against humbug, thinks for himself and tries to give his thoughts, in speech or in paper, some style.
—*Alan Simpson*
- Education is the ability to listen to almost anything without losing your temper or your self-confidence.
—*Robert Frost*
- My definition of an educated man is the fellow who knows the right thing to do at the time it has to be done. . . . You can be sincere and still be stupid.
—*Charles F. Kettering*

- The essence of our effort to see that every child has a chance must be to assure each an equal opportunity, not to become equal, but to become different—to realize whatever unique potential of body, mind, and spirit he or she possesses. —*John Fischer*
- It is always the season for the old to learn. —*Aeschylus*
- It is important that students bring a certain ragamuffin, barefoot irreverence to their studies; they are not here to worship what is known, but to question it. —*Jacob Bronowski*
- In old days men studied for the sake of self-improvement; nowadays men study in order to impress other people. —*Confucius*
- Only the educated are free. —*Epictetus*
- Education is a method by which one acquires a higher grade of prejudice. —*Laurence J. Peter*
- To the strongest and quickest mind it is far easier to learn than to invent. —*Samuel Johnson*
- . . . it was in making education not only common to all, but in some sense compulsory on all, that the destiny of the free republics of America was practically settled. —*James Russell Lowell*
- 'Tis education forms the common mind: / Just as the twig is bent the tree's inclined. —*Alexander Pope*
- Training is everything. The peach was once a bitter almond; cauliflower is nothing but cabbage with a college education. —*Mark Twain*
- Education . . . has produced a vast population able to read but unable to distinguish what is worth reading. —*G. M. Trevelyan*
- Education is an admirable thing, but it is well to remember from time to time that nothing that is worth knowing can be taught. —*Oscar Wilde*
- A nation that continues to produce soft-minded men purchases its own spiritual death on the installment plan. —*Martin Luther King Jr.*
- We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future. —*Franklin D. Roosevelt*
- This will never be a civilized country until we expend more money for books than we do for chewing gum. —*Elbert Hubbard*
- What we want is to see the child in pursuit of knowledge, and not knowledge in pursuit of the child. —*George Bernard Shaw*
- It is one thing to show a man that he is in error, and another to put him in possession of truth. —*John Locke*
- Sixty years ago I knew everything; now I know nothing; education is a progressive discovery of our own ignorance. —*Will Duran*
- Much learning does not teach understanding. —*Heraclitus*
- Learning is its own exceeding great reward. —*William Hazlitt*

- You can get help from teachers, but you are going to have to learn a lot by yourself, sitting alone in a room. —*Theodore Geisel (Dr. Seuss)*
- Poverty of goods is easily cured; poverty of the mind is irreparable. —*Michel Eyquem de Montaigne*
- Poverty has many roots, but the tap root is ignorance. —*Lyndon B. Johnson*
- Human history becomes more and more a race between education and catastrophe. —*H. G. Wells*
- You don't learn to hold your own in the world by standing on guard, but by attacking and getting well hammered yourself. —*George Bernard Shaw*
- Learn as though you would never be able to master it; hold it as though you would be in fear of losing it. —*Confucius*
- Education is helping the child realize his potentialities. —*Erich Fromm*
- A man who has never gone to school may steal from a freight car; but if he has a university education, he may steal the whole railroad. —*Theodore Roosevelt*
- Next in importance to freedom and justice is popular education, without which neither freedom nor justice can be permanently maintained. —*James A. Garfield*
- Against human nature one cannot legislate. One can only try to educate it, and it is a slow process with only a distant hope of success. —*Bernard Berenson*
- The direction in which education starts a man will determine his future in life. —*Plato*
- Education is an ornament in prosperity and a refuge in adversity. —*Aristotle*
- The gains in education are never really lost. Books may be burned and cities sacked, but truth, like the yearning for freedom, lives in the hearts of humble men. —*Franklin D. Roosevelt*
- Just as eating against one's will is injurious to health, so study without a liking for it spoils the memory, and it retains nothing it takes in. —*Leonardo da Vinci*
- I am convinced that it is of primordial importance to learn more every year than the year before. After all, what is education but a process by which a person begins to learn how to learn? —*Peter Ustinov*
- America is the only country left where we teach languages so that no pupil can speak them. —*Alfred Kazin*
- Too often we give children answers to remember rather than problems to solve. —*Roger Lewin*
- The object of education is to prepare the young to educate themselves throughout their lives. —*Robert Maynard Hutchins*
- Education is what survives when what has been learnt has been forgotten. —*B. F. Skinner*
- His studies were pursued but never effectually overtaken. —*H. G. Wells*

- The test and the use of man's education is that he finds pleasure in the exercise of his mind.
—*Jacques Barzun*
- Experience, travel—these are as education in themselves.
—*Euripides*
- It is no matter what you teach them first, any more than what leg you shall put into your breeches first. You may stand disputing which is best to put in first, but in the meantime your breech is bare. Sir, while you are considering which of two things you should teach your child first, another boy has learnt them both.
—*Samuel Johnson* *replying to the question of what should be the first lesson taught to children*
- I don't want to send them to jail. I want to send them to school.
—*Adlai Stevenson, U.S. representative to the United Nations, on picketers who attacked him in Dallas*

Sayings

- Instruction in youth is like engraving in stone.
—*North African saying*
- The only thing more expensive than education is ignorance.

Jokes

- Sometimes we give kids information they're too young to understand. Like the seven-year-old who listened patiently to a lecture about the birds and the bees, then turned to his dad with a big smile. "I get it," he announced triumphantly. "Since I have a brother and a sister, you and Mom did it three times!"
- William was none too proud of his report card, on which the highest grade was a D+, but he was genuinely startled to see his father sign in the appropriate spot with an "X". "Why'd you do that, Dad?" asked the schoolboy.
"Because with grades like those," his father explained, "I don't want your teacher to think you were raised by people who can read and write."

SCHOOL

- Show me the man who has enjoyed his school days and I will show you a bully and a bore.
—*Robert Morley*
- A school should not be a preparation for life. A school should be life.
—*Elbert Hubbard*
- A child must feel the flush of victory and the heart-sinking of disappointment before he takes with a will to the tasks distasteful to him and resolves to dance his way through a dull routine of textbooks.
—*Helen Keller*
- Of making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh.
—*Ecclesiastes 12:12*
- You can't expect a boy to be vicious until he's been to a good school.
—*Saki (H. H. Munro)*

- The world's great men have not commonly been great scholars, nor great scholars great men.
—*Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.*
- I believe that the school is primarily a social institution. Education being a social process, the school is simply that form of community life in which all those agencies are concentrated that will be most effective in bringing the child to share in the inherited resources of the race, and to use his own powers for social ends.
—*John Dewey*
- You send your child to the schoolmaster, but 'tis the schoolboys who educate him.
—*Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- . . . the common school, improved and energized as it can easily be, may become the most effective and benignant of all the forces of civilization.
—*Horace Mann*
- In the first place God made idiots. This was for practice. Then he made school boards.
—*Mark Twain*
- In real life, I assure you, there is no such thing as algebra.
—*Fran Liebowitz*
- I have never let my schooling interfere with my education.
—*Mark Twain*
- As we read the school reports on our children, we realize a sense of relief that can rise to delight that—thank Heaven—nobody is reporting in this fashion on us.
—*J. B. Priestly*
- Be pupils of the masses as well as their teachers.
—*Mao Tse-tung*
- A man who has learned little grows old like an ox: his flesh grows, but not his mind.
—*The Dhammapada*
- Seek knowledge from the cradle to the grave.
—*The Prophet Muhammad*
- There can be no education without leisure; and without leisure, education is worthless.
—*Sarah Josepha Hale*
- Learning is the best of all wealth; it is easy to carry, thieves cannot steal it, and tyrants cannot seize it; neither fire nor water can destroy it; and far from decreasing, it increases by giving.
—*The Naladiyar*

Sayings

- A teacher is someone who makes you think you can do it.
- Medicore teachers tell, good teachers explain, superior teachers demonstrate, great teachers inspire.
- I never thought I'd see so many sunrises . . . until I got to high school that is.
- The more I study,
The more I learn,
The more I learn,
The more I know,
The more I know,
The more I forget,
Why study?

- Education is a funny thing. At eighteen we knew all the answers; forty years later even the questions confuse us.
- When the student is ready, the teacher will appear. —*Chinese proverb*
- Rivalry of scholars advances wisdom. —*Hebrew proverb*
- It costs more now to amuse a child than it used to cost to educate his father.

Jokes

- The third grader came home thrilled with that day's substitute teacher. "She only made us follow two rules," reported the little girl cheerfully. "Sit down, and shut up."
- What's the problem with a liberal arts education?
—It leaves you well rounded, but not pointed in any direction.

TEACHERS AND TEACHING

- A good teacher, like a good entertainer, first must hold his audience's attention. Then he can teach his lesson. —*John Hendrik Clarke*
- We expect teachers to handle teenage pregnancy, substance abuse, and the failings of the family. Then we expect them to educate our children. —*John Sculley*
- Teaching is not a lost art, but regard for it is a lost tradition. —*Jacques Barzun*
- The gift of teaching is a peculiar talent, and implies a need and a craving in the teacher himself. —*John Jay Chapman*
- A professor must have a theory as a dog must have fleas. —*H. L. Mencken*
- The city is the teacher of the man. —*Simonides*
- What nobler employment, or more valuable to the state, than that of the man who instructs the rising generation? —*Cicero*
- This instrument [radio] can teach. It can illuminate, yes, and it can even inspire. But it can do so only to the extent that humans are determined to use it to those ends. Otherwise it's nothing but wires and lights in a box. —*Edward R. Murrow*
- The object of teaching a child is to enable him to get along without a teacher. —*Elbert Hubbard*
- A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops. —*Henry Brooks Adams*
- I expect to lose half of you before I'm finished. I will use every means at my disposal, fair or unfair, to trip you up, expose your weaknesses . . . as a potential aviator . . . and as a human being. Understand? The prize at the other end is a flight education worth one million dollars, but first you have to get past me. —*Sergeant Foley,*
in An Officer and a Gentleman, screenplay by Douglas Day Stewart

Sayings

- Teachers must think for themselves if they are to help others think for themselves.
—*Carnegie Corporation*
- For every person wishing to teach, there are thirty not wanting to be taught.
- He who can, does. He who cannot, teaches.
—*George Bernard Shaw*

Jokes

- Teacher No. 1: "The school's star athlete is flunking all his courses."
Teacher No. 2: "I hope he realizes what that means."
Teacher No. 1: "He can see the writing on the wall, but he can't read it."
- Define teacher.
—One who bores without striking oil, or someone who talks in other people's sleep.

L E I S U R E

CARS AND DRIVERS

- The automobile changed our dress, manners, social customs, vacation habits, the shape of our cities, consumer purchasing patterns, common tastes, and positions in intercourse. —*John Keats*
- The wheel was man's greatest invention until he got behind it. —*Bill Ireland*
- A lot of friction is caused by half the drivers trying to go fast enough to thrill their girlfriends and the other half trying to go slow enough to placate their wives. —*Bill Vaughan*
- Some people would not hesitate to drive up to the gate of heaven and honk. —*John Andrew Holmes*
- The sage who said "Go West" never had to figure out how to do it on a cloverleaf intersection. —*Gladys Boblitt*
- The car has become a secular sanctuary for the individual, his shrine to the self, his mobile Walden Pond. —*Edward McDonagh*
- Mass transportation is doomed to failure in North America because a person's car is the only place where he can be alone and think. —*Marshall McLuhan*
- Whither goest thou, America, in thy shiny car in the night? —*Jack Kerouac*
- Thanks to the interstate highway system, it is now possible to travel from across the country coast to coast without seeing anything. —*Charles Kuralt*
- No other manmade device since the shields and lances of the knights quite fulfills a man's ego like an automobile. —*William Rootes*
- The car trip can draw the family together, as it was in the days before television when parents and children actually talked to each other. —*Andrew H. Malcolm*
- When it comes to cars, only two varieties of people are possible—cowards and fools. —*Russell Baker*
- Everything in life is someplace else, and you get there in a car. —*E. B. White*
- This is the only country that ever went to the poorhouse in an automobile. —*Will Rogers*

- More than any country, ours is an automobile society.
- Cursed is he that does not know the width of his car.

—*Lyndon B. Johnson*

—*Christopher Driver*

Sayings

- The car salesman waits to see who walks in; the customer waits to see what's thrown in.
- The easiest way to determine someone's inner character is to put that person behind the wheel of a fast car on an open road.
- Would you buy a used car from this man?
- In some cities you can drive a car all day for less money a day than it costs to park it.
- Drive the way you wish your children would.
- Nothing depreciates your car so fast as a new model in your neighbor's garage.

Jokes

- The guy was such a bad driver, the police gave him a season's ticket . . .
- Kermit: "Fozzie, where did you learn to drive?"
Fozzie: "I took a correspondence course." —*Jerry Juhl and Jack Burns*
- I remember when five hundred dollars was the down payment on a new car. Now it's the sales tax.
- My new car turned out to have defective brakes, so when I took it back to the dealer, I said, "Forget about standing behind this car—I want you to stand in front of it."
- How did I find out about the defective brakes? Let's just say I don't have to back out of the garage anymore.
- He never really parked the car . . . he abandoned it.
- I didn't realize how bad the smog was getting until they started making freeway signs in Braille.
- When Paul saw an ad for the shiny red Mercedes he'd dreamed of owning all his life, he simply couldn't resist. But after a few months he began to have real trouble meeting the monthly installments, so he dropped into his rabbi's office for a little advice.

After listening to Paul's dilemma, the rabbi said matter-of-factly, "Simple enough: you'll have to sell the car or quit eating." He turned back to his work, and when he looked up a few minutes later he was surprised to see Paul still standing there silently. "Well?" he snapped impatiently.

"I'm thinking," responded Paul miserably. "I'm still thinking."

- Why do women have such trouble parking cars?

—Because all their lives they've been told that this [hold hands a few inches apart] is eight inches.

COOKING

- Cooking is a serious matter, but it should also be fun. —*Maria Floris*
- When microwave ovens didn't exist . . . did people sit around (in an emotional vacuum) saying, "Heat is so boring. I wish I could bombard a potato with mutant intergalactic energy"? —*Colin McEnroe*
- Cooking is like love. It should be entered into with abandon or not at all. —*Harriet Van Horne*
- A good cook is like a sorceress who dispenses happiness. —*Elsa Schiaparelli*
- As for butter versus margarine, I trust cows more than chemists. —*Joan Gussow*
- Cantonese will eat anything in the sky but airplanes, anything in the sea but submarines, and anything with four legs but the table. —*Amanda Bennet*
- Today's restaurant is theater on a grand scale. —*Marian Burros*
- Murder is commoner among cooks than among members of any other profession. —*W. H. Auden*
- There has always been a food processor in the kitchen, but once upon a time she was usually called the missus, or Mom. —*Sue Berkman*
- Cookery is become an art, a noble science: cooks are gentlemen. —*Robert Burton*
- The discovery of a new dish does more for human happiness than the discovery of a new star. —*Anthelme Brillat-Savarin*
- We may live without friends; we may live without books; / But civilized man cannot live without cooks. —(*Edward*) *Robert Bulwer-Lytton*
- Kissing don't last; cookery do! —*George Meredith*
- Never apologize. —*Julia Child*

Sayings

- Too many cooks spoil the brew.
- Too many brews spoil the cook.
- Where there's smoke, there's toast,

Jokes

- When Marilyn Monroe was married to Arthur Miller, his mother always made matzo ball soup. After the tenth time, Marilyn said, "Gee, Arthur, these matzo balls are pretty nice, but isn't there any other part of the matzo you can eat?"
- When his friend inquired as to the joys of newlywed life, George confessed that as soon as he set foot in the door at the end of the day, his wife made him feel like a god. "Because for dinner," he went on to explain, "there's always a burnt offering."

- My husband/wife has a wonderful way of keeping all the pots and pans sparkling clean—he/she never uses them!
- She's the type who does all her own canning, preserving, and baking, because she's too lazy to shop.

FASHION

- I can wear a hat or take it off, but either way it's a conversation piece. —*Hedda Hopper*
- Fashion is not frivolous. It is part of being alive today. —*Mary Quant*
- "Style" is an expression of individualism mixed with charisma. Fashion is something that comes after style. —*John Fairchild*
- Fashion is only the attempt to realize art in living forms and social intercourse. —*Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.*
- Eat to please thyself, but dress to please others. —*Benjamin Franklin*
- Fashions, after all, are only induced epidemics. —*George Bernard Shaw*
- Every generation laughs at the old fashions, but follows religiously the new. —*Henry David Thoreau*
- Change in fashion is the tax which the industry of the poor levies on the vanity of the rich. —*Sébastien Chamfort*
- I just put on what the lady says. I've been married three times, so I've been well supervised. —*Upton Sinclair*
- Luxury must be comfortable, otherwise it is not luxury. —*Gabrielle (Coco) Chanel*
- Fashion is gentility running away from vulgarity, and afraid of being overtaken. —*William Hazlitt*
- Clothes and courage have much to do with each other. —*Sara Jeannette Duncan*
- The fashion of this world passeth away. —*I Corinthians 7:31*
- A well-tied tie is the first serious step in life. —*Oscar Wilde*
- Fashion: a despot whom the wise ridicule and obey. —*Ambrose Bierce*
- She wears her clothes as if they were thrown on her with a pitchfork. —*Jonathan Swift*
- Isn't elegance forgetting what one is wearing? —*Yves St. Laurent*
- All women's dresses are merely variations on the eternal struggle between the admitted desire to dress and the unadmitted desire to undress. —*Lin Yutang*
- Fashion is so close in revealing a person's inner feelings and everybody seems to hate to lay claim to vanity so people tend to push it away. It's really too close to the quick of the soul. —*Stella Blum*
- Fashion is as profound and critical a part of the social life of man as sex, and is made up of the same ambivalent mixture of irresistible urges and inevitable taboos. —*René King*

- A woman's dress should be like a barbed-wire fence: serving its purpose without obstructing the view. —*Sophia Loren*
- Only men who are not interested in women are interested in women's clothes; men who like women never notice what they wear. —*Anatole France*
- If you've got it, wear it. —*Louis Mountbatten's advice to Prince Charles on the use of royal insignia and medals*
- Don't follow fashion blindly into every dark alley. Always remember that you are not a model or mannequin for which the fashion is created. —*Marlene Dietrich*
- Women dress alike all over the world: they dress to be annoying to other women. —*Elsa Schiaparelli*

Sayings

- Clothes make the man.
- It's not what you wear, it's who you are.

Jokes

- "Mom," asked the little girl, gazing up at her mother in awe, "when will I be old enough to wear the kind of shoes that kill you?"
- The policeman was pressing the bank teller, who had been robbed by the same man three times, for details about the thief. "Did you notice anything *specific* about him?" "Yes, as a matter of fact I did," she offered. "He seems to be better dressed each time."
- "I just *love* those adorable pumps," cooed one woman to another. "I do wish I could wear cheap shoes."
- The way to go from rags to riches is to start by getting a decent set of rags.

FLYING

- I owned the world that hour as I rode over it . . . free of the earth, free of the mountains, free of the clouds, but how inseparably I was bound to them. —*Charles A. Lindbergh*
- Americans have an abiding belief in their ability to control reality by purely material means . . . airline insurance replaces the fear of death with the comforting prospect of cash. —*Cecil Beaton*
- In the space age, man will be able to go around the world in two hours—one hour for flying and the other to get to the airport. —*Neil H. McElroy*
- Doc Daneeka hated to fly. He felt imprisoned in an airplane. In an airplane there was absolutely no place to go except to another part of the airplane. —*Joseph Heller*
- Flying? I've been to almost as many places as my luggage! —*Bob Hope*

Sayings

- Fly, be free.
- Frequent flier miles are the business traveler's equivalent of combat pay.

Jokes

- I just flew in from Chicago . . . and boy, are my arms tired.
- It was considered a great step forward in civil aviation when the first fully automated flight was ready for its maiden transcontinental journey. Bigwigs of every sort were shown to their seats and served champagne cocktails by cyborg hostesses, while hundreds of airline employees waved from the runway. Suddenly, the engine snapped on and the plane made a perfect takeoff into the cloudless sky.

A silky, mechanical voice came over the plane's speaker system a few minutes later. "Welcome aboard this historic flight, ladies and gentlemen, and simply press the call button if you would like more champagne to be served by one of our robot attendants. Even those of you who may have been anxious about flying in the past can now relax in the knowledge that this flight is free from the possibility of human error. Every aspect—altitude, air pressure, course setting, weather conditions—is being continuously monitored by state-of-the-art computer circuitry, so virtually nothing can go wrong . . . go wrong . . . go wrong . . ."

- "Do you have a reservation, Ms. Slate?" asked the polite clerk at the airline check-in desk.

The old woman looked around her, then whispered confidentially, "To tell you the truth, flying makes me nervous as a witch."

- Did you hear that Al Italia and El Al were merging to form a new airline?
—It's going to be called Well I'll Tell Ya . . .

GAMBLING

- The race is not always to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, but that's the way to bet.
—Damon Runyon
- One should play fairly when one has the winning cards.
—Oscar Wilde
- The only man who makes money following the races is one who does it with a broom and shovel.
—Elbert Hubbard
- The gambling known as business looks with austere disfavour upon the business known as gambling.
—Ambrose Bierce
- The best throw of the dice is to throw them away.
—Austin O'Malley
- The sure way of getting nothing for something.
—Wilson Mizner
- A woman gambling for a man is the finest player on earth. Not so in a game of chance. There she reveals exactly what she is holding.
—Belle Livingstone

Sayings

- Don't bet on horses. Bet on jockeys.
- Don't play with scared money.

Jokes

- It's good to see that the nation's racetracks are holding the line against inflation—the two dollar betting window is still the two dollar window.
- Then there was the little boy who ran in the house and said, "Mommy, Mommy, Daddy took me to the zoo and one of the animals paid \$52.50 across the board."
- If there was no action around, he would play solitaire—and bet against himself.
—*Groucho Marx, of his brother Chico (attrib.)*
- Q: Did you hear about the moron who lost fifty dollars on the football game?
A: Twenty-five dollars on the game, and twenty-five dollars on the instant replay.

GARDENING

- If you are not killing plants, you are not really stretching yourself as a gardener.
—*J. C. Raulston*
- It used to be thought that our love of plants was an impractical but pure passion. But now, in the age of environmental crisis, we're discovering that gardening is essential to human life.
—*Jacqueline Heriteau*
- They know, they just know where to grow, how to dupe you, and how to camouflage themselves among the perfectly respectable plants, *they just know*, and therefore, I've concluded weeds *must* have brains.
—*Dianne Benson*
- One of the healthiest ways to gamble is with a spade and a package of garden seeds.
—*Dan Bennett*
- The reason mothers tend gardens is because all the little babies can't talk back.
—*Gail Bryan*
- . . . time as we know it doesn't exist in a lawn, since grass never dies or is allowed to flower and set seed. Lawns are nature purged of sex or death. No wonder Americans like them so much.
—*Michael Pollan*
- What a man needs in gardening is a cast-iron back, with a hinge in it.
—*Charles Dudley Warner*
- Plants not only grow, they die. They send out runners and creep over the land. They infiltrate and subjugate. Bringing order out of chaos requires diligence and patience. Patience to know when Nature will win, to wait for seeds to germinate, to find the best site for fussy plants, to wait for your garden to mature. . . . A lot about life can be learned in the garden.
—*Toni Brinton*
- I think this is what hooks one to gardening: it is the closest one can come to being present at creation.
—*Phyllis Theroux*

- Knowing trees, I understand the meaning of patience. Knowing grass, I can appreciate persistence. —*Hal Borrold*
- I guess a good gardener always starts as a good weeder. —*Amos Pettingill*
- I suppose when it comes right down to it, we garden because it's an old cold world, and sometimes the best a person can do is to give it children and some green things growing. —*Rebecca Rupp*
- . . . if we apply our minds directly and competently to the needs of the earth, then we will have begun to make fundamental and necessary changes in our minds. We will begin to understand and to mistrust and to change our wasteful economy, which markets not just the produce of the earth, but also the earth's ability to produce. —*Wendell Berry*
- A garden is a private world or it is nothing. —*Eleanor Perenyi*
- Bad gardens copy, good gardens create, great gardens transcend. What all great gardens have in common are their ability to pull the sensitive viewer out of him or herself and into the garden, so completely that the separate self-sense disappears entirely, and at least for a brief moment one is ushered into a nondual and timeless awareness. A great garden, in other words, is mystical no matter what its actual content. —*Ken Wilbur*
- Nature will bear the closest inspection. She invites us to lay our eyes level with her smallest leaf, and take an insect's view of its plain. —*Henry David Thoreau*
- If dandelions were hard to grow, they would be most welcome on any lawn. —*Andrew V. Mason*
- There is more pleasure in making a garden than in contemplating a paradise. —*Anne Scott-James*
- A garden is a symbol of man's arrogance, perverting nature to human ends. —*Tim Smit*
- Gardening is a kind of disease. It infects you, you cannot escape it. When you go visiting, your eyes rove about the garden; you interrupt the serious cocktail drinking because of an irresistible impulse to get up and pull a weed. —*Lewis Gannit*
- If a person cannot love a plant after he has pruned it, then he has either done a poor job or is devoid of emotion. —*Liberty Hyde Bailey*
- Man is by definition the first and primary weed under whose influence all other weeds have evolved. —*Jack R. Harland*
- The most noteworthy thing about gardeners is that they are always optimistic, always enterprising, and never satisfied. They always look forward to doing something better than they have ever done before. —*Vita Sackville-West*
- What is a weed? A plant whose virtues have not yet been discovered. —*Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- Make no mistake: the weeds will win: nature bats last. —*Robert M. Pyle*

Sayings

- There is life in the ground: When it is stirred up, it goes into the man who stirs it.
- Your mind is a garden, your thoughts are the seeds, the harvest can be either flowers or weeds.
- Bread feeds the body indeed, but the flowers also feed the soul. —*The Koran*
- All gardeners know better than other gardeners. —*Chinese proverb*
- More grows in the garden than the gardener sows. —*Spanish proverb*
- If you would be happy for a week, take a wife, if you would be happy for a month, kill your pig. But if you would be happy all your life, plant a garden. —*Chinese proverb*

Jokes

- Q: What do you call a singing vegetable?
A: Elvis Parsley!
- The best way to garden is to put on a wide-brimmed straw hat and some old clothes. And with a hoe in one hand and a cold drink in the other, tell somebody else where to dig. —*Texas Bix Bender*
- In preparing the soil for planting, you will need several tools. Dynamite would be a beautiful thing to use, but it would have a tendency to get the dirt into the front hall and track up the stairs. —*Robert Benchley*
- There's one good thing about snow, it makes your lawn look as nice as your neighbor's. —*Clyde Moore*
- I always thought a yard was three feet, then I started mowing the lawn. —*C. E. Cowman*
- Plant and your spouse plants with you; weed and you weed alone. —*Dennis Breeze*
- You know you are a gardener, if you find compost a fascinating subject.
- The grass may be greener on the other side of the fence, but you still have to mow it.

THE GOOD LIFE

- Most people spend most of their days doing what they do not want to do in order to earn the right, at times, to do what they may desire. —*John Brown*
- Enjoy your ice cream while it's on your plate—that's my philosophy. —*Thornton Wilder*
- I am a staunch believer in having one's cake and eating it, a principle I have followed greedily throughout my life. —*Anne Scott-James*
- Variety is the soul of pleasure. —*Aphra Behn*
- Increased means and increased leisure are the two civilizers of man. —*Benjamin Disraeli*

- A flock of blessings light upon thy back. —*William Shakespeare*
- Variety is the mother of enjoyment. —*Benjamin Disraeli*
- What nature requires is obtainable, and within easy reach. It's for the superfluous we sweat. —*Seneca the Younger*
- A man hath no better thing under the sun, than to eat, and to drink, and to be merry. —*Ecclesiastes 8:15*
- The greatest luxury of riches is that they allow you to escape so much good advice. —*Arthur Helps*
- It is better to live rich than die rich. —*Samuel Johnson*
- Simple pleasures are the last refuge of the complex. —*Oscar Wilde*
- When faced with a decision, I always ask, “What would be the most fun?” —*Peggy Walker*
- How sweet it is! —*Jackie Gleason*
- I have learned to seek my happiness by limiting my desires, rather than in attempting to satisfy them. —*John Stuart Mill*
- Nothing succeeds like excess. —*Oscar Wilde*
- Money is better than poverty, if only for financial reasons. —*Woody Allen*
- The moral sense enables one to perceive morality—and avoid it. The immoral sense enables one to perceive immorality and enjoy it. —*Mark Twain*
- Happiness: A good bank account, a good cook and a good digestion. —*Jean-Jacques Rousseau*
- Give me chastity and self-restraint, but do not give it yet. —*Saint Augustine*
- You never know what is enough unless you know what is more than enough. —*William Blake*
- Bed is the perfect climate. —*Noel Coward*
- I rise from bed the first thing in the morning not because I am dissatisfied with it, but because I cannot carry it with me during the day. —*Edgar Wilson Nye*
- All real men love to eat. —*Marlene Dietrich*

Sayings

- Variety is the spice of life.
- Carpe diem—seize the day.
- This is as good as it gets.
- He's living the life of Riley.

- If it feels good, do it.
 - You've got to stop and smell the roses.
 - Peel me a grape.

Jokes

- Our motto used to be “Go for it!” Now it’s “Have it delivered!”
 - A naive fellow boarded an ocean liner for a fancy cruise and was amazed at the grand scale of shipboard life. The ballroom was the size of a ball field, the couches seated ten couples, the banquet tables stretched for what seemed like miles. After a considerable amount to eat and drink, he asked the steward directions to the men’s room, but got lost en route and fell into the Olympic-size pool. Splashing frantically toward the ladder, he screamed in a panic, “Don’t flush! Don’t flush!”
 - What do *Penthouse* and *National Geographic* have in common?
—Both have great places you’ll probably never visit.

HOME

- No matter under what circumstances you leave it, home does not cease to be home. No matter how you lived there—well or poorly. —*Joseph Brodsky*
 - A man's home is his Disneyland, in the sense that there is a good deal going on behind the scenes, by way of maintenance, that he cannot even guess at as he drifts through the main attractions. —*Colin McEnroe*
 - Home is where you hang your head. —*Groucho Marx*
 - The average American home is no longer a harbor and a haven, but rather a mere place of debarkation. —*George Jean Nathan*
 - When you're safe at home you wish you were having an adventure; when you're having an adventure you wish you were safe at home. —*Thornton Wilder*
 - The fellow that owns his own house is always just coming out of a hardware store. —*Kin Hubbard*
 - Home is the girl's prison and the woman's workhouse. —*George Bernard Shaw*
 - A man's house is his castle. —*Edward Coke*
 - When we were finishing our house, we found we had a little cash left over, on account of the plumber not knowing it. —*Mark Twain*
 - Set thine house in order. —*II Kings 20:1*
 - Home is the place where, when you have to go there, they have to take you in. —*Robert Frost*
 - Any place I hang my hat is home. —*Johnny Mercer*
 - Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home. —*John Howard Payne*

Sayings

- Home is the place where, no matter where you're sitting, you're looking at something you should be doing.
- God bless our mortgaged home.
- Home is where the heart is.
- Home Sweet Home.

Jokes

- Mother (to small child who wants the light left on): "But you sleep fine in the dark at home, sweetheart."

Child: "Yes, but at home it's my own dark."

- The homeowner got into his grubbiest clothes one Saturday morning and set about all the chores he'd been putting off for weeks. He'd cleaned out the garage, pruned the hedge, and was halfway through mowing the lawn when a woman pulled up in her car and yelled out her window, "Say, what do you get for yard work."

The fellow thought for a minute, then answered, "The lady who lives here lets me sleep with her."

- Where all the women are strong, all the men are good-looking, and all the children are above average.

—*Garrison Keillor, on Lake Woebegon, fictional setting of his radio series Prairie Home Companion*

LEISURE

- More free time means more time to waste. The worker who used to have only a little time in which to get drunk and beat his wife now has time to get drunk, beat his wife—and watch TV.

—*Robert Maynard Hutchins*

- Tell me how a people uses its leisure and I will tell you the quality of its civilization.

—*Maurice Maeterlinck*

- Leisure is the mother of philosophy.

—*Thomas Hobbes*

- If all the year were playing holidays, to sport would be as tedious as to work.

—*William Shakespeare*

- There can be no high civilization where there is not ample leisure.

—*Henry Ward Beecher*

- We may divide the struggles of the human race into two chapters: first, the fight to get leisure; and second, what to do with our leisure when we have won it. Like all blessings, leisure is a bad thing unless it is well used.

—*James A. Garfield*

- Leisure is the time for doing something useful.

—*Benjamin Franklin*

- To be able to fill leisure intelligently is the last product of civilization.

—Bertrand Russell

- A man's real worth is determined by what he does when he has nothing to do.

—Megiddo message

Saying

- Work hard; play hard.

Jokes

- Instructed to make sure his squad got some time off, the drill sergeant lined them up and barked, "Relax—that's an order!"
- Three old friends were walking home from work through their grimy neighborhood when one of them spotted a brass lantern poking out of a garbage can. And when he gave it a rub, sure enough a genie popped out. "Three wishes are yours, gentlemen," the spirit informed them, "one for each of you—but only one, so choose your words carefully. Each of you can be a man of leisure from this moment on. What is your command?"

He turned to the first guy, who scratched his chin thoughtfully. "Set me up in a house on a private beach on Maui with a beautiful native wife to indulge my every whim." Poof! He disappeared.

The second guy said, "I want to be the richest man in the world and be sailing in the Caribbean on my luxurious motor yacht." Poof! He disappeared.

The third guy glumly considered his surroundings. "Gee, I'm lonely already—I wish I had my buddies back."

- I don't consider gardening so much growing flowers as burying seeds.

PETS

Cats

- Cats are to dogs what modern people are to the people we used to have. Cats are slimmer, cleaner, more attractive, disloyal, and lazy. It's easy to understand why the cat has eclipsed the dog as modern America's favorite pet. People like pets to possess the same qualities they do. Cats are irresponsible and recognize no authority, yet are completely dependent on others for their material needs. Cats cannot be made to do anything useful. Cats are mean for the fun of it. In fact, cats possess so many of the same qualities as some people (expensive girlfriends, for instance) that it's often hard to tell the people and the cats apart.

—P. J. O'Rourke

- All I need to know I learned from my cat.

—Suzy Becker

- The only thing that prevents cats from killing us is that they're not big enough. But they'd love to.

—Mike Royko

- I think one reason we admire cats, those of us who do, is their proficiency in one-upmanship. They always seem to come out on top, no matter what they are doing—or pretend they do. Rarely do you see a cat discomfited. They have no conscience, and they never regret. Maybe we secretly envy them. —*Barbara Webster*
- Cats seem to go on the principle that it never does any harm to ask for what you want. —*Joseph Wood Krutch*
- Cats aren't clean, they're just covered with cat spit. —*John S. Nichols*
- It is a very inconvenient habit of kittens that whatever you say to them, they always purr. —*Lewis Carroll*
- The last thing I would accuse a cat of is innocence. —*Edward Paley*
- Cats are intended to teach us that not everything in nature has a purpose. —*Garrison Keillor*
- There are no ordinary cats. —*Colette*
- The smallest feline is a masterpiece. —*Leonardo da Vinci*
- If a man could be crossed with the cat, it would improve man but deteriorate the cat. —*Mark Twain*
- If a cat did not put a firm paw down now and then, how could his human remain possessed. —*Winifred Carriere*
- How you behave toward cats here below determines your status in Heaven. —*Robert A. Heinlein*
- Cats are a mysterious kind of folk. There is more passing in their minds than we are aware of. —*Sir Walter Scott*
- Cats know how to obtain food without labour, shelter without confinement and love without penalties. —*W. L. George*
- As anyone who has ever been around a cat for any length of time well knows, cats have enormous patience with the limitations of the human mind. —*Cleveland Amory*
- The cat seldom interferes with other people's rights. His intelligence keeps him from doing many of the fool things that complicate life. —*Carl Van Vechten*
- There is no more intrepid explorer than a kitten. —*Jules Champfleury*
- Even overweight cats instinctively know the cardinal rule: when fat, arrange yourself in slim poses. —*John Weitz*
- A cat is there when you call her—if she doesn't have anything better to do. —*Bill Adler*
- No matter how much cats fight, there always seem to be plenty of kittens. —*Abraham Lincoln*
- If a fish is the movement of water embodied, given shape, then a cat is a diagram and pattern of subtle air. —*Doris Lessing*

- Cats are smarter than dogs. You can't get eight cats to pull a sled through snow.
—Jeff Valdez
- There are two means of refuge from the miseries of life: music and cats.
—Albert Schweitzer
- Managing senior programmers is like herding cats.
—Dave Platt
- The ideal of calm exists in a sitting cat.
—Jules Reynard
- I've met many thinkers and many cats, but the wisdom of cats is infinitely superior.
—Hippolyte Taine
- A cat can purr its way out of anything.
—Donna McCrohan
- As every cat owner knows, nobody owns a cat.
—Ellen Perry Berkeley
- Dogs come when they're called; cats take a message and get back to you later.
—Mary Bly
- The cat has too much spirit to have no heart.
—Ernest Menaul
- A meow massages the heart.
—Stuart McMillan
- Meow is like aloha—it can mean anything.
—Hank Ketchum
- Dogs have owners, cats have staff. —Sneaky Pie Brown, author Rita Mae Brown's cat
—Missy Dizick

Sayings

- A cat always lands on its feet.
- There's more than one way to skin a cat.
- God made the cat in order to give man the pleasure of caressing the tiger.
- Women and cats will do as they please, and men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea.
- Dogs believe they are human. Cats believe they are God.
- You will always be lucky if you know how to make friends with strange cats.
—Colonial American proverb
- In a cat's eyes, all things belong to cats.
—English proverb
- To please himself only, the cat purrs.
—Irish proverb
- Honest as the cat when the meat's out of reach.
—Old English saying
- A cat's eyes are windows enabling us to see into another world.
—Irish saying
- Thousands of years ago, cats were worshipped as gods. Cats have never forgotten this.
- There is no snooze button on a cat who wants breakfast.
- I got rid of my husband. The cat was allergic!

Jokes

- A tom cat and a tabby cat were courting on a back fence at night. The tom leaned over to the tabby with pent-up passion and purred . . . "I'll die for you!" The tabby gazed at him from under lowered eyelids and asked, "How many times?"
- On the first day of creation, God created the cat. . . . On the second day, God created man to serve the cat. . . . On the third day, God created all the animals of the earth to serve as potential food for the cat. . . . On the fourth day, God created honest toil so that man could labor for the good of the cat. . . . On the fifth day, God created the sparkle ball so that the cat might or might not play with it. . . . On the sixth day, God created veterinary science to keep the cat healthy and the man broke. . . . On the seventh day, God tried to rest, but He had to scoop the litterbox. . . . Yes, it's a cat's world after all. Amen!
- What happened when the cat ate a ball of wool?
—She had mittens!
- What do cat actors say on stage?
—Tabby or not tabby!
- What do you get if you cross a cat and a gorilla?
—An animal that puts you out at night!

Dogs

- A dog teaches a boy fidelity, perseverance, and to turn around three times before lying down. —*Robert Benchley*
- Dogs laugh, but they laugh with their tails. . . . What puts man in a higher state of evolution is that he has got his laugh on the right end. —*Max Eastman*
- A dog is the only thing on this earth that loves you more than he loves himself. —*Josh Billings*
- The dog who meets with a good master is the happier of the two. —*Maurice Maeterlinck*
- Anybody who doesn't know what soap tastes like never washed a dog. —*Franklin P. Jones*
- It is by muteness that a dog becomes for one so utterly beyond value; with him one is at peace, where words play no torturing tricks. . . . those are the moments that I think are precious to a dog—when, with his adoring soul coming through his eyes, he feels that you are really thinking of him. —*John Galsworthy*
- The one absolutely unselfish friend that man can have in this selfish world, the one that never deserts him, the one that never proves ungrateful or treacherous, is his dog. A man's dog stands by him in prosperity and in poverty, in health and in sickness. He will sleep on the cold ground . . . if only he may be near his master's side. He will kiss the hand that has no food to offer, he will lick the wounds and sores that come in encounter with the roughness of the world. He guards the sleep of his pauper master as if he were a prince. When all other friends desert, he remains . . . as constant in his love as the sun in its journey through the heavens. —*George Graham Vest*

- Anybody who hates children and dogs can't be all bad. —*W. C. Fields*
- To his dog, every man is Napoleon; hence the constant popularity of dogs. —*Aldous Huxley*
- Among God's creatures two, the dog and the guitar, have taken all the sizes and all the shapes, in order not to be separated from the man. —*Andrés Segovia*
- The more I see of men, the more I like dogs. —*Madame de Staél*
- Don't make the mistake of treating your dogs like humans, or they'll treat you like dogs. —*Martha Scott*

Sayings

- Every dog has his day.
- Dogs that bark at a distance never bite.

Jokes

- Sign on bulletin board: PUPPIES FOR SALE: THE ONLY LOVE THAT MONEY CAN BUY.
- Mrs. Green had recently acquired a dog and was proudly demonstrating his good points to a friend. "I know he's not what you would call a pedigree dog," she admitted, "but if any stranger comes within fifty feet of the house, he lets us know about it." "What does he do?" asked her friend. "Bark the house down?" "No . . . He crawls under the sofa."
- Two guys were walking down the street when they came across a dog sitting in the middle of the sidewalk, studiously licking its private parts. "Gee, would I ever like to do that," sighed one fellow enviously. "Go right ahead," encouraged his friend. "But if I were you, I'd pat him first."
- Q: Why do dogs lick their private parts?
A: Because they can.

PRIVACY

- The right to be let alone is indeed the beginning of all freedoms. —*William O. Douglas*
- My personality doesn't interest me. —*Andrey A. Gromyko, refusing to answer personal questions*
- Unfortunately, we're in the age of full disclosure, with celebrities blabbing about every detail of their lives to anyone who will listen. —*Mike Royko*
- Abortion doesn't belong in the political arena. It's a private right, like many other rights concerning the family. —*Bella Abzug*

- If the First Amendment means anything, it means that a state has no business telling a man, sitting alone in his own house, what books he may read or what films he may watch. . . . Our whole constitutional heritage rebels at the thought of giving government the power to control men's minds. *—Thurgood Marshall*
- The right of the individual to conduct intimate relationships in the intimacy of his or her own home seems to me to be the heart of the Constitution's protection of privacy. *—Harry A. Blackmun*
- . . . the right to be let alone—the most comprehensive of rights, and the right most valued by civilized man. *—Louis D. Brandeis*
- . . . a man's house is his castle. . . . *—Edward Coke*
- A man must ride alternately on the horses of his private and his public nature. *—Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Sayings

- Nobody's life is a totally open book.
- People who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones.
- In the computer age, it is disturbing to realize that a machine has your number.

Jokes

- I've got so many people listening in on my phone, every time I dial I get stage fright.
- The law professor was trying to convey to his first-year students the varying importance ascribed to personal privacy, depending on circumstance. "Take the IRS for example," he pointed out. "It's seldom interested in the identity of the vast majority of us who lose money gambling, but consider how hard they work to pin down the winners."

TRAVEL AND VACATIONS

- Unusual travel suggestions are dancing lessons from the gods. *—Kurt Vonnegut*
- Americans have always been eager for travel, that being how they got to the new world in the first place. *—Otto Friedrich*
- Travel seems not just a way of having a good time, but something that every self-respecting citizen ought to undertake, like a high-fiber diet, say, or a deodorant. *—Jan Morris*
- Travel teaches toleration. *—Benjamin Disraeli*
- They spell it Vinci and pronounce it Vinchy; foreigners always spell better than they pronounce. *—Mark Twain*
- I have been a stranger in a strange land. *—Exodus 2:22*
- When the whistle blew and the call stretched thin across the night, one had to believe that any journey could be sweet to the soul. *—Charles Turner*

- Travel by sea nearly approximates the bliss of babyhood. They feed you, rock you gently to sleep, and when you wake up, they take care of you and feed you again.
—Geoffrey Bocca
- The whole object of travel is not to set foot on foreign land. It is at last to set foot on one's own country as a foreign land.
—G. K. Chesterton
- I should like to spend the whole of my life in traveling abroad, if I could anywhere borrow another life to spend afterwards at home.
—William Hazlitt
- To give you an idea of how fast we traveled: we left Spokane with two rabbits and when we got to Topeka we still had only two.
—Bob Hope
- There are two classes of travel—first class, and with children.
—Robert Benchley
- It is amazing how nice people are to you when they know you are going away.
—Michael Arlen
- Experience, travel—these are as education in themselves.
—Euripides
- Restore human legs as a means of travel. Pedestrians rely on food for fuel and need no special parking facilities.
—Lewis Mumford
- He who would travel happily must travel light.
—Antoine de Saint-Exupèry
- Travel is broadening, particularly where food and drink are good. But the journey home is an exultant occasion.
—Brooks Atkinson
- Thanks to the miles of superhighways under construction, America will soon be a wonderful place to drive—if you don't want to stop.
—Fletcher Knebel
- Though it may be essential to the imagination, travel is not necessary to an understanding of men.
—Freya Stark
- Traveling may be one of two things—an experience we shall always remember, or an experience which, alas, we shall never forget.
—Rabbi Julius Gordon
- Once a place becomes special, it's no longer special.
—Peter Storey
- There is nothing so good for the human soul as the discovery that there are ancient and flourishing civilized societies which have somehow managed to exist for many centuries and are still in being though they have had no help from the traveler in solving their problems.
—Walter Lippmann
- I wouldn't mind seeing China if I could come back the same day.
—Philip Larkin
- When does this place get to England?
—Bea Lillie, *aboard the Queen Mary*
- Journeys, like artists, are born and not made. A thousand differing circumstances contribute to them, few of them willed or determined by the will—whatever we may think.
—Lawrence Durrell
- Dress impressively like the French, speak with authority like the Germans, have blond hair like the Scandinavians, and speak of no American presidents except Lincoln, Roosevelt, and Kennedy.
—Sylvaine Rouy Neves,
on how to gain respect while traveling in Europe
- I was well acquainted with the gag that if you looked like your passport picture, you needed a trip. I was unprepared for the preponderance of thuglike pictures which I

found in the course of processing passports. —*Frances G. Knight, Director, Passport Division, U.S. State Department, ruling that it is all right to smile in passport photos*

- Everybody wants to be someplace he ain't. As soon as he gets there, he wants to go right back. —*Henry Ford, on why he went into the car business*
- I shall always be glad to have seen it—for the same reason Papa gave for being glad to have seen Lisbon—namely “that it will be unnecessary ever to see it again.” —*Winston Churchill, on Calcutta*

Sayings

- PLEASE GO AWAY. —*Sign on a travel agency door*
- He that travels far, knows much.
- He who does not travel will not know the value of men. —*North African saying*
- When in Rome, do as the Romans do.
- Getting there is half the fun.

Jokes

- Clearly more interested in shopping than history, the woman climbed out of the tour bus and whined, “How long is it going to take to see Florence?”
The immensely cultured guide replied courteously, “Madam, you can see all of Florence in a day, some of Florence in a week, and a very little bit of Florence in a month.”
- After a delicious lunch in an Italian restaurant, the well-traveled businesswoman called the chef over to compliment him on the meal. “Frankly, your eggplant parmesan was better than the one I ate in Milan last Tuesday,” she told him.
“It’s not surprising,” said the chef proudly. “They use domestic cheese. Here we use imported!”
- Jeb Boyt had planned a trip to Paris for a very long time, and the day after his retirement, he was on a plane. His old friend Herb met him at the airport, and asked, “Well, Jeb, how was Paris?”
“Oh, it was fine,” replied the weary traveler, “but I wish I’d gone twenty years ago.”
“When Paris was really Paris, eh?” said Herb sympathetically.
“No, when Jeb Boyt was really Jeb Boyt.”
- The weary traveler came up to the hotel desk to check in. “Would you like the seventy-eight-dollar room, or the ninety-five dollar one?” asked the clerk politely.
“What’s the difference?” the traveler wondered.
“In the ninety-five-dollar room,” the clerk explained, “you get free color TV.”
- My big problem was the tour guide. Every day we stopped in twenty-two souvenir shops and one rest room. Naturally. Who gets kickbacks from rest rooms?
- You remember the story of the Ark, the ship that carried a male and female of every living creature on earth? I think it was the last cruise ship that was evenly matched.

WINE

- I like a wine that fights back.

—John Steed on The Avengers

- A Book of Verses underneath the Bough, / A Jug of Wine, a Loaf of Bread—and Thou.

—Edward FitzGerald's translation of Omar Khayyám

- Who loves not women, wine, and song remains a fool his whole life long.

—Johann Heinrich Voss

- Wine was created from the beginning to make men joyful, and not to make men drunk.

Wine drunk with moderation is the joy of the soul and the heart.

—Ecclesiastes 31:35–36

- Wine nourishes, refreshes, and cheers . . . wherever wine is lacking, medicines become necessary.

—The Talmud

- A bottle of wine begs to be shared; I have never met a miserly wine lover.

—Clifton Fadiman

- Old wood best to burn, old wine to drink, old friends to trust, and old authors to read.

—Francis Bacon, quoting Alonso of Aragon

- I love everything that's old—old friends, old times, old manners, old books, old wine.

—Oliver Goldsmith

- Excellent wine generates enthusiasm. And whatever you do with enthusiasm is generally successful.

—Philippe de Rothschild

- When the wine is in, the wit is out.

—Thomas Becon

- A man should not refuse a little wine when it is pressed on him.

—Yoshida Kenko

- *In vino veritas* (In wine, there is truth)

—Pliny the Elder

Sayings

- A fish, to taste right, needs to swim three times: in water, then in butter, and then in wine.

—Polish saying

- Only the first bottle needs to be expensive.

—French saying

Jokes

- Great people talk about ideas, average people talk about things, and small people talk about wine.

—Fran Lebowitz

- When it came to writing about wine, I did what everyone else does—faked it.

—Art Buchwald

- Q: How many wine makers does it take to screw in a lightbulb?

A: Just one. They hold the bulb and the world revolves around them.

- Q: What did the grape say after being hit by a car?
A: Nothing. It just gave out a little wine.
- Q: Who invented the first champagne with no bubbles?
A: Dumb Perignon
- Q: Why are stainless steel fermenters always ready for a dinner date?
A: They're always wearing a jacket.
- Q: What's a blonde's favourite wine?
A: "Daaaady, I want to go to Miaaami!"
- **Men** are like fine wine. They all start out like grapes, and it's our job to stomp on them and keep them in the dark until they mature into something which you'd like to have dinner with.
- **Women** are like fine wine. They all start out fresh, fruity, and intoxicating to the mind and then turn full-bodied with age until they go all sour and vinegary and give you a headache.

S O C I A L B E H A V I O R

ADVICE

- Never eat at a place called Mom's. Never play cards with a man named Doc. And never lie down with a woman who's got more troubles than you. —*Nelson Algren*
- It is very good advice to believe only what an artist does, rather than what he says about his work. —*David Hockney*
- When we ask advice, we are usually looking for an accomplice. —*Charles Varlet, Marquis de La Grange*
- Whatever your advice, make it brief. —*Horace*
- When a man comes to me for advice, I find out the kind of advice he wants—and I give it to him. —*Josh Billings*
- There is nothing which we receive with so much reluctance as advice. —*Joseph Addison*
- Advice is seldom welcome; and those who want it the most always like it the least. —*Philip Chesterfield*
- We may give advice, but we can't inspire conduct. —*François, Duc de La Rochefoucauld*
- It is always a silly thing to give advice, but to give good advice is absolutely fatal. —*Oscar Wilde*
- Advice is like castor oil, easy enough to give but dreadful uneasy to take. —*Josh Billings*
- The worst men often give the best advice. —*Philip James Bailey*
- In those days, he was wiser than he is now; he used frequently to take my advice. —*Winston Churchill*
- I don't give advice. I can't tell anybody what to do. Instead I say this is what we know about this problem at this time. And here are the consequences of these actions. —*Joyce Brothers*
- My job is to give the president and secretary of defense military advice before they know they need it. —*Gen. John W. Vessey Jr.*
- A good scare is worth more to a man than good advice. —*Edgar Watson Howe*

- Preachers say, do as I say, not do as I do. —*John Selden*
- A word to the wise ain't necessary—it's the stupid ones who need the advice. —*Bill Cosby*

Sayings

- Never take your own advice.
- Everybody loves to give advice, but no one likes to take it.

Jokes

- Reporter: "Millions of travelers from all over the world have stayed at your fine establishments. I wonder, sir, if you have a word or two of advice to pass on to them?" Conrad Hilton (famous hotelier): "I do indeed. Please put the shower curtain *inside*."
- Cub reporter: I've come for some advice on how to run a newspaper, sir.
Editor: You've come to the wrong place, son. Ask one of my subscribers.
- The elderly woman was utterly charmed by the suave gentleman who rang her doorbell one day and proceeded to outline the attractions of a special investment opportunity for retired persons, one that would triple her savings in five years at no risk whatsoever. She proceeded to sign over her entire pension, and when the money disappeared without a trace, she duly reported the scam to the Better Business Bureau.

"But why didn't you come to us beforehand?" scolded the representative gently.
"Didn't you know about our services?"

"Oh, certainly I did," replied the old woman contritely, "but I was sure you'd tell me not to do it."

CHARM

- A stranger loses half his charm the day he is no longer a stranger. —*Genevieve Antoine Dariaux*
- Charms strike the sight, but merit wins the soul. —*Alexander Pope*
- Do you know the difference between a beautiful woman and a charming one? A beauty is a woman you notice, a charmer is one who notices you. —*Adlai Stevenson*
- All charming people have something to conceal, usually their total dependence on the appreciation of others. —*Cyril Connolly*
- Charm is a way of getting the answer yes without having asked any clear question. —*Albert Camus*
- "It's all in the greetings and the farewells," confided famous Washington hostess Perle Mesta on the secret of her successful parties. When each guest arrived, she'd say, "At last you're here." And as each departed, she'd say, "I'm sorry you have to leave so soon."

Sayings

- What can the enemy do when the friend is cordial?
- The only charm she'll ever have is on a bracelet.

—*Persian proverb***Jokes**

- As usual Hildegarde was the last to arrive at the dinner party; in fact, she was unconscionably late. "Do forgive me, darling," she said to the host, offering her cheek for him to kiss.
"No forgiveness is called for," replied the host smoothly. "You could never come too late."
- The very well-dressed man was approached by a shabby, unkempt fellow. "Could you spare a dollar for a cup of coffee?" asked the bum.
"A cup of coffee is only fifty cents," he responded icily.
"Oh, I know," replied the bum breezily. "I was hoping you'd join me."

G O S S I P

- When gossip grows old it becomes myth. —*Stanislaw Lec*
- The more virtuous any man is, the less easily does he suspect others to be vicious. —*Cicero*
- Hear no evil, speak no evil—and you'll never be invited to a party. —*Oscar Wilde*
- Don't talk about yourself; it will be done when you leave. —*Wilson Mizner*
- They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent. —*Psalms 140:3*
- Today's gossip is tomorrow's headline. —*Walter Winchell*
- Gossip is just news running ahead of itself in a red satin dress. —*Liz Smith*
- Gossip, even when it avoids the sexual, bears around it a faint flavor of the erotic. —*Patricia Meyer Spacks*
- Of course I wouldn't say anything about her unless I could say something good. And, oh boy, is this good. . . . —*Bill King*

Sayings

- A gossip in a village is like a viper in a bed.
- If you can't say anything nice about someone, don't say anything at all.
- News does not have wings, yet it can cross the seven seas. —*West African saying*
- A chattering bird builds no nest. —*West African saying*

Jokes

- IF YOU CAN'T SAY SOMETHING GOOD ABOUT SOMEONE, SIT RIGHT HERE BY ME.

—*Allegedly embroidered on a pillow in Alice Roosevelt Longworth's living room*

- Deciding to drink his troubles away, a fellow stayed on and on until the bar closed and he was ejected onto the sidewalk. And when he woke up the next morning, who should he see walking up to him but the pastor of his church. "Oh, Reverend," he croaked, "I hate for you to see me this way."

"Remember, Jimmy, God sees you this way, too," counseled the minister gently.

"I suppose so," groaned the fellow, "but he keeps it to himself."

HOSTS AND HOSPITALITY

- The guest is always right—even if we have to throw him out. —*Charles Ritz, hotelier*
- I will gladly lecture for fifty dollars, but I'll not be a guest for less than a hundred. —*Elbert Hubbard*
- What is pleasanter than the tie of host and guest? —*Aeschylus*
- The ornament of a house is the friends who frequent it. —*Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- Fish and visitors smell in three days. —*Benjamin Franklin*
- May our house always be too small to hold all our friends. —*Myrtle Reed*
- Welcome the coming, speed the parting guest. —*Homer*

Sayings

- Mi casa es su casa* (My house is your house).
- The master of the house is the servant of the guest.
- FHB = Family Hold Back, announced when supply (food) doesn't meet demand (guests).

Jokes

- The successful host confided the following secret of seeming happy while entertaining houseguests. "It's easy to go around smiling," he explained, "when you keep thinking of how nice it will be when they leave."
- It seems to me that houses being built today have plenty of closet space. It's just that the developers have a different name; they call them guest bedrooms.

MANNERS

- Nothing is less important than which fork you use. —*Emily Post*
- Under bad manners, as under graver faults, lies very commonly an overestimate of our special individuality, as distinguished from our generic humanity. —*Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.*
- The most difficult thing in the world is to know how to do a thing and to watch someone else doing it wrong, without commenting. —*Teodore H. White*

- Good manners is the art of making those people easy with whom we converse. Whoever makes the fewest persons uneasy, is the best bred in the company. —*Jonathan Swift*
- Manners are the happy ways of doing things; each once a stroke of genius or of love, now repeated and hardened into usage. —*Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- Good breeding consists in concealing how much we think of ourselves and how little we think of the other person. —*Mark Twain*
- Never drink from your finger bowl—it contains only water. —*Addison Mizner*
- A general rule of etiquette is that one apologizes for the unfortunate occurrence, but the unthinkable is unmentionable. —*Judith Martin (Miss Manners)*
- When God sneezed, I didn't know what to say. —*Henny Youngman*
- Good manners have much to do with the emotions. To make them ring true, one must feel them, not merely exhibit them. —*Amy Vanderbilt*
- Protocol is everything.
—*François Giuliani, spokesman for the secretary general of the United Nations*
- It would be a swell world if everybody was as pleasant as the fellow who's trying to skin you. —*Kin Hubbard*
- A car is useless in New York, essential everywhere else. The same with good manners. —*Mignon McLaughlin*
- Politeness is one-half good nature and the other half good lying. —*Mary Wilson Little*
- The trouble with being punctual is that there's nobody there to appreciate it.
—*Harold Rome*

Sayings

- Tact is changing the subject without changing your mind.
- It's nice to be important, but it's more important to be nice.
- Punctuality: The art of guessing correctly how late the person you're missing is going to be.
- Learn politeness from the impolite. —*North African saying*
- Social tact is making your company feel at home, even though you wish they were.

Jokes

- The tired woman boarded the crowded bus at rush hour, loaded with shopping, groceries, and a sleeping child. She stood for almost twenty minutes, until she felt a tap on her shoulder and looked down at a fresh-faced young man.
“Look lively at Thirty-fourth Street,” he whispered loudly. “That’s where I get off.”
- The woman was more than a little upset when her car stalled in the middle of the main street, and more so when no amount of cajoling could get it started again. As the light turned from red to green a third time and the car still failed to respond, the honking of

the fellow in the car behind her grew even more insistent. Finally the woman got out and walked over to his door. "Excuse me, sir," she said politely, "if you'd like to help out by trying to get my car started yourself, I'll be glad to sit here and honk your horn for you."

- "A polite person is someone who listens with interest to things he knows all about from someone who knows little or nothing about them," the speaker told his audience at the conclusion of his talk. "Thank you for being so polite to me this afternoon."
- The story goes that George Washington and General Lafayette were talking one afternoon when an old black fellow passed them and tipped his hat. "Good mo'nin', Gen'l Washington," croaked the old fellow.

Immediately Washington removed his hat and bowed. "Good morning to you," he replied, "and have a pleasant day."

Lafayette was shocked. "That old man is a slave," he pointed out. "Why did you bow to him?"

Washington smiled. "I would not allow him to be a better gentleman than I."

- Q: Define punctuality.
A: When your watch can do an hour in forty-five minutes.

STYLE AND TASTE

- In matters of grave importance, style, not sincerity, is the vital thing. —Oscar Wilde
- It was from Handel that I learned that style comes from force of assertion. —George Bernard Shaw
- Style is the hallmark of a temperament stamped upon the material at hand. —André Maurois
- "Camp" is a vision of the world in terms of style—but a particular style. It is the love of the exaggerated. —Susan Sontag
- Hair style is the final tip-off whether or not a woman really knows herself. —Hubert de Givenchy
- My role model was always Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis. My taste was high. So when it came to role models, I looked at presidents' wives. —Tina Turner
- The manner in which one endures what must be endured is more important than the thing that must be endured. —Dean Acheson
- Style is knowing who you are, what you want to say, and not giving a damn. —Gore Vidal
- "Style" is an expression of individualism mixed with charisma. Fashion is something that comes after style. —John Fairchild
- It's no good running a pig farm badly for thirty years while saying, "Really, I was meant to be a ballet dancer." By that time, pigs will be your style. —Quentin Crisp
- Self-plagiarism is style. —Alfred Hitchcock

- No one ever went broke underestimating the taste of the American public.
—H. L. Mencken
- I don't believe less is more. I believe that less is less, fat fat, thin thin, and enough is enough.
—Stanley Elkin
- Do not do unto others as you would that they should do unto you. Their tastes may not be the same.
—George Bernard Shaw
- Exuberance is better than taste.
—Gustave Flaubert
- Ah, good taste! What a dreadful thing! Taste is the enemy of creativeness.
—Pablo Picasso
- To me, bad taste is what entertainment is all about.
—John Waters
- I like corn.
—Walt Disney
- I hate broccoli.
—George Bush
- One man's fish is another man's *poisson*.
—Carolyn Wells
- Isn't elegance forgetting what one is wearing?
—Yves St. Laurent
- Elegance is not the prerogative of those who have just escaped from adolescence, but of those who have already taken possession of their future.
—Gabrielle (Coco) Chanel
- Elegance is innate. It has nothing to do with being well-dressed. Elegance is refusal.
—Diana Vreeland
- What is elegance: soap and water!
—Cecil Beaton

Sayings

- To each his own.
- One man's meat is another man's poison.
- All his taste is in his mouth.

Jokes

- Before you criticize your mate's style, remember—they chose to be seen with you.
- "But, sir, you really must try this pair," insisted the shoe salesman, showing the gentleman a sleek, narrow, point-toed pair of boots. "It's what everyone's wearing this season."

The customer shook his head and pointed at a classic pair of oxfords, explaining politely that he was still wearing last season's feet, which came a bit wider.

- She looks like she was poured into that dress and forgot to say when.
- When asked what he thought of his date's new dress, the fellow answered, "Nothing is more becoming to you, my dear."

"That may be," she responded after a brief pause, "but you won't find out till after dinner."

S P O R T S

GENERAL

- Show me a good loser, and I'll show you a loser. —*Paul Newman*
- Defeat is worse than death, because you have to live with defeat. —*Bill Musselman*
- . . . I do not in the least object to a sport because it is rough. —*Theodore Roosevelt*
- The battle of Waterloo was won on the playing fields of Eton.
—*Arthur Wellesley (attrib.)*
- Generally speaking, I look upon [sports] as dangerous and tiring activities performed by people with whom I share nothing except the right to trial by jury. —*Fran Liebowitz*
- Serious sport has nothing to do with fair play. It is bound up with hatred, jealousy, boastfulness, disregard of all rules, and sadistic pleasure in witnessing violence: in other words it is war minus the shooting. —*George Orwell*
- Winning isn't everything. It's the only thing. —*Vince Lombardi (attrib.)*
- Competition in play teaches the love of the free spirit to excel by its own merit. A nation that has not forgotten how to play, a nation that fosters athletics, is a nation that is always holding up the high ideal of equal opportunity for all. Go back through history and find the nations that did not play and had no outdoor sports, and you will find the nations of oppressed peoples. —*Warren G. Harding*
- Nice guys finish last. —*Leo Durocher*

Saying

- Organized sports is the American man's favorite exercise—to sit and watch.

Jokes

- They keep saying that what really matters isn't whether you won but how well you played. The problem is that the best way to determine how well you played the game is by whether or not you won.
- In the field of sports you are more-or-less accepted for what you do rather than what you are.
—*Althea Gibson Darben*

BASEBALL

- I may not be the bestest pitcher in the world, but I sure out-cutes 'em.
—*Leroy (Satchel) Paige*
- Ideally, the umpire should combine the integrity of a Supreme Court Justice, the physical agility of an acrobat, the endurance of Job, and the imperturbability of Buddha.
—*Time magazine*
- You're expected to be perfect the day you start, and then improve.
—*Ed Vargo, supervisor of umpires, National League*
- It ain't over till it's over.
—*Yogi Berra*
- Hit them where they ain't.
—*Willie Keeler*
- If people don't want to come out to the ball park, nobody's going to stop them.
—*Yogi Berra*
- Baseball's very big with my people. It figures. It's the only time we can get to shake a bat at a white man without starting a riot.
—*Dick Gregory*
- The secret of managing is to keep the guys who hate you away from the guys who are undecided.
—*Casey Stengel*
- You gotta be a man to play baseball for a living, but you gotta have a lot of little boy in you too.
—*Roy Campanella*
- Why do I like baseball? The pay is good, it keeps you out in the fresh air and sunshine, and you can't beat them hours.
—*Umpire Tim Hurst (attrib.)*

Sayings

- As American as baseball and apple pie.
- You're batting a thousand.
- You're out in left field.
- Baseball is the only sport that praises stealing.

Jokes

- What do you do with an elephant with three balls?
—Walk him, and pitch to the rhino.
- One thing I'll say about our baseball team is they're nonviolent. They haven't hit anything in weeks.
- When a friend came to visit from London, Mac couldn't wait to take him to that most all-American of pastimes, a baseball game.

The Britisher tried valiantly to grasp the rudiments of the game, but appeared rather confused. In the bottom of the ninth, with two outs, the bases were loaded and the roar in the stadium grew deafening. "I say, Mac," he asked, "why is everyone getting so excited?"

"We've got a man on every base," explained Mac, jumping up and down with excitement.

"So I see," said the Brit, ". . . but so does the other team."

- It was only her second date with the die-hard baseball fan, and Helene was a little nervous: it was her fault that they arrived at the stadium a full hour after the game had begun. Taking her seat, Helene glanced up at the scoreboard. It was a tight pitcher's battle, bottom of the fifth, 0-0.

"Look, Charlie," she exclaimed in relief, "we haven't missed a thing!"

- Two old guys wonder if there's baseball in heaven, and promise each other that the first to die will somehow let the other one know. A week later, one of them dies. And a week after that, his friend recognizes his voice coming down from the clouds. "Joe, I've got some good news and some bad news," the disembodied voice reports. "The good news is that there is a baseball team in heaven. The bad news is that you're pitching on Friday."
- An American takes a foreigner to a baseball game. The foreigner is just beginning to get into cheering batters as they run to first, when a batter draws a walk.

The foreigner starts to yell, "Run, boy, run!"

His host, with a bemused smile explains, "He doesn't have to run; he has four balls."

The foreigner stands up and shouts, "Walk proudly, boy, walk proudly."

BOXING

- First your legs go. Then you lose your reflexes. Then you lose your friends.

—Willie Pep

- Boxers are not dragged into the ring, although they might sometimes be dragged out. They go voluntarily.

—E. M. Braddock

- We've all been blessed with God-given talents. Mine just happens to be beating people up.

—Sugar Ray Leonard

- He can run but he can't hide.

—Joe Louis

- I'll be floating like a butterfly and stinging like a bee.

—Muhammad Ali, prizefighter, before defeating Sonny Liston for World Heavyweight Championship

- Honey, I forgot to duck.

—Jack Dempsey, comment to his wife after losing 1926 fight to Gene Tierney

- The bigger they come, the harder they fall.

—Bob Fitzsimmons before his 1902 loss to heavyweight champion Jim Jeffries

- A boxing match is like a cowboy movie. There's got to be good guys and there's got to be bad guys. And that's what people pay for—to see the bad guys get beat.

—Sonny Liston (attrib.)

Saying

- Boxing is dueling with gloves on.

Jokes

- I'm not much of a boxer—I studied it for years, but it was a correspondence course.
- I tried shadowboxing . . . but I lost.
- The manager came back to the dressing room to cheer up a boxer who'd just been mauled in the ring. "The judges didn't give you a single round, Georgie," he informed him, "but there's some good news—I got you a rematch!"

EXERCISE

- Whenever I feel like exercise, I lie down until the feeling passes.

—*Robert Maynard Hutchins*

- Most of the evils of life arise from man's inability to sit still in a room.

—*Blaise Pascal*

- A Chicago alderman once confessed he needed physical exercise, but didn't like jogging because in that sport you couldn't hit anyone.

—*Andrew H. Malcolm*

- The only reason I would take up jogging is so that I could hear heavy breathing again.

—*Erma Bombeck*

- I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me.

—*Fred Allen*

Sayings

- Use it or lose it.
- Don't let your meat loaf.

Joke

- For me, exercise just doesn't make sense—like a vegetarian going to a barbecue.

FISHING

- Fishing, with me, has always been an excuse to drink in the daytime.

—*Jimmy Cannon*

- Fishing is much more than fish. . . . It is the great occasion when we may return to the fine simplicity of our forefathers.

—*Herbert Hoover*

- A stream is music and motion: smooth glides, fast, turbulent riffles and deep pools, each posing a special challenge. —*Nelson Bryant*
- Luck affects everything; let your hook always be cast. In the stream where you least expect it, there will be fish. —*Ovid*
- A fishing rod is a stick with a hook at one end and a fool at the other. —*Samuel Johnson*
- All men are equal before fish. —*Herbert Hoover*

Sayings

- Fishing philosophy:

—The two best times to fish are when it's raining and when it ain't.
 —There ain't no property you can't fish if you know how to sit a spell with the person that owns it.
 —Any time you ain't fishing, you're fritterin' away your time.

Jokes

- The fishing party was hopelessly lost in the deep woods. The sun was going down and the mosquitoes starting to bite when one of the fishermen growled, "I thought you said you were the best damn guide in Minnesota."
 "Oh, I am," replied the guide firmly, "but I'm pretty sure we're in Manitoba by now."
- The determined angler staggered up to the counter with an armload of the latest gear. As the cashier was ringing up the total, which came to several hundred dollars, the angler sighed and commented, "You know, you could save me an awful lot of money if you'd just start selling fish here."
- A good old boy from the Deep South was transferred to Wisconsin, so he decided to try the local winter sport—ice fishing. He went down to the sporting goods store and bought everything they recommended—from the ice auger to the warmest possible clothes. The next morning, when he went out on the ice and started to drill a hole, he heard a booming voice above him say, "There are no fish under this ice." He thought about it and decided it was a delusion brought on by the cold. But when he started drilling again, the voice came back, saying, "There are no fish under this ice." In awe, he looked up and asked, "Is that you, God?" And the voice answered, "This is the rink manager."
- Hank and Jane decided to try fishing. They rented a boat and poles, bought some bait, and went out on the lake. After a few minutes they were in an isolated cove where the fish were biting. They had more than enough fish aboard in an hour and decided to head home.
 As they pulled up the anchor, Hank said, "We really should mark this spot so we can come back." Jane agreed and started to chalk a big X on the stern of the boat. Hank watched her in amazement and shouted, "You idiot, how can we be sure we'll get the same boat next time?"

FOOTBALL

- Football is a game designed to keep coal miners off the streets. —*Jimmy Breslin*
- I give the same halftime speech over and over. It works best when my players are better than the other coach's players. —*Chuck Mills*
- Pro football is like nuclear warfare. There are no winners, only survivors. —*Frank Gifford*
- Nobody is hurt. Hurt is in the mind. If you can walk, you can run. —*Vince Lombardi*
- I do believe that my best hits border on felonious assault. —*Jack Tatum*
- In short, in life, as in a football game, the principle to follow is: Hit the line hard; don't foul and don't shirk, but hit the line hard. —*Theodore Roosevelt*
- . . . you base foot-ball player. —*William Shakespeare*
- If the FBI went back far enough, I was always suspect: I never liked football. —*Daniel Berrigan*
- Football is not a contact sport. It's a collision sport. Dancing is a good example of a contact sport. —*Duffy Daugherty*
- It is committee meetings, called huddles, separated by outbursts of violence. —*George F. Will*
- If a man watches three football games in a row, he should be declared legally dead. —*Erma Bombeck*
- The football coaching legend, Paul "Bear" Bryant, had the following advice on getting his players to work as a team: "There's just three things I'd ever say:
 "If anything goes bad, I did it.
 "If anything goes semi-good, then we did it.
 "If anything goes real good, then you did it.
 "That's all it takes to get people to win football games for you."
- People stress the violence. That's the smallest part of it. Football is brutal only from a distance. In the middle of it there's a calm, a tranquility. The players accept pain. There's a sense of order even at the end of a running play with bodies stewn every-where. When the systems interlock, there's a satisfaction to the game that can't be duplicated. There's a harmony. —*Don DeLillo*
- Conventional wisdom notwithstanding, there is no reason either in football or in poetry why the two should not meet in a man's life if he has the weight and cares about the words. —*Archibald MacLeish*
- Going to college offered me the chance to play football for four more years. —*Ronald Reagan*
- Football brings out the sociologist that lurks in some otherwise respectable citizens. They say football is a metaphor for America's sinfulness. —*George F. Will*

Saying

- Football is a game of inches.

Jokes

- A football fan is a guy who'll yell at the quarterback for not spotting an open receiver forty-five yards away, then head for the parking lot and not be able to find his own car.
- The exercise during history class one day was for each of the students to list whom they considered to be the eleven greatest Americans. After half an hour, everyone had turned in their papers except Anthony, who was still scratching his head and thinking furiously. "What's up?" asked the teacher. "Can't you come up with eleven great Americans?"

"I've got all but one," explained Anthony hastily. "It's the quarterback I can't decide on."

GOLF

- If there is any larceny in a man, golf will bring it out. —*Paul Gallico*
- If you break 100, watch your golf. If you break 80, watch your business. —*Joey Adams*
- Well, they're southern people, and if they know you are working at home, they think nothing of walking right in for coffee. But they wouldn't dream of interrupting you at golf. —*Harper Lee, on why she has done her best creative thinking while playing golf*
- You drive for show but putt for dough. —*Bobby Locke*
- Give me my golf clubs, fresh air, and a beautiful partner, and you can keep my golf clubs and the fresh air. —*Jack Benny*
- The uglier a man's legs are, the better he plays golf. It's almost a law. —*H. G. Wells*
- Golf is a good walk spoiled. —*Mark Twain*
- I get to play golf for a living. What more can you ask for—getting paid for doing what you love. —*Tiger Woods*
- Sometimes the game of golf is just too difficult to endure with a golf club in your hands. —*Bobby Jones*
- How has retirement affected my golf game? A lot more people beat me now. —*Dwight D. Eisenhower*
- Don't you just hate it when you try to think of something other than golf . . . and you can't? —*Mike Purkey*
- They say that life is a lot like golf—don't believe them. Golf is a lot more complicated. —*Gardner Dickinson*
- Golf is the worst drug in the world. You just keep coming back for more embarrassment. —*Deacon Jones*
- I know I'm getting better at golf because I'm hitting fewer spectators. —*Gerald Ford*
- Golf is like any other sports competition. There is not a whole lot of point to it unless someone suffers. —*Kevin Wohl*

- There are two things in this world that don't last long; dogs chasing cars and pros putting for pars. *—Lee Trevino*
 - I don't fear death . . . but I sure do hate those three footers for par. *—Chi Chi Rodriguez*
 - Ninety percent of putts that are short don't go in. *—Yogi Berra*
 - If it weren't for golf, I'd probably be a caddie today. *—George Archer*
 - Learning to play golf is like learning to play the violin. It's not only difficult to do . . . it's very painful to everyone around you. *—Hal Linden*
 - Golf is a lot like sex. Even when you cheat you still have to get it up and in. And that gets tougher and tougher to do every year. *—Billy Orville*

Sayings

- Golf is not so much a sport as an insult to lawns.
 - One of the quickest ways to meet new people is to pick up the wrong ball on a golf course.
 - Golf is a game where the ball lies poorly, and the players well.
 - Real golfers don't miss putts, they get robbed.
 - In golf as in life, it's the followthrough that makes the difference.
 - Golf is an easy game . . . it's just hard to play.
 - Real golfers don't cry when they line up their fourth putt.

Jokes

- ERIC: "You know what your main trouble is?"
ERNIE: "What?"
ERIC: "You stand too close to the ball after you've hit it."
—*Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise*
 - When the legendary salesman was asked his secret of success, he gave a humble shrug. "I'm sure you all know the cardinal rules: know your product, make lots of calls, never take no for an answer. But frankly, I owe my success to consistently missing a three-foot putt by two inches."
 - Q: Hear about the naive golf widow who wanted to surprise her husband on his birthday?
A: She went into a sporting-goods store and asked the salesperson if she could see a low handicap.
 - The ham-handed golfer was playing so clumsily that the turf behind him was ruined, and great hunks of sod went flying with every shot. Finally he turned to his caddy and admitted that he didn't seem to be hitting very well. "What club do you think I should use?" he asked.
"The one in the next county?" the caddy suggested hopefully.
 - Why do businessmen play golf?
—So they can dress up like pimps.

- I don't play golf. Personally, I think there's something psychologically wrong with any game in which the person who gets to hit the ball the most is the loser.
- When the prime minister of Israel invited the pope to play a game of golf, and since the pope had no idea how to play, he convened the College of Cardinals to ask their advice. "Call Jack Nicklaus," they suggested, "and let him play in your place. Tell the prime minister you're sick or something."

Honored by His Holiness's request, Nicklaus agreed to represent him on the links. The pope, again on the advice of his staff, appointed him a cardinal to make the arrangement seem more legitimate. "So how'd you do?" he asked eagerly when Nicklaus returned to the Vatican.

"I came in second," was the reply.

"Second! You mean to tell me the prime minister of Israel beat you?" howled the pope.

"No, Your Holiness," said Nicklaus, "Rabbi Palmer did."

HUNTING

- Biography, like big-game hunting, is one of the recognized forms of sport, and it is [as] unfair as only sport can be. —*Philip Guedella*
- Some violent spectacle is normal in most countries. —*Luis Gonzalez Seara, on bullfighting as compared to boxing in the United States and foxhunting in Great Britain*
- It is very strange and very melancholy that the paucity of human pleasures should persuade us ever to call hunting one of them. —*Samuel Johnson*
- I have observed in women of her type a tendency to regard all athletics as inferior forms of fox-hunting. —*Evelyn Waugh*
- Women never look so well as when one comes in wet and dirty from hunting. —*Surtees*
- There is a passion for hunting, something deeply implanted in the human breast. —*Charles Dickens*
- It isn't mere convention. Everyone can see that the people who hunt are the right people and the people who don't are the wrong ones. —*George Bernard Shaw*
- When a man wants to murder a tiger he calls it sport; when a tiger wants to murder him he calls it ferocity. —*George Bernard Shaw*
- A peculiar virtue in wildlife ethics is that the hunter ordinarily has no gallery to applaud or disapprove of his conduct. Whatever his acts, they are dictated by his own conscience, rather than by a mob of onlookers. It is difficult to exaggerate the importance of this fact. —*Aldo Leopold*
- One does not hunt in order to kill; on the contrary, one kills in order to have hunted. . . . If one were to present the sportsman with the death of the animal as a gift he would refuse it. What he is after is having to win it, to conquer the surly brute through his own effort and skill with all the extras that this carries with it: the

immersion in the countryside, the healthfulness of the exercise, the distraction from his job.

- When you have shot one bird flying you have shot all birds flying. They are all different and they fly in different ways but the sensation is the same and the last one is as good as the first. —*Ernest Hemingway*
 - One knows so well the popular idea of health. The English country gentleman galloping after a fox—the unspeakable in full pursuit of the uneatable. —*Oscar Wilde*
 - Whack 'em, stack 'em and pack 'em. —*Ted Nugent*
 - No, I'm not a good shot, but I shoot often. —*Theodore Roosevelt*
 - All animals will not only be not shot, they will be protected—not only from people but as much as possible from each other. Prey will be separated from predator, and there will be no overpopulation or starvation because all will be controlled by sterilization or implant. —*Cleveland Amory*
 - How, given the canine teeth and close-set eyes that declare the human animal to be a predator, had we come up with the notion that oat bran is more natural to eat than chicken? —*Valerie Martin*
 - The true trophy hunter is a self-disciplined perfectionist seeking a single animal, the ancient patriarch well past his prime that is often an outcast from his own kind. . . . If successful, he will enshrine the trophy in a place of honor. This is a more noble and fitting end than dying on some lost and lonely ledge where the scavengers will pick his bones, and his magnificent horns will weather away and be lost forever. —*Elgin Gates*
 - Whenever I see a photograph of some sportsman grinning over his kill, I am always impressed by the striking moral and esthetic superiority of the dead animal to the live one. —*Edward Abbey*
 - The emotions that good hunters need to cultivate are love and service more than courage. The sentiments of the hunt then become translated into art. —*James Swan*
 - Ever consider what our dogs must think of us? I mean, here we come back from a grocery store with the most amazing haul—chicken, pork, half a cow. They must think we're the greatest hunters on earth! —*Anne Tyler*
 - When the buffalo are gone, we will hunt mice, for we are hunters and we want our freedom. —*Chief Sitting Bull*
 - If you're hunting sometimes . . . you can feel as if you're not hunting, but—being hunted, as if something's behind you all the time in the jungle. —*William Golding*

Sayings

- Support the right to arm bears.
 - Never shoot more than you can eat.
 - Old hunters never die, they just stay loaded.

- Hunters do it with a big bang.
- Deer hunters will do anything for a buck.
- Why is it called tourist season if we can't shoot at them?
- WE REALLY KNOW OUR STUFF. —*Sign on a taxidermist's window*
- THE BUCK STOPS HERE. —*Sign at the base of a deer stand overlooking a scrape*

Jokes

- If God didn't want man to hunt, he wouldn't have given us plaid shirts. —*Johnny Carson*
- First man: "Why do you go hunting without bullets?" Second man: "Because it is cheaper and the results are the same."
- How can lost hunters find their way in the woods? By listening to the tree bark.
- A guy goes off for a week-long hunting trip. When he returns he is furious with his wife. He says, "You forgot to pack my underwear." Her reply, "I put it in your gun case."
- Two hunters drove across three states so they could be at the hunting camp for the start of the bear-hunting season. After driving for seventeen hours they got to within two miles of the camp when they saw that some new roadwork had been done. Then they spotted a yellow sign that said "Bear Left"—so they turned around and went home.
- Two would-be gentlemen decided that the classiest sport they could take up was duck hunting. So they bought tweed outfits and went to a breeder to get the best hounds money could buy. Then they went to a rustic and very photogenic hunting lodge at the start of the season. At the end of the opening day, they straggled back to the lodge with their new suits covered in mud—and no ducks. The lodge owner, horrified, asked what had gone wrong. One of the guys answered, "I'm not sure—maybe we weren't throwing the dogs high enough."

RUNNING

- Stadiums are for spectators. We runners have nature and that is much better. —*Juha Väätäinen*
- The start of a World Cross Country event is like riding a horse in the middle of a buffalo stampede. It's a thrill if you keep up, but one slip and you're nothing but hoof prints. —*Ed Eyestone*
- The freedom of Cross Country is so primitive. It's woman vs. Nature. —*Lynn Jennings*
- The footing was really atrocious. I loved it. I really like Cross Country; you're one with the mud. —*Lynn Jennings*
- Get out well, but not too quickly, move through the field, be comfortable. Strategy-wise, go with your strengths. If you don't have a great finish, you must get away to win. I've always found it effective to make a move just before the crest of a hill. You get away

just a little and you're gone before your opponent gets over the top. Also, around a tight bend, take off like holy hell. I've done that a number of times. You should not be flying down the home straight. Most of your efforts should have been put forth earlier.

—John Treacy, Ireland's two-time World Cross Country champion

- School cross country runs started because the rugby pitches were flooded. There was an alternative: extra studying. This meant there were plenty of runners on sports afternoons.

—Gordon Pirie

- When I was about 14 or 15, and running in a pretty muddy cross country race, one of my shoes stuck in the mud and came off. Boy, was I wild. To think that I had trained hard for this race and didn't do up my shoelace tightly enough! I really got aggressive with myself, and I found myself starting to pass a lot of runners. As it turned out, I improved something like twenty places in that one race. But I never did get my shoe back.

—Rob de Castella

- We told our guys to hold on for 30 minutes of agony for 12 months of glory.

—John McDonnell, after Arkansas won the 1993 NCAA Cross Country title

- Cross Country is like poker. You have to be holding five good cards all the time.

—Rollie Geiger, North Carolina state coach

- I prefer running without shoes. My toes didn't get cold. Besides, if I'm in front from the start, no one can step on them.

—Michelle Dekkers, the barefoot South African runner who won
the 1989 NCAA Cross Country title for Indiana

- I prefer to remain in blissful ignorance of the opposition. That way I'm not frightened by anyone's reputation.

—Ian Thompson, who ran a 2:09.12 marathon at the 1974 Commonwealth Games

- Jogging through the forest is pleasant, as is relaxing by the fire with a glass of gentle Bordeaux and discussing one's travels. Racing is another matter. The frontrunner's mind is filled with an anguished fearfulness, a panic, which drives into pain.

—Kenny Moore

- No one knows the fear in a frontrunner's mind more than me. When you set off at a cracking pace for four or five laps and find that your main rivals are still breathing down your neck, that's when you start to panic.

—Ron Clarke

- As I stepped onto the track I felt my legs go rubbery. I saw over 100,000 people in the stands, and before I knew it, I had collapsed onto the infield grass. "Can it be," I remembered thinking, as I lay there gazing up at the sky, "that I'm so nervous I'm not going to be able to run?" Then I realized how ridiculous I'd look, flat on my back on the grass as they started the race. I guess the humor of that image made me lose my nervousness. I was able to recover, get up and jog to the starting line.

—Tom Courtney, on the moments before he won the Olympic 800-meter gold in Melbourne

- I have never been a killer. I'm not an aggressive personality and if I can remember any emotion I felt during a race it was fear. The greatest stimulator of my running was fear.

—Herb Elliott

- When the meal was over we all had a quiet rest in our rooms and I meditated on the race. This is the time when an athlete feels all alone in the big world. Opponents

assume tremendous stature. Any runner who denies having fears, nerves or some kind of disposition is a bad athlete, or a liar.

—*Gordon Pirie*

- Fear is the strongest driving-force in competition. Not fear of one's opponent, but of the skill and high standard which he represents; fear, too, of not acquitting oneself well. In the achievement of greater performances, of beating formidable rivals, the athlete defeats fear and conquers himself.

—*Frank Stampfl*

- To describe the agony of a marathon to someone who's never run it is like trying to explain color to someone who was born blind.

—*Jerome Drayton*

- You have to forget your last marathon before you try another. Your mind can't know what's coming.

—*Frank Shorter*

- We are different, in essence, from other men. If you want to win something, run 100 meters. If you want to experience something, run a marathon.

—*Emil Zatopek*

- You can actually suffer a little bit more going slowly than when you're going really fast. A faster marathon might even be easier than a slow one, in terms of what it takes out of you mentally.

—*Frank Shorter*

- I'm never going to run this again.

—*Grete Waitz after winning her first of nine New York City marathons*

- The marathon can humble you.

—*Bill Rodgers*

- When I came to New York in 1978, I was a full-time schoolteacher and track runner, and determined to retire from competitive running. But winning the New York City Marathon kept me running for another decade.

—*Grete Waitz*

- I just run as hard as I can for 20 miles, and then race.

—*Steve Jones, when asked about his race plan, after he had won the Chicago Marathon in the then world's best time*

- Anyone can run 20 miles. It's the next six that count.

—*Barry Magee, marathon bronze in Rome, 1960*

- If you are not afraid to just go out and compete, then you will run your best race. But if you go out with a fear of something, even against yourself or against the clock, then you have lost the race before you start.

—*Jim Ryun*

- The qualities and capacities that are important in running—such factors as willpower, the ability to apply effort during extreme fatigue and the acceptance of pain—have a radiating power that subtly influences one's life.

—*James Fixx*

- Is the quick and stoic stepper . . . going to spawn a secondary event—a maternithon for expectant mothers?

—*Bud Collins, on Joan Benoit's decision to run in the Boston Marathon while pregnant*

- Mental preparation is perhaps the most neglected factor in racing.

—*Bob Glover and Pete Schuder*

- Perseverance is not a long race; it is many short races one after another.

—*Walter Elliott*

- Above all, do not lose your desire to walk.

—*Søren Kierkegaard*

Sayings

- You can run, but you can't hide
- Running for your varsity team is athletics; running for a train is exercise; running for office is work.
- A marathon is like life with its ups and downs, but once you've done it you feel that you can do anything.
- World records are only borrowed. —*Sebastian Coe*
- Life is short . . . running makes it seem longer. —*Baron Hansen*
- It is true that speed kills. In distance running, it kills anyone who does not have it. —*Brooks Johnson*
- Act like a horse. Be dumb. Just run. —*Jumbo Elliott*

Joke

- If your nose runs and your feet smell—maybe you were built upside down.

TENNIS

- The serve was invented so that the net can play. —*Bill Cosby*
- People don't seem to understand that it's a damn war out there. —*Jimmy Connors*
- Tennis is a perfect combination of violent action taking place in an atmosphere of total tranquility. —*Billie Jean King*
- When we have match'd our racquets to these balls / We will, in France, by God's grace, play a set / Shall strike his father's crown into the hazard. —*William Shakespeare*
- My advice to young players is to see as much good tennis as possible and then attempt to copy the outstanding strokes of the former stars. —*Bill Tilden*

Sayings

- In tennis, a love match is always possible.
- A sport in which even an unseeded player can flower.
- Tennis is like a lawsuit: activity from across the court is often surprising.
- In tennis, love means nothing.

Jokes

- This taught me a lesson, but I'm not sure what it is.
—*John McEnroe, on losing the Ebel U.S. Pro Indoor Championships to Tim Mayotte*
- Q: Know the definition of “endless love”?
A: Stevie Wonder playing tennis with Ray Charles.

YACHTING

- The first responsibility of a skipper is the safety of his ship and of his people.
—*Charles F. Chapman*
- Your yachtsman would lose much of his enjoyment if he were obliged to do for pay what he is doing for the love of the thing itself.
—*Louis D. Brandeis*
- I must go down to the sea again.
—*John Masefield*
- Years ago, when I was young and inexperienced, I hired a yacht myself.
—*Jerome K. Jerome*
- I had to sink my yacht to make the guests go home.
—*F. Scott Fitzgerald*
- Alone on a wide, wide sea.
—*Samuel Taylor Coleridge*
- I will go back to the great sweet mother / Mother and lover of men, the sea.
—*Algernon Charles Swinburne*
- The sea never changes, and its works, for all the talk of men, are wrapped in mystery.
—*Joseph Conrad*

Sayings

- Definition of a yacht: A floating box you throw money into.
- Put the ladder over before you jump overboard.
- Definition of yachting: Standing in a cold shower tearing up hundred-dollar bills.
- P.O.S.H. (Port Outbound, Starboard Homebound)

Jokes

- The Coast Guard cutter tuned into a faint distress signal from a sinking pleasure craft. “What is your position? Repeat, what is your position?” shouted the radio operator into the microphone.
Finally a faint reply crackled over the static. “I’m executive vice president of First Global Bank—please hurry!”
- Since their boss was an avid yachtsman, everyone in the office chipped in to buy him a sextant for a birthday present. Henderson volunteered to make the purchase, and when he learned the marine supply store was out of stock, he phoned the local sporting goods store. When he burst out laughing and hung up, a coworker asked what was so funny.
“They transferred my call,” Henderson explained, “and when I asked the woman who answered if they had a sextant, she said they had all kind of tents and what I did in them was my business.”

part four

R elationships

R E L A T I O N S H I P S

ANCESTRY

- Remember always that all of us, and you and I especially, are descended from immigrants and revolutionists.
—*Franklin D. Roosevelt*
- No man can cause more grief than one clinging blindly to the voices of his ancestors.
—*William Faulkner*
- A man who thinks too much about his ancestors is like a potato—the best part of him is underground.
—*Henry S. F. Cooper*
- Gentility is what is left over from rich ancestors after the money is gone.
—*John Ciardi*
- Genealogy: Tracing yourself back to people better than you are.
—*John Garland Pollard*
- I don't know who my grandfather was; I am much more concerned to know what his grandson will be.
—*Abraham Lincoln*
- The family you came from isn't as important as the family you're going to have.
—*Ring Lardner*
- We are all omnibuses in which our ancestors ride, and every now and then one of them sticks his head out and embarrasses us.
—*Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.*
- It is certainly desirable to be well descended, but the glory belongs to our ancestors.
—*Plutarch*
- Whoever serves his country well has no need of ancestors.
—*Voltaire*
- . . . I agree with you that there is a natural aristocracy among men. The grounds of this are virtue and talents. . . . There is also an artificial aristocracy, founded on wealth and birth, without either virtue or talents; for with these, it would belong to the first class.
—*Thomas Jefferson*
- She's descended from a long line her mother listened to.
—*Gypsy Rose Lee*
- My mother never saw the irony in calling me a "son of a bitch."
—*Jack Nicholson (attrib.)*

Sayings

- Those who inherit fortunes are often more troublesome than those who make them.
—*Central African saying*
- Nobody got here without ancestors.
- Ancestry is a hereditary condition.
- You can't choose your ancestors, and neither can your descendants.
- The true aristocrat is not merely a descendant of previous generations, but more particularly an improvement.

Jokes

- “I can trace my ancestors back sixteen generations,” boasted the haughty grand dame over high tea.
“Is that so?” sniffed her acquaintance. “I never felt the need, myself.”
- “Oh, yes,” Mrs. Squires-Thompson declared proudly, “we can trace our ancestors back to . . . to . . . well, I don’t know exactly to whom, but we’ve been descending for centuries.”

BABIES

- A baby is an inestimable blessing and a bother. —*Mark Twain*
- Insomnia: A contagious disease often transmitted from babies to parents. —*Shannon Fife*
- I can’t think why mothers love them. —*William Faulkner*
- When we are born we cry that we are come / To this great stage of fools. —*William Shakespeare*
- Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings has thou ordained strength . . . —*Psalms 8:2*
- A baby is God’s opinion that the world should go on. —*Carl Sandburg*
- You can sort of be married, you can sort of be divorced, you can sort of be living together, but you can’t sort of have a baby. —*David Shire*
- Every baby born into the world is a finer one than the last. —*Charles Dickens*
- Infancy conforms to nobody; all conform to it. —*Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- Who would not tremble and rather choose to die than to be a baby again, if given such a choice? —*Saint Augustine*
- When I was born, I was so surprised I couldn’t talk for a year and a half. —*Gracie Allen*
- [The definition of a baby] A loud noise at one end and no sense of responsibility at the other. —*Ronald Knox*

- There are two things in this life for which we are never fully prepared, and that is—twins. —*Josh Billings*
- People who say they sleep like a baby usually don't have one. —*Leo J. Burke*

Sayings

- You spend the first year waiting for them to walk and talk, and the next twenty waiting for them to sit down and shut up.
- When the baby cries, you've got two alternatives—one at each end.

Jokes

- The meeting went on for quite a while, and toward the end the junior executive couldn't quite cover up a huge yawn. "Taibleson, you're never going to get ahead in this company on less than a full night's sleep," sniped the chairman.
"You're absolutely right, sir," replied the fellow wearily, "but you try getting that across to my two-month-old baby."
- After going through Lamaze, Leboyer, and La Leche classes with his expectant wife, the proud new father remained by his wife's bedside throughout labor and delivery. Wanting to be as sympathetic as possible, he took his wife's hand afterward and said emotionally, "Tell me how it was, darling, how it actually felt to give birth."
"Okay, honey," his wife replied. "Smile as hard as you can."
Beaming down beatifully at his wife and newborn child, the man commented, "That's not so hard."
She continued, "Now stick a finger in each corner of your mouth." He obeyed, smiling broadly.
"Now stretch your lips as far as they'll go," she went on.
"Still not too tough," he remarked.
"Right," she snapped. "Now pull them over your head."

CHILDREN

- Insanity is hereditary—you get it from your children. —*Sam Levenson*
- The United States in the 1980s may be the first society in history in which children are distinctly worse off than adults. —*Daniel Patrick Moynihan*
- Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up. —*Pablo Picasso*
- I see the mind of the five-year-old as a volcano with two vents: destructiveness and creativity. —*Sylvia Ashton-Warner*
- Children have never been very good at listening to their elders, but they have never failed to imitate them. —*James Baldwin*
- Nature makes boys and girls lovely to look upon so they can be tolerated until they acquire some sense. —*William Lyon Phelps*

- Reasoning with a child is fine, if you can reach the child's reason without destroying your own.
—John Mason Brown
- What we want is to see the child in pursuit of knowledge, and not knowledge in pursuit of the child.
—George Bernard Shaw
- You may give them your love but not your thoughts, for they have their own thoughts. You may house their bodies but not their souls, for their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow, which you cannot visit, not even in your dreams.
—Kahlil Gibran
- Children need love, especially when they do not deserve it.
—Harold S. Hubert
- Children are a great comfort in your old age—and they help you to reach it faster, too.
—Lionel M. Kauffman
- You know children are growing up when they start asking questions that have answers.
—John J. Plomp
- Before I got married I had six theories about bringing up children; now I have six children and no theories.
—John Wilmot, Earl of Rochester
- The real menace in dealing with a five-year-old is that in no time at all you begin to sound like a five-year-old.
—Jean Kerr
- Our children are not going to be just "our children"—they are going to be other people's husbands and wives and the parents of our grandchildren.
—Mary S. Calderone
- You cannot write for children. . . . They're much too complicated. You can only write books that are of interest to them.
—Maurice Sendak
- The thing that impresses me most about America is the way parents obey their children.
—Edward VIII, Duke of Windsor
- Our children will hate us too, y'know.
—John Lennon
- Children are without pity.
—Jean de La Fontaine
- The childhood shows the man as morning shows the day.
—John Milton
- Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.
—Proverbs 22:6
- Give a little love to a child, and you get a great deal back.
—John Ruskin
- I have found the best way to give advice to your children is to find out what they want and then advise them to do it.
—Harry S. Truman
- Children begin by loving their parents. After a time, they judge them. Rarely, if ever, do they forgive them.
—Oscar Wilde
- A child develops individuality long before he develops taste. I have seen my kid straggle into the kitchen in the morning with outfits that need only one accessory: an empty gin bottle.
—Erma Bombeck
- Ask your child what he wants for dinner only if he's buying.
—Fran Liebowitz
- Mankind owes to the child the best it has to give . . .

—José Correa, UN Representative from Nicaragua, opening words
of the United Nation's Declaration of the Rights of the Child

- It now costs more to amuse a child than it once did to educate his father.

—*Vaughn Monroe*

- The children now love luxury, they have bad manners, contempt for authority, they show disrespect for elders and love chatter in place of exercise. They no longer rise when elders enter the room. They contradict their parents, chatter before company, gobble up dainties at the table, cross their legs, and tyrannize over their teachers.

—*Socrates*

- If you treat a sick child like an adult and a sick adult like a child, everything usually works out pretty well.

—*Ruth Carlisle*

- If you have a great passion it seems that the logical thing is to see the fruit of it, and the fruit are children.

—*Roman Polanski*

- Comparison is a death knell to sibling harmony.

—*Elizabeth Fishel*

- Sisters define their rivalry in terms of competition for the gold cup of parental love. It is never perceived as a cup which runneth over, rather a finite vessel from which the more one sister drinks, the less is left for the others.

—*Elizabeth Fishel*

- You can learn many things from children. How much patience you have, for instance.

—*Franklin P. Jones*

- Having a child is surely the most beautifully irrational act that two people in love can commit.

—*Bill Cosby*

- Where parents do too much for their children, children will not do much for themselves.

—*Elbert Hubbard*

- Nothing brings out a toddler's devotion to a toy she has abandoned more quickly than another child playing with it.

—*Robert Scatellaro*

- It is not what you do for your children, but what you have taught them to do for themselves that will make them successful human beings.

—*Ann Landers*

- Children are the living messages we send to a time we will not see.

—*John W. Whitehead*

- The value of marriage is not that adults produce children, but that children produce adults.

—*Peter de Vries*

Sayings

- The man who has a full set of tools has no children.

- Children are the wisdom of the nation.

—*West African saying*

- The two things children wear out are clothes and parents.

- Children should be seen and not heard.

- Children are poor people's riches.

- The worst children are always somebody else's.

Jokes

- The door-to-door salesman rang the doorbell, and the door was opened by a nine-year-old boy puffing on a long, black cigar. Trying to conceal his surprise, the salesman asked nonchalantly, "Is your mother home, sonny?"
The boy pulled the cigar out of his mouth, flicked off the ash, and asked, "What do you think, mister?"
- "There's a new baby at our house," Katie informed the mailman.
"Is that so? Is he going to stay?" asked the mailman.
"I think so," replied Katie glumly. "He's got all his things off."
- I've got nothing against kids. I just follow the advice on every bottle in my medicine cabinet: **KEEP AWAY FROM CHILDREN**
- Nowadays children are getting all of the things their parents never had when they were young: ulcers, neuroses, anxiety attacks, psychotherapy . . .
- What is a home without children? Paid for!

FAMILY

- Your basic extended family today includes your ex-husband or -wife, your ex's new mate, your new mate, possibly your new mate's ex and any new mate that your new mate's ex has acquired. —*Delia Ephron*
- God gives us our relatives; thank God we can choose our friends. —*Ethel Watts Mumford*
- The presidency is temporary—but the family is permanent. —*Yvonne de Gaulle, wife of the French president*
- If you bungle raising your children, I don't think whatever else you do matters. —*Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis*
- One's family is the most important thing in life. I look at it this way: one of these days I'll be over in a hospital somewhere with four walls around me. And the only people who'll be with me will be my family. —*Robert C. Byrd*
- The families of one's friends are always a disappointment. —*Norman Douglas*
- One loyal friend is worth ten thousand relatives. —*Euripides*
- Big sisters are the crab grass in the lawn of life. —*Charles M. Schulz*
- Other things may change us, but we start and end with the family. —*Anthony Brandt*
- After all, what is a pedestrian? He is a man who has two cars—one being driven by his wife, the other by one of his children. —*Robert Bradbury*
- A family is a unit composed not only of children but of men, women, an occasional animal, and the common cold. —*Ogden Nash*
- Am I my brother's keeper? —*Genesis 4:9*
- The voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground. —*Genesis 4:10*

- All happy families are alike, but each unhappy family is unhappy in its own way.
—*Leo Tolstoy*
- A family is but too often a commonwealth of malignants.
—*Alexander Pope*
- You don't choose your family. They are God's gift to you, as you are to them.
—*Desmond Tutu*
- To each other, we were as normal and nice as the smell of bread. We were just a family. In a family, even exaggerations make perfect sense.
—*John Irving*
- A sister is both your mirror—and your opposite.
—*Elizabeth Fisher*
- It is not observed in history that families improve with time. —*George William Curtis*
- Behind every successful man stands a proud wife and a surprised mother-in-law.
—*Brooks Hays*
- Relations are simply a tedious pack of people who haven't got the remotest knowledge of how to live, nor the smallest instinct about when to die.
—*Oscar Wilde*
- The family is one of nature's masterpieces.
—*George Santayana*
- I do not condemn nepotism, provided the relatives really work.
—*Margaret Chase Smith*
- . . . a family . . . is a little kingdom, torn with factions and exposed to revolutions.
—*Samuel Johnson*
- Alcoholism isn't a spectator sport. Eventually the whole family gets to play.
—*Joyce Rebeta-Burditt*
- My greatest heroes are the children and parents who've come together as families.
—*Dave Thomas*
- Adoption is not about finding children for families, it's about finding families for children.
—*Joyce Maguire Pavao*
- From the huge universe of potential kin, people actively create kin by establishing a relationship—by working at becoming kin. And they have wide latitude in choosing which links to activate.
—*Frank Furstenberg and Andrew Cherlin*
- Research to date finds lesbian and gay parents to be at least as effective, nurturant, responsible, loving and loved, as other parents. The rare small differences reported tend to favor gay parents, portraying them as somewhat more nurturant and tolerant, and their children, in turn, more tolerant and empathic, and less aggressive, than those reared by non-gay parents.
—*Judith Stacey*
- Two myths must be shattered: that of the evil stepparent . . . and the myth of instant love, which places unrealistic demands on all members of the blended family. . . . Between the two opposing myths lies reality. The recognition of reality is, I believe, the most important step toward the building of a successful second family.
—*Claire Berman*
- Although many children now have more than two people driving them to Little League and tucking them in at night, the law rarely acknowledges the invaluable contributions of these stepparents, life partners, and families of choice.
—*Ashton Applewhite and Dorian Solorz*

- The role of the stepmother is the most difficult of all, because you can't ever just be. You're constantly being tested—by the children, the neighbors, your husband, the relatives, old friends who knew the children's parents in their first marriage, and by yourself.
—*Claire Berman*
- Being an effective stepparent means finding your place.
—*Patti Freeman Evans*
- For even the most nurturing, devoted, loving stepfather has, with a stepdaughter, an uphill battle. The relationship can test the mettle of the sturdiest marriage, the sanity of the most circumspect husband.
—*Victoria Secunda*
- Family life itself, that safest, most traditional, most approved of female choices, is not a sanctuary: It is, perpetually, a dangerous place.
—*Margaret Drabble*
- Americans act out their ambivalence about the family without ever owning up to it.
—*Barbara Ehrenreich*
- Looking in detail at the family in specific times and places, historians have located no golden age of family harmony and stability. Every family pattern, it seems, has its own costs and benefits, its own tensions and internal contradictions, its own concerns about the gap between the ideal and the real.
—*Arlene Skolnick*
- The great danger for family life, in the midst of any society whose idols are pleasure, comfort and independence, lies in the fact that people close their hearts and become selfish.
—*Pope John Paul II*
- Whatever may be universal about the biology of conception, pregnancy, and birth, maternity has no predetermined relationship to motherhood, and paternity no fixed relationship to fatherhood; both vary enormously across cultures and over time.
—*John R. Gillis*
- Family faces are magic mirrors. Looking at people who belong to us, we see the past, present and future.
—*Gail Lumet Buckley*
- In every conceivable manner, the family is the link to our past, bridge to our future.
—*Alex Haley*
- Today's family is built like a pyramid; with all the intrafamilial rivalries, tensions, jealousies, angers, hatreds, loves and needs focused on the untrained, vulnerable, insecure, young, inexperienced and incompetent parental apex about whose incompetence our vaunted educational system does nothing.
—*Lawrence Kubie*
- Gay and lesbian parents and same-sex couples can provide children with a nurturing relationship and a nurturing environment which is conducive to the development of happy, healthy and well-adjusted children.
—*Kevin Chang*
- You would think that those who are always talking about family values would want to create an environment of permanent relationships for people of the same sex. But they're not advocating family values. They're advocating their values. . . . I still get this shit full-time. . . . They just are haters, period.
—*Willie Brown*
- [The] principal House sponsor [of the federal anti-gay-marriage law, "The Defense of Marriage Act"], Bob Barr of Georgia, his district office confirms, has been married three times—which raises the question of why the act doesn't contain a three-strikes-and-you're-out provision.
—*Frank Rich*

Sayings

- Blood will tell.
- Blood is thicker than water.
- You pick your friends but not your family.

Jokes

- They treated the hired girl like one of the family—so she quit. —*Elbert Hubbard*
- Older man: “So, you want to become my son-in-law?”
Younger man: “No, I don’t. But since I want to marry your daughter, I don’t see how I can get out of it.”
- “How come the Caspers have started taking French lessons?”
“Didn’t you know their adoption plans finally came through? They’ve gotten an adorable French baby, and they want to understand what she says when she begins to talk.”
- The young lady had just been introduced to a polite young man who politely asked her to dance. By way of making conversation as they waltzed around the ballroom, she asked, “Who’s that terribly ugly man sitting over there by the potted palm?”
Looking over, he exclaimed, “Why that’s my brother!”
“Oh, you must excuse me,” blurted the mortified young lady. “I really hadn’t noticed the resemblance.”

FATHERS

- Men are generally more careful of the breed of their horses and dogs than of their children. —*William Penn*
- Many a man wishes he were strong enough to tear a telephone book in half—especially if he has a teenage daughter. —*Guy Lombardo*
- He may be president, but he still comes home and swipes my socks. —*Joseph P. Kennedy*
- One father is more than a hundred school-masters. —*George Herbert*
- It is a wise father that knows his own child. —*William Shakespeare*
- You don’t raise heroes, you raise sons. And if you treat them like sons, they’ll turn out to be heroes, even if it’s just in your own eyes. —*Walter M. Schirra Sr.*
- My father was not a failure. After all, he was the father of a president of the United States. —*Harry S. Truman*
- You don’t have to deserve your mother’s love. You have to deserve your father’s. —*Robert Frost*
- He’s a great kid. He hates the same way I do. —*Joseph P. Kennedy, on his son Bobby*

- Build me a son, O Lord, who will be strong enough to know when he is weak, and brave enough to face himself when he is afraid, one who will be proud and unbending in honest defeat, and humble and gentle in victory.

—*Douglas MacArthur*

Sayings

- You'll never be the man your father was.
- Fathers are blind to the faults of their daughters.
- The bond between mother and child always remains slightly mysterious to the father.
- A father can't help competing with his son.

Joke

- The first-time father, beside himself with excitement over the birth of his son, was determined to follow all the rules to a T. "So tell me, Nurse," he asked as his new family headed out the hospital door, "what time should we wake the little guy in the morning?"

GRANDPARENTS

- Just about the time a woman thinks her job is done, she becomes a grandmother.
—*Edward H. Dreschnack*
- Grandchildren don't make a man feel old; it's the knowledge that he's married to a grandmother.
—*G. Norman Collie*
- Was there ever a grandparent, bushed after a day of minding noisy youngsters, who hasn't felt the Lord knew what He was doing when He gave little children to young people?
—*Joe E. Wells*
- Why do grandparents and grandchildren get along so well together? Perhaps the best answer is the one I heard from a psychiatrist recently: "Because they have a common enemy—the parents."
—*Sydney J. Harris*
- Our children are here to stay, but our babies and toddlers and preschoolers are gone as fast as they grow up—and we have only a short moment with each. When you see a grandfather take a baby in his arms, you see that the moment hasn't always been long enough.
—*Clair Adams Sullivan*

Sayings

- Perfect love sometimes does not come until the first grandchild.
—*Welsh proverb*
- Grandchildren are God's rewards to grandparents for not shooting their children.
- The best thing about grandchildren is that you're not too busy supporting them to enjoy them.

Jokes

- Two little boys were visiting their grandfather, and he took them to a restaurant for lunch. The boys couldn't make up their minds about what they wanted. Finally the grandfather grinned at the server and said, "Just bring them bread and water." One of the little boys looked up and quavered, "Can I have ketchup on it?"
 - A grandmother was telling her little granddaughter what her own childhood was like: "We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tire; it hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods." The little girl was wide-eyed, taking this in. At last she said, "I sure wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!"
 - Grandson: "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?"
Pleased Grandmother: "How are we alike, sweetheart?"
Grandson: "You're both old."
 - I didn't know if my granddaughter had learned her colors yet, so I decided to test her. I would point out something and ask what color it was. She would tell me, and always she was correct. But it was fun for me, so I continued. At last she headed for the door, saying sagely, "Grandma, I think you should try to figure out some of these yourself."
 - My granddaughter came to spend a few weeks with me, and I decided to teach her to sew. After I had gone through a lengthy explanation of how to thread the machine, she stepped back, put her hands on her hips, and said in disbelief, "You mean you can do all that, but you can't operate my Game Boy?"
 - Slow, Grandparents at Play.

HUSBANDS AND WIVES

- Many a man owes his success to his first wife and his second wife to his success.
—Red Buttons
 - Wives are people who feel they don't dance enough.
—Groucho Marx
 - A man's wife has more power over him than the state has.
—Ralph Waldo Emerson
 - Men are nicer to the women they don't marry.
—Belle Livingstone
 - I'm having trouble managing the mansion. What I need is a wife.
—Ella Grasso
 - Basically my wife was immature. I'd be at home in the bath and she'd come in and sink my boats.
—Woody Allen

Sayings

- The longer a couple stays together, the more they begin to resemble each other.
 - Marriage is a partnership for life.

- My husband, my friend.
- My wife, my love, my life.
- How do I love thee, let me count the ways.
- Our love grows more each day.
- I love you more today than yesterday.
- Happiness is being married to your best friend.
- Two hearts shall be as one.
- You've captured my heart.
- Happy memories. Happy times. Happy Anniversary.
- Thoughts of you always make me smile.
- Forget me not.
- Every day I fall more in love with you.

Jokes

- An extravagance is anything you buy that is of no use to your spouse.
- A wife has no trouble buying pajamas for her husband, but a husband buying his wife a nightgown acts as guilty as an escaped convict.

Husbands

- I married beneath me. All women do. —*Lady Nancy Astor*
- For the first year of marriage I had a basically bad attitude. I tended to place my wife underneath a pedestal. —*Woody Allen*
- An archeologist is the best husband any woman can have: the older she gets, the more interested he is in her. —*Agatha Christie*
- I've been asked to say a couple of words about my husband, Fang. How about "short" and "cheap"? —*Phyllis Diller*
- Husbands are like fires: they go out if unattended. —*Zsa Zsa Gabor*
- A husband is what is left of the lover after the nerve has been extracted. —*Helen Rowland*

Sayings

- A husband must be deaf and the wife blind to have quietness.
- Jealous husbands were once lewd bachelors.
- When the husband drinks to the wife all would be well; when the wife drinks to the husband, all is well.

Jokes

- Q: What three things can an average man do in a minute and a half?
A: Drink a beer, burp, and have sex with his wife.
 - I've been reading that advice column for years, and the way I see it, the happiest husband in the world must be Mr. Abby.

Wives

- My wife was too beautiful for words, but not for arguments. —*John Barrymore*
 - There's nothing like a good dose of another woman to make a man appreciate his wife. —*Clare Booth Luce*
 - An occasional lucky guess as to what makes a wife tick is the best a man can hope for. Even then, no sooner has he learned how to cope with the tick than she tocks. —*Ogden Nash*
 - It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him. —*Genesis 2:18*
 - No man should have a secret from his wife—she invariably finds out. —*Oscar Wilde*
 - I just put on what the lady says. I've been married three times, so I've been well supervised. —*Upton Sinclair*
 - Do you know what it means to come home at night to a woman who'll give you a little love, a little affection, a little tenderness? It means you're in the wrong house, that's what it means. —*Henny Youngman*

Saying

- Bigamy is having one wife too many. Monogamy is the same thing.

Jokes

- I made a big mistake when I put my wife on a pedestal. Now she can't reach the floor to clean.
 - I don't drink to my wife. I drink because of her.
 - Explaining to his doctor that his sex life wasn't all it could be, Norm asked his doctor for a pill that would enable him to perform for his wife. It so happened that the doctor had just the right medication, so Norm popped a pill and drove home, but it also happened that his wife had to work late that night. So after waiting for a while in growing discomfort, Norm finally had to jerk off.

"When the doctor called to check the next day, Norm explained what had happened. "Gee, Norm," the doctor explained, "there are other women in the building, you know."

"Doctor," Norm explained in an exasperated tone, "for other women I don't need a pill."

- Noting that she and her husband made love more and more infrequently, Sandy tried everything she could think of: romantic dinners and cruises, greeting him at the door in

sexy lingerie, trying out exotic paraphernalia from a sex boutique. But nothing seemed to work, and finally he yielded to her urgings that he consult a sex therapist.

To her amazement, a single visit restored her husband's ardor to honeymoon dimensions. The only quirk was that every so often during lovemaking her husband would dash into the bathroom for a minute or two. Finally her curiosity overcame her better judgment, and she followed him to the bathroom door. Looking in, she saw him peering intently into the mirror and repeating, "She's not my wife . . . she's not my wife . . ."

MARRIAGE

The Positive View

- Marriage is our last, best chance to grow up. —*Joseph Barth*
- Marriage has many pains, but celibacy has no pleasures. —*Samuel Johnson*
- There is no more lovely, friendly, and charming relationship, communion or company than a good marriage. —*Martin Luther*
- Love seems the swiftest, but it is the slowest of all growths. No man or woman really knows what perfect love is until they have been married a quarter of a century. —*Mark Twain*
- There is no greater excitement than to support an intellectual wife and have her support you. Marriage is a partnership in which each inspires the other, and brings fruition to both of you. —*Millicent Carey McIntosh*
- Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. —*Genesis 2:24*
- Look for a sweet person. Forget rich. —*Estée Lauder*
- I would like to have engraved inside every wedding band *Be kind to one another*. This is the Golden Rule of marriage and the secret of making love last through the years. —*Randolph Ray*
- It is a lovely thing to have a husband and wife developing together and having the feeling of falling in love again. That is what marriage really means: helping one another to reach the full status of being persons, responsible and autonomous beings who do not run away from life. —*Paul Tournier*
- To keep the fire burning brightly, there's one easy rule: keep the two logs together, near enough to keep each other warm and far enough apart—about a finger's breadth—for breathing room. Good fire, good marriage, same rule. —*Marnie Reed Crowell*
- What counts in making a happy marriage is not so much how compatible you are, but how you deal with incompatibility. —*George Levinger*
- Marriage is popular because it combines the maximum of temptation with the maximum of opportunity. —*George Bernard Shaw*

- . . . to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death do us part.

—The Book of Common Prayer

The Jaundiced View

- Marriage will never again become the typical experience for the majority of people for the majority of their lives. —*Stephanie Coontz*
 - Marriage is a wonderful institution, but who wants to live in an institution? —*Groucho Marx*
 - I can't mate in captivity. —*Gloria Steinem*
 - It is better to marry than to burn. —*I Corinthians 7:9*
 - When two people are under the influence of the most violent, most insane, most delusive, and most transient of passions, they are required to swear that they will remain in that excited, abnormal, and exhausting condition continuously until death do them part. —*George Bernard Shaw*
 - In Hollywood all marriages are happy. It's trying to live together afterwards that causes all the problems. —*Shelley Winters (attrib.)*
 - When two people marry, they become in the eyes of the law one person, and that person is the husband. —*Shana Alexander*
 - Marriage is the only adventure open to the timid. —*Voltaire*
 - Marriage resembles a pair of shears, so joined that they cannot be separated; often moving in opposite directions, yet always punishing anyone who comes between them. —*Sydney Smith*
 - Love is an ideal thing, marriage a real thing; a confusion of the real with the ideal never goes unpunished. —*Johann Wolfgang von Goethe*
 - Don't wish me happiness—I don't expect to be happy . . . it's gotten beyond that somehow. Wish me courage and strength and a sense of humor—I will need them all. —*Anne Morrow Lindbergh*
 - A man may be a fool and not know it, but not if he is married. —*H. L. Mencken*
 - The fundamental error of their matrimonial union: that of having based a permanent contract on a temporary feeling. —*Thomas Hardy*
 - Men marry because they are tired; women because they are curious. Both are disappointed. —*Oscar Wilde*
 - Marriage may be compared to a cage: the birds outside frantic to get in and those inside frantic to get out. —*Michel Eyquem de Montaigne*
 - Keep your eyes wide open before marriage, half shut afterwards. —*Benjamin Franklin*
 - Happiness in marriage is entirely a matter of chance. —*Jane Austen*
 - Well-married, a man is winged—ill-married, he is shackled. —*Henry Ward Beecher*

- A man in love is incomplete until he has married. Then he's finished.

—*Zsa Zsa Gabor*

- Wedlock: The deep, deep peace of the double bed after the hurly-burly of the chaise longue.

—*Mrs. Patrick Campbell*

- Whoever perpetrated the mathematical inaccuracy "Two can live as cheaply as one" has a lot to answer for.

—*Caren Meyer*

- It is difficult to tell which gives some couples the most happiness, the minister who marries them, or the judge who divorces them.

—*Mary Wilson Little*

- It is better to know as little as possible of the defects of the person with whom you are to pass your life.

—*Jane Austen*

- A fool and his money are soon married.

—*Carolyn Wells*

- Brought up to respect the conventions, love had to end in marriage. I'm afraid it did.

—*Bette Davis*

- Never go to bed mad. Stay up and fight.

—*Phyllis Diller*

- Every woman should marry—and no man.

—*Benjamin Disraeli*

- I never knew what real happiness was until I got married. And by then it was too late.

—*Max Kauffmann*

- Marrying a man is like buying something you've been admiring for a long time in a shop window. You may love it when you get it home, but it doesn't always go with everything else in the house.

—*Jean Kerr*

- Familiarity breeds contempt—and children.

—*Mark Twain*

- By all means marry; if you get a good wife, you'll become happy; if you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher.

—*Socrates*

- I married beneath me. All women do.

—*Lady Nancy Astor*

- A good marriage would be between a blind wife and a deaf husband.

—*Michel Eyquem de Montaigne*

- Matrimony is a process by which a grocer acquired an account the florist had.

—*Francis Rodman*

- Before marriage, a man will lie awake all night thinking about something you said; after marriage, he'll fall asleep before you finish saying it.

—*Helen Rowland*

- There is only one thing for a man to do who is married to a woman who enjoys spending money, and that is to enjoy earning it.

—*Edgar Watson Howe*

- If you are afraid of loneliness, don't marry.

—*Anton Chekhov*

- The dread of loneliness is greater than the fear of bondage, so we get married.

—*Cyril Connolly*

- Remember, it's as easy to marry a rich woman as a poor woman.

—*William Makepeace Thackeray*

- It destroys one's nerves to be amiable every day to the same human being.
—*Benjamin Disraeli*
 - Marriage must incessantly contend with a monster that devours everything: familiarity.
—*Honoré de Balzac*
 - A successful marriage requires falling in love many times, always with the same person.
—*Mignon McLaughlin*
 - Marriage is a good deal like a circus: there is not as much in it as is represented in the advertising.
—*Edgar Watson Howe*
 - As to marriage or celibacy, let a man take which he will, he is sure to repent.
—*Socrates*
 - We would have broken up except for the children. Who were the children? Well, she and I were.
—*Mort Sahl*
 - The only thing that holds a marriage together is the husband bein' big enough to step back and see where his wife is wrong.
—*Archie Bunker, in the TV series All in the Family*
 - Bigamy is having one wife too many. Monogamy is the same thing.
—*Oscar Wilde*

Sayings

- A man without a wife is like a vase without flowers. —*Cape Verde Islands saying*
 - Marriage is the only war where one sleeps with the enemy. —*Mexican proverb*
 - Marry in haste, repent at leisure.
 - Marriage may be made in heaven, but it can be hell on earth.
 - Marriage is the price men pay for sex; sex is the price women pay for marriage.

Jokes

- Whom God hath joined together no man shall ever put asunder; God will take care of that.
—George Bernard Shaw
 - Woman to marriage counselor: The only thing my husband and I have in common is that we were married on the same day.
 - What's the difference between a married man and a single man?
—The married man has a better half, while a single man gets lots of pieces.
 - “Hey, buddy, what’s the problem?”
Second guy: “I’ve got a big problem. I’m married to a wonderful cook, a marvelous lover, and the best looking woman in town.”
First guy: “So what’s the problem?”
Second guy: “Having more than one wife is illegal.”

- The other night I said to my wife Ruth, "Do you feel that the sex and excitement has gone out of our marriage?" Ruth said, "I'll discuss it with you during the next commercial." —*Milton Berle*
- The wise old codger pointed out that it was impossible to judge the happiness of a married couple from observation alone. "Some couples hold hands because if they let go, they're afraid they'd kill each other."
- We sleep in separate rooms, we have dinner apart, we take separate vacations—we're doing everything we can to keep our marriage together. —*Rodney Dangerfield*

- President and Mrs. Coolidge once visited a state fair, where the prize rooster was brought to Mrs. Coolidge's attention. "This here rooster does his duty up to eight times a day, ma'am," the proud owner informed her.

The first lady's eyes opened wide. "Please see to it that that piece of information reaches the president," she instructed crisply.

Not long after, the president's party passed through the poultry barn, and the rooster's owner dutifully informed Coolidge of the bird's prowess.

"Eight times a day, eh?" the president marveled. "With the same hen?"

"No, sir—with a different hen each time."

"Pass that on to Mrs. Coolidge!"

- Listening to Winston Churchill expound at length on his political opinions, Lady Nancy Astor grew more and more furious. Finally, unable to contain herself, she snapped, "If you were my husband, I'd put poison in your coffee."

"And if I were your husband," returned Churchill, "I'd drink it."

- Harry Jones was a prominent member of a fraternal lodge, and one morning over breakfast he related to his wife an incident that had occurred the previous night. The president of the lodge had offered a top hat to the brother who could stand up and truthfully say that during his married life he had never kissed any woman but his own wife.

"And, would you believe it, Helen?—not a one stood up?"

"Harry," his wife chided, "why didn't you stand up?"

"I was going to, honey," he explained, "but you know I'd look ridiculous in a top hat."

- On hearing that a colleague who had endured a long and unhappy marriage had just remarried for a second time, Samuel Johnson characterized his act as "the triumph of hope over experience."

- Q: How does a WASP propose marriage?

A: He asks, "How would you like to be buried with my people?"

- Are you living a life of *quiet* desperation, or are you married?

- Harry was stunned to come home from work one evening and find his wife stuffing all her belongings into a suitcase. "What on earth are you doing?" he cried.

"I can't stand it anymore!" she shrieked. "Thirty-two years we've been married, and all we do is bicker and quarrel and ignore each other. I'm leaving!"

Stunned, Harry watched his wife close the suitcase, lug it down the stairs, and proceed to walk out of the house . . . out of his life. Suddenly he was galvanized into action. Running into the bedroom and grabbing a second suitcase, he yelled back at his wife, "Sylvia, you're right, you're absolutely right—and I can't bear it either. Wait a minute, and I'll go with you."

MOTHERS

- My mother had a great deal of trouble with me, but I think she enjoyed it.
—*Mark Twain*
- The hand that rocks the cradle may not rule the world, but it certainly makes it a better place.
—*Margery Hurst*
- I will never understand children. I never pretended to. I meet mothers all the time who make resolutions to themselves. “I’m going to . . . go out of my way to show them I am interested in them and what they do. I am going to understand my children.” These women end up making rag rugs, using blunt scissors.
—*Erma Bombeck*
- An author who speaks about his own books is almost as bad as a mother who talks about her own children.
—*Benjamin Disraeli*
- Only mothers can think of the future—because they give birth to it in their children.
—*Maxim Gorky*
- I looked on child rearing not only as a work of love and duty but as a profession that was fully as interesting and challenging as any honorable profession in the world and one that demanded the best that I could bring it.
—*Rose Kennedy*
- Oh, what a power is motherhood, possessing a potent spell. All women alike fight fiercely for a child.
—*Euripides*
- As is the mother, so is her daughter.
—*Ezekiel 16:44*
- You become about as exciting as your food blender. The kids come in, look you in the eye, and ask if anybody’s home.
—*Erma Bombeck*
- Every mother is like Moses. She does not enter the promised land. She prepares a world she will not see.
—*Pope Paul VI*
- Men are what their mothers made them.
—*Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- I really learned it all from mothers.
—*Benjamin Spock*
- Clever men create themselves, but clever women, it seems to me, are created by their mothers. Women can never quite escape their mothers’ cosmic pull, not their lip-biting expectations or their faulty love. We want to please our mothers, emulate them, disgrace them, oblige them, outrage them, and bury ourselves in the mysteries and consolations of their presence.
—*Carol Shields*

Sayings

- Why do grandparents and grandchildren get along so well? They have the same enemy—the mother.
- IT’S LIKE BEING GROUNDED FOR EIGHTEEN YEARS.
—*NYC Board of Education poster warning against teenage pregnancy*
- Mothers have eyes in the back of their heads.

Joke

- One of my children wrote in a third-grade piece on how her mother spent her time . . . “one-half time on home, one-half time on outside things, one-half time writing.”

—Charlotte Montgomery

MOTHERS-IN-LAW

- Of all the peoples whom I have studied, from city dwellers to cliff dwellers, I always find that at least 50 percent would prefer to have at least one jungle between themselves and their mothers-in-law. —Margaret Mead
- A person often catches a cold when a mother-in-law comes to visit. Patients mentioned mothers-in-law so often that we came to consider them a common cause of disease in the United States. —Thomas Holmes
- Go not empty unto thy mother-in-law. —Ruth 3:17
- I haven’t spoken to my mother-in-law for eighteen months—I don’t like to interrupt her. —Ken Dodd
- Peter remained on friendly terms with Christ notwithstanding Christ’s having healed his mother-in-law. —Samuel Butler

Saying

- The mother-in-law remembers not that she was a daughter-in-law.

Jokes

- First person: “I got this bottle of brandy for my mother-in-law.”
Second person: “What a great trade!”
- Over a beer one evening, Fred was going on and on about his mother-in-law: how cheap she was, how meddlesome, how petty, how overbearing, how boring. But then he leaned over and confessed that he had to give the old bird credit for one thing: there was one moment when he’d have cut his throat if it weren’t for her.
“Huh?” His buddy was startled.
“She was using my razor.”

PARENTS

- We are the people our parents warned us against. —Nicholas von Hoffman
- The only reason I always try to meet and know the parents better is because it helps me to forgive their children. —Louis Johannot
- Romance fails us and so do friendships, but the relationship of parent and child, less noisy than all others, remains indelible and indestructible, the strongest relationship on earth. —Theodor Reik

- If parents would only realize how they bore their children! —*George Bernard Shaw*
- Here all mankind is equal: rich and poor alike, they love their children. —*Euripides*
- In automobile terms, the child supplies the power but the parents have to do the steering. —*Benjamin Spock*
- If all parents today were as strict as I was, we wouldn't have so many brats and little vandals. —*Benjamin Spock's mother*
- A baby-sitter is a teenager who comes in to act like an adult while the adults go out and act like teenagers. —*Harry Marsh*
- Most of us become parents long before we have stopped being children. —*Mignon McLaughlin*
- There must be such a thing as a child with average ability, but you can't find a parent who will admit that it is his child. —*Thomas Bailey*
- If you want an intelligent child, have an intelligent wife. —*James D. Watson, pioneer in the field of genetics*
- Parenthood remains the greatest single preserve of the amateur. —*Alvin Toffler*
- [Parents] must get across the idea that "I love you always, but sometimes I do not love your behavior." —*Amy Vanderbilt*
- The most important thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother. —*Theodore M. Hesburgh*
- A man with parents alive is a fifteen-year-old boy. —*Philip Roth*
- People who lose their parents when young are permanently in love with them. —*Aharon Appelfeld*
- Loving a child doesn't mean giving in to all his whims; to love him is to bring out the best in him, to teach him to love what is difficult. —*Nadia Boulanger*
- In the next year or so, my signature will appear on \$60 billion of United States currency. More important to me, however, is the signature that appears on my life—the strong, proud, assertive handwriting of a loving father and mother. —*Katherine D. Ortega, treasurer of the United States*
- This is a moment that I deeply wish my parents could have lived to share. My father would have enjoyed what you have so generously said of me—and my mother would have believed it. —*Lyndon B. Johnson*
- We never know the love of our parents for us until we become parents. —*Henry Ward Beecher*
- Men are generally more careful of the breed of their horses and dogs than of their children. —*William Penn*
- Honor thy father and thy mother . . . —*Exodus 20:12*
- The first half of our lives is ruined by our parents, and the second half by our children. —*Clarence Darrow*

- . . . parents . . . are sometimes a bit of a disappointment to their children. They don't fulfill the promise of their early years. —*Anthony Powell*
- Parentage is a very important profession, but no test of fitness for it is ever imposed in the interest of the children. —*George Bernard Shaw*
- You are the bows from which your children, as living arrows, are sent forth. —*Kahlil Gibran*
- Before I got married I had six theories about bringing up children; now I have six children and no theories. —*John Wilmot, Earl of Rochester*
- Give a little love to a child, and you get a great deal back. —*John Ruskin*
- I have found the best way to give advice to your children is to find out what they want and then advise them to do it. —*Harry S. Truman*
- Call them rules or call them limits . . . they are an expression of loving concern. —*Mr. Rogers*
- The most assiduous task of parenting is to divine the difference between boundaries and bondage. —*Barbara Kingsolver*
- The most important thing that parents can teach their children is how to get along without them. —*Frank A. Clark*
- Most research indicates that a stable, intimate relationship with one responsible, nurturing adult is a child's surest route to becoming the same kind of adult. In short, the research scale tips handily toward those who stress the quality of family relationships over their form. —*Judith Stacey*
- Our parents give us the opportunity to become the parents we always wished we'd had. —*Louise Hart*
- . . . what law is it that says a woman is a better parent simply because of her sex? I guess I've had to think a lot about whatever it is that makes somebody a good parent: constancy, patience, understanding . . . love. Where is it written that a man has any less of those qualities than a woman? —*Ted, in Kramer vs. Kramer, screenplay by Robert Benton*

Sayings

- Parenthood has two stages: when your children ask all the questions, and when they think they know all the answers.
- *In loco parentis*—Latin for “Children drive their parents crazy.”

Jokes

- Did you hear about the degenerate who murdered both his parents . . . and then threw himself on the mercy of the court as an orphan?
- Raising kids is part joy and part guerrilla warfare. —*Ed Asner*

- How many times has every wayward child heard, “When you grow up I hope you have a child just like you so you’ll know what I’m going through!”
- How ambitious was Mrs. Jones when it came to her offspring? Well, when a stranger inquired as to their ages, she replied, “The doctor’s in third grade and the lawyer will be starting kindergarten in the fall.”

L I F E S T A G E S A N D R I T E S O F P A S S A G E

ADOLESCENCE

- You have a wonderful child. Then, when he's thirteen, gremlins carry him away and leave in his place a stranger who gives you not a moment's peace. —*Jill Eikenberry*
- The imagination of a boy is healthy, and the mature imagination of a man is healthy; but there is a space of life in between, in which the soul is in ferment, the character undecided, the way of life uncertain, the ambition thick-sighted: thence proceeds mawkishness. —*John Keats*
- When the brisk minor pants for twenty-one. —*Alexander Pope*
- Just at the age “ ‘twixt boy and youth, / When thought is speech, and speech is truth.” —*Sir Walter Scott*
- He has quit the awkward stage; he is out of his teens. —*Terence, 166 b.c.*
- Definition of adolescence: A kind of emotional seasickness. —*Arthur Koestler*
- A boy becomes an adult three years before his parents think he does, and about two years after he thinks he does. —*Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey*
- Remember that as a teenager you are at the last stage in your life when you will be happy to hear that the phone is for you. —*Fran Liebowitz*
- When I was a boy of fourteen, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be twenty-one, I was astonished at how much he had learned in seven years. —*Mark Twain*
- She has her own apartment, in mine. —*Jean Carroll, on her teenaged daughter's lifestyle*

Sayings

- They're either too young or too old—depending on what you want them to do.
- An adolescent is a new dog learning old tricks.
- First adolescent, then obsolescent.
- The teenage years are the one time in life when you're thrilled to be told you look older than you are.

- Teenage is a moment that seems like an eternity; a time of perpetual emotion, cured by time, which brought it on in the first place.

Jokes

- According to the latest census, the average American family now has 1.14 children. And if you've talked to a teenager lately, you know where the .14 comes from—a lot of them aren't all there.
 - The hardworking father grew more and more concerned as his son passed through his teens without a single sign of responsible behavior. "When I was a boy your age," he said, confronting the irresponsible fellow one night, "I was a man."

ANNIVERSARIES

- I always salute my parents' anniversary. I'll celebrate anything that proves my legitimacy. —*Andrew Frothingham*
 - One reason people get divorced is that they run out of gift ideas. —*Robert Byrne*
 - What ought to be done to the man who invented celebrating of anniversaries? Mere killing would be too light. —*Mark Twain*
 - The best way you can surprise a woman with an anniversary gift is to give her just what she wanted. —*Arbuth Arundale*

Sayings

- It just keeps getting better.
 - Some things, like fine wines, improve with age.

Jokes

- The aged farmer and his wife were leaning against the edge of the pigpen when the old woman wistfully recalled that the next week would mark their golden wedding anniversary. “Let’s have a party, Homer,” she suggested. “Let’s kill the pig.”

The farmer scratched his grizzled head. “Gee, Elmira,” he finally responded, “I don’t see why the pig should take the blame for something that happened fifty years ago.”
 - An aspiring actor called home to announce with great pride that he’d been cast in an off-Broadway play. “It’s a real opportunity, Dad,” he said. “I play this guy who’s been married for twenty-five years.”

“That’s great, son,” enthused his father. “And one of these days you’ll work up to a speaking part.”
 - Having been invited to his friend’s wedding anniversary, the man asked which apartment he should go to.

“Go to the eleventh floor,” the friend instructed, “find Apartment G, push the buzzer with your elbow, and when the door opens quickly put your foot against it.”

"Why such an elaborate plan?" asked the perplexed guest.

"Well," cried the host, "you're not planning on coming empty-handed, are you?"

- Wife: "Honey, what is the meaning of this vase of flowers on the breakfast table?"
Husband: "Today is your wedding anniversary."
Wife: "Really! Well, do let me know when yours is so I might do the same."

BACHELORHOOD

- All reformers are bachelors. —*George Moore*
- She was another one of his near Mrs. —*Alfred McFote*
- A bachelor never quite gets over the idea that he is a thing of beauty and a boy forever. —*Helen Rowland*
- What a pity it is that nobody knows how to manage a wife but a bachelor. —*George Colman*
- Certainly the best works, and of greatest merit for the public, have proceeded from the unmarried, or childless men. —*Francis Bacon*
- A bachelor's life is a fine breakfast, a flat lunch, and a miserable dinner. —*Jean de La Bruyère*
- Show me a man who lives alone and has a perpetually clean kitchen, and 8 times out of 9 I'll show you a man with detestable spiritual qualities. —*Charles Bukowski*
- I would be married, but I'd have no wife, I would be married to a single life. —*Richard Crashaw*
- The most threatened group in human societies as in animal societies is the unmated male: the unmated male is more likely to wind up in prison or in an asylum or dead than his mated counterpart. He is less likely to be promoted at work and he is considered a poor credit risk. —*Germaine Greer*
- They that have grown old in a single state are generally found to be morose, fretful, and captious; tenacious of their own practices and maxims; soon offended by contradiction or negligence; and impatient of any association but with those that will watch their nod, and submit themselves to unlimited authority. —*Samuel Johnson*
- Bachelors have consciences, married men have wives. —*H. L. Mencken*
- Marrying an old bachelor is like buying second-hand furniture. —*Helen Rowland*
- Nowadays, all the married men live like bachelors, and all the bachelors like married men. —*Oscar Wilde*

Sayings

- Bachelor: A guy who believes in life, liberty, and the happiness of pursuit.
- A bachelor never makes the same mistake once.

Joke

- Being a bachelor is great. You get home-cooked meals, along with a choice of cooks.

BIRTHDAYS

- I think it's wonderful you could all be here for the forty-third anniversary of my thirty-ninth birthday. We decided not to light the candles this year—we were afraid Pam Am would mistake it for a runway. —*Bob Hope*
- The secret of staying young is to live honestly, eat slowly, and lie about your age. —*Lucille Ball*
- I am in the prime of senility. —*Joel Chandler Harris*
- The hardest years in life are those between ten and seventy. —*Helen Hayes*
- My mother is going to have to stop lying about her age because pretty soon I'm going to be older than she is. —*Tripp Evans*

Sayings

- Diplomat: Someone who remembers a woman's birthday but forgets her age.
- Birthdays are when a man takes a day off and a woman takes a year off.

Jokes

- The best way for a husband to remember his wife's birthday is to forget it once.
- It's an awful thing to grow old alone. My wife hasn't had a birthday in six years.
- You know you're getting old when by the time you've lit the last candle on the birthday cake, the first one has burned out.
- You know you're getting old when the heat from the candles on the birthday cake keeps you from getting close enough to blow them out.
- Husband to wife: "How do you expect me to remember your birthday when you never look older?"

DATING AND COURTSHIP

- Courtship [is] to marriage, as a very witty prologue [is] to a very dull play. —*William Congreve*

- When a couple of young people strongly devoted to each other commence to eat onions, it is safe to pronounce them engaged. —*James Montgomery Bailey*
- Infatuation is when you think that he's as sexy as Robert Redford, as smart as Henry Kissinger, as noble as Ralph Nader, as funny as Woody Allen, and as athletic as Jimmy Connors. Love is when you realize that he's as sexy as Woody Allen, as smart as Jimmy Connors, as funny as Ralph Nader, as athletic as Henry Kissinger and nothing like Robert Redford—but you'll take him anyway. —*Judith Viorst*
- She was a lovely girl. Our courtship was fast and furious—I was fast and she was furious. —*Max Kauffmann*
- The hardest task in a girl's life is to prove to a man that his intentions are serious. —*Helen Rowland*
- If men knew all that women think, they'd be twenty times more daring. —*Alphonse Karr*
- Whoever called it necking was a poor judge of anatomy. —*Groucho Marx*
- A youth with his first cigar makes himself sick; a youth with his first girl makes other people sick. —*Mary Wilson Little*
- Whenever I date a guy, I think, is this the man I want my children to spend their weekends with? —*Rita Rudner*

Saying

- Marry in haste, repent at leisure.

Jokes

- Q: What do you think of computer dating?
A: It's terrific if you're a computer. —*Rita Mae Brown*
- The college senior took his new girlfriend to a football game and pointed out a talented new player. "Take a good look at that guy," he advised. "I'm expecting him to be our best man next year." The coed cuddled right up and cooed, "That's a strange way to propose, darling, but I accept."

DIVORCE

- The divorced person is like a man with a black patch over one eye: he looks rather dashing but the fact is that he has been through a maiming experience. —*Jo Couder*
- Americans, who make more of marrying for love than any other people, also break up more of their marriages, but the figure reflects not so much the failure of love as the determination of people not to live without it. —*Morton Hunt*
- No one is going to take women's liberation seriously until women recognize that they will not be thought of as equals in the secret privacy of men's most private mental parts until they eschew alimony. —*Norman Mailer (attrib.)*

- The state has no business in the bedrooms of the nation. —*Pierre Trudeau*
- You never realize how short a month is until you pay alimony. —*John Barrymore*
- There is no fury like an ex-wife searching for a new lover. —*Cyril Connolly*
- A divorce is like an amputation. You survive, but there's less of you. —*Margaret Atwood*
- Divorces as well as marriages can fail. —*Maurice Merleau-Ponty*
- Divorce is the psychological equivalent of a triple coronary by-pass. After such a monumental assault on the heart, it takes years to amend all the habits and attitudes that led up to it. —*Mary Kay Blakely*
- The happiest time of anyone's life is just after the first divorce. —*John Kenneth Galbraith*
- . . . being divorced is like being hit by a Mack truck. If you live through it, you start looking very carefully to the right and to the left. —*Jean Kerr*
- Alimony: Bounty after the mutiny. —*Max Kauffmann*
- Alimony is like buying oats for a dead horse. —*Arthur (Bugs) Baer*
- The wages of sin is alimony. —*Carolyn Wells*
- Our understanding of divorce is based on the situations of women. —*Elie Wymard*
- From hurt comes pain, from pain comes change. If it hurts enough, change will happen. Introspection and talking about one's feelings come at a price. The more I spoke to men who experienced a divorce, the more I realized divorce was a rite of passage; a passage fraught with pain. —*Tripp Evans*

Saying

- Definition of alimony: The high cost of leaving.

Jokes

- Alimony: The screwing you get for the screwing you got.
- Divorce is like coffee: Both require grounds.

GRADUATION

- Nothing is as easy to make as a promise this winter to do something next summer; this is how commencement speakers are caught. —*Sydney J. Harris*
- The fireworks begin today. Each diploma is a lighted match. Each one of you is a fuse. —*Edward I. Koch*
- I am not unmindful of the fact that countless middle-aged moralists like me are rising these days on countless platforms all over the world to tell thousands of helpless young

captures the score—and I suspect that all of those commencement orators are almost as uncomfortable as I am.

—*Adlai E. Stevenson*

- It's not at all hard for me to remember that vivid day of my own graduation. Strangely enough, the one thing about that day that I cannot remember is what the commencement speaker had to say. My thoughts, like yours, were targeted upon my family and my friends and my plans for the summer. But of one thing I'm sure: if the speaker made a short speech, I know that I blessed him. —*Thomas J. Watson Jr.*
- Commencement speakers have a good deal in common with grandfather clocks: standing usually some six feet tall, typically ponderous in construction, more traditional than functional, their distinction is largely their noisy communication of essentially commonplace information. —*W. Willard Wirtz*
- The wit of a graduate student is like champagne. Canadian champagne. —*Robertson Davies*
- The elective system . . . offered a bewildering freedom of choice, leaving some graduates with the impression that they had nibbled at dozens of canapés of knowledge and never had their fill. —*Ted Morgan*
- Love is the vital essence that pervades and permeates, from the center to the circumference, the graduating circles of all thought and action. Love is the talisman of human weal and woe—the open sesame to every soul. —*Elizabeth Cady Stanton*
- At my graduation, I thought we had to marry what we wished to become. Now you are becoming the men you once would have wished to marry. —*Gloria Steinem*
- “These are days you’ll remember.” If you recall nothing else from your graduation ceremony, remember you heard the New Jersey Governor quote from 10,000 Maniacs. —*Christine Todd Whitman*
- It is indeed ironic that we spend our school days yearning to graduate and our remaining days waxing nostalgic about our school days. —*Isabel Waxman*

Saying

- The greatest achievement of the graduate is sitting through the commencement address.

Joke

- The president of the university clambered up onto the podium and began his commencement speech with the proud claim that his school really prepared its graduates for the real world.
“I'll say,” interrupted a voice from the sea of mortarboards. “Right off the bat I'm \$52,000 in debt!”

WEDDINGS

- Music played at weddings always reminds me of the music played for soldiers before they go into battle. —*Heinrich Heine*
- When two people are under the influence of the most violent, most insane, most delusive, and most transient of passions, they are required to swear that they will remain in that excited, abnormal, and exhausting condition continuously until death do them part. —*George Bernard Shaw*
- Here's to the happy man: All the world loves a lover. —*Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- Look down you gods, / And on this couple drop a blessed crown. —*William Shakespeare*
- Never above you. Never below you. Always beside you. —*Walter Winchell*

Sayings

- A wedding ring is like a tourniquet—it reduces your circulation.
- Wedlock is a padlock.

Jokes

- How did the wedding night go? Let's just say that when they came down for breakfast, they asked for separate checks.
- Is it wrong to have sex before you're married?
—Only if it makes you late for the ceremony!

GENDER, SEX, AND SEXUALITY

MEN AND WOMEN

- Friends are generally of the same sex, for when men and women agree, it is only in their conclusions; their reasons are always different. —*George Santayana*
- Neither sex, without some fertilization of the complimentary characters of the other, is capable of the highest reaches of human endeavor. —*H. L. Mencken*
- Ever since Eve gave Adam the apple, there has been a misunderstanding between the sexes about gifts. —*Nan Robertson*
- Behind almost every woman you ever heard of stands a man who let her down. —*Naomi Bliven*
- In the sex war, thoughtlessness is the weapon of the male, vindictiveness of the female. —*Cyril Connolly*
- A man falls in love through his eyes, a woman through her ears. —*Woodrow Wyatt*
- Girls are born knowing everything they need to know; boys have to learn it. —*E. J. Applewhite*
- They say great themes make great novels . . . but what these young writers don't understand is that there is no greater theme than men and women. —*John O'Hara*
- The woman most in need of liberation is the woman in every man and the man in every woman. —*William Sloan Coffin*
- Instead of this absurd division into sexes, they ought to class people as static and dynamic. —*Evelyn Waugh*
- Women are never disarmed by compliments. Men always are. That is the difference between the sexes. —*Oscar Wilde*
- On one issue at least, men and women agree: They both distrust women. —*H. L. Mencken (attrib.)*
- God created man, and finding him not sufficiently alone, gave him a companion to make him feel his solitude more. —*Paul Valéry*
- Love is the whole history of a woman's life, but it is an episode in a man's. —*Madame de Staël*
- Nobody will ever win the battle of the sexes. There's too much fraternizing with the enemy. —*Henry Kissinger*

- God made man, and then said I can do better than that and made woman.

—*Adela Rogers St. John*

- In our civilization, men are afraid that they will not be men enough and women are afraid that they might be considered only women.

—*Theodor Reik*

- Men play the game; women know the score.

—*Roger Woddis*

- Women are smarter than men because they listen.

—*Phil Donahue*

- Male and female are really two cultures and their life experiences are utterly different.

—*Kate Millett*

- Girls got balls. They're just a little higher up, that's all.

—*Joan Jett*

Sayings

- Men get wealth and women keep it.
- A woman is flax, a man is fire, the devil comes and blows the bellows.
- Women in mischief are wiser than men.

Joke

- RICK: "I mean, what *am* I supposed to call you? My 'girlfriend'? My 'companion'? My 'roommate'? Nothing sounds quite right."

JOANIE: "How about your 'reason for living'?"

RICK: "No, no, I need something I can use around the office."

—cartoon captions by Garry Trudeau

Men

- A man's best fortune, or his worst, is his wife.

—*Thomas Fuller*

- That common cold of the male psyche, fear of commitment.

—*Richard Schickel*

- His life was gentle, and the elements / So mix'd in him that Nature might stand up / And say to all the world, "This was a man!"

—*William Shakespeare*

- I wonder men dare trust themselves with men.

—*William Shakespeare*

- Men are but children of a larger growth.

—*John Dryden*

- Men become old, but they never become good.

—*Oscar Wilde*

- Is there a way to accept the concept of the female orgasm and still command the respect of your foreign auto mechanic?

—*Bruce Feirstein*

- Men have a much better time of it than women; for one thing, they marry later; for another thing they die earlier.

—*H. L. Mencken*

- . . . men of few words are the best men . . .

—*William Shakespeare*

- Blaming men for the sorry state of gender relations is as easy—and unconstructive—as blaming marriage for the unfulfilling nature of many unions. The point is not that husbands are brutal and wives hapless, or women righteous and men inadequate; if men are self-centered, it is in large part because women are socialized to let them get away with it.

—*Ashton Applewhite*

Sayings

- Some men are like a brook, noisy but shallow.
- Some men, like wagons, rattle most when there's nothing in them.
- A good man is hard to find—and hard to keep good.
- A man is like a plank of wood—soft until seasoned.

Jokes

- What did the elephant say to the naked man?
—“How do you breathe through that thing?”
- What were the first words Adam spoke to Eve?
—“Stand back—I don't know how big this thing's gonna get!”

Men—The Female View

- Women want mediocre men, and men are working hard to be as mediocre as possible.
—*Margaret Mead*
- He was every other inch a gentleman.
—*Rebecca West*
- Only men who are not interested in women are interested in women's clothes; men who like women never notice what they wear.
—*Anatole France*
- Miss Doggett again looked puzzled; it was as if she had heard that men only wanted one thing but had forgotten for the moment what it was.
—*Barbara Pym*
- I'm not denyin' the women are foolish: God Almighty made 'em to match the men.
—*George Eliot*
- It takes a woman twenty years to make a man of her son, and another woman twenty minutes to make a fool of him.
—*Helen Rowland*
- Most women set out to try to change a man, and when they have changed him they do not like him.
—*Marlene Dietrich (attrib.)*
- A woman has got to love a bad man once or twice in her life to be thankful for a good one.
—*Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings*
- Women do not like timid men. Cats do not like prudent mice.
—*H. L. Mencken*
- Any woman can fool a man if she wants to and if he's in love with her.
—*Agatha Christie*

- Men are nicer to the women they don't marry. —*Belle Livingstone*
- I have always wanted to be a man, if only for the reason that I would like to have gauged the value of my intellect. —*Margot Asquith*
- Men should only be the accessories of the strong woman. —*Marie Bashkirtseff*
- When a man wants to deceive you, he'll find a way of escape through the tiniest holes. —*Colette*
- My idea of a screamingly boring man is a chap who doesn't like the company of women. —*Anne Edwards*
- Men don't like independent women. —*Shirley Chisholm*
- Embryologically speaking, it is correct to say that the penis is an exaggerated clitoris. —*Mary Jane Sherley*
- Remember, all men would be tyrants if they could. —*Abigail Adams*
- I like men to behave like men—strong and childish. —*Françoise Sagan*
- The male is a domestic animal which, if treated with firmness and kindness, can be trained to do most things. —*Jilly Cooper*
- I require only three things of a man. He must be handsome, ruthless, and stupid. —*Dorothy Parker*
- I like two kinds of men: domestic and foreign. —*Mae West*
- It's not the men in my life that count; it's the life in my men. —*Mae West*
- No nice men are good at getting taxis. —*Katharine Whitehorn*
- A man's womenfolk, whatever their outward show of respect for his merit and authority, always regard him secretly as an ass, and with something akin to pity. —*H. L. Mencken (attrib.)*
- Men are what their mothers made them. —*Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- Every women is a rebel, and usually in wild revolt against herself. —*Oscar Wilde*
- I refuse to consign the whole male sex to the nursery. I insist on believing that some men are my equals. —*Brigid Brophy*
- Men are too emotional to vote. Their conduct at baseball games and political conventions shows this, while their innate tendency to appeal to force renders them particularly unfit for the task of government. . . . Men's place is in the armory. —*Alice Duer Miller*
- Giving a man space is like giving a dog a computer. The chances are he will not use it wisely. —*Bette-Jane Raphael*
- Macho does not prove mucho. —*Zsa Zsa Gabor*
- Some men are so macho they'll get you pregnant just to kill a rabbit. —*Maureen Murphy*

Sayings

- A man without a hearty appetite at the table won't have a good appetite for anything else.
- Behind every successful man is a woman.
- A woman needs a man like a fish needs a bicycle.

Jokes

- Why did the Lord make man first and woman thereafter?
—Because after one look at Adam, He realized man was going to need some help.
- Why did God create men?
—Because a vibrator can't mow the lawn.

Sex

- All lovers swear more performance than they are able. —*William Shakespeare*
- Male sexual response is far brisker and more automatic. It is triggered easily by things—like putting a quarter in a vending machine. —*Alex Comfort*
- The man takes a body that is not his, claims it, sows his so-called seed, reaps a harvest—he colonizes a female body, robs it of its natural resources, controls it. —*Andrea Dworkin*
- Girls who put out are tramps. Girls who don't are ladies. This is, however, a rather archaic use of the word. Should one of you boys happen upon a girl who doesn't put out, do not jump to the conclusion that you have found a lady. What you have probably found is a lesbian. —*Fran Liebowitz*
- . . . I've always gone along with the view that, first, the surest guarantee of sexual success is sexual success (you can't have one without the other and you can't have the other without the one), and, second, that the trappings of sexual success are only fleetingly distinguishable from sexual success itself. —*Martin Amis*
- For lovers, touch is a metamorphosis. All the parts of their bodies seem to change, and they become different and better. —*John Cheever*
- Too much of a good thing can be taxing. —*Mae West*
- There may be some things better than sex, and some things may be worse. But there is nothing exactly like it. —*W. C. Fields*
- Let us live and love, my Lesbia, / and value at a penny all the talk of crabbed old men. / Suns may set and rise again: / for us, when our brief light has set, / there's the sleep of perpetual night. / Give me a thousand kisses. —*Gaius Valerius Catullus*
- You're not just sleeping with one person, you're sleeping with everyone *they* ever slept with. —*Theresa Crenshaw, about AIDS*
- When you look back on your life . . . what you really find out is that the only person you really go to bed with is yourself. —*Shirley MacLaine*

- You mustn't force sex to do the work of love or love to do the work of sex.
—*Mary McCarthy*
- Is sex dirty? Only if it's done right.
—*Woody Allen*
- It doesn't matter what you do in the bedroom as long as you don't do it in the street and frighten the horses.
—*Mrs. Patrick Campbell*
- I don't want to see any faces at this party I haven't sat on.
—*Bonnie Raitt*
- The zipless fuck is absolutely pure . . . and is rarer than the unicorn.
—*Erica Jong*
- Sex—the poor man's polo.
—*Clifford Odets* (*attrib.*)
- . . . is there any greater or keener pleasure than physical love? No, nor any which is more unreasonable.
—*Plato*
- Give me chastity and continence, but not just now.
—*Saint Augustine*
- Is it not strange that desire should so many years outlive performance?
—*William Shakespeare*
- Whoever called it necking was a poor judge of anatomy.
—*Groucho Marx*
- If it weren't for pickpockets I'd have no sex life at all.
—*Rodney Dangerfield*
- . . . she said, "Do you mind if I sit down,'cos I'm pregnant?" I said, "You don't look it. How long have you been pregnant?" She said, "Only ten minutes—but doesn't it make you feel tired?"
—*Max Miller*
- To err is human—but it feels divine.
—*Mae West*

Sayings

- One good turn gets most of the blankets.
- The battle of the sexes has more surrenders than casualties, and a great many hand-to-hand encounters.
- Remember back when we had only two sexes?

Jokes

- I'm at the age where food has taken the place of sex in my life. In fact, I've just had a mirror put over my kitchen table.
—*Rodney Dangerfield*
- It requires a lot of experience for a girl to kiss like a beginner.
- When little Susie came home from her first day of second grade, she promptly asked her mother, "What's sex?"

Susie's mother had been expecting the question for some time, so she launched into a well-prepared speech about the birds and the bees and eggs and sperm and what happens when two people love each other very very much, and on and on. After about half an hour, noticing that her daughter's brow was still furrowed, she stopped talking. "Honey, haven't you been able to follow what I've been telling you?" "I have, Mom, I really have," replied Susie, pulling her school registration card out of her backpack. "But how'm I going to fit it all in this little box?"

- Q: What's the worst thing about oral sex?
A: The view.
- Little Billy was getting old enough to be curious about the birds and bees, so when he and his father encountered two dogs going at it in an empty lot, his dad explained that they were making puppies. It was only a week later that Billy stumbled into his parents' room in the middle of the night, catching them in the act. "What are you and Mommy doing?" he asked.

"Well, Billy," the red-faced parent explained, "Mommy and I are making babies."

"Roll her over, Dad, roll her over!" yelled the little boy. "I'd rather have puppies."

Women

- She turned him down like a bedspread. —*P. G. Wodehouse*
- When you civilize a man, you文明ize an individual; but when you文明ize a woman, you文明ize a whole people. —*Patrice Emery Lumumba*
- I have some women friends but I prefer men. Don't trust women. There is a built-in competition between women. —*Edna O'Brien*
- In nine cases out of ten, a woman had better show more affection than she feels. —*Jane Austen*
- A woman, especially if she has the misfortune of knowing anything, should conceal it as well as she can. —*Jane Austen*
- Women are too imaginative to have much power of reasoning. —*Marquise du Deffand*
- I'm glad I'm a woman because I don't have to worry about getting men pregnant. —*Nell Dunn*
- If I were asked . . . to what the singular prosperity and growing strength of that people [the Americans] ought mainly to be attributed, I should reply: To the superiority of their women. —*Alexis de Tocqueville*
- If she wants to get to the top, a woman must be prepared to work ninety percent harder than a man. —*Margery Hurst*
- A woman is like a teabag, you never know how strong she is until she gets in hot water. —*Nancy Reagan*
- Most women have all other women as adversaries; most men have all other men as their allies. —*Gelett Burgess*
- No woman should ever be quite accurate about her age. It looks so calculating. —*Oscar Wilde*
- The women of Greece count their age from their marriage, not from their birth. —*Homer*
- The whole thing about women is, they lust to be misunderstood. —*Will Rogers*
- The way to fight a woman is with your hat—grab it and run. —*John Barrymore*

- Oh, woman, woman! When to ill thy mind is bent, all Hell contains no fouler fiend.
—*Homer*
- There are two ways to handle a woman, and nobody knows either of them.
—*Kin Hubbard*
- A woman's guess is much more accurate than a man's certainty.
—*Rudyard Kipling*
- Woman was God's second mistake.
—*Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche*
- Brigands demand your money or your life; women require both.
—*Samuel Butler*
- Here's to Woman! Would that we could fall into her arms without falling into her hands.
—*Ambrose Bierce*
- Neither earth nor ocean produces a creature as savage and monstrous as woman.
—*Euripides*
- The entire being of a woman is a secret which should be kept.
—*Isak Dinesen*
- Woman understands children better than man does, but man is more childlike than woman.
—*Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche*
- The man who discovers a woman's weakness is like the huntsman in the heat of the day who finds a cool spring. He wallows in it.
—*Jean Giraudoux*
- Women give us solace, but if it were not for women we should never need solace.
—*Don Herold*
- Women as a sex are sphinxes without secrets.
—*Oscar Wilde*
- What is better than Wisdom? Woman. And what is better than a good woman? Nothing.
—*Geoffrey Chaucer*
- The female of the species is more deadly than the male.
—*Rudyard Kipling*
- Women are not entirely wrong when they reject the rules of life prescribed for the world, for these were established for men only, without their consent.
—*Michel Eyquem de Montaigne*
- Every woman is a rebel, and usually in wild revolt against herself.
—*Oscar Wilde*
- We have no faith in ourselves. I have never met a woman who, deep down in her core, really believes she has great legs. And if she suspects that she *might* have great legs, then she's convinced that she has a shrill voice and no neck.
—*Cynthia Heimel*
- Each suburban wife struggled with it alone. As she made the beds, shopped for groceries, matched slipcover material, ate peanut butter sandwiches with her children, chauffeured Cub Scouts and Brownies, lay beside her husband at night—she was afraid to ask even of herself the silent question—Is this all?
—*Betty Friedan*
- Heav'n has no rage like love to hatred turn'd, / Nor hell a fury like a woman scorned.
—*William Congreve*
- A beautiful woman who gives pleasure to men serves only to frighten the fish when she jumps in the water.
—*Kwang-tse*

- The evidence indicates that woman is, on the whole, biologically superior to man.

—*Ashley Montagu*

Sayings

- A woman is like a salad: much depends on the dressing.
- Always take the advice of a woman.
- A woman either loves or hates in extremes.
- Women's work is never done.
- Women's work is never done—by a man.
- Woman's intuition
- When a woman has no answer, the sea has no salt.
- It is easier for a woman to be famous for her genius than to be forgiven for it.

Jokes

- Intuition: The strange instinct that tells a woman she is right, whether she is or not.
- Why did God create women?
—Because sheep can't cook.
- Why is a clitoris like Antarctica?
—Because men know it's down there, but how many really care?
- How can you determine a woman's history?
—Look at her geography.
- I think housework is the reason most women go to the office. —*Heloise (Cruse)*
- I think we're seeing in working mothers a change from Thank God it's Friday to Thank God it's Monday. If any working mother has not experienced that feeling, her children are not adolescent. —*Ann Diehl*
- If evolution really works, how come mothers only have two hands? —*Milton Berle*

Women—The Male View

- There are only two kinds of women—goddesses and doormats. —*Pablo Picasso*
- Women like silent men. They think they're listening. —*Marcel Achard*
- The last thing a woman will consent to discover in a man whom she loves, or on whom she simply depends, is want of courage. —*Joseph Conrad*
- Woman will be the last thing civilized by man. —*George Meredith*
- It takes a man a lifetime to find out about one particular woman; but if he puts in, say ten years, industrious and curious, he can acquire the general rudiments of the sex. —*O. Henry*

- What passes for woman's intuition is often nothing more than man's transparency.
—George Jean Nathan
- These impossible women! How they do get around us! The poet was right: can't live with them, or without them.
—Aristophanes
- For a man to pretend to understand women is bad manners; for him really to understand them is bad morals.
—Henry James
- If men knew all that women think, they'd be twenty times more daring.
—Alphonse Karr
- Women are just like elephants to me; I like to look at them, but I wouldn't want one.
—Elbert Hubbard
- You can never get a woman to sit down and listen to a drum solo.
—Clive James
- Despite my thirty years of research into the feminine soul, I have not been able to answer . . . the great question that has never been answered: What does a woman want?
—Sigmund Freud
- Man has his will—but woman has her way.
—Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.
- Women and people of low birth are very hard to deal with. If you are friendly with them, they get out of hand, and if you keep your distance, they resent it.
—Confucius
- Women have more imagination than men. They need it to tell us how wonderful we are.
—Arnold H. Glasow
- When women kiss, it always reminds one of prize fighters shaking hands.
—H. L. Mencken
- Changeable women are more endurable than monotonous ones. They are sometimes murdered but seldom deserted.
—George Bernard Shaw
- No matter how much a woman loves a man, it would still give her a glow to see him commit suicide for her.
—H. L. Mencken
- I don't believe women can carry a pack, live in a foxhole, or go a week without a bath.
—Gen. William Westmoreland
- I hate women because they always know where things are.
—James Thurber
- There are three things I have always loved and never understood—art, music, and women.
—Bernard le Bovier de Fontenelle
- Love is based on a view of women that is impossible to those who have had any experience with them.
—H. L. Mencken
- God done settled it dat one woman is enough fer a man, an' two is a war on yer hands.
—John Jasper
- You should not attempt to outwit a woman.
—Alexandre Dumas (*filis*)
- The fickleness of the women I love is only equaled by the infernal constancy of the women who love me.
—George Bernard Shaw

Saying

- The only reason why women go to the ladies' room in groups is so they can plot against men without being interrupted.

Jokes

- Q: How many men does it take to mop a floor?
A: None; it's a woman's job.
- How can a real man tell when his girlfriend's having an orgasm?
—Real men don't care.

part five

The World

NATIONS AND NATIONALITIES

AMERICA AND THE AMERICANS

- America is the only country deliberately founded on a good idea. —*John Gunther*
- Violence is as American as cherry pie. —*H. Rap (Hubert Gerald) Brown*
- This [America] is the red man's country by natural right, and the black man's by virtue of his suffering and toil. —*Robert Purvis*
- The unhealthy gap between what we preach in America and what we often practice creates a moral dry rot that eats at the very foundation of our democratic ideals and values. —*Whitney Moore Young Jr.*
- America is just the country that shows how all the written guarantees in the world for freedom are no protection against tyranny and oppression of the worst kind. There the politician has come to be looked upon as the very scum of society. —*Peter Kropotkin*
- The American dream is, in part, responsible for a great deal of crime and violence because people feel that the country owes them not only a living but a good living. —*David Abrahamsen*
- They'll like you because you're a foreigner. They love foreigners; it's just strangers they hate. —*Jonathan Raban*
- The popular song is America's greatest ambassador. —*Sammy Cahn*
- . . . it was in making education not only common to all, but in some sense compulsory on all, that the destiny of the free republics of America was practically settled. —*James Russell Lowell*
- In the field of world policy, I would dedicate this nation to the policy of the good neighbor. —*Franklin D. Roosevelt*
- England and America are two countries separated by the same language. —*George Bernard Shaw*
- The short memories of American voters is what keeps our politicians in office. —*Will Rogers*
- The haughty American nation . . . makes the Negro clean its boots and then proves the moral and physical inferiority of the Negro by the fact that he is a bootblack. —*George Bernard Shaw*

- Our record as a righteous nation has proved so filled with error that, obviously, we must stop thanking God that we are not like other nations. —*Reinhold Niebuhr*
- This is the only country that ever went to the poorhouse in an automobile. —*Will Rogers*
- More than any country, ours is an automobile society. —*Lyndon B. Johnson*
- The thing that impresses me most about America is the way parents obey their children. —*Edward VIII, Duke of Windsor*
- My rackets are run on strictly American lines and they're going to stay that way. —*Al Capone*
- The only foes that threaten America are the enemies at home, and these are ignorance, superstition, and incompetence. —*Elbert Hubbard*
- Ours seems to be the only nation on the earth that asks its teenagers what to do about world affairs, and tells its golden-agers to go out and play. —*Julian Gerow*
- America is the country where you buy a lifetime supply of aspirin for one dollar, and use it up in two weeks. —*John Barrymore*
- This continent, an open palm spread frank before the sky. —*James Agee*
- No one flower can ever symbolize this nation. America is a bouquet. —*William Safire, regarding selection of a "national flower"*
- America is God's Crucible, the great Melting Pot where all the races of Europe are melting and re-forming! —*Israel Zangwill*
- America is the greatest of opportunities and the worst of influences. —*George Santayana*
- We must keep America whole and safe and unspoiled. —*Al Capone*
- Here in America we are descended in blood and spirit from revolutionists and rebels—men and women who dared to dissent from accepted doctrine. —*Dwight D. Eisenhower*
- . . . not merely a nation but a nation of nations. —*Lyndon B. Johnson*
- Give me your tired, your poor, / Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, / The wretched refuse of your teeming shore. / Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me, / I lift my lamp beside the golden door! —*Emma Lazarus*
- America did not invent human rights. In a very real sense . . . human rights invented America. —*Jimmy Carter*
- The American idea . . . a democracy—that is, a government of all the people, by all the people, for all the people . . . —*Theodore Parker*
- The youth of America is their oldest tradition. —*Oscar Wilde*
- Americans like fat books and thin women. —*Russell Baker*
- The American language is in a state of flux based on the survival of the unfittest. —*Cyril Connolly*

- America's dissidents are not committed to mental hospitals and sent into exile; they thrive and prosper and buy a house in Nantucket and take flyers in the commodities market. —*Ted Turner*
- America is a large, friendly dog in a very small room. Every time it wags its tail, it knocks over a chair. —*Arnold Toynbee*
- This country will not be a good place for any of us to live in unless we make it a good place for all of us to live in. —*Theodore Roosevelt*
- America—a country that has leapt from barbarism to decadence without touching civilization. —*John O'Hara*
- Being a great power is no longer much fun. —*David Schoenbaum*
- Americans adore me and will go on adoring me until I say something nice about them. —*George Bernard Shaw (attrib.)*
- . . . as American as English muffins and French toast. —*John Russell Taylor*
- I regret that I have but one life to give for my country. —*Nathan Hale*
- It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died. Rather we should thank God that such men lived. —*Gen. George S. Patton Jr.*
- The business of America is business. —*Calvin Coolidge*
- An Englishman is a person who does things because they have been done before. An American is a person who does things because they haven't been done before. —*Mark Twain*
- American women expect to find in their husbands a perfection that English women only hope to find in their butlers. —*W. Somerset Maugham*
- If I were asked . . . to what the singular prosperity and growing strength of that people [the Americans] ought mainly to be attributed, I should reply: To the superiority of their women. —*Alexis de Tocqueville*

Sayings

- America: Love it or leave it.
- Frankly, if I'd been an Indian, I'd have wished Plymouth Rock had landed on the Pilgrims.
- An American believes more than anything else in the last four letters of that title: I can.

Jokes

- A Frenchman, a Swiss, and an American were having a friendly discussion of their national traits. "We French are terribly intolerant of the faults of others," the French-

man admitted quite happily, "while you Swiss just sit back and never get involved in anything . . . but you Americans, you always think you know it all."

Nodding, the American said, "I know."

- The average American is someone who deplores violence in the street and has seen *High Noon* five times.
- Q: What's the difference between the American Dream and everybody else's dream?
A: Every one else's dream is to come to America.

GLOBALISM

- Go global or go gray. —*William I. Campbell*
- Neither conscience nor sanity itself suggests that the United States is, should or could be the global gendarme. —*Robert S. McNamara*
- The new electronic independence re-creates the world in the image of a global village. —*Marshall McLuhan*
- Overseas operations used to be thought of as appendages or subsidiaries to help increase sales; now they're part of a network for accessing knowledge and human capital around the world. —*Christopher Bartlett*
- Globalization is a long-lasting competitive advantage. If we build a new gas turbine, in 18 months our competitors will also have one. But building a global company is not so easy to copy. —*Percy Barnevik*
- Immigration is the sincerest form of flattery. —*Jack Paar*
- What is at stake is more than one small country; it is a big idea: a new world order, where diverse nations are drawn together in common cause to achieve the universal aspirations of mankind—peace and security, freedom and the rule of law. —*George Bush*
- The consequence of all this is painfully simple: if the whole world operates as one big market, every employee will compete with every person in the world who is capable of doing the same job. There are a lot of them and many of them are very hungry. —*Andrew S. Grove*
- You'll never have a quiet world till you knock the patriotism out of the human race. —*George Bernard Shaw*

Sayings

- It takes all sorts to make a world. —*English saying*
- We are citizens of the world, and the tragedy of our times is that we don't know it. —*Woodrow Wilson*

Joke

- It is said that when Gandhi was asked what he thought about Western civilization, he replied, "It sounds like a great idea. We ought to try it."

MANKIND

- I love mankind, it's people I can't stand. —*Charles M. Schulz*
- Men are born equal but they are also born different. —*Erich Fromm*
- The propagandist's purpose is to make one set of people forget that certain other sets of people are human. —*Aldous Huxley*
- I sometimes think that God, in creating man, somewhat overestimated his ability. —*Oscar Wilde*
- Of mankind in general, the parts are greater than the whole. —*Aristotle*
- When people are free to do as they please, they usually imitate each other. —*Eric Hoffer*
- Man spends his life in reasoning on the past, in complaining of the present, in fearing for the future. —*Antoine Rivarol*
- Man is not the creature of circumstances. Circumstances are the creatures of men. —*Benjamin Disraeli*
- Man shapes himself through decisions that shape his environment. —*René Dubos*
- The ablest man I ever met is the man you think you are. —*Franklin D. Roosevelt*
- Man is at the bottom an animal, midway a citizen, and at the top divine. But the climate of this world is such that few ripen at the top. —*Henry Ward Beecher*
- Man, unlike any other thing organic or irorganic in the universe, grows beyond his work, walks up the stairs of his concepts, emerges ahead of his accomplishments. —*John Steinbeck*
- Man is not made for defeat. —*Heraclitus*
- Man is not the sum of what he has but the totality of what he does not yet have, of what he might have. —*Jean-Paul Sartre*
- The desire to take medicine is perhaps the greatest feature which distinguishes man from animals. —*William Osler*
- I finally know what distinguishes man from the other beasts: financial worries. —*Jules Renard*
- We must, however, acknowledge, as it seems to me, that man with all his noble qualities . . . still bears in his bodily frame the indelible stamp of his lowly origin. —*Charles Darwin*
- Numberless are the world's wonders, but none more wonderful than man. —*Sophocles*
- Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. —*Matthew 25:40*

- The world is a stage, but the play is badly cast. —*Oscar Wilde*
- The earth has a skin and that skin has diseases; one of its diseases is called man. —*Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche*
- All of the animals except man know that the principal business of life is to enjoy it. —*Samuel Butler*
- I believe that man will not merely endure. He will prevail. He is immortal, not because he alone among creatures has an inexhaustible voice, but because he has a soul, a spirit capable of compassion and sacrifice and endurance. —*William Faulkner*
- Man is not an end but a beginning. We are at the beginning of the second week. We are children of the eighth day. —*Thornton Wilder*
- There is no escape—man drags man down, or man lifts man up. —*Booker T. Washington*
- Mankind owes to the child the best it has to give. . . . —*José Correa, UN representative from Nicaragua, opening words of the United Nation's Declaration of the Rights of the Child*
- Man is a pliable animal, a being who gets accustomed to anything. —*Fyodor Dostoyevsky*
- Man is the only animal that laughs and weeps; for he is the only animal that is struck with the difference between what things are, and what they ought to be. —*William Hazlitt*
- The proper study of Mankind is Man. —*Alexander Pope*
- Man is the only animal that can remain on friendly terms with the victims he intends to eat until he eats them. —*Samuel Butler*
- Man is the only animal that laughs, drinks when he is not thirsty, and makes love at all seasons of the year. —*Voltaire*
- Study mankind. Learn to use men without surrendering to them. Have confidence in those who, if necessary, are courageous enough to contradict you. —*Catherine the Great*
- I don't think you have to teach people how to be human. I think you have to teach them how to stop being inhumane. —*Eldridge Cleaver*

Sayings

- He's no better than you—we all stand naked inside our clothes.
- A man can die but once.
- Men, not walls, keep a city safe.
- Long ago all men were divine, but mankind so abused the privilege that Brahma, the god of all gods, decided the godhead should be taken away from them. But he had to hide it where man would never find it again.
“Let us bury it deep in the earth,” suggested one god.

Brahma said, "No, man will dig down until he finds it."

"Then let us throw it into the deepest part of the biggest ocean," proposed another god.

"Man will learn to dive and someday come across it," insisted Brahma.

"Then it can be hidden in the clouds atop the highest mountain of the Himalayas."

"Man will manage to climb that high someday," Brahma pointed out. "I have a better idea. Let us hide it where he will never think to look: inside man himself."

—*Hindu legend*

Joke

- At times it helps to believe in evolution . . . so you can remember than man isn't finished yet.

NATIONALISM

- Nationalism is an infantile disease. It is the measles of mankind. —*Albert Einstein*
- There is now a balance of terror. —*Alex Quaison-Sackey, on UN representation*
- Where, after all, do universal human rights begin? In small places, close to home—so close and so small that they cannot be seen on any map of the world.

—*Eleanor Roosevelt*

- I have no country to fight for; my country is the earth, and I am a citizen of the world. —*Eugene Victor Debs*
- If Abu Nidal is a terrorist, then so is George Washington.

—*Mu'ammār Muhammād al-Gadhafi*

- There is no such thing as a little country. The greatness of a people is no more determined by their number than the greatness of a man is determined by his height.

—*Victor Hugo*

- We conceive distinctly enough the French, the Spanish, the German genius, and it is not the less real, that perhaps we should not meet in either of those nations a single individual who corresponded with the type. —*Ralph Waldo Emerson*

- A great country worthy of the name does not have any friends. —*Charles de Gaulle*

- A nation is a society united by delusions about its ancestry and by common hatred of its neighbors. —*Dean Inge*

- It is true that Heaven's infinite wisdom grants a different genius to each people, but it is equally true that Heaven's law changes by time and place. —*Pierre Corneille*

- Everybody has a right to pronounce foreign names as he chooses.

—*Winston Churchill (attrib.)*

- Morality knows nothing of geographical boundaries or distinctions of race.

—*Herbert Spencer*

Sayings

- A lot of those who talk fondly of the old country were either born here or only began to think of it fondly after they had left.
- We are all ethnics; some of us just work at it harder than others.

Jokes

- Two Americans, two French people, two Germans, and two English people were on a ship that sank. The only survivors, they managed to swim to a little desert island. There the Americans lost no time in going into business; the French set up a nightclub; and the Germans formed an army. When a tramp steamer finally happened by five years later and rescued them, the captain was quite impressed by their industry. "But who are those two fellows standing over there?" he asked.

The reply: "Oh, those're the two Brits. They're still waiting to be introduced."

- At the Congress of Nations a dispute broke out over the nationality of Adam and Eve. "They were English," stated the British delegate, "because only an Englishman would have been such a gentleman as to give his own rib to make a woman."

"*Mais non!*!" protested the French delegate. "Look at how elegant Adam was, despite his naked state. He was a Frenchman."

The Israeli delegate demurred, pointing out that the Bible clearly stated that the Creation occurred in the Holy Land. "So Adam and Eve were of the Chosen People; they were Jews."

The Rumanian shook his head. "Adam and Eve could only have been Russian," he maintained, "because only a Russian could eat so poorly, dress so badly, and still call it Paradise."

- A young politician was lamenting the fact that people's names revealed so little about their origins. "All the foreigners take new ones," he lamented, "so you can't tell anything about 'em."

"Except the most important thing of all," an old-timer pointed out. "They don't want to be foreigners."

T H E E N V I R O N M E N T

CONSERVATION AND ECOLOGY

- We haven't too much time left to ensure that the government of the earth, by the earth, for the earth, shall not perish from the people. —*C. P. Snow and Philip Snow*
- Our ideals, laws and customs should be based on the proposition that each generation in turn becomes the custodian rather than the absolute owner of our resources—and each generation has the obligation to pass this inheritance on to the future. —*Alden Whitman*
- Remember, this planet is also disposable. —*Paul Palmer*
- Industrialism is the systematic exploitation of wasting assets . . . progress is merely an acceleration in the rate of that exploitation. Such prosperity as we have known up to the present is the consequence of rapidly spending the planet's irreplaceable capital. —*Aldous Huxley*
- Perhaps our age will be known to the future historians as the age of the bulldozer and the exterminator; and in many parts of the country the building of a highway has about the same result upon vegetation and human structure as the passage of a tornado or the blast of an atom bomb. —*Lewis Mumford*
- Man is a complex being: he makes deserts bloom—and lakes die. —*Gil Stern*
- Those who warn of a population explosion picture a world of too many people and not enough food—sort of like the average cocktail party. —*Bill Vaughan*
- Ecology is boring for the same reason that destruction is fun. —*Don DeLillo*
- We've got a program to invent a new name for ecology, so we can keep it alive after it's been talked to death. We're thinking of calling it politics. —*Harvey Wheeler*
- Mining is like a search-and-destroy mission. —*Stewart L. Udall*
- We may go down in history as an elegant technological society which underwent biological disintegration through lack of economic understanding. —*David M. Gates*
- Ecological devastation is the excrement, so to speak, of man's power worship. —*Ernest Becker*
- The irony of the matter is that the future generations do not have a vote. In effect, we hold their proxy. —*Charles J. Hitch, regarding the environment*
- The best investment on earth is earth. —*Louis J. Glickman*

- The sun, the moon and the stars would have disappeared long ago, had they happened to be within reach of predatory human hands. —*Havelock Ellis*
- Avarice and luxury have been the ruin of every great state. —*Livy (Titus Livius)*
- One of the weaknesses of our age is the apparent inability to distinguish our needs from our goals. —*Don Robinson*
- We won't have a society if we destroy the environment. —*Margaret Mead*
- Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees. —*Revelation 7:3*
- The earth has a skin and that skin has diseases; one of its diseases is called man. —*Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche*
- We must realize that we can no longer throw our wastes away because there is no "away." —*William T. Cahill*
- Men and Nature must work hand in hand. The throwing out of balance of the resources of Nature throws out of balance also the lives of men. —*Franklin D. Roosevelt*
- Kill no more pigeons than you can eat. —*Benjamin Franklin*
- [We stand] today poised on a pinnacle of wealth and power, yet we live in a land of vanishing beauty, of increasing ugliness, of shrinking open space and of an overall environment that is diminished daily by pollution and noise and blight. This, in brief, is the quiet conservation crisis. —*Stewart L. Udall*
- Extinct is forever. —*Kurt Benirschke*
- Over increasingly large areas of the United States, spring now comes unheralded by the return of the birds, and the early mornings are strangely silent where once they were filled with the beauty of bird song. —*Rachel Carson*
- We must plant the sea and herd its animals . . . using the sea as farmers instead of hunters. That is what civilization is all about—farming replacing hunting. —*Jacques Cousteau*

Sayings

- Treat the earth well. It was not given to you by your parents. It is lent to you by your children. —*Kenyan proverb*
- Save Water—Shower with a Friend.
- Environment is one-tenth science and nine-tenths politics.
- Enjoy the world gently, enjoy the world gently; if the world is spoiled, no one can repair it, enjoy the world gently. —*Nigerian chant*

Jokes

- I didn't realize how bad the smog was getting until they started making freeway signs in Braille.
- Help beautify our city dumps—throw something pretty away today!

- The problem used to be that bad environments bred bad people; now it's the other way around.
 - I just found out where all that chemical fertilizer comes from: plastic horses.
 - It's hard for me to get used to these changing times. I can remember when the air was clean and sex was dirty. —*George Burns*
 - It's not that our rivers aren't fit to drink . . . but where else can you see the fish coughing?

—George Burns

THE ENVIRONMENT

- Man shapes himself through decisions that shape his environment. —*René Dubos*
 - Every day we see increasing world problems because of rapidly expanding populations. Safe and effective contraception is essential in man's battle to control his environment. Thus far, the Pill remains one of the most effective weapons. Taken properly, under careful medical supervision, it is still the most reliable means of preventing unwanted pregnancy that man has yet been able to devise for wide-scale use.

—Elizabeth Connell

- A river has no politics. —*David E. Lilienthal*
 - Wildness is a bench mark, a touchstone. In the wilderness we can see where we have come from, where we are going, how far we've gone. In wilderness is the only unsullied earth sample of the forces generally at work in the universe. —*Kenneth Bower*
 - You can't be suspicious of a tree, or accuse a bird or a squirrel of subversion or challenge the ideology of a violet. —*Hal Borland*
 - Repetition is the only form of permanence that nature can achieve. —*George Santayana*
 - One of the healthiest ways to gamble is with a spade and a package of garden seeds. —*Dan Bennett*
 - Over the long haul of life on this planet, it is the ecologists, and not the bookkeepers of business, who are the ultimate accountants. —*Stewart L. Udall*
 - If we go on the way we have, the fault is our greed [and] if we are not willing [to change], we will disappear from the face of the globe, to be replaced by the insect. —*Jacques Cousteau*
 - Man is slightly nearer to the atom than to the star. From his central position man can survey the grandest works of Nature with the astronomer, or the minutest works with the physicist. —*Arthur Stanley*

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- R. Buckminster Fuller*

Saying

- The stream won't be advised, therefore its course is crooked. —*West African saying*

Jokes

- Pollution is so bad in New York that I saw the Statue of Liberty holdin' her nose.
—*Jackie "Moms" Mabley*
- The camping expedition got lost, and spent several weeks hiking over snow-covered peaks, across flower-strewn alpine meadows, and fording sparkling, trout-filled brooks, until finding an automobile junkyard flanked by a smelly mountain of trash tires around the bend. "At last," gasped the leader of the expedition, "civilization."

NATURE

- Look at those cows and remember that the greatest scientists in the world have never discovered how to make grass into milk. —*Michael Pupin*
- We look too much to museums. The sun coming up in the morning is enough. —*Romare Bearden*
- What nature requires is obtainable, and within easy reach. It's for the superfluous we sweat. —*Seneca the Younger*
- To destroy is still the strongest instinct in nature. —*Max Beerbohm*
- Deviation from nature is deviation from happiness. —*Samuel Johnson*
- Nature is no spendthrift, but takes the shortest way to her ends. —*Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- Nature gave men two ends—one to sit on and one to think with. Ever since then man's success or failure has been dependent on the one he used most. —*George R. Kirkpatrick*
- Nature is often hidden, sometimes overcome, seldom extinguished. —*Francis Bacon*
- But perhaps the universe is suspended on the tooth of some monster. —*Anton Chekhov*
- Individuality seems to be Nature's whole aim—and she cares nothing for individuals. —*Johann Wolfgang von Goethe*
- In the survival of favoured individuals and races, during the constantly-recurring struggle for existence, we see a powerful and ever-acting form of selection. —*Charles Darwin*
- Natural beauty is essentially temporary and sad; hence the impression of obscene mockery which artificial flowers give us. —*John Updike*
- A hen is only an egg's way of making another egg. —*Samuel Butler*
- Knowing trees, I understand the meaning of patience. Knowing grass, I can appreciate persistence. —*Hal Borroland*

- When you have seen one ant, one bird, one tree, you have not seen them all.
—*Edward O. Wilson*
- . . . to me the outdoors is what you must pass through in order to get from your apartment into a taxicab.
—*Fran Liebowitz*
- Lovers of the town have been content, for the most part, to say they loved it. They do not brag about its uplifting qualities. They have none of the infernal smugness which makes the lover of the country insupportable.
—*Agnes Repplier*
- Life is an offensive, directed against the repetitious mechanism of the Universe.
—*Alfred North Whitehead*
- It is far from easy to determine whether Nature has proved to man a kind parent or a merciless stepmother.
—*Pliny the Elder*
- The principal task of civilization, its actual *raison d'être*, is to defend us against nature.
—*Sigmund Freud*
- Nature works on a method of all for each and each for all.
—*Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- It were happy if we studied nature more in natural things, and acted according to nature, whose rules are few, plain, and most reasonable.
—*William Penn*
- Men and Nature must work hand in hand. The throwing out of balance of the resources of Nature throws out of balance also the lives of men.
—*Franklin D. Roosevelt*
- Everything is good when it leaves the hands of the Creator; everything degenerates in the hands of man.
—*Jean-Jacques Rousseau*
- . . . the laws of nature are the same everywhere. Whoever violates them anywhere must always pay the penalty.
—*Carl Schurz*
- One touch of nature makes the whole world kin.
—*William Shakespeare*
- Nature never did betray the heart that loved her.
—*William Wordsworth*

Sayings

- You can't fool Mother Nature.
- Nature does nothing without a purpose.
- Nature is the greatest show on earth.

Joke

- "Nature is not perfect and all-knowing," pointed out the pompous old philosopher. "That is why man invented cosmetics."
- "Yes, but long before cosmetics nature came up with another invention," pointed out his practical wife, "the darkness of night."

C I V I L I Z A T I O N

CIVILIZATION

- Civilization is a movement and not a condition, a voyage and not a harbor.
—*Arnold Toynbee*
- Civilization begins with order, grows with liberty, and dies with chaos. —*Will Durant*
- It is so stupid of modern civilization to have given up believing in the devil when he is the only explanation of it. —*Ronald Knox*
- You can't say civilizations don't advance . . . for in every war they kill you a new way. —*Will Rogers*
- Civilization is nothing else but the attempt to reduce force to being the last resort. —*José Ortega y Gasset*
- An Englishman who was wrecked on a strange shore and wandering along the coast came to a gallows with a victim hanging on it, and fell down to his knees and thanked God that he at last beheld a sign of civilization. —*James A. Garfield*
- Animals have these advantages over man: they have no theologians to instruct them, their funerals cost them nothing, and no one starts lawsuits over their wills. —*Voltaire*
- The true test of civilization is not the census, not size of cities, but the kind of man that the country turns out. —*Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- Civilization and profits go hand in hand. —*Calvin Coolidge*
- Increased means and increased leisure are the two civilizers of man. —*Benjamin Disraeli*
- We must plant the sea and herd its animals . . . using the sea as farmers instead of hunters. That is what civilization is all about—farming replacing hunting. —*Jacques Cousteau*
- A nation or civilization that continues to produce soft-minded men purchases its own spiritual death on the installment plan. —*Martin Luther King Jr.*
- There is nothing so good for the human soul as the discovery that there are ancient and flourishing civilized societies which have somehow managed to exist for many centuries and are still in being though they have had no help from the traveler in solving their problems. —*Walter Lippmann*

- For at least two million years, men have been reproducing and multiplying on a little automated spaceship called Earth. —R. Buckminster Fuller

Sayings

- Civilization is a process whereby those who have already experienced it impose it on others.
 - Civilization is always our way of doing things, compared to theirs.

Joke

- When asked what lesson he had learned from civilization, the old Navajo replied, “Ingratitude.”

CULTURE

- When I hear the word culture, I reach for my revolver. —*Hermann Goering*
 - Culture is a little like dropping an Alka Seltzer into a glass—you don't see it, but somehow it does something. —*Hans Magnus Enzensberger*
 - There are three things I have always loved and never understood—art, music, and women. —*Bernard le Bovier de Fontenelle*
 - Culture, the acquainting ourselves with the best that has been known and said in the world, and thus with the history of the human spirit. —*Matthew Arnold*
 - Launch your boat, blessed youth, and flee at full speed from every form of culture. —*Epicurus*
 - If you want to get rich from writing, write the sort of thing that's read by persons who move their lips when they're reading to themselves. —*Don Marquis*
 - Now we sit through Shakespeare in order to recognize the quotations. —*Orson Welles*

Sayings

- He's a culture vulture.
 - Culture is what separates us from the beasts.

Jokes

- The only difference between California and yogurt is that yogurt has active culture.
—Woody Allen
 - Soon after the great stock market crash of '29, a deeply shaken broker sat down with his wife to discuss ways to economize. "I'm afraid you've just got to cut back on expenses, darling," he said gently.

Sighing deeply, his wife, said, "Well, I suppose we can give up our subscription to the ballet . . . and the Shakespeare Festival . . . and our season tickets to the opera."

The broker brightened visibly, and murmured, "Maybe there's a bright side to the crash after all."

HISTORY

- I have but one lamp by which my feet are guided, and that is the lamp of experience. I know of no way of judging of the future but by the past. —*Patrick Henry*
- History is written by the winners. —*Alex Haley*
- Legend remains victorious in spite of history. —*Sarah Bernhardt*
- You only understand the present when it is past. —*Han Suyin*
- We are not makers of history. We are made by history. —*Martin Luther King Jr.*
- There is a way to look at the past. Don't hide from it. It will not catch you if you don't repeat it. —*Pearl Bailey*
- The only thing new in this world is the history that you don't know. —*Harry S. Truman*
- The essential matter of history is not what happened but what people thought or said about it. —*Frederic William Maitland*
- The tapestry of history has no point at which you can cut it and leave the design intelligible. —*Dorothea Lynde Dix*
- Someone said: "The dead writers are remote from us because we know so much more than they did." Precisely, and they are that which we know. —*T. S. Eliot*
- Historic continuity with the past is not a duty, it is only a necessity. —*Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr.*
- History is the sole consolation left to the people, for it shows them that their ancestors were as unhappy as they are, or even more so. —*Sébastien Chamfort*
- We are the children of our age, but children who can never know their mother. —*Logan Pearsall Smith*
- If a man could say nothing against a character but what he could prove, history could not be written. —*Samuel Johnson*
- The history of the world is but the biography of great men. —*Thomas Carlyle*
- Very few things happen at the right time, and the rest do not happen at all; the conscientious historian will correct these defects. —*Herodotus*
- Throughout history it has been the inaction of those who could have acted, the indifference of those who should have known better, the silence of the voice of justice when it mattered most, that has made it possible for evil to triumph. —*Haile Selassie*
- Men and nations do behave wisely, once all other alternatives have been exhausted. —*Abba Eban*
- Whether you like it or not, history is on our side. We will bury you! —*Nikita S. Khrushchev to Western ambassadors*

- The past is a foreign country. They do things differently there. —*L. P. Hartley*
- . . . what's past is prologue . . . —*William Shakespeare*
- Why doesn't the past decently bury itself, instead of sitting waiting to be admired by the present? —*D. H. Lawrence*
- History does not treat kindly those societies that diagnose their structural weaknesses only after those weaknesses have become irreversible. —*William J. Abernathy, Kim B. Clark, and Alan M. Kantrow*
- History is more or less bunk. It's tradition. We don't want tradition. We want to live in the present and the only history that is worth a tinker's damn is the history we make today. —*Henry Ford*
- The history of the world is the history of a privileged few. —*Henry Miller*
- Human history becomes more and more a race between education and catastrophe. —*H. G. Wells*
- History repeats itself; historians repeat each other. —*Philip Guedella*
- History is a set of lies agreed upon. —*Napoleon Bonaparte*
- We learn from history that we learn nothing from history. —*Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel*
- Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it. —*George Santayana*
- . . . a page of history is worth a volume of logic. —*Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr.*
- An era can be said to end when its basic illusions are exhausted. —*Arthur Miller*

Sayings

- History repeats itself.
- History is the past imperfect.
- History often lacks her-story.

Jokes

- The diligent tourist read the inscription over the State Archives Building:
WHAT IS PAST IS PROLOGUE.
Turning to the young tour guide, he asked, "What does that mean?"
She replied brightly, "It means, you ain't seen nothing yet."
- Winston Churchill is reported to have been confident that history would deal kindly with him. When asked upon what he based this confidence, Churchill replied, "Because I intend to write it."
- In a museum in Havana there are two skulls of Christopher Columbus, "one where he was a boy and one when he was a man." —*Mark Twain*

LANGUAGE

- Violence of language leads to violence of action. Angry men seldom fight if their tongues do not lead the fray.
—Charles Victor Roman
- I have sometimes looked with wonder on the jargon of our times wherein those whose minds reside in the past are called “progressive” while those whose minds are vital enough to challenge and to mold the future are dubbed “reactionary.”
—Jomo Mzee Kenyatta
- Correct English is the slang of prigs.
—George Eliot
- Nothing surely is more alive than a word.
—J. Donald Adams
- England and America are two countries separated by the same language.
—George Bernard Shaw
- Without knowing the force of words, it is impossible to know men.
—Confucius
- The American language is in a state of flux based on the survival of the unfittest.
—Cyril Connolly
- If the Romans had been obliged to learn Latin, they would never have found time to conquer the world.
—Heinrich Heine
- Language is the archives of history.
—Ralph Waldo Emerson
- By its very looseness, by its way of evoking rather than defining, suggesting rather than saying, English is a magnificent vehicle for emotional poetry.
—Max Beerbohm
- Ours is a precarious language, as every writer knows, in which the merest shadow line often separates affirmation from negation, sense from nonsense, and one sex from the other.
—James Thurber
- Slang is a language that rolls up its sleeves, spits on its hands and goes to work.
—Carl Sandburg
- Our language is funny—a fat chance and a slim chance are the same thing.
—J. Gustav White
- The difference between the right word and the almost right word is the difference between lightning and the lightning bug.
—Mark Twain
- Man does not live by words alone, despite the fact that sometimes he has to eat them.
—Adlai Stevenson
- Language is living, kicking, growing, fluttering, evolving reality, and the teacher should spontaneously reflect its vibrant and protean qualities.
—John A. Rassias
- Music is the only language in which you cannot say a mean or sarcastic thing.
—John Erskine

Sayings

- Language sometimes gets in the way of communication.
- Talk is cheap.

- The pen is mightier than the sword.
- Choose your words, or your words will keep you from being chosen.
- Speak softly and sweetly; later you may have to eat your words.

Jokes

- Two men got into a discussion, which turned into a difference of opinion, which turned into a violent disagreement. Despite the abundance of argument going back and forth, neither was having much success getting his point across, and finally one let loose and punched his opponent in the face.
“Gees,” said the fellow on the ground, rubbing his chin, “why didn’t you say that in the first place?”
- “Merrill,” asked the teacher, “what’s a synonym?”
“A synonym, Miss Cripps, is a word you use when you can’t spell or pronounce the other one.”

TRADITION

- Tradition is the dead hand of human progress. —*Kelly Miller*
- The great enemy of the truth is very often not the lie—deliberate, contrived, and dishonest—but the myth—persistent, persuasive, and unrealistic. —*John F. Kennedy*
- Imagination continually frustrates tradition; that is its function. —*John Pfeiffer*
- Tradition means giving votes to that obscurest of classes, our ancestors. It is the democracy of the dead. —*W. H. Auden*
- . . . when you live in a place you’ve always lived in, where your family has always lived, you get to see things not only in space but in time. —*Shirley Grau*
- Tradition does not mean that the living are dead but that the dead are living. —*G. K. Chesterton*

Saying

- Innovative societies have a tradition of ignoring traditions.

Joke

- When I was sixteen, I got talked into attending a formal party. My mother made me promise to observe tradition in my apparel. I looked up the rules, which said I had to wear a black tie or a full-dress uniform. I went as an admiral.

—*Andrew Frothingham*

J U S T I C E

CENSORSHIP

- I shall not today attempt further to define the kinds of material [pornography] . . . but I know it when I see it. —*Potter Stewart*
- Burn the libraries, for all their value is in the Koran. —*Caliph Omar*
- Vietnam was the first war ever fought without any censorship. Without censorship, things can get terribly confused in the public mind. —*Gen. William Westmoreland*
- Personally, I don't like pornography. But not because I fear it will turn me or someone else into a raging fiend. I dislike it because it is tasteless, embarrassing, and boring. But that's no reason to ban it. If being tasteless or embarrassing or boring was a crime, we'd have to get rid of 90 percent of the TV shows and hit records, close down most of the franchise food joints, muzzle the politicians, and prohibit any preacher from talking more than ninety seconds. —*Mike Royko*
- To limit the press is to insult a nation; to prohibit reading of certain books is to declare the inhabitants to be either fools or slaves. —*Claude-Adrien Helvétius*
- If we value the pursuit of knowledge, we must be free to follow wherever that search may lead us. The free mind is no barking dog to be tethered on a ten-foot chain. —*Adlai Stevenson*
- You have not converted a man because you have silenced him. —*John Morley*
- Books won't stay banned. They won't burn. Ideas won't go to jail. In the long run of history, the censor and the inquisitor have always lost. The only sure weapon against bad ideas is better ideas. —*A. Whitney Griswold*
- Censorship, like charity, should begin at home; but, unlike charity, it should end there. —*Clare Boothe Luce*
- Censorship is more depraving and corrupting than anything pornography can produce. —*Tony Smythe*
- I am . . . mortified to be told that, in the United States of America . . . a question about the sale of a book can be carried before the civil magistrate. . . . Are we to have a censor whose imprimatur shall say what books may be sold, and what we may buy . . . ? Whose foot is to be the measure to which ours are all to be cut or stretched . . . ? Shall a layman, simple as ourselves, set up his reason as the rule for

what we are to read . . . ? It is an insult to our citizens to question whether they are rational beings or not.

—Thomas Jefferson

- If all mankind, minus one, were of one opinion, and only one person were of the contrary opinion, mankind would be no more justified in silencing that one person, than he, if he had the power, would be justified in silencing mankind. —John Stuart Mill
- The moment we begin to fear the opinions of others and hesitate to tell the truth that is in us, and from motives of policy are silent when we should speak, the divine floods of light and life no longer flow into our souls. —Elizabeth Cady Stanton
- If a man is pictured chopping off a woman's breast, it only gets an "R" rating; but if, God forbid, a man is pictured kissing a woman's breast, it gets an "X" rating. Why is violence more acceptable than tenderness? —Sally Struthers
- If the First Amendment means anything, it means that a state has no business telling a man, sitting alone in his own house, what books he may read or what films he may watch. . . . Our whole constitutional heritage rebels at the thought of giving government the power to control men's minds. —Thurgood Marshall
- If art is to nourish the roots of our culture, society must set the artist free to follow his vision wherever it takes him. —John F. Kennedy
- Freedom is absolutely necessary for progress in science and the liberal arts. —Benedict Spinoza
- For better or worse, editing is what editors are for: and editing is selection and choice of material. That editors—newspapers or broadcast—can and do abuse this power is beyond doubt, but that is no reason to deny the discretion Congress provided.
—Warren E. Burger, in *majority ruling that allowed radio and TV stations to refuse to sell time for political or controversial advertisement*
- We can't duck our responsibilities and permit the government to subsidize slime and sleaze. —Jesse Helms

Sayings

- You can't tell a book by its cover.
- Assassination is the extreme form of censorship.
- The noncontroversial dies, but the banned plays on.
- What you don't know can hurt you.

Joke

- Then there's the matter of half-truths. A certain sailor, celebrating a long-awaited ship's leave, got very inebriated. When he staggered back up the gangway, the captain sternly entered in the log: "Mate drunk tonight." When he saw the entry, the mate objected violently. "Captain, the boat was moored—you know I've never been drunk on board before, never drunk on duty. If this stays on the record, I'll never get work on another ship."

Stone-hearted, the captain refused to modify his entry. "It is the truth, and it shall remain on the record."

A few days later the captain was checking over the log and came across an entry written by the mate: "Captain was sober today." The outraged captain summoned the mate and accused him of creating a false impression. "Anyone reading this will think my sobriety was unusual, that I'm usually drunk!" he bellowed.

"The statement is true," the mate calmly asserted, "and it will remain in the log."

COURTS

- Judges . . . rule on the basis of law, not public opinion, and they should be totally indifferent to pressures of the times. —*Warren E. Berger*
- The efficiency of our criminal system is only marred by the difficulty of finding twelve men every day who don't know anything and can't read. —*Mark Twain*
- The heightened public clamor resulting from radio and television coverage will inevitably result in prejudice. Trial by television is, therefore, foreign to our system. —*Tom C. Clark*
- A judge is a law student who marks his own examination papers. —*H. L. Mencken*
- The trial of a case [is] a three-legged stool—a judge and two advocates. —*Warren E. Berger*
- Judges ought to remember that their office is *Ius dicere* and not *Ius dare*; to interpret law and not to make law, or give law. —*Francis Bacon*
- Agree, for the law is costly. —*William Camden*
- When a judge puts on his robes he puts off his relations to any, and, like Melchisedech, becomes without pedigree. —*Thomas Fuller*
- A good and faithful judge prefers what is right to what is expedient. —*Horace*
- I have always thought, from my earliest youth till now, that the greatest scourge an angry Heaven ever inflicted upon an ungrateful and sinning people was an ignorant, a corrupt, or a dependent judiciary. —*John Marshall*
- If one man sin against another, the judge shall judge him. —*I Samuel 11:25*
- A jury consists of twelve persons chosen to decide who has the better lawyer. —*Robert Frost (attrib.)*
- I don't want a lawyer to tell me what I cannot do; I hire him to tell me how to do what I want to do. —*J. P. Morgan*
- For certain people, after fifty, litigation takes the place of sex. —*Gore Vidal*

Saying

- It's called *jury duty*, not *jury inconvenience*. It is an obligation, not an interruption.

Joke

- When charged with breaking and entering, Richards vehemently declared his innocence. Nevertheless he was indicted on the basis of his car having been observed parked that night outside the scene of the crime.

As soon as he was released on bail, Richards parked his car overnight outside the church in the center of town and called a policeman as his witness. "If you think I'm guilty of the crime," he declared, "you now have equal proof that I have repented."

FREEDOM AND LIBERTY

- A hungry man is not a free man. —*Adlai Stevenson*
- Freedom of opinion can only exist when the government thinks itself secure. —*Bertrand Russell*
- Better to starve free than be a fat slave. —*Aesop*
- Freedom and liberty lose out by default because good people are not vigilant. —*Arch. Desmond Tutu*
- Freedom suppressed and again regained bites with deeper fangs than freedom never endangered. —*Cicero*
- I love America more than any other country in this world, and, exactly for this reason, I insist on the right to criticize her perpetually. —*James Baldwin*
- You can only protect your liberties in this world by protecting the other man's freedom. You can only be free if I am free. —*Clarence S. Darrow*
- . . . you cannot separate peace from freedom, because no one can be at peace unless he has his freedom. —*Malcolm X*
- Free discussion is the only necessary constitution—the only necessary law of the constitution. —*Richard Carlile*
- The tree of liberty grows only when watered by the blood of tyrants. —*Bertrand Barère de Vieuzac*
- Freedom lies in being bold. —*Robert Frost*
- If a nation values anything more than freedom, it will lose its freedom; and the irony of it is that if it is comfort or money that it values more, it will lose that too. —*W. Somerset Maugham*
- Necessity is the plea for every infringement of human freedom. It is the argument of tyrants; it is the creed of slaves. —*William Pitt*
- Freedom in general may be defined as the absence of obstacles to the realization of desires. —*Bertrand Russell*
- No woman can call herself free until she can choose consciously whether she will or will not be a mother. —*Margaret Sanger*
- Free speech carries with it some freedom to listen. —*Warren E. Burger*

- A right is not what someone gives you; it's what no one can take from you.

—Ramsey Clark

- Give me the liberty to know, to utter, and to argue freely according to conscience, above all liberties.

—John Milton

- The right to be heard does not automatically include the right to be taken seriously.

—Hubert H. Humphrey

- Liberty, when it begins to take root, is a plant of rapid growth. —George Washington

- A country can get more real joy out of just hollering for their freedom than they can if they get it. —Will Rogers

- Every law is an infraction of liberty. —Jeremy Bentham

- Liberty is obedience to the law which one has laid down for oneself.

—Jean-Jacques Rousseau

- He that would make his own liberty secure must guard even his enemy from oppression. —Thomas Paine

- Let my people go. —Exodus 5:1

- Liberty has never come from the government. Liberty has always come from the subjects of it. The history of liberty is a history of resistance. The history of liberty is a history of limitations of governmental power, not the increase of it. —Woodrow Wilson

- Liberty without obedience is confusion, and obedience without liberty is slavery. —William Penn

- Is life so dear or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty, or give me death. —Patrick Henry

- If liberty means anything at all, it means the right to tell people what they do not want to hear. —George Orwell

- In fact, a fundamental interdependence exists between the personal right to liberty and the personal right to property. —Potter Stewart

- Liberty unregulated by law degenerates into anarchy, which soon becomes the most horrid of all despotism. —Millard Fillmore

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

- Liberty means responsibility. This is why most men dread it. —George Bernard Shaw

- Liberty: one of Imagination's most precious possessions. —Ambrose Bierce

- . . . the sole end for which mankind are warranted, individually or collectively, in interfering with the liberty of action of any of their number, is self-protection. That the only purpose for which power can be rightfully exercised over any member of a civilized community, against his will, is to prevent harm to others. His own good, either physical or moral, is not a sufficient warrant. —John Stuart Mill

- The state has no business in the bedrooms of the nation. —*Pierre Trudeau*
- Only free men can negotiate; prisoners cannot enter into negotiations. Your freedom and mine cannot be separated.
—*Nelson Mandela, refusing to bargain for freedom after twenty-one years in prison*
- Intellectual liberty is the air of the soul, the sunshine of the mind, and without it, the world is a prison, the universe a dungeon. —*Robert G. Ingersoll*
- I, who wish to be free, cannot do so, because around me are men who do not yet desire freedom, and, not desiring it, become, as opposed to me, the instruments of my oppression. —*Mikhail Bakunin*
- Many politicians are in the habit of laying it down as a self-evident proposition that no people ought to be free till they are fit to use their freedom. The maxim is worthy of the fool in the old story who resolved not to go into the water till he had learned to swim.
—*Lord Thomas Babington Macaulay*
- They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety. —*Benjamin Franklin*
- The only freedom which deserves the name is that of pursuing our own good in our own way, so long as we do not attempt to deprive others of theirs, or impede their efforts to obtain it. Each is the proper guardian of his own health, whether bodily, or mental and spiritual. —*John Stuart Mill*
- . . . the vile habits often acquired in a state of servitude are not easily thrown off . . . —*Richard Allen*
- It seems almost incredible that the advocates of liberty should conceive the idea of selling a fellow creature to slavery. —*James Forten*
- A man is either free or not. There cannot be any apprenticeship for freedom.
—*Imamu Amiri Baraka*
- We have to talk about liberating minds as well as liberating society. —*Angela Davis*
- Freedom always entails danger. —*W. E. B. Du Bois*
- Either we must attain freedom for the whole world or there will be no world left for any of us. —*Walter Francis White*
- Freedom is a hard-bought thing. —*Paul Robeson*
- Freedom belongs to the strong. —*Richard Wright*
- . . . it's poor kinda man that won't fight for his own freedom. —*Alice Childress*
- . . . after you get your freedom, your enemy will respect you. —*Malcolm X*
- Freedom is not constituted primarily of privileges but of responsibilities.
—*Albert Camus*
- Give me liberty, or give me death but of the two I vastly prefer liberty.
—*Patrick Henry*
- It is true that liberty is precious; so precious that it must be carefully rationed.
—*V. I. Lenin*

- The truth is that men are tired of liberty. —*Benito Mussolini*
- When people fear the government, you have tyranny. When government fears the people, you have liberty. —*Thomas Jefferson*

Sayings

- Your freedom to swing your arms stops at the tip of my nose.
- The blessings of liberty are most appreciated when they have been lost.
- Freedom of speech means that even a donkey has the right to bray.
- The truth will set you free. —*John 8:32*

Jokes

- What's so great about a country that promotes freedom?
—Everyone has a right to state their opinions, but no one is forced to listen to them.
- Q: What did the visitor say as he left the Statue of Liberty?
A: Keep in torch!
- After getting bombed by a Daisy Cutter, Osama made his way to the pearly gates. There, he is greeted by George Washington. "How dare you attack the nation I helped conceive!" yells Mr. Washington, slapping Osama in the face.

Patrick Henry comes up from behind. "You wanted to end the Americans' liberty, so they gave you death!" Henry punches Osama on the nose.

James Madison comes up next, and says, "This is why I allowed the federal government to provide for the common defense!" He delivers a kick to Osama's knee.

Osama is subjected to similar beatings from John Randolph of Roanoke, James Monroe, and sixty-five other people who have the same love for liberty and America. As he writhes on the ground, Thomas Jefferson picks him up and hurls him back toward the gate where he is to be judged.

As Osama awaits his journey to his final very hot destination, he screams, "This is not what I was promised!" An angel replies, "I told you there would be seventy-two Virginians waiting for you. What did you think I said?"

JUSTICE AND INJUSTICE

- Justice is truth in action. —*Benjamin Disraeli*
- I do not know the method of drawing up an indictment against an whole people. —*Edmund Burke*
- Justice, sir, is the great interest of man on earth. It is the ligament which holds civilized beings and civilized nations together. —*Daniel Webster*
- Delay in justice is injustice. —*Walter Savage Landor*

- We only want that which is given naturally to all peoples of the world, to be masters of our own fate, not of others, and in cooperation and friendship with others.

—Golda Meir

- Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

—Galatians 6:7

- Injustice is relatively easy to bear; what stings is justice.

—H. L. Mencken

- One man's justice is another man's injustice.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

- The love of justice in most men is only the fear of suffering injustice.

—François, Duc de La Rochefoucauld

- Judging from the main portions of the history of the world, so far, justice is always in jeopardy.

—Walt Whitman

- Justice has nothing to do with expediency.

—Woodrow Wilson

- . . . moderation in the pursuit of justice is no virtue.

—Barry M. Goldwater

- For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. / And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?

—Matthew 7:2–3

- That only a few, under any circumstances, protest against the injustice of long-established laws and customs, does not disprove the fact of the oppressions, and while the satisfaction of the many, if real, only proves their apathy and deeper degradation.

—Elizabeth Cady Stanton

Sayings

- Once the game is over, the king and the pawn go back into the same box.
—Italian saying
- Justice is like fire; if one covers it with a veil, it still burns.
—Madagascar saying
- Justice is blind.
- An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth.
- Justice often satisfies neither side.
- Justice has different faces for different people.

Joke

- Requesting the judge's attention, the jury foreman said, "Your Honor, in the course of our deliberations, a question of law has come up: What is justice?"

"That is not a question of law," responded the judge gravely. "It's a question of judgment."

LAW AND ORDER

- It's a poor rule that won't work both ways. —*Frederick Douglass*
- Mob law is the most forcible expression of an abnormal public opinion; it shows that society is rotten to the core. —*Timothy Thomas Fortune*
- What a cage is to the wild beast, law is to the selfish man. —*Herbert Spencer*
- Law: an ordinance of reason for the common good, made by him who has care of the community. —*Thomas Aquinas*
- I favor capital punishment. It saves lives. —*Nancy Reagan*
- When I came back to Dublin, I was courtmartialled in my absence and sentenced to death in my absence, so I said they could shoot me in my absence. —*Brendan Behan*
- It is the very merit of the death penalty that its bark is worse than its bite.
—*Hugh Richard Heathcote Gascoyne-Cecil, Baron Quickswood*
- A successful lawsuit is one worn by a policeman. —*Robert Frost*
- Laws are like spiders' webs which, if anything small falls into them they ensnare it, but large things break through and escape. —*Solon*
- Morality cannot be legislated, but behavior can be regulated. Judicial decrees may not change the heart, but they can restrain the heartless. —*Martin Luther King Jr.*
- The law is silent during war. —*Cicero*
- The law, in its majestic equality, forbids the rich as well as the poor to sleep under bridges. —*Anatole France*
- There is no better way of exercising the imagination than the study of law. No poet ever interpreted nature as freely as a lawyer interprets the truth. —*Jean Giraudoux*
- The legal system is often a mystery, and we, its priests, preside over rituals baffling to everyday citizens. —*Henry G. Miller*
- Common sense often makes good law. —*William O. Douglas*
- The layman's constitutional view is that what he likes is constitutional and that which he doesn't like is unconstitutional. —*Hugo L. Black*
- Anyone who takes it on himself, on his own authority, to break a bad law, thereby authorizes everyone else to break the good ones. —*Denis Diderot*
- Law is not self-executing. Unfortunately, at times its execution rests in the hands of those who are faithless to it. And even when its enforcement is committed to those who revere it, law merely deters some human beings from offending, and punishes other human beings for offending. This does not make men good. This task can be performed only by ethics or religion or morality. —*Sam J. Ervin Jr.*
- There are not enough jails, not enough policemen, not enough courts to enforce a law not supported by the people. —*Hubert H. Humphrey*

- . . . a strict observance of the written laws is doubtless *one* of the high duties of a good citizen, but it is not the *highest*. The laws of necessity, or self-preservation, of saving our country when in danger, are of higher obligation. —*Thomas Jefferson*
- Ye shall have one manner of law, as well for the stranger as for one of your own country. —*Leviticus 24:22*
- Whenever Law ends, Tyranny begins. —*John Locke*
- Ignorance of the law excuses no man; not that all men know the law, but because 'tis an excuse every man will plead, and no man can tell how to confute him. —*John Selden*
- To make laws that man cannot, and will not obey, serves to bring all law into contempt. —*Elizabeth Cady Stanton*
- Law cannot persuade where it cannot punish. —*Thomas Fuller*
- The law must be stable, but it must not stand still. —*Roscoe Pound*
- The police must obey the law while enforcing the law. —*Earl Warren*
- Distrust all in whom the impulse to punish is powerful. —*Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche*
- A policeman's lot is not a happy one. —*W. S. Gilbert*
- Law is order, and good law is good order. —*Aristotle*
- Of all the tasks of government, the most basic is to protect its citizens from violence. —*John Foster Dulles*
- Law enforcement cannot succeed without the sustained—and informed—interest of all citizens. —*Lyndon B. Johnson*
- There is no grievance that is a fit object of redress by mob law. —*Abraham Lincoln*
- So long as governments set the example of killing their enemies, private individuals will occasionally kill theirs. —*Elbert Hubbard*
- Nothing is illegal if a hundred businessmen decide to do it, and that's true anywhere in the world. —*Andrew Young*
- When I was a kid, one cop could have taken care of the whole neighborhood. Now, one cop wouldn't be *safe* in the neighborhood. —*Mike Royko*
- I don't want to send them to jail. I want to send them to school. —*Adlai Stevenson, about picketers who attacked him in Dallas*
- Necessity hath no law. —*Oliver Cromwell*

Sayings

- A government of law is a government of lawyers.
- The practice of medicine occurs even in primitive society, but law accompanies civilization.
- A bad compromise beats a good lawsuit.

- Law and order are not necessarily partners.
- When you read the riot act, be prepared to enforce it.

Joke

- Storming the jail, the lynch mob insisted on the release of a much-feared criminal into their hands. Standing firmly in their path, the sheriff pointed out that if they took the law into their own hands, it ceased to be the law. "Nobody owns the law," he pointed out calmly.

"Oh yeah?" bellowed the leader of the mob. "You're sure acting like you own it."
The sheriff shook his head. "Nope. The law owns me."

PROTEST

- History will have to record that the greatest tragedy of this period of social transition was not the strident clamor of the bad people, but the appalling silence of the good people.

—*Martin Luther King Jr.*

- If there is no struggle, there is no progress. Those who profess to favor freedom and yet renounce controversy are people who want crops without plowing the ground.

—*Frederick Douglass*

- Martyrs are needed to create incidents. Incidents are needed to create revolutions.
Revolutions are needed to create progress.

—*Chester Bomar Himes*

- I am curious: Why is it that when the National Guard kills four white students we put it on page 1, and when the National Guard kills six black people, we put it on page 32?

—*Arthur Ochs Sulzberger, publisher of the New York Times, in a memo to editors*

- Discontent is the first step in the progress of a man or a nation.

—*Oscar Wilde*

- If voting made a difference, they'd make it illegal.

—*Bob Avakian*

- New opinions are always suspected, and usually opposed, without any other reason but because they are not already common.

—*John Locke*

- People have to watch what they say and watch what they do.

—*Ari Fleischer*

- I think this conflict [against terrorism] is going to require a suspension of freedom and rights unlike anything we have seen, at least since World War II.

—*Marlin Fitzwater*

- Thanks, for a country where nobody is allowed to mind his own business. Thanks, for a nation of finks.

—*William S. Burroughs*

- The unity of freedom has never relied on uniformity of opinion.

—*John F. Kennedy*

- I am for socialism because I am for humanity. We have been cursed with the reign of gold long enough. Money constitutes no proper basis for civilization. The time has come to regenerate society.

—*Eugene Victor Debs*

- In a free society, we punish a man for the crimes he commits, but never for the opinions he holds.

—*Harry S. Truman*

- Political satire became obsolete when Henry Kissinger was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.
—*Tom Lehrer*
- If you think that by hanging us you can stamp out the labor movement, then hang us. Here you will tread upon a spark, but here, and there, and behind you, and in front of you, and everywhere the flames will blaze up. It is a subterranean fire. You cannot put it out.
—*August Spies*
- When you come to challenge the powers that be, inevitably you find yourself on the curbstone of indifference, wondering, “Should I play it safe and stay on the sidewalks or should I go into the street?” And it’s the ones that go into street first who are the leaders.
—*Abbie Hoffman*
- The aim of argument, or of discussion, should not be victory, but progress.
—*Joseph Joubert*
- Of all those fugitive days—of all those terrible, exquisite years—I regret nothing for myself; I am sorry only for those who are perpetually blind to the cruel side of the world, those who never feel stirred to fight for something infinite, for humanity itself.
—*Bill Ayers*
- There is nothing in our book, the Koran, that teaches us to suffer peacefully. Our religion teaches us to be intelligent. Be peaceful, be courteous, obey the law, respect everyone; but if someone puts his hand on you, send him to the cemetery. That’s a good religion.
—*Malcolm X*
- A “NO” uttered for the deepest conviction is better than a “YES” merely uttered to please, or worse, to avoid trouble.
—*Mahatma Gandhi*
- We are not afraid to entrust the American people with unpleasant facts, foreign ideas, alien philosophies, and competitive values. For a nation that is afraid to let its people judge the truth and falsehood in an open market is a nation that is afraid of its people.
—*John F. Kennedy*
- The direct use of force is such a poor solution to any problem, it is generally employed only by small children and large nations.
—*David Friedman*
- The right to be heard does not include the right to be taken seriously.
—*Hubert H. Humphrey*

Sayings

- An eye for eye only ends up making the world blind.
- Placards at antiwar rally just after 9/11 attacks:

Our grief is not a cry for war.
 I'm too sexy for your war.
 Paradigm shit in progress.

Joke

- The demonstration for procrastinators’ rights has been postponed until next week.

WOMEN'S RIGHTS

- If women want any rights more'n dey's got, why don't dey jes' take 'em, and not be talkin' about it. *—Sojourner Truth*
- Woman knows and feels her wrongs as a man cannot know and feel them, and she also knows as well as he can know, what measures are needed to redress them. *—Frederick Douglass*
- I became a feminist as an alternative to becoming a masochist. *—Sally Kempton (attrib.)*
- A white woman has one handicap to overcome: that of sex. I have two—both sex and race. *—Mary Church Terrell*
- Women in America too easily accept the idea of their inferiority to men—if not actually, then in order to curry favour with men, who imagine it easier to live with inferiors than with equals. *—Pearl S. Buck*
- There are very few jobs that actually require a penis or a vagina. All other jobs should be open to everybody. *—Florynce Kennedy (also attributed to Gloria Steinem)*
- I would even go to Washington . . . just to glimpse Jane Q. Public being sworn as the first female president of the United States, while her husband holds the Bible and wears a silly pillbox hat and matching coat. *—Anna Quindlen*
- Any woman who has a career and a family automatically develops something in the way of two personalities, like two sides of a dollar bill, each different in design. . . . Her problem is to keep one from draining the life from the other. *—Ivy Baker Priest*
- [Rape] is the only crime in which the victim becomes the accused. *—Freda Adler*
- There are only about 20 murders a year in London and not all are serious—some are just husbands killing their wives. *—G. H. Hatherill, Scotland Yard*
- A marriage license should not be viewed as a license for a husband to forcibly rape his wife with impunity . . . A married woman has the same right to control her own body as does an unmarried woman. *—Sol Wachter*
- The testimony of a woman has only half the value of the testimony of a man. *—Iranian penal code*
- To be a housewife is . . . a difficult, a wrenching, sometimes an ungrateful job if it is looked on only as a job. Regarded as a profession, it is the noblest as it is the most ancient of the catalogue. Let none persuade us differently or the world is lost indeed. *—Phyllis McGinley*
- We are unalterably opposed to the presentation of the female body being stripped, bound, raped, tortured, mutilated, and murdered in the name of commercial entertainment and free speech. *—Susan Brownmiller*
- The Constitution requires that Congress treat similarly situated persons similarly, not that it engage in gestures of superficial equality. *—Lewis F. Powell Jr.*
- I will not answer until I am addressed correctly. *—Mary Hamilton, to an Alabama prosecutor who addressed her by her first name*

- Without women, we stood in space on one leg only.

—Vladimir Dzhanibekov, Soviet cosmonaut, commenting
on the first space walk by a woman

- Where I am today has *everything* to do with the years I spent hanging on to my career by my fingernails.

—Barbara Aronstein Black, on appointment as dean of Columbia Law School after
raising a family and returning to her studies

- Women do two thirds of the world's work. . . . Yet they earn only one tenth of the world's income and own less than one percent of the world's property. They are among the poorest of the world's poor.

—Barber B. Conable Jr.

- What has the women's movement learned from [Geraldine Ferraro's] candidacy for vice president? Never get married.

—Gloria Steinem

- In politics, if you want anything said, ask a man. If you want anything done, ask a woman.

—Margaret Thatcher

- I have a brain and a uterus, and I use both.

—Patricia Shroeder

- Toughness doesn't have to come in a pinstripe suit.

—Diane Feinstein

- The most stupendous system of organized robbery known has been that of the church towards woman, a robbery that has not only taken her self-respect but all rights of person; the fruits of her own industry; her opportunities of education; the exercise of her own judgment; her own conscience, her own will.

—Matilda Gage

- The true aim of female education should be, not a development of one or two, but all the faculties of the human soul, because no perfect womanhood is developed by imperfect culture.

—Frances Ellen Watkins Harper

- No woman can call herself free until she can choose consciously whether she will or will not be a mother.

—Margaret Sanger

- Some of us are becoming the men we wanted to marry.

—Gloria Steinem

- Women are not entirely wrong when they reject the rules of life prescribed for the world, for these were established for men only, without their consent.

—Michel Eyquem de Montaigne

- We do not ask man to represent us; it is hard enough in times like these for man to carry backbone enough to represent himself.

—Elizabeth Cady Stanton

- It is a silly question to ask a prostitute why she does it. . . . These are the highest-paid "professional" women in America.

—Gail Sheehy

- No longer is the female destined solely for the home and the rearing of the family and only the male for the marketplace and the world of ideas.

—William J. Brennan

- When two people marry, they become in the eyes of the law one person, and that person is the husband.

—Shana Alexander

- These are very confusing times. For the first time in history a woman is expected to combine: intelligence with a sharp hairdo, a raised consciousness with high heels, and an open, non-sexist relationship with a tan guy who has a great bod.

—Lynda Barry

- It is hard to fight an enemy who has outposts in your head. —*Sally Kempton*
- No one is going to take Women's Liberation seriously until women recognize that they will not be thought of as equals in the secret privacy of men's most private mental parts until they eschew alimony. —*Norman Mailer (attrib.)*
- Nobody can argue any longer about the rights of women. . . . It's like arguing about earthquakes. —*Lillian Hellman (attrib.)*
- . . . Women's Liberationists . . . keep on getting up on soapboxes and proclaiming that women are brighter than men. That's true, but it should be kept very quiet or it ruins the whole racket. —*Anita Loos*
- There is one thing women can never take away from men. We die sooner. —*P. J. O'Rourke*
- Whatever women do, they must do twice as well as men to be thought half as good. Luckily, this is not difficult. —*Charlotte Whitton*
- I love being under submission to my husband. . . . I believe in keeping the male ego intact. —*Tammy Faye Bakker*
- I never understood women's liberation. I always got what I wanted from men without asking. —*Martha Graham*
- Women will never be as successful as men because they have no wives to advise them. —*Dick Van Dyke*
- I would rather lie on a sofa than sweep beneath it. —*Shirley Conran*
- Women are not men's equals in anything except responsibility. We are not their inferiors, either, or even their superiors. We are, quite simply, different races. —*Phyllis McGinley*
- What do women want? —*Sigmund Freud*
- What this woman wants, with all due respect to S. Freud, is for men to stop asking that question and to realize that women are human beings, not some alien species. They want the same things men want. —*Diane White*
- Women want men, careers, money, children, friends, luxury, comfort, independence, freedom, respect, love, and a three-dollar pantyhose that won't run. —*Phyllis Diller*
- Women want a family life that glitters and is stable. They don't want some lump spouse watching ice hockey in the late hours of his eighteenth beer. They want a family that is so much fun and is so smart that they look forward to Thanksgiving rather than regarding it with a shudder. That's the glitter part. The stable part is, obviously, they don't want to be one bead on a long necklace of wives. They want, just like men, fun, love, fame, money and power. And equal pay for equal work. —*Carolyn See*
- [Women want] the seemingly impossible: that men treat them with the respect and fairmindedness with which they treat most men. —*Joyce Carol Oates*
- A woman needs a man like a fish needs a bicycle. —*Gloria Steinem*
- No one should have to dance backwards all their lives. —*Jill Ruckelshaus*

- Women fail to understand how much men hate them. —*Germaine Greer*
- Now we find ourselves threatened by a new form of Puritanism called feminism, which attempts to stamp out sex by denying the fundamental and radical differences between men and women. But it is precisely the differences between male and female which create the tension and the delight. —*Edward Abbey*

Sayings

- Women and dogs, and other impure animals, are not permitted to enter. —*Inscription on mosque entrance*
- Wouldn't it be nice to hear just one joke about the saleswoman and the farmer's son?
- Some leaders are born women.
- You've come a long way, baby, —*Virginia Slims advertising slogan*
- A woman who strives to be like a man lacks ambition.
- A woman's work is never done—by men.
- In childhood a woman must be subject to her father; in youth, to her husband; when her husband is dead, to her sons. A woman must never be free of subjugation. —*Code of Manu (Hindu)*
- Blessed be Thou, our God and Lord of Hosts, who has not created me a woman. —*Traditional Jewish prayer*

Jokes

- Support women's lib—make *him* sleep on the wet spot.
- Definition of a lesbian: Just another damn woman trying to do a man's job.
- Sexual harassment at work—is it a problem for the self-employed? —*Victoria Wood*
- What's one advantage of electing a woman president of the United States?
—We wouldn't have to pay her as much.
- What's the best thing about women's liberation?
—It gives you gals something to do in your spare time!

part six

S cience and T echnology

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

- The real problem is not whether machines think but whether men do. —*B. F. Skinner*
- Ever since computers were invented, it has been natural to wonder whether they might be able to learn. —*Tom M. Mitchell*
- With adequate natural language AI, robots will end world hunger and educate kids from womb through Ph.D. in home so each person can freely contribute toward raising the worldwide standard of living ever higher. —*Kirk W. Fraser*
- The real danger is not that computers will begin to think like men, but that men will begin to think like computers. —*Sydney J. Harris*
- It has been said that computing machines can only carry out the processes that they are instructed to do. . . . But is it necessary that they should always be used in this manner? Let us suppose we have set up a machine with certain initial instruction tables, so constructed that these tables might on occasion, if good reason arose, modify these tables. One can imagine that after the machine had been operating for some time, the instructions would have altered out of all recognition, but nevertheless still be such that one would have to admit that the machine was still doing very worthwhile calculations. Possibly it might still be getting results of the type desired when the machine was first set up, but in a much more efficient manner. . . . When this happens I feel that one is obliged to regard the machine as showing intelligence. —*Alan Turing*
- What makes a soul? And if machines ever have souls, what will be the equivalent of psychoactive drugs? Of pain? Of the physical/emotional high I get from having a clean office? —*Esther Dyson*
- Ours is the age which is proud of machines that think and suspicious of men who try to. —*H. M. Jones*
- [In the future] we will have artificial intelligence in every appliance, car, and home running the basic processes so we are left with nothing but an interface using voice, VR, and tactile response systems. The computers will all have voice recognition, fuzzy query input systems, and all information will be found by the computer, not the human based on the current task and interest and the history of the user's responses. —*Robert Wakefield-Carl*

Saying

- The computer is only a fast idiot, it has no imagination; it cannot originate action. It is, and will remain, only a tool to man.

Jokes

- Artificial intelligence (AI) is the science of how to get machines to do the things they do in the movies. —*Astro Teller*
- Artificial stupidity (AS) may be defined as the attempt by computer scientists to create computer programs capable of causing problems of a type normally associated with human thought. —*Wallace Marshall*

ASTROPHYSICS

- If you wish to make an apple pie truly from scratch, you must first invent the universe. —*Carl Sagan*
- The universe is made of stories, not of atoms. —*Muriel Rukeyser*
- A physicist is an atom's way of knowing about atoms. —*George Wald*
- Astrophysics is very humbling. You can't interfere with it, you can't pollute it, you can't change it. It's like fishing—you're just sitting there, hoping the fish will bite your bait. I'm just sitting there passively gathering light that was emitted by a star in a galaxy a million years ago. —*Neil DeGrasse Tyson*
- Man is slightly nearer to the atom than to the star. From his central position man can survey the grandest works of Nature with the astronomer, or the minutest works with the physicist. —*Arthur Stanley*
- So will the Universe end in a big crunch, or in an infinite expansion of dead stars, or in some other manner? In my view, the primary issue is not the mass of the Universe, or the possible existence of antigravity, or of Einstein's so-called cosmological constant. Rather, the fate of the Universe is a decision yet to be made, one which we will intelligently consider when the time is right. —*Ray Kurzweil*
- America is now a space-faring nation . . . a frontier good for millions of years. The only time remotely comparable was when Columbus discovered a whole new world. —*James S. McDonnell*
- [Space travel] is an extravagant feat of technological exhibitionism. —*Lewis Mumford*
- Put three grains of sand inside a vast cathedral, and the cathedral will be more closely packed with sand than space is with stars. —*James Jeans*
- With every passing hour, our solar system comes forty-three thousand miles closer to globular cluster 13 in the constellation Hercules, and still there are some misfits who continue to insist that there is no such thing as progress. —*Ransom K. Fert*
- Is the universe a great mechanism, a great computation, a great symmetry, a great accident, or a great thought? —*John D. Barrow*

- Man, the cutting edge of terrestrial life, has no rational alternative but to expand the environmental and resource base beyond earth. —*Krafft A. Ehricke*
 - In those early times [the first billion years after the solar system was formed], Mars rocks were falling on Earth in great numbers, and many Earth rocks must also have been falling on Mars. We should not be surprised if we find that life, wherever it originated, spread rapidly from one planet to another. Whatever creatures we may find on Mars will probably be either our ancestors or our cousins. —*Freeman J. Dyson*

Sayings

- Space: the final frontier.
—*Capt. James T. Kirk on the TV series Star Trek by Gene Rodenberry*
 - The bigger our discoveries about space, the smaller we become.

Jokes

- The surest sign that intelligent life exists elsewhere in the universe is that it has never tried to contact us. —*Bill Watterson in his comic strip Calvin and Hobbes*
 - The scientific theory I like best is that the rings of Saturn are composed entirely of lost airline luggage. —*Mark Russell*
 - It just goes to show you. They call the lunar landscape bleak and desolate. In Arizona, it's called a chance to invest in the future.
 - I knew Venus was uninhabited the first time we sent a space probe past it—it didn't ask for foreign aid.
 - I really envy those astronauts who can walk in space. Ever since they started showing movies on planes, I've wanted to do the same.
 - I understand that there's a new restaurant on the moon—great food; no atmosphere.
 - Hear about the congressman's proposal for a space program that plans to travel to the sun? So they don't burn to a crisp, they're planning to travel by night.

BIOLOGY

- Life is an offensive, directed against the repetitious mechanism of the Universe.
—*Alfred North Whitehead*
 - Ten years ago biologists were very dismissive of the need for computation. Now they are aware that you can't really do biology without it. —*Thomas B. Kepler*
 - Biology transcends society. —*Jessie Redmon Faust*
 - A great deal of the universe does not need any explanation. Elephants, for instance. Once molecules have learnt to compete and create other molecules in their own images, elephants, and things resembling elephants, will in due course be found roaming through the countryside. —*Peter Atkins*

- To understand culture one must have some understanding of biological thought.

—*William S. Beck*

- The brain secretes thought as the stomach secretes gastric juice, the liver bile, and the kidneys urine.

—*Karl Vogt*

- How to separate dice from design—that is a major question facing evolutionary biology today.

—*Tyler Volk*

- We are a spectacular, splendid manifestation of life. We have language. . . . We have affection. We have genes for usefulness, and usefulness is about as close to a “common goal” of nature as I can guess at. And finally, and perhaps best of all, we have music.

—*Lewis Thomas*

- Is ditchwater dull? Naturalists with microscopes have told me that it teems with quiet fun.

—*G. K. Chesterton*

- Historians will have to face the fact that natural selection determined the evolution of cultures in the same manner as it did that of species.

—*Konrad Lorenz*

- We must, however, acknowledge, as it seems to me, that man with all his noble qualities . . . still bears in his bodily frame the indelible stamp of his lowly origin.

—*Charles Darwin*

- In nature we find not only that which is expedient, but also everything which is not so inexpedient as to endanger the existence of the species.

—*Konrad Lorenz*

Saying

- Biological science is a contradiction in terms.

Jokes

- A drug is a substance that when injected into a guinea pig produces a scientific paper.
- A herd of buffalo can move only as fast as the slowest buffalo, and when the herd is hunted, it is the slowest and weakest ones at the back that are killed first. This natural selection is good for the herd as a whole, because the general speed and health of the whole group keeps improving by the regular killing of the weakest members. In much the same way the human brain can only operate as fast as the slowest brain cells. Excessive intake of alcohol, we all know, kills brain cells, but naturally it attacks the slowest and weakest brain cells first. In this way, regular consumption of beer eliminates the weaker brain cells, making the brain a faster and more efficient machine. So that's why you always feel smarter after a few beers.
- The young woman fresh out of agricultural college looked the whole farm over and then pronounced the farmer's methods of cultivation hopelessly out-of-date and inefficient. “Why, I'd be amazed if you got even ten pounds of apples off that tree,” she concluded, pointing at a gnarled old fruit tree.
“It'd sure surprise me, too,” commented the old farmer. “It's a pear tree.”

Cloning

- The use of embryos to clone is wrong. We should not as a society grow life to destroy it.
—George W. Bush
- The cloning of humans is on most of the lists of things to worry about from Science, along with behaviour control, genetic engineering, transplanted heads, computer poetry and the unrestrained growth of plastic flowers.
—Lewis Thomas
- Cloning an extinct species sends absolutely the wrong messages, like, “Extinction is not forever.” In reality, extinction is forever.
—Josh Ginsberg
- Cloning is a curiosity. It will have no impact on our genetic stewardship of the planet.
—Rob DeSalle
- Technologies such as human cloning have in particular raised our awareness of the profound ethical and moral issues we face. If, for example, we were to reengineer ourselves into several separate and unequal species using the power of genetic engineering, then we would threaten the notion of equality that is the very cornerstone of our democracy.
—Bill Joy
- Work with animals has shown that cloning is something of an art.
—Gina Kolata
- I hope one day I can clone another Dick Cheney. Then I won’t have to do anything.
—George W. Bush

Saying

- Mary, Mary, Mary had a little lamb, lamb, lamb.

Jokes

- Following his astonishing achievement in cloning himself, the scientist was asked to address a national convention of reproductive biologists. He and his clone arrived at the conference room on the top floor of an Atlanta skyscraper, where he approached the podium and began his speech.

“My fellow scientists,” he began. But before he could utter another word, the clone sprang to his feet and shouted out, “Don’t believe a word this asshole says!”

The crowd broke out in murmurs as the scientist ordered his unruly double to sit down and be quiet. Apologizing, he began again, “Fellow colleages.” Again the clone jumped up and yelled, “Don’t believe a word this son-of-a-bitch says. He can barely read the instructions on a TV dinner!”

Red-faced, the scientist thrust his clone back into his chair and began again. “Ladies and gentlemen—” He was interrupted by the clone screaming, “This dickwad is a complete fraud. He couldn’t copy his nuts sitting on a Xerox machine!”

Incensed, the biologist rushed over, grabbed the clone, and threw him out of the window. The crowd gasped, security was summoned, and the police chief arrived and informed the scientist that he was under arrest.

“What for?” protested the scientist. “I haven’t committed any crime. What fell from the window was a clone, not a person.”

"Hmmm," said the police officer, rubbing his chin and conferring with his colleagues. "Okay, for making an obscene clone fall."

- If Henry IV were cloned, would he be Henry V or Henry IV part II?

COMPUTERS AND COMPUTING

- The mind can store an estimated 100 trillion bits of information—compared with which a computer's mere billions are virtually amnesiac. —*Sharon Begley*
- The computer is more than a tool, it is a medium. Just as the typeface standardized information—changing us from a society where information was at the mercy of monks busy with hand copying into a fact-loving society where non-fiction outsells fiction—so the computer will change the way we look at the world. —*John Sculley*
- A computer will not make a good manager out of a bad manager. It makes a good manager better faster and a bad manager worse faster. —*Edward M. Esber*
- It would appear that we have reached the limits of what is possible to achieve with computer technology, although one should be careful with such statements, as they tend to sound pretty silly in five years. —*Johann von Neumann, 1947*
- Because of the recent rapid and radical progress in molecular electronics—where individual atoms and molecules replace lithographically drawn transistors—and related nanoscale technologies, we should be able to meet or exceed the Moore's law rate of progress for another 30 years. By 2030, we are likely to be able to build machines, in quantity, a million times as powerful as the personal computers of today. —*Bill Joy*
- Computers can figure out all kinds of problems, except the things in the world that just don't add up. —*James Magary*
- Men are going to have to learn to be managers in a world where the organization will come close to consisting of all chiefs and one Indian. The Indian, of course, is the computer. —*Thomas L. Whisler*
- Computers are useless. They can only give you answers. —*Pablo Picasso*
- The computer programmer is a creator of universes for which he alone is the lawgiver. . . . No playwright, no stage director, no emperor, however powerful, has ever exercised such absolute authority to arrange a state or a field of battle and to command such unswervingly dutiful actors or troops. —*Joseph Weisenbaum*
- Not even computers will replace committees, because committees buy computers. —*Edward Shepherd Mead*
- If you put tomfoolery into a computer, nothing comes out but tomfoolery. But this tomfoolery, having passed through a very expensive machine, is somehow ennobled and no one dares criticize it. —*Pierre Gallois*
- In a few minutes a computer can make a mistake so great that it would take many men many months to equal it. —*Merle L. Meacham*
- The presence of humans, in a system containing high-speed electronic computers and high-speed accurate communications, is quite inhibiting. —*Stuart Luman Seaton*

- The more data banks record about each one of us, the less we exist.

—Marshall McLuhan

- . . . man is still the most extraordinary computer of all.

—John F. Kennedy

- If the automobile had followed the same development cycle as the computer, a Rolls-Royce would today cost \$100, get one million miles to the gallon, and explode once a year, killing everyone inside.

—Robert X. Cringely

- Immunity to boredom gives computers the edge.

—Alan Lakein

- A computer is like an Old Testament god, with a lot of rules and no mercy.

—Joseph Campbell

- Logic doesn't apply to the real world.

—Marvin Minsky

- All that is needed to solve a surprisingly wide range of intelligent problems is exactly this: simple methods combined with heavy doses of computation. In some cases, we don't even need the latter; just one well-defined statement of the problem will do.

—Ray Kurzweil

- As we say in the computer business, "shift happens."

—Tim Romero

Sayings

- You can never be too rich, too thin, or have too much memory.
- If you give someone a program, you will frustrate them for a day; if you teach them how to program, you will frustrate them for a lifetime.
- To err is human, but to really screw up requires a computer.
- In the computer age, it is disturbing to realize that a machine has your number.

Jokes

- "I hate this darn machine," complained an office worker about his newly automated work station. "It never does what I want it to do, only what I tell it."
- If you can't beat your computer at chess, try kick boxing.
- Smith was a man of cold facts, a scientist, a computer jock, and a confirmed atheist. He became somewhat obsessed with the desire to prove the truth. So he mortgaged his house and sold his car in order to put a down payment on the most powerful computer commercially available. Then Smith plugged it into every data bank in the world, accessed every library in the United States and Europe, and had the machine scan every book published since the invention of the printing press.

Finally Smith sat down at the console, took a deep breath, and typed, "Is there a God?"

The monitor flickered, the hard drives clicked, and up on the screen came the words, "There is now."

- From then on, when anything went wrong with a computer, we said it had bugs in it.

—Adm. Grace Murray Hopper, on the removal of a two-inch-long moth
from an experimental computer at Harvard in 1945

- Q: How do they know computers existed in biblical times?
A: Because Eve had an Apple, and Adam had a Wang.
 - Q: How can you spot the secretary who's a slow learner?
A: He's the one with Wite-Out all over his screen.
 - Smith & Wesson . . . the original Point-'n'-Click interface. —*Neil Mohammed*
 - I can predict the future by assuming that money and male hormones are the driving forces for new technology. Therefore, when virtual reality gets cheaper than dating, society is doomed. —*Dogbert, in a Scott Adams cartoon*
 - An artist, a lawyer, and a computer scientist are discussing the merits of a mistress . . .
The artist tells of the passion, the thrill that comes with the risk of being discovered.
The lawyer warns of the difficulties. It can lead to guilt, divorce, bankruptcy. Not worth it. Too many problems.
- The computer scientist says, "It's the best thing that's ever happened to me. My wife thinks I'm with my mistress, my mistress thinks I'm home with my wife, and I can spend all night on the computer!"
- One thing a computer can do that most humans can't is be sealed up in a cardboard box and sit in a warehouse. —*Jack Handey (Al Franken) in Deep Thoughts*
 - There are many methods for predicting the future. For example, you can read horoscopes, tea leaves, tarot cards, or crystal balls. Collectively, these methods are known as "nutty methods." Or you can put well-researched facts into sophisticated computer models, more commonly referred to as "a complete waste of time."

—*Scott Adams in The Dilbert Future*

- A computer lets you make more mistakes faster than any invention in human history—with the possible exceptions of handguns and tequila.
- Clues that you just might be an Internet addict:
 - You start tilting your head sideways to smile.
 - You code your homework in HTML and give your instructor the URL.
 - You'd rather go to <http://www.weather.com> than look out your window.
- Men think that computers should be referred to as female because:
 1. No one but their creator understands their internal logic.
 2. The language in which they communicate among themselves is incomprehensible to everyone else.
 3. The message "Bad command or File Name" is about as informative as "if you don't know why I'm mad at you, I'm certainly not going to tell you!"
 4. Your smallest mistakes are stored in long-term memory for later retrieval.
 5. As soon as you make a commitment to one, you spend half your paycheck on accessories for it.
 6. Miss a period and they go wild.
 7. You do the same thing for years and suddenly it's wrong.

Women think computers are male because:

1. They have lots of data, but are still clueless.
2. They are supposed to solve problems, but half the time they *are* the problem.

3. As soon as you commit to one, you realize that if you had only waited a bit longer, you could have had a better model.
 4. To get their attention, you have to “turn them on.”
 5. A big “power-surge” will knock them out for the rest of the night!
 6. It is always necessary to have a backup.
 7. They’ll do whatever you say if you push the right buttons.
 8. Size does matter.

GENETICS

- Compared with the knowledge to be gleaned from the genome, the whole of the rest of biology is but a thimbleful.
—*Matt Ridley*
 - What is truly revolutionary about molecular biology in the post-Watson-Crick era is that it has become digital . . . the machine code of the genes is uncannily computer-like.
—*Richard Dawkins*
 - Some people argue that publishing the genome of pathogens is like publishing the blueprint to the atomic bomb. But it's also the blueprint for a deterrent and the blueprint for a cure.
—*Craig Venter*
 - Sequencing the human genome is essentially putting in order the over 3 billion chemical units that encode the instructions on how to build and operate a human being. But those instructions are written in a language biology does not fully understand. Indeed, some have described the genome as a parts list minus information on how the parts connect or what they do.
—*Samuel K. Moore*
 - Abolitionists decided that the free market should not extend to human bodies, and their view prevailed. I hope and believe that our descendants will decide, in the fullness of time, that the free market should not extend to human genes.
—*Freeman J. Dyson*
 - Any living cell carries within it the experiences of a billion years of experimentation by its ancestors
—*Max Delbrook*
 - There's no guarantee that everything we find in the genome will enhance our self-image. Human nature is a brew of strange elements, and we don't know yet what particular mix of murderousness and mercy has made us the sole survivors of the once-diverse hominid line.
—*Nicholas Wade*
 - To say that DNA transmits information is not an analogy. It is literally true. But the information transmitted is not graphic but coded; it is more like a recipe than a blueprint.
—*E. J. Applewhite*
 - Flamboyant cognitive metaphors [for the genome] such as reading, understanding, knowledge, intention, and so forth are utterly irreducible to biological mechanics, and there is also no analogy in mechanical or computer technology to help us. . . . The parts themselves know where they belong . . . [and get there] without any help.
—*Arthur B. Cody*

- DNA is nature's own nanoengineered computer and it is well suited for solving combinatorial problems. Combining attributes is, after all, the essence of genetics.

—Ray Kurzweil

- Technology allows us to be the stewards of all 1.7 million species, not just our own, to be genetic as well as environmental stewards of our planet. We are the only species with the power to do so.

—Rob DeSalle

- We all know what books feel like and how much time it takes to read them. And if we assume that there are roughly 3,000 letters on a single page of a book it would take roughly 1,000 volumes each of 1,000 pages to represent all the information that's present in your genome and mine.

—Harold Varmus

- We need to declare the gene pool a shared resource, a commons, like we did to Antarctica, which no country owns. To claim ownership of the actual blueprints of millions of years of evolution is absurd, and shameful. Otherwise our descendants will fight gene wars; they will become a battleground between companies and countries, just like battles over oil (which is also a finite resource, like genes, and cannot be created *de novo*).

—Jeremy Rifkin

Saying

- It's all in the genes.

Jokes

- Do depressed people have blue genes?
- Animal testing is a terrible idea; they get all nervous and give the wrong answers.

MATHEMATICS

- In mathematics you don't understand things. You just get used to them.

—Johann von Neumann

- In all the mathematics that I did, the essential point was to find the right architecture. It's like building a bridge. Once the main lines of the structure are right, then the details miraculously fit. The problem is the overall design.

—Freeman J. Dyson

- Mathematics is a game played according to certain simple rules with meaningless marks on paper.

—David Hilbert

- If the entire Mandelbrot set were placed on an ordinary sheet of paper, the tiny sections of boundary we examine would not fill the width of a hydrogen atom. Physicists *think* about such tiny objects; only mathematicians have microscopes fine enough to actually observe them.

—John Ewing

- Revolutions never occur in mathematics.

—Michael Crowe

- When asked what it was like to set about proving something, the mathematician likened proving a theorem to seeing the peak of a mountain and trying to climb to the

top. One establishes a base camp and begins scaling the mountain's sheer face, encountering obstacles at every turn, often retracing one's steps and struggling every foot of the journey. Finally when the top is reached, one stands examining the peak, taking in the view of the surrounding countryside and then noting the automobile road up the other side!

—Robert J. Kleinhenz

- A mathematician is a blind man in a dark room looking for a black cat which isn't there. —*Charles Darwin*
 - Poets do not go mad; but chess-players do. Mathematicians go mad, and cashiers; but creative artists very seldom. I am not . . . in any sense attacking logic: I only say that this danger does lie in logic, not in imagination. —*G. K. Chesterton*
 - I have hardly even known a mathematician who was capable of reasoning. —*Plato*
 - Errors using inadequate data are much less than those using no data at all. —*Charles Babbage*
 - Mathematics is the only science where one never knows what one is talking about nor whether what is said is true. —*Bertrand Russell*
 - Life is good for only two things, discovering mathematics and teaching mathematics. —*Siméon Poisson*

Saying

- Old mathematicians never die; they just lose some of their functions.
 - Pie are not square. Pie are round. Cornbread are square.

Jokes

- Q: What's nonorientable and lives in the sea?
A: Möbius Dick.
 - Three men in a hot-air balloon find themselves lost in a canyon somewhere in New Mexico. One of the three men says, “I’ve got an idea. We yell for help, and the echo in this canyon will carry our voices to where someone can hear us.”
So he leans over the edge of the basket and yells out, “Helllloooooo! Where are we? The echo reverberates down the canyon. Then silence.
Fifteen minutes later an echoing voice responds: “Helllloooooo! You’re lost!!”
“That must have been a mathematician,” the first guy announces.
Puzzled, one of his companions asks, “Why do you say that?”
“For three reasons,” was the reply. “First, he took a long time to answer. Second, he was absolutely correct. And third, his answer was absolutely useless.”

- A mad scientist kidnapped three colleagues, an engineer, a physicist, and a mathematician, and locked each of them in a cell. Each cell contained water and an abundance of canned food, but no can opener.

A month later the mad scientist visited the engineer's cell and found it long empty. The engineer had constructed a can opener from pocket trash, used aluminum shavings and dried sugar to make an explosive, and escaped through a hole in the door.

The physicist had worked out the angle necessary to knock the lids off the tin cans by throwing them against the wall. She had developed a good pitching arm and a new quantum theory.

The mathematician's desiccated corpse was propped calmly against a wall, and this was inscribed on the floor in blood:

Theorem: If I can't open these cans, I'll die.

Proof: Assume the opposite . . .

PHYSICS

- All science is either physics or stamp collecting. —*Ernest Rutherford*
- Physics is becoming so unbelievably complex that it is taking longer and longer to train a physicist. It is taking so long, in fact, to train a physicist to the place where he understands the nature of physical problems that he is already too old to solve them. —*Eugene Wigner*
- When it comes to atoms, language can be used only as in poetry. The poet, too, is not nearly so concerned with describing facts as with creating images. —*Neils Bohr*
- I know that this defies the law of gravity, but, you see, I never studied law. —*Bugs Bunny*
- Most of the papers which are submitted to the *Physical Review* are rejected, not because it is impossible to understand them, but because it is possible. Those which are impossible to understand are usually published. —*Freeman J. Dyson*
- I am afraid the knockabout comedy of modern atomic physics is not very tender towards our aesthetic ideals. The stately drama of stellar evolution turns out to be more like the hair-breadth escapades in the films. The music of the spheres has a painful suggestion of—jazz. —*Arthur S. Eddington*
- One thing they don't tell you about doing experimental physics is that sometimes you must work under adverse conditions . . . like a state of sheer terror. —*W. K. Hartmann*
- My goal is simple. It is complete understanding of the universe, why it is as it is and why it exists at all. —*Stephen Hawking*
- This isn't right. This isn't even wrong. —*Wolfgang Pauli, about a paper submitted by a physicist colleague*
- One does not, by knowing all the physical laws as we know them today, immediately obtain an understanding of anything much. —*Richard Feynman*
- I cannot think of a single one, not even intelligence. —*Enrico Fermi, when asked what characteristics physics Nobelists had in common.*
- If God has made the world a perfect mechanism, He has at least conceded so much to our imperfect intellects that in order to predict little parts of it, we need not solve innumerable differential equations, but can use dice with fair success. —*Max Born*

- You believe in a God who plays dice, and I in complete law and order in a world which objectively exists, and which I, in a wildly speculative way, am trying to capture . . .

—Albert Einstein

- When it began, cubism was a sort of analysis, which was no more painting than the description of physical phenomena was physics.

—Juan Gris

- The rules of clockwork might apply to familiar objects such as snookerballs, but when it comes to atoms, the rules are those of roulette.

—Paul Davies

Sayings

- Heisenberg might have slept here.
- Law of Selective Gravity: An object will fall so as to do the most damage.
Jenning's Corollary: The chance of the bread falling with the jelly side down is directly proportional to the cost of the carpet.
- The magnetosphere sucks.

Jokes

- Q: What do physicists enjoy doing the most at baseball games?
A: The “wave.”
- The physics teacher began the Physics 101 class with a rudimentary lesson. “For every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction,” he began. “For example, which of you can tell me what happens when you get in the bathtub.”

A student in the front row stuck up her hand and replied confidently, “The phone rings.”

- Poster in physics lab:

Wanted

\$10,000 reward

Schrödinger's Cat

Dead or Alive

- Q: What's the difference between a mass spectrometer and an electric guitar?
A: You can tune a mass spectrometer.

- Sign in physics department:

THEORY IS WHEN YOU KNOW HOW IT WORKS BUT IT STILL DOESN'T. PRACTICE IS WHEN IT WORKS BUT YOU DON'T KNOW WHY. IN THIS DEPARTMENT, THEORY AND PRACTICE ARE JOINED TOGETHER: NOTHING WORKS AND NO ONE KNOWS WHY!

- Q: What is the definition of a tachyon?
A: A gluon that's not completely dry.

- *Why scientists think the chicken crossed the road:*

Zeno of Elea: “To prove it could never reach the other side.”

Werner Heisenberg: “We are not sure which side of the road the chicken was on, but it was moving very fast.”

Isaac Newton:

1. Chickens at rest tend to stay at rest. Chickens in motion tend to cross the road.
2. It was pushed on the road.
3. It was pushed on the road by another chicken, which went away from the road.
4. It was attracted to a chicken on the other side of the road.

Wolfgang Pauli: There already was a chicken on this side of the road.

Blaise Pascal: It was pressured to cross.

Georg Simon Ohm: There was more resistance on this side of the road.

Alessandro Volta: The other side had more potential.

Archimedes: To actualize its potential.

Stephen Hawking: The first seconds made the universe in such a way that chickens cross the road.

Albert Einstein: Did the chicken really cross the road or did the road move beneath the chicken?

- When his flock of prize Rhode Island Red chickens began to sicken and die, the farmer tried all the usual remedies to no effect. So he called in a biologist, a chemist, and a physicist to see if they could figure out what was wrong.

The biologist examined the chickens, checked out the chicken coop, and admitted that he had no clue as to what could be wrong with them.

The chemist took some tests and made some measurements, but came to no helpful conclusions either.

So the physicist gave it a shot. He stood there and looked at the chickens for a long time without touching them or anything. Then all of the sudden he started scribbling away in a notebook. Finally, after several lengthy calculations, he cried joyfully, "I've got it! But it only works for spherical chickens in a vacuum."

SCIENCE

- The most exciting phrase to hear in science, the one that heralds new discoveries, is not "Eureka!" (I found it!) but "That's funny . . ." —Isaac Asimov
- Science is the reduction of the bewildering diversity of unique events to manageable uniformity within one of a number of symbol systems, and technology is the art of using these symbol systems so as to control and organize unique events. —Aldous Huxley
- Every great advance in science has issued from a new audacity of imagination. —John Dewey
- Every great advance in natural knowledge has involved the absolute rejection of authority. —Aldous Huxley
- Science is the great antidote to the poison of enthusiasm and superstition. —Adam Smith
- One thing I have learned in a long life: that all our science, measured against reality, is primitive and childlike—and yet it is the most precious thing we have. —Albert Einstein
- How much does your building weigh? —R. Buckminster Fuller

- No science is immune to the infection of politics and the corruption of power.
—**Jacob Bronowski**
- The average scientist is good for at most one revolution. Even if he has the power to make one change in his category system and carry others along, success will make him a recognized leader, with little to gain from another revolutions.
—**Gerald M. Weinberg**
- Science is all those things which are confirmed to such a degree that it would be unreasonable to withhold one's provisional consent.
—**Stephen Jay Gould**
- [The scientist] may not be a champion of change; he may even resist it, as scholars of the past resisted the new truths of historical geology, biological evolution, unitary chemistry, and non-Euclidean geometry. But to the extent that he is a true professional, the scientist is inescapably an agent of change. His tools are the instruments of change—skepticism, the challenge to established authority, criticism, rationality, and individuality.
—**Alexander Yuzinich**
- It may be that the universe is just one of those things that happens from time to time.
—**Edward Tryon**
- I spend money on war because it is necessary, but to spend it on science, that is pleasant to me.
—**King George III**
- Science has nothing to be ashamed of, even in the ruins of Nagasaki.
—**Jacob Bronowski**
- To punish me for my contempt for authority, Fate made me an authority myself.
—**Albert Einstein**
- What counts in science is to be not so much the first as the last.
—**Erwin Chargaff**
- When a scientist states that something is possible, he is almost certainly right. When he states that something is impossible, he is very probably wrong.
—**Arthur C. Clarke**
- A man does not attain the status of Galileo merely because he is persecuted; he must also be right.
—**Stephen Jay Gould**
- Science tries to answer the question: "How?" How do cells act in the body? How do you design an airplane that will fly faster than sound? How is a molecule of insulin constructed? Religion, by contrast, tries to answer the question: "Why?" Why was man created? Why ought I to tell the truth? Why must there be sorrow or pain or death? Science attempts to analyze how things and people and animals behave; it has no concern whether this behavior is good or bad, is purposeful or not.
—**Warren Weaver**
- It is through science that we prove, but through intuition that we discover.
—**Jules Henri Poincaré**
- What is science? Science is angling in the mud—angling for immortality and for anything else that may turn up.
—**Aldous Huxley**
- It is characteristic of science that the full explanations are often seized in their essence by the percipient scientist long in advance of any possible proof.
—**J. D. Bernal**

- Every great scientific truth goes through three stages. First, people say it conflicts with the Bible. Next they say it had been discovered before. Lastly they say they always believed it. —*Louis Agassiz*
- The investigator should have a robust faith—and yet not believe. —*Tristan Bernard*
- Science will never be able to reduce the value of a sunset to arithmetic. Nor can it reduce friendship or statesmanship to a formula. —*Louis Orr*
- A good scientist is a person in whom the childhood quality of perennial curiosity lingers on. Once he gets an answer, he has other questions. —*Fredrick Seitz*
- Science would be ruined if (like sports) it were to put competition above everything else, and if it were to clarify the rules of competition by withdrawing entirely into narrowly defined specialties. The rare scholars who are nomads-by-choice are essential to the intellectual welfare of the settled disciplines. —*Benoit Mandelbrot*
- The great tragedy of science—the slaying of a beautiful hypothesis by an ugly fact. —*Thomas Henry Huxley*
- [Scientists are] peeping Toms at the keyhole of eternity. —*Arthur Koestler*
- Science may have found a cure for most evils; but it has found no remedy for the worst of them all—the apathy of human beings. —*Helen Keller*
- Science is the record of dead religions. —*Oscar Wilde*
- Men love to wonder, and that is the seed of our science. —*Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- Science is organized knowledge. —*Herbert Spencer*
- The only thing wrong with scientists is that they don't understand science. They don't know where their own institutions came from, what forces shaped them and are still shaping them and they are wedded to an anti-historical way of thinking which threatens to deter them from ever finding out. —*Eric Larrabee*
- A science which hesitates to forget its founders is lost. —*Alfred North Whitehead*
- . . . science can not only make man richer—but science can make man better. —*Lyndon B. Johnson*
- The whole of science is nothing more than a refinement of everyday thinking. —*Albert Einstein*
- The task is not so much to see what no one has yet seen; but to think what nobody has yet thought about that which everybody sees. —*Erwin Schrödinger*
- Before a war, military science seems like a real science, like astronomy; but after a war it seems more like astrology. —*Rebecca West*
- The only way of learning the method of science is the long and bitter way of personal experience. —*J. D. Bernal*
- Our loyalties are to the species and the planet. We speak for Earth. Our obligation to survive is owed not just to ourselves but also to that Cosmos, ancient and vast, from which we spring. —*Carl Sagan*
- A first-rate laboratory is one in which mediocre scientists can produce outstanding work. —*Patrick Maynard Stuart Blackett*

Sayings

- Science is the ascertainment of facts and the refusal to regard facts as permanent.
- To err is human; to try to prevent recurrence of error is science.
- Science is forever rewriting itself.
- Scientific Method: The widely held philosophy that a theory can never be proved, only disproved, and that all attempts to explain anything are therefore futile.

Jokes

- Michael Faraday, a pioneer in the field of electricity, was demonstrating the tremendous potential of his new invention, the dynamo, to the British scientific Royal Society. A young politician in the audience, William Gladstone, grew bored, finally saying, “I’m sure this is all very interesting, Mr. Faraday, but what in God’s earth good is it?”

“Someday,” replied the brilliant inventor dryly, “you politicians will be able to tax it.”

- He left his body to science—and science is contesting the will. —*David Frost*
- What’s the difference between a physicist, an engineer, and a mathematician?

If an engineer walks into a room and sees a fire in the middle and a bucket of water in the corner, he takes the bucket of water and pours it on the fire and puts it out.

If a physicist walks into a room and sees a fire in the middle and a bucket of water in the corner, he takes the bucket of water and pours it eloquently around the fire and lets the fire put itself out.

If a mathematician walks into a room and sees a fire in the middle and a bucket of water in the corner, he convinces himself there is a solution and leaves.

- A metalworker was very proud when his son went off to college. On Parents’ Day he came to visit and observed his son hard at work in the chemistry lab. “What are you working on?” he asked.

“A universal solvent,” explained the son, “a liquid that will dissolve anything.”

Clearly impressed, the metalworker whistled, and asked, “What’ll you keep it in?”

T E C H N O L O G Y

BIOTECHNOLOGY

- For now, anyway, it is much easier to imagine ghastly new biological weapons than to create them.
—*Andrew Pollack*
- There is no such thing as a gene that belongs in one species and not another. 97% of the genetic material in our genome seems to serve no purpose for humans. Moving genes is a technique we can now purpose with unprecedented predictability, control and therefore safety.
—*Dr. Val Giddings*
- Biotechnology has incredible potential to enhance nutrition, feed a growing world population, open up new markets for farmers and reduce the environmental impact of farming. Its potential benefits are limited only by the imagination and resourcefulness of our scientists.
—*Rep. Nick Smith*
- The gene-spliced product is safer by far than the natural one.
—*David N. Leff, on the superiority of genetically engineered hormones to those taken from cadavers*
- This genie can't be pushed back into the bottle.
—*David N. Leff, on the impossibility of halting genetic research*
- With this powerful new genetic knowledge, scientists have the ability to pack large amounts of technology into a single seed.
—*Norman Borlaug*
- While a few well-publicized voices continue to stir up unfounded fears, science, technological innovation, and economic freedom will win the war for a Second Green Revolution that will save lives, meet the demands of a growing and more affluent world population and combat disease and environmental disruption as well. That's too powerful for ignorance to overcome.
—*Jack Kemp*
- I not only think we tamper with Mother Nature, I think that Mother Nature wants us to.
—*Willard Gatlin*
- We must face the implications of a steadily shrinking surface of cultivatable land, at a time when every year brings many millions of new mouths to feed. Biotechnology may offer the best hope, but only if we can resolve the controversies and allay the fears surrounding it.
—*Kofi Annan*

Saying

- Genetic engineering: A recent attempt to formalize what farmers have been doing all along.

Joke

- Pharmacology: The use of rabbits and dogs as guinea pigs.

THE FUTURE

- These days, unless you devote an enormous amount of time to anticipating the future, you won't have any future. —*Ron Chernow*
- I'm as fond of my body as anyone else, but if I can be 200 with a body of silicon, I'll take it. —*Danny Hillis*
- Science has not yet mastered prophecy. We predict too much for the next year and yet far too little for the next ten. —*Neil A. Armstrong*
- I object to people running down the future. I intend to live the rest of my life there. —*Charles F. Kettering*
- Where there is no future before a people, there is no hope. —*Edward Wilmot Blyden*
- Our children may learn about heroes of the past. Our task is to make ourselves architects of the future. —*Jomo Mzee Kenyatta*
- There is no future for a people who deny their past. —*Adam Clayton Powell Jr.*
- Each generation must, out of relative obscurity, discover its mission, fulfill it, or betray it. —*Frantz Fanon*
- Today the most successful craft industries are concerned with software and biotechnology. The craft industries of the future might be concerned with neurophysiology or ecology, with technologies not yet invented or with sciences not yet named. Two factors of life will not change. Science will continue to generate unpredictable new ideas and opportunities with new skills and inventions. We remain tool-making animals, and science will continue to exercise the creativity programmed into our genes. —*Freeman J. Dyson*
- If we tried to sink the past beneath our feet, be sure the future would not stand it. —*Elizabeth Barrett Browning*
- These doomsday warriors look no more like soldiers than the soldiers of the Second World War looked like conquistadors. The more expert they become, the more they look like lab assistants in small colleges. —*Alistair Cooke*
- Neither a wise man nor a brave man lies down on the tracks of history to wait for the train of the future to run over him. —*Dwight D. Eisenhower*
- We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future. —*Franklin D. Roosevelt*
- No date on the calendar is as important as tomorrow. —*Roy W. Howard*

- Future shock [is] the shattering stress and disorientation that we induce in individuals by subjecting them to too much change in too short a time. —*Alvin Toffler*
- The new electronic independence re-creates the world in the image of a global village. —*Marshall McLuhan*
- We are experiencing a dawning recognition that while science constructs our reality, it cannot deliver on its promise to save us from our human limitations. This is especially evident in cultural and political responses to AIDS, which are at once a throwback to medieval notions of sin and disease, and a confrontation with a cybernetic future of new viruses and technologized sex. —*Cindy Patton*
- The danger of the past was that men became slaves. The danger of the future is that men may become robots. —*Eric Fromm*
- Future, n: that period of time in which our affairs prosper, our friends are true and our happiness is assured. —*Ambrose Bierce*
- I like the dreams of the future better than the history of the past. —*Thomas Jefferson*
- He that fears not the future may enjoy the present. —*Thomas Fuller*
- The best preparation for good work tomorrow is to do good work today. —*Elbert Hubbard*
- Never let the future disturb you. You will meet it, if you have to, with the same weapons of reason which today arm you against the present. —*Marcus Aurelius Antoninus*
- Only mothers can think of the future—because they give birth to it in their children. —*Maxim Gorky*
- I never think of the future. It comes soon enough. —*Albert Einstein*
- Never look down to test the ground before taking your next step; only he who keeps his eye fixed on the far horizon will find the right road. —*Dag Hammarskjöld*
- Who controls the past controls the future; who controls the present controls the past. —*George Orwell*
- . . . it is all too obvious that if we do not abolish war on this earth, then surely, one day, war will abolish us from the earth. —*Harry S. Truman*
- The future never just happened. It was created. —*Will and Ariel Durant*
- The Universe grows smaller every day—and the threat of aggression by any group—anywhere—can no longer be tolerated. There must be security for *all*—or not one is safe. —*Klaatu, in The Day the Earth Stood Still, screenplay by Edmund H. North*
- The future ain't what it used to be. —*Yogi Berra*

Sayings

- He who does not look ahead remains behind. —*Spanish proverb*
- The best thing about the future is that it comes one day at a time.
- One thing you can't recycle is wasted time.

Jokes

- Husband: “Why are you always so depressed about the future, honey?”
Wife: “I keep considering the past.”
- We hope that, when the insects take over the world, they will remember with gratitude how we took them along on all our picnics.

—Bill Vaughn

NANOTECHNOLOGY

- The problems of chemistry and biology can be greatly helped if . . . doing things on an atomic level is ultimately developed—a development which I think cannot be avoided.
—Richard Feynman, 1939
- What advantages will nanotoasters have over conventional macroscopic toaster technology? First, the savings in counter space will be substantial. The philosophical point that must not be overlooked is that the creation of the world’s smallest toaster implies the existence of the world’s smallest slice of bread. In the quantum limit we must necessarily encourage fundamental toast particles, which we designate here as “croutons.”
—Jim Cser
- Life on Earth has mastered the ultimate goal of nanotechnology, which is self-replication.
—Ray Kurzweil
- Components manufactured from the molecular level on up will be essentially “perfect.” Nanotechnology will turn current economic and work-life models completely upside down.
—Kevin Cleary

Joke

- Q: How many nanoassemblers does it take to change a lightbulb?
A: Invalid question. With nanoassemblers we will modify our eyeballs so that humans can see in the dark.

THE NUCLEAR AGE

- I have felt it myself. The glitter of nuclear weapons. It is irresistible if you come to them as a scientist. To feel it’s there in your hands, to release this energy that fuels the stars, to let it do your bidding. To perform these miracles, to lift a million tons of rock into the sky. It is something that gives people an illusion of illimitable power, and it is, in some ways, responsible for all our troubles—this, what you might call technical arrogance, that overcomes people when they see what they can do with their minds.
—Freeman J. Dyson
- It is ironical that in an age when we have prided ourselves on our progress in the intelligent care and teaching of children we have at the same time put them at the mercy of new and most terrible weapons of destruction.
—Pearl S. Buck

- Man has wrested from nature the power to make the world a desert or to make the deserts bloom. There is no evil in the atom; only in men's souls. —*Adlai Stevenson*
- We have genuflected before the god of science only to find that it has given us the atomic bomb, producing fears and anxieties that science can never mitigate. —*Martin Luther King Jr.*
- We turned the switch, saw the flashes, watched for ten minutes, then switched everything off and went home. That night I knew the world was headed for sorrow. —*Leo Szilard, describing the 1939 experiment which confirmed the atom could be split*
- Atoms for peace. Man is still the greatest miracle and the greatest problem on this earth. —*David Sarnoff; first message sent with atomic-powered electricity, January 27, 1954*
- An optimist, in the atomic age, is a person who thinks the future is uncertain. —*Russell Crouse and Howard Lindsay*
- What was gunpowder? Trivial. What was electricity? Meaningless. The atomic bomb is the Second Coming in wrath. —*Winston Churchill*
- I thought it might have a practical use in something like neon signs. —*Harold C. Urey, on developing heavy water, vital to the atomic bomb*
- I feel impelled to speak today in a language that in a sense is new—one which I, who have spent so much of my life in the military profession, would have preferred never to use. That new language is the language of atomic warfare. —*Dwight D. Eisenhower*
- [President John F.] Kennedy said that if we had nuclear war we'd kill 300 million people in the first hour. [Secretary of Defense Robert S.] McNamara, who is a good businessman and likes to save, says it would be only 200 million. —*Norman Thomas*
- One cannot fashion a credible deterrent out of an incredible action. —*Robert S. McNamara*
- [Nuclear weapons are] like having a cobra in the nursery with your grandchildren. . . . You get rid of the cobra or you won't have any grandchildren. —*Theodore M. Hesburgh*
- There is a silent enemy lurking there. —*Robert Peter Gale, bone-marrow specialist, regarding radiation levels near Chernobyl*
- A world without nuclear weapons would be less stable and more dangerous for all of us. —*Margaret Thatcher*

Saying

- We'll end up paying for nuclear power on a "pay as you glow" basis.

Joke

- Trying to cover up an accident on a nuclear-powered submarine, the admiral stated firmly, "We've been getting glowing reports."

PROGRESS

- Progress was all right. Only it went on too long. —*James Thurber*
- In a world where the time it takes to travel (supersonic) or to bake a potato (microwave) or to process a million calculations (microchip) shrinks inexorably, only three things have remained constant and unrushed: the nine months it takes to have a baby, the nine months it takes to untangle a credit card dispute, and the nine months it takes to publish a hardcover book. —*Andrew Tobias*
- In just 20 years terrorism, communications, the jet plane and the increase of wealth and knowledge have forced, to varying degrees, world leaders into a haunted and secret peerage whose links with the people they guide are meticulously cleansed and staged. —*Hugh Sidey*
- Our ability to create has outreached our ability to use wisely the products of our invention. —*Whitney Moore Young Jr.*
- Tradition is the dead hand of human progress. —*Kelly Miller*
- When microwave ovens didn't exist . . . did people sit around (in an emotional vacuum) saying, "Heat is so boring. I wish I could bombard a potato with mutant intergalactic energy?" —*Colin McEnroe*
- The simplest schoolboy is now aware of truths for which Archimedes would have given his life. —*Ernest Renan*
- The book is here to stay. What we're doing is symbolic of the peaceful coexistence of the book and the computer.
—*Vartan Gregorian, on computerization of the NY Public Library card catalog*
- To make a new concept fit into an old statute makes tortured law with tortured results.
—*Harvey R. Sorkow, ruling that the Baby M surrogacy contract was a valid contract*
- It is the customary fate of new truths to begin as heresies and to end as superstitions.
—*Thomas Henry Huxley*
- One doesn't discover new lands without consenting to lose sight of the shore for a very long time. —*André Gide*
- The vast majority of human beings dislike and even actually dread all notions with which they are not familiar. . . . Hence innovators . . . have generally been persecuted, and always derided as fools and madmen. —*Aldous Huxley*
- As soon as we are shown the existence of something old in a new thing, we are pacified.
—*Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche*
- No man can cause more grief than one clinging blindly to the voices of his ancestors.
—*William Faulkner*
- Doubt begins only at the last frontiers of what is possible.
—*Giovanni Jacopo Casanova de Seingalt*
- The reason men oppose progress is not that they hate progress, but that they love inertia. —*Elbert Hubbard*

- Progress is not an accident, but a necessity. . . . It is part of nature.
—Herbert Spencer
- Progress is a nice word. But change is its motivator and change has its enemies.
—Robert F. Kennedy
- The aim of an argument or discussion should not be victory, but progress.
—Joseph Joubert
- The art of progress is to preserve order amid change and to preserve change amid order.
—Alfred North Whitehead
- The first undertakers in all great attempts commonly miscarry, and leave the advantages of their losses to those that come after them.
—Samuel Butler
- You could not step twice into the same river, for other waters are ever flowing on to you.
—Heraclitus
- The world is moving so fast these days that the man who says it can't be done is generally interrupted by someone doing it.
—Elbert Hubbard
- The Wright brothers flew right through the smoke screen of impossibility.
—Charles F. Kettering
- All progress is based upon a universal innate desire of every organism to live beyond its income.
—Samuel Butler
- What we call "Progress" is the exchange of one nuisance for another nuisance.
—Havelock Ellis
- The reasonable man adapts himself to the world: the unreasonable one persists in trying to adapt the world to himself. Therefore all progress depends on the unreasonable man.
—George Bernard Shaw
- Anybody who feels at ease in the world today is a fool.
—Robert Maynard Hutchins
- The civilized man has built a coach, but has lost the use of his feet. He is supported on crutches, but lacks so much support of muscle. He has a fine Geneva watch, but he fails of the skill to tell the hour by the sun.
—Ralph Waldo Emerson
- I just invent, then wait until man comes around to needing what I've invented.
—R. Buckminster Fuller
- The longer I live the more keenly I feel that whatever was good enough for our fathers is not good enough for us.
—Oscar Wilde
- Change is not progress.
—H. L. Mencken
- A man has been arrested in New York for attempting to extort funds from ignorant and superstitious people by exhibiting a device which he says will convey the human voice any distance over metallic wires so that it will be heard by the listener at the other end. He calls the instrument a telephone. Well-informed people know that it is impossible to transmit the human voice over wires.
—News item in an 1868 New York paper
- That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.
—Neil A. Armstrong, message to Earth from the first man to walk on the Moon, July 20, 1969

Sayings

- Never look back unless you are planning to go that way.
- Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

Jokes

- It was luxuries like air-conditioning that brought down the Roman Empire. With air-conditioning their windows were shut, they couldn't hear the barbarians coming.
—*Garrison Keillor*
- This world is getting too complicated. Someone just gave me a battery-operated paper-weight.

TECHNOLOGY

- The digitization of information in all of its forms will probably be known as the most fascinating development of the 20th century.
—*An Wang*
- The 21st-century technologies—genetics, nanotechnology, and robotics (GNR)—are so powerful that they can spawn whole new classes of accidents and abuses. Most dangerously, for the first time, these accidents and abuses are widely within the reach of individuals or small groups. They will not require large facilities or rare raw materials. Knowledge alone will enable the use of them.
—*Bill Joy*
- Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic.
—*Arthur C. Clarke*
- Just because something is interactive doesn't mean it's good for you.
—*Alan Kay*
- The Internet and the World Wide Web are permeating our society and changing the way we live. . . . The networks of today are embryonic forms, destined to grow into mature structures whose shape and power we cannot yet imagine. The defeat of Kasparov [by software chess program Deep Blue in May 1997] is a metaphor for the human condition as we shall be, if we let ourselves be blindsided by the growth of networks.
—*Freeman J. Dyson*
- Where there is the necessary technical skill to move mountains, there is no need for the faith that moves mountains.
—*Eric Hoffer*
- Remember, nothing that's good works by itself, just to please you. You've got to make the damn thing work.
—*Thomas Alva Edison*
- One machine can do the work of fifty ordinary men. No machine can do the work of one extraordinary man.
—*Elbert Hubbard*
- Science is not gadgetry. The desirable adjuncts of modern living, although in many instances made possible by science, certainly do not constitute science. Basic scientific knowledge often (but not always) is a prerequisite to such developments, but technology primarily deserves the credit for having the financial courage, the ingenuity, and the driving energy to see to it that so-called "pure knowledge" is in fact brought to the practical service of man.
—*Warren Weaver*

- The drive toward complex technical achievement offers a clue to why the United States is good at space gadgetry and bad at slum problems. —*John Kenneth Galbraith*
- Technology . . . is a queer thing. It brings you great gifts with one hand, and it stabs you in the back with the other. —*C. P. Snow*
- For a successful technology, reality must take precedence over public relations, for nature cannot be fooled. —*Richard Feynman*
- The myth that Bill Gates has appeared like a knight in shining armor to lead all his customers out of a mire of technological chaos neatly ignores the fact that it was he who, by peddling second-rate technology, led them into it in the first place, and continues to do so today. —*Douglas Adams*
- From a creative and business viewpoint, only about 25% of the Internet has been invented. —*Jake Winebaum*
- Almost half the scientists and high technologists on Earth are employed full- or part-time on military matters. . . . Military secrecy makes the military the most difficult sector of any society for the citizens to monitor. If we do not know what they do, it is very hard for us to stop them. And with the rewards so substantial, with the hostile military establishments beholden to each other in some ghastly embrace, the world discovers itself drifting toward the ultimate undoing of the human enterprise. —*Carl Sagan*
- The difference between machines and human beings is that human beings can be reproduced by unskilled labor. —*Arthur C. Clark*
- A house is a machine for living in. —*Le Corbusier*
- The art of flying is to throw yourself at the ground and miss. —*Douglas Adams*
- When we were having a book printed in France we complained about the bad alignment. Ah, they explained, that is because they use machines now, machines are bound to be inaccurate, they have not the intelligence of human beings, naturally the human mind corrects the fault of the hand, but with a machine, of course, there are errors. The reason why all of us naturally began to live in France is because France has scientific methods, machines and electricity, but does not really believe that these things have anything to do with the real business of living. —*Gertrude Stein*
- Once life takes hold on a planet, we can consider the emergence of technology as inevitable. —*Ray Kurzweil*
- A machine is as distinctively and brilliantly and expressively human as a violin sonata or a theorem in Euclid. —*Gregory Vlastos*
- A refrigerator runs by converting the dust behind it into a peculiar mutant, reptilian substance. —*Colin McEnroe*
- With the jawbone of an ass . . . have I slain a thousand men. —*Judges 15: 16*
- Ethics can push technology in a new direction, away from toys for the rich and towards necessities for the poor. The time is ripe for this to happen. —*Freeman J. Dyson*
- When this circuit learns your job, what are you going to do? —*Marshall McLuhan*
- Technology is the knack of so arranging the world that we do not experience it. —*Max Frisch*

- For a smart material to be able to send out a more complex signal it needs to be nonlinear. If you hit a tuning fork twice as hard it will ring twice as loud but still at the same frequency. That's a linear response. If you hit a person twice as hard they're unlikely just to shout twice as loud. That property lets you learn more about the person than the tuning fork. —Neil Gershenfeld
- Copying has become the national disease. —Donald G. Adams
- Life was better before telephones became common. Back then, if some nuisance wanted to say something stupid to you, he had to sit down and write a letter or get on a streetcar and ride several miles to your home. —Mike Royko
- When *Consumer Reports* begins to describe the potential for dire calamity that lies behind most everyday activities, my hands tremble, my vision blurs, and I have to go lie quietly for a while. —Colin McEnroe
- Technology is so much fun, but we can drown in our technology. The fog of information can drive out knowledge. —Daniel J. Boorstin
- There are three roads to ruin: women, gambling, and technicians. The most pleasant is with women, the quickest is with gambling, but the surest is with technicians. —Georges Pompidou

Sayings

- Women are flooding the workforce so they can afford the labor-saving devices that make it possible for them to go to work.
- If it's stupid but it works, it's not stupid.
- There's an old story about the person who wished his computer were as easy to use as his telephone. That wish has come true, since I no longer know how to use my telephone.

Jokes

- A child of five could understand this. Fetch me a child of five.
- Do not look into the laser with remaining eye! —warning message on the side of lab laser
- There has always been a food processor in the kitchen, but once upon a time she was usually called the missus, or Mom. —Sue Berkman
- How do you explain counterclockwise to a kid who grew up with a digital watch?
- A sad thing happened at the museum the other day. They replaced that statue of *The Thinker*—with a computer.
- It was considered a great step forward in civil aviation when the first fully automated flight was ready for its maiden transcontinental journey. Bigwigs of every sort were shown to their seats and served champagne cocktails by cyborg hostesses, while hundreds of airline employees waved from the runway. Suddenly, the engine snapped on and the plane made a perfect takeoff into the cloudless sky.

A silky, mechanical voice came over the plane's speaker system a few minutes later. "Welcome aboard this historic flight, ladies and gentleman, and simply press the call button if you would like more champagne to be served by one of our robot attendants. Even those of you who may have been anxious about flying in the past can now relax in the knowledge that this flight is free from the possibility of human error. Every aspect—altitude, air pressure, course setting, weather conditions—is being continuously monitored by state-of-the-art computer circuitry, so virtually nothing can go wrong . . . go wrong . . . go wrong . . .

- When the phone rang at the small electronics manufacturer at 7:30 in the morning, the only person there was the night watchman. It was Commander Ratchet at the naval base, who barked, "I need some information and I need it ASAP. What's the resistance rating and total inverse payload of your model RS476-KY-4719 unit?"

Silence on the line.

"You there," bellowed the officer, "don't you know anything about your own equipment?"

"Listen, Commander," the guard responded at last, "you found out everything I know about electronics when I picked up the phone."

- Mrs. Jenkins prided herself on being an innovative, progressive mother, and one of her daughter's particularly annoying habits was to request the same good-night story, night after night after night. So she was delighted by a sudden brainstorm. That night she recorded her rendition of *Cinderella*, and the following night simply directed her daughter's attention to the Play button.

This worked for several nights, but then Lindsay thrust the storybook firmly into her mother's hands.

"Now, sweetheart, you know how to work the tape recorder," Mrs. Jenkins reminded her.

"Yes, I do," said Lindsay, "but I can't sit on its lap."

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is not whether machines
think, but whether men do.
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