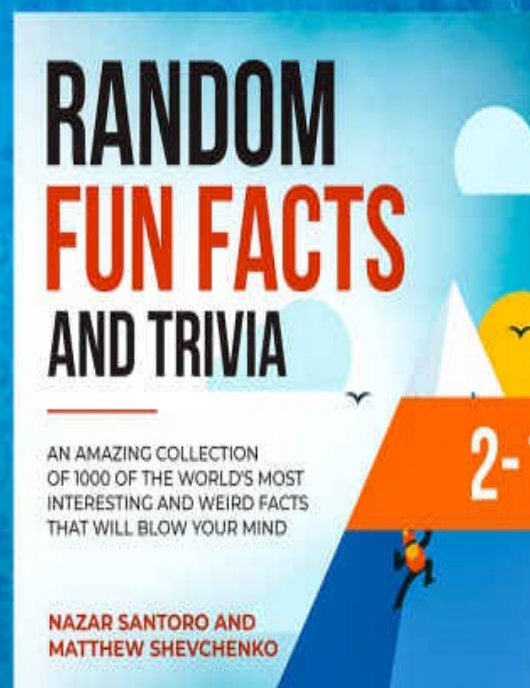
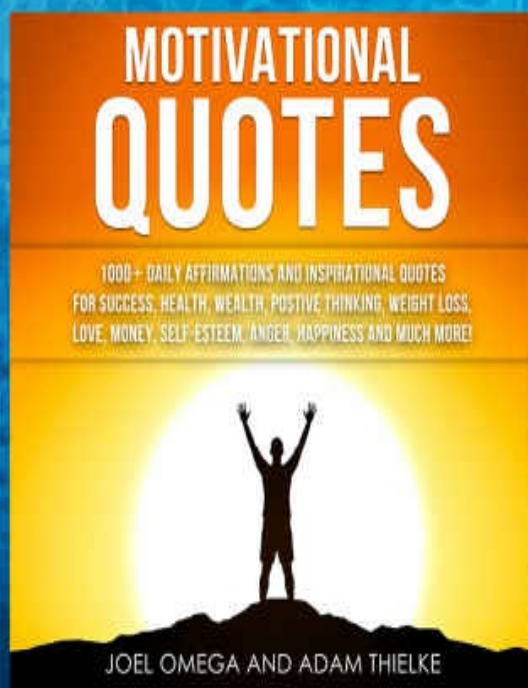


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Butterflies cannot fly if their body temperature is less than 86 degrees.

Neurons multiply at a rate 250,000 neurons per minute during early pregnancy.

Elephants have the longest pregnancy in the animal kingdom at 22 months. The longest human pregnancy on record is 17 months, 11 days.

A female oyster produces 100 million young in her lifetime, the typical hen lays 19 dozen eggs a year, and it is possible for one female cat to be responsible for the birth of 20,736 kittens in four years. Michelle Duggar holds the record for largest human family, having given birth to 17 children.

750ml of blood pumps through your brain every minute, which is 15-20% of blood, flow from the heart.

The human brain is about 75% water.

Dragonflies are capable of flying sixty miles per hour, making them one of the fastest insects. This is good since they are in a big hurry, as they only live about twenty-four hours.

Flies jump backwards during take-off.

A housefly will regurgitate its food and eat it again.

Termites outweigh humans by almost ten to one.

A spider's web is not a home, but rather a trap for its food. They are as individual as snowflakes, with no two ever being the same. Some tropical spiders have built webs over eighteen feet across.

More people are afraid of spiders than death. Amazingly, few people are afraid of Champagne corks even though you are more likely to be killed by one than by a spider.

Your brain consumes 25 watts of power while you are awake. This amount of energy is enough to illuminate a lightbulb.

It is impossible to lick your elbow.

Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.

In every episode of Seinfeld, there is a Superman somewhere.

Possums have one of the shortest pregnancies at 16 days. The shortest human pregnancy to produce a healthy baby was 22 weeks, 6 days -- the baby was the length of a ballpoint pen.

Wearing headphones for just an hour will increase the bacteria in your ear by 700 times.

The most poisonous spider is the black widow. Its venom is more potent than a rattlesnake's.

13% of Americans actually believe that some parts of the moon are made of cheese.

The world's youngest parents were eight and nine and lived in China in 1910.

Fish that live more than 800 meters below the ocean surface do not have eyes.

Butterflies range in size from a tiny $\frac{1}{8}$ inch to a huge almost 12 inches.

Some Case Moth caterpillars (Psychidae) build a case around themselves that they always carry with them. It is made of silk and pieces of plants or soil.

Most household dust is made of dead skin cells.

One in eight million people has progeria, a disease that causes people to grow faster than they age.

The male seahorse carries the eggs until they hatch instead of the female.

Negative emotions such as anxiety and depression can weaken your immune system.

Stephen Hawking was born exactly 300 years after Galileo died.

Mercury is the only planet whose orbit is coplanar with its equator.

The Morgan's Sphinx Moth from Madagascar has a proboscis (tube mouth) that is 12 to 14 inches long to get the nectar from the bottom of a 12 inch deep orchid discovered by Charles Darwin.

Some moths never eat anything as adults because they do not have mouths. They must live on the energy they stored as caterpillars.

In 1958, Entomologist W.G. Bruce published a list of Arthropod references in the Bible. The most frequently named bugs from the Bible are: Locust: 24, Moth: 11, Grasshopper: 10, Scorpion: 10, Caterpillar: Nine and Bee: 4.

People eat insects – called "Entomophagy"(people eating bugs) – it has been practiced for centuries throughout Africa, Australia, Asia, the Middle East, and North, Central and South America. Why? Because many bugs are both protein-rich and good sources of vitamins, minerals and fats.

Grapes explode when you put them in the microwave. Go on and try it then.

Ramses brand condom is named after the great pharaoh Ramses II who fathered over 160 children.

Peanuts are one of the ingredients of dynamite.

The average chocolate bar has eight insects' legs in it.

In York, it is perfectly legal to shoot a Scotsman with a bow and arrow

(except on Sundays)

No piece of square dry paper can be folded in half more than 7 times

The average human eats 8 spiders in their lifetime at night.

The Beetham Tower cost over £150 million to build.

The Beetham Tower has 47 floors.

"Stewardesses" is the longest word typed with only the left hand.

An average human loses about 200 head hairs per day.

Mexico City sinks about 10 inches a year.

It is impossible to sneeze with your eyes open.

In France, a five year old child can buy an alcoholic drink in a bar

During the chariot scene in "Ben Hur," a small red car can be seen in the distance.

Because metal was scarce, the Oscars given out during World War II were made of wood.

By raising your legs slowly and lying on your back, you cannot sink into quicksand.

The glue on Israeli postage is certified kosher.

In 10 minutes, a hurricane releases more energy than all of the world's nuclear weapons combined.

On average, 100 people choke to death on ballpoint pens every year.

Thirty-five percent of the people who use personal ads for dating are already married.

A dentist invented the electric chair.

The top butterfly flight speed is 12 miles per hour. Some moths can fly 25 miles per hour!

The Brimstone butterfly (*Gonepteryx rhamni*) has the longest lifetime of the adult butterflies: 9-10 months.

Bruce Lee was so fast that they actually had to s-l-o-w film down so you could see his moves.

A Boeing 747's wingspan is longer than the Wright brother's first flight.

Representations of butterflies are seen in Egyptian frescoes at Thebes, which are 3,500 years old.

Babies are born without kneecaps. They do not appear until the child reaches 2-6 years of age.

14% of all facts and statistics are made up and 27% of people know that fact.

Every time you lick a stamp, you are consuming 1/10 of a calorie.

Eskimos have over 15 words for the English word of 'Snow'

Butterflies can see red, green, and yellow.

Some people say that when the black bands on the Woolly bear caterpillar are wide, a cold winter is coming.

Americans on the average eat 18 acres of pizza every day.

Banging your head against a wall uses 150 calories an hour.

Almonds are a member of the peach family.

The plastic things on the end of shoelaces are called aglets.

"Ithyphallophobia" is a morbid fear of seeing, thinking about or having an

erect penis.

The average shelf life of a latex condom is about two years.

14% of Americans have skinny-dipped with a member of the opposite sex at least once.

Male bats have the highest rate of homosexuality of any mammal.

A man's beard grows fastest when he anticipates sex.

A man will ejaculate approximately 18 quarts of semen in his lifetime.

Sex is biochemically no different from eating large quantities of chocolate.

Humans and dolphins are the only species that have sex for pleasure.

For every 'normal' webpage, there are five porn pages.

"Venus observa" is the technical term for the "missionary position."

Sex is the safest tranquilizer in the world. IT IS 10 TIMES MORE EFFECTIVE THAN VALIUM.

Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain) was born on and died on days when Halley's Comet can be seen.

US Dollar bills are made out of cotton and linen.

The 57 on the Heinz ketchup bottle represents the number of pickle types the company once had.

Americans are responsible for about 1/5 of the world's garbage annually.

Giraffes and rats can last longer without water than camels.

Your stomach produces a new layer of mucus every two weeks so that it does not digest itself.

98% of all murders and rapes are by a close family member or friend of the victim.

A B-25 bomber crashed into the 79th floor of the Empire State Building on July 28, 1945.

The Declaration of Independence was written on hemp (marijuana) paper.

The dot over the letter "I" is called a tittle.

Benjamin Franklin was the fifth in a series of the youngest son of the youngest son.

Triskaidekaphobia means fear of the number 13.

Paraskevidekatriaphobia means fear of Friday the 13th, which occurs one to three times a year.

In Italy, 17 is considered an unlucky number. In Japan, four is considered an unlucky number.

A female ferret will die if it goes into heat and cannot find a mate.

In ancient Rome, when a man testified in court he would swear on his testicles.

The ZIP in “ZIP code” means Zoning Improvement Plan.

Coca-Cola contained Coca (whose active ingredient is cocaine) from 1885 to 1903.

A “2 by 4” is really 1 1/2 by 3 1/2.

It is estimated that at any one time around 0.7% of the world’s population is drunk.

40% of McDonald’s profits come from the sales of Happy Meals.

Every person, including identical twins, has a unique eye & tongue print along with their fingerprint.

The “spot” on the 7-Up logo comes from its inventor who had red eyes. He was an albino.

315 entries in Webster’s 1996 dictionary were misspelled.

The “save” icon in Microsoft Office programs shows a floppy disk with the shutter on backwards.

Albert Einstein and Charles Darwin both married their first cousins

Camels have three eyelids.

On average, 12 new-borns will be given to the wrong parents every day.

John Wilkes Booth’s brother once saved the life of Abraham Lincoln’s son.

Warren Beatty and Shirley MacLaine are brother and sister.

Chocolate can kill dogs; it directly affects their heart and nervous system.

Daniel Boone hated coonskin caps.

55.1% of all US prisoners are in prison for drug offenses.

Most lipstick contains fish scales.

Dr. Seuss pronounced his name “Zoice”.

Slugs have four noses.

Ketchup was sold in the 1830s as medicine.

India has a Bill of Rights for cows.

American Airlines saved \$40,000 in 1987 by taking out an olive from First Class salads.

About 200,000,000 M&Ms are sold each day in the United States.

Because metal was scarce, the Oscars given out during World War II were made of wood.

There are 318,979,564,000 possible combinations of the first four moves in Chess.

There are no clocks in Las Vegas gambling casinos.

Coconuts kill about 150 people each year. That is more than sharks.

Half of all bank robberies take place on a Friday.

The name Wendy was made up for the book Peter Pan. There was never a recorded Wendy before it.

The international telephone dialling code for Antarctica is 672.

The first bomb the Allies dropped on Berlin in WWII killed the only elephant in the Berlin Zoo.

The average raindrop falls at 7 miles per hour.

If you put a drop of liquor on a scorpion, it will instantly go mad and sting itself to death.

Bruce Lee was so fast that they had to slow the film down so you could see his moves.

The first CD pressed in the US was Bruce Springsteen's "Born in the USA".

IBM's motto is "Think". Apple later made their motto "Think different".

The original name for butterfly was flutterby.

One in fourteen women in America is a natural blonde. Only one in sixteen men is.

The Olympic was the sister ship of the Titanic, and she provided twenty-five years of service.

When the Titanic sank, 2228 people were on it. Only 706 survived.

Every day, 7% of the US eats at McDonald's.

During his entire life, Vincent Van Gogh sold exactly one painting, "Red Vineyard at Arles".

By raising your legs slowly and lying on your back, you cannot sink into quicksand.

One in ten people live on an island.

It takes more calories to eat a piece of celery than the celery has in it to begin with.

28% of Africa is classified as wilderness. In North America, its 38%.

Charlie Chaplin once won third prize in a Charlie Chaplin look-alike contest.

Chewing gum while peeling onions will keep you from crying.

Sherlock Holmes NEVER said "Elementary, my dear Watson"

Humphrey Bogart NEVER said “Play it again, Sam” in Casablanca

They NEVER said “Beam me up, Scotty” on Star Trek.

Sharon Stone was the first Star Search spokes model.

More people are afraid of open spaces (kenophobia) than of tight spaces (claustrophobia).

There is a 1 in 4 chance that New York will have a white Christmas.

The Guinness Book of Records holds the record for being the book most often stolen from Libraries.

Thirty-five percent of the people who use personal ads for dating are already married.

\$203,000,000 is spent on barbed wire each year in the U.S.

Every US president has worn glasses (just not always in public).

Bats always turn left when exiting a cave.

Jim Henson first coined the word “Muppet”. It is a combination of “marionette” and “puppet.”

The Michelin man is known as Mr. Bib. His name was Bibendum in the company's first ads in 1896.

The word "lethologica" describes the state of not being able to remember the word you want.

About 14% of injecting drug users are HIV positive.

A word or sentence that is the same front and back (racecar, kayak) is called a "palindrome".

A snail can sleep for 3 years.

People photocopying their buttocks are the cause of 23% of all photocopier faults worldwide.

China has more English speakers than the United States.

One in every 9000 people is an albino.

There are about a million ants per person. Ants are very social animals and will live in colonies that can contain almost 500,000 ants.

A dentist invented the electric chair.

You share your birthday with at least 9 million other people in the world.

Every day, more money is printed for Monopoly sets than for the U.S. Treasury.

Every year 4 people in the UK die putting their trousers on.

Cats have over one hundred vocal sounds; dogs only have about ten.

Our eyes are always the same size from birth but our nose and ears never stop growing.

In every episode of “Seinfeld”, there is a Superman picture or reference somewhere.

Rats multiply so quickly that in 18 months, two rats could have over million descendants.

Wearing headphones for just an hour will increase the bacteria in your ear by 700 times.

Each year in America, there are about 300,000 deaths that can be attributed to obesity.

Many butterflies can taste with their feet to find out whether the leaf they sit on is good to lay eggs on to be their caterpillars' food or not.

There are more types of insects in one tropical rain forest tree than there are in the entire state of Vermont.

About 55% of all movies are rated R.

About 500 movies are made in the US and 800 in India annually.

Arabic numerals are not Arabic; they were created in India.

The February of 1865 is the only month in recorded history not to have a full moon.

There is actually no danger in swimming right after you eat, though it may feel uncomfortable.

The cruise liner Queen Elizabeth II moves only six inches for each gallon of diesel that it burns.

More than 50% of the people in the world have never made or received a telephone call.

A shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes.

There are about two chickens for every human in the world.

The word “maverick” came into use after Samuel Maverick, a Texan refused to brand his cattle.

Two-thirds of the world's eggplant is grown in New Jersey.

Termites have been known to eat food twice as fast when heavy metal music is playing.

There are more beetles than any other animal. In fact, one out of every four animals is a beetle.

The rhinoceros beetle is the strongest animal and is capable of lifting 850 times its own weight.

On a Canadian two-dollar bill, the American flag is flying over the Parliament Building.

An American urologist bought Napoleon's penis for \$40,000.

No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver, or purple.

Dreamt is the only English word that ends in the letters "MT".

\$283,200 is the absolute highest amount of money you can win on Jeopardy.

Almonds are members of the peach family.

Rats and horses cannot vomit.

The penguin is the only bird that cannot fly but can swim.

There are approximately 100 million acts of sexual intercourse each day.

Winston Churchill was born in a ladies room during a dance.

Maine is the only state whose name is just one syllable.

Americans on average eat 18 acres of pizza every day.

Venus is the only planet that rotates clockwise.

Charlie Chaplin once won third prize in a Charlie Chaplin look-alike contest.

Every time you lick a stamp, you consume 1/10 of a calorie.

You are more likely to be killed by a champagne cork than by a poisonous spider.

Hedonophobic means fear of pleasure.

Ancient Egyptian priests would pluck every hair from their bodies.

A crocodile cannot stick its tongue out.

An ant always falls over on its right side when intoxicated.

All polar bears are left-handed.

The catfish has over 27000 taste buds (more than any other animal).

A cockroach will live nine days without its head before it starves to death.

Many insects can carry 50 times their own body weight. This would be like an adult person lifting two heavy cars full of people.

There are over a million described species of insects. Some people estimate there are actually between 15 and 30 million species.

Most insects are beneficial to people because they eat other insects, pollinate crops, and are food for other animals, make products we use (like honey and silk) or have medical uses.

Butterflies and insects have their skeletons on the outside of their bodies, called the exoskeleton. This protects the insect and keeps water inside their bodies so they do not dry out.

Elephants are the only mammals that cannot jump.

An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.

Starfish have no brains.

11% of the world is left-handed.

Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.

The national anthem of Greece has 158 verses.

There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.

A healthy (non-colour-blind) human eye can distinguish between 500 shades of grey.

A pregnant goldfish is called a twit.

Lizards can self-amputate their tails for protection. It grows back after a few months.

Los Angeles' full name is "El Pueblo de Nuestra Senora la Reina de Los Angeles de Porciuncula".

A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.

A honeybee can fly at fifteen miles per hour.

Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur.

A “jiffy” is the scientific name for 1/100th of a second.

The average child recognizes over 200 company logos by the time he enters first grade.

The youngest pope ever was 11 years old.

The first novel ever written on a typewriter is Tom Sawyer.

A rhinoceros horn is made of compacted hair.

Elwood Edwards did the voice for the AOL sound files (i.e. “You’ve got Mail!”).

A polar bears skin is black. Its fur is actually clear, but like snow, it appears white.

Elvis had a twin brother named Garon, who died at birth, which is why Elvis middle name was Aron.

Duelling is legal in Paraguay as long as both parties are registered blood donors.

Donkeys kill more people than plane crashes.

Shakespeare invented the words “assassination” and “bump.”

If you keep a goldfish in the dark room, it will eventually turn white.

Women blink nearly twice as much as men.

The name Jeep comes from “GP”, the army abbreviation for General Purpose.

Right-handed people live, on average, nine years longer than left-handed people do.

There are two credit cards for every person in the United States.

Cats’ urine glows under a black light.

A “quid Nunc” is a person who is eager to know the latest news and gossip.

Leonardo Da Vinci invented the scissors, the helicopter, and many other present day items.

In the last 4000 years, no new animals have been domesticated.

25% of a human’s bones are in its feet.

On average, 100 people choke to death on ballpoint pens every year.

“Canada” is an Indian word meaning “Big Village”.

Only one in two billion people will live to be 116 or older.

Rape is reported every six minutes in the U.S.

The human heart creates enough pressure in the bloodstream to squirt blood 30 feet.

A jellyfish is 95% water.

The world's longest snake (by reliable documentation) is the reticulated python, with a maximum length of, perhaps, 30 feet.

Common Cobra venom is not on the list of top 10 venoms yet it is still 40 times more toxic than cyanide.

The venom of the Australian Brown Snake is so powerful only 1/14,000th of an ounce is enough to kill a human.

Truck driving is the most dangerous occupation by accidental deaths (799 in 2001).

Banging your head against a wall uses 150 calories an hour.

Elephants only sleep for two hours each day.

On average people, fear spiders more than they do death.

The strongest muscle in the human body is the tongue. (The heart is not a muscle).

In golf, a 'Bo Derek' is a score of 10.

In the U.S, Frisbees outsell footballs, baseballs and basketballs combined.

In most watch advertisements, the time displayed on a watch is 10:10.

If you plant an apple seed, it is almost guaranteed to grow a tree of a different type of apple.

Al Capone's business card said he was a used furniture dealer.

The only real person to be a PEZ head was Betsy Ross.

There are about 450 types of cheese in the world. 240 come from France.

A dragonfly has a lifespan of 24 hours.

In Iceland, a Big Mac costs \$5.50.

Broccoli and cauliflower are the only vegetables that are flowers.

There is no solid proof of who built the Taj Mahal.

In a survey of 200000 ostriches over 80 years, not one tried to bury its head in the sand.

A dime has 118 ridges around the edge. A quarter has 119.

"Judge Judy" has a \$25,000,000 salary, while Supreme Court Justice Ginsberg has a \$190,100 salary.

Andorra, a tiny country between France & Spain, has the longest average lifespan: 83.49 years.

Mr. Rogers was an ordained Presbyterian minister.

In America, you will see an average of 500 advertisements a day.

John Lennon's first girlfriend was named Thelma Pickles.

You can lead a cow upstairs but not downstairs.

The average person falls asleep in seven minutes.

“The sixth sick sheik’s sixth sheep’s sick” is said to be the toughest tongue twister in English.

There are 336 dimples on a regulation US golf ball. In the UK its 330.

“Duff” is the decaying organic matter found on a forest floor.

The US has more personal computers than the next seven countries combined.

Kuwait is about 60% male (highest in the world). Latvia is about 54% female (highest in the world).

The Hawaiian alphabet has only 12 letters.

In 10 minutes, a hurricane releases more energy than all the world’s nuclear weapons combined.

At the height of its power in 400 BC, the Greek city of Sparta had 25,000 citizens and 500,000 slaves.

Julius Caesar’s autograph is worth about \$2,000,000.

People say, “Bless you” when you sneeze because your heart stops for a millisecond.

US gold coins used to say “In Gold We Trust”.

In “Silence of the Lambs”, Hannibal Lector (Anthony Hopkins) never blinks.

A shrimp’s heart is in its head.

In the 17th century, the value of pi was known to 35 decimal places. Today, to 1.2411 trillion.

Pearls melt in vinegar.

A group of male dogs played “Lassie”; the main one was named Pal.

Nepal is the only country that does not have a rectangular flag.

Switzerland is the only country with a square flag.

Antarctica is the only continent on which no Lepidoptera have been found.

There are about 24,000 species of butterflies. The moths are even more numerous: about 140,000 species of them were counted all over the world.

Gabriel, Michael, and Lucifer are the only angels named in the Bible.

Johnny Appleseed planted apples so that people could use apple cider to make alcohol.

Abraham Lincoln's ghost is said to haunt the White House.

God is not mentioned once in the book of Esther.

The odds of being born male are about 51.2%, according to census.

Scotland has more redheads than any other part of the world.

There is an average of 61,000 people airborne over the US at any given moment.

Prince Charles and Prince William never travel on the same airplane in case there is a crash.

The most popular first name in the world is Muhammad.

The surface of the Earth is about 60% water and 10% ice.

For every 230 cars that are made, one will be stolen.

Jimmy Carter was the first U.S. President to be born in a hospital.

Lightning strikes the earth about 8 million times a day.

Humans use 72 different muscles in speech.

If you feed a seagull Alka-Seltzer, its stomach will explode.

Only female mosquitoes bite.

The U.S. Post Office handles 43 percent of the world's mail.

Venus and Uranus are the only planets that rotate opposite to the direction of their orbit.

John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, and James Monroe died on July 4th.

Baby Ruth candy bar was named after Grover Cleveland's daughter, Ruth, not the baseball player.

Dolphins can look in different directions with each eye. They can sleep with one eye open.

The Falkland Isles (pop. about 2000) has over 700000 sheep (350 per person).

There are 41,806 different spoken languages in the world today.

The city of Venice stands on about 120 small islands.

The past tense of the English word "dare" is "durst"

Beetles taste like apples, wasps like pine nuts, and worms like fried bacon.

Of all the words in the English language, the word 'set' has the most definitions!

What is called a "French kiss" in the English speaking world is known as an "English kiss" in France.

"Almost" is the longest word in the English language with all the letters in alphabetical order.

"Rhythm" is the longest English word without a vowel.

In 1386, a pig in France was executed by public hanging for the murder of a child.

A cockroach can live several weeks with its head cut off!

Human thigh bones are stronger than concrete.

You cannot kill yourself by holding your breath.

There is a city called Rome on every continent.

Your heart beats over 100,000 times a day!

The skeleton of Jeremy Bentham is present at all important meetings of the University of London

Right handed people live, on average, nine years longer than left-handed people

Your ribs move about 5 million times a year, every time you breathe!

One quarter of the bones in your body, are in your feet!

Like fingerprints, everyone's tongue print is different!

Fingernails grow nearly 4 times faster than toenails!

Most dust particles in your house are made from dead skin!

Present population of 5 billion plus people of the world is predicted to become 15 billion by 2080.

Women blink nearly twice as much as men.

Adolf Hitler was a vegetarian, and had only ONE testicle.

Honey is the only food that does not spoil.

Months that begin on a Sunday will always have a "Friday the 13th."

Coca-Cola would be green if colouring were not added to it.

On average, a hedgehog's heart beats 300 times a minute.

More people are killed each year from bees than from snakes.

The average lead pencil will draw a line 35 miles long or write approximately 50,000 English words.

More people are allergic to cow's milk than any other food.

Camels have three eyelids to protect themselves from blowing sand.

The placement of a donkey's eyes in it's' heads enables it to see all four feet at all times!

The six official languages of the U.N. are English, French, Arabic, Chinese, Russian and Spanish.

Earth is the only planet not named after a god.

It is against the law to burp, or sneeze in a church in Nebraska, USA.

You are born with 300 bones, but by the time you become an adult, you only have 206.

Some worms will eat themselves if they cannot find any food!

The world's oldest piece of chewing gum is 9000 years old!

The longest recorded flight of a chicken is 13 seconds

Owls are the only birds that can see the colour blue.

A man named Charles Osborne had the hiccups for 69 years!

A giraffe can clean its ears with its 21-inch tongue!

The average person laughs 10 times a day!

The Bible, the world's best-selling book, is also the world's most shoplifted book.

Someone paid \$14,000 for the bra worn by Marilyn Monroe in the film 'Some like It Hot'.

Your tongue is the only muscle in your body that is attached at only one end.

More than 1,000 different languages are spoken on the continent of Africa.

Buckingham Palace in England has over six hundred rooms.

There was once an undersea post office in the Bahamas.

Ninety percent of New York City cabbies are recently arrived immigrants.

It is possible to lead a cow upstairs...but not downstairs.

A snail can sleep for three years.

No word in the English language rhymes with "MONTH".

Average life span of a major league baseball: seven pitches.

Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing.

"Go." is the shortest complete sentence in the English language.

The "pound" key on your keyboard () is called an octotroph.

The only domestic animal not mentioned in the Bible is the cat.

Table tennis balls have been known to travel off the paddle at speeds up to

160 km/hr.

Pepsi originally contained pepsin, thus the name.

The original story from "Tales of 1001 Arabian Nights" begins, "Aladdin was a little Chinese boy."

Nutmeg is extremely poisonous if injected intravenously.

Honey is the only natural food that is made without destroying any kind of life.

The volume of the earth's moon is the same as the volume of the Pacific Ocean.

Cephalacaudal recapitulation is the reason our extremities develop faster than the rest of us.

Chinese Crested dogs can get acne.

Each year there is one ton of cement poured for each man woman and child in the world.

The house fly hums in the middle octave key of F.

The only capital letter in the Roman alphabet with exactly one end point is P.

The giant red star Betelgeuse has a diameter larger than that of the Earth's orbit around the [sun](#).

Hummingbirds are the only animals that can fly backwards.

A cat's jaw cannot move sideways.

The human heart creates enough pressure when it pumps out to the body to squirt blood 30 feet.

The flea can jump 350 times its body length. It is like a human jumping the length of a football field.

Some lions mate over 50 times a day.

Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.

The average person's left hand does 56% of the typing.

The longest one-syllable word in the English language is "screeched."

All of the clocks in the movie "Pulp Fiction" are stuck on 4:20.

"Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt."

Maine is the only state (in USA) whose name is just one syllable.

The giant squid has the largest eyes in the world.

In England, the Speaker of the House is not allowed to speak.

Mr. Rogers was an ordained minister.

A rat can last longer without water than a camel.

Your stomach has to produce a new layer of mucus every two weeks or it will digest itself.

A female ferret will die if it goes into heat and cannot find a mate.

A 2" X 4" is really 1-1/2" by 3-1/2".

On average, 12 new-borns will be given to the wrong parents daily.

There are no words in the dictionary that rhyme with orange, purple, silver and month.

The caterpillars of some Snout Moths (Pyralididae) live in or on water-plants.

The females of some moth species lack wings; all they can do to move is crawl.

If one places a tiny amount of liquor on a scorpion, it will instantly go mad and sting itself to death.

The first CD pressed in the US was Bruce Springsteen's "Born in the USA."

Sherlock Holmes NEVER said, "Elementary, my dear Watson."

California consumes more bottled water than any other product.

California has issued six drivers licenses to people named "Jesus Christ."

In 1980, a Las Vegas hospital suspended workers for betting on when patients would die.

Nevada is the driest state in the U.S... Each year it averages 7.5 inches (19 cm) of rain.

In Utah, it is illegal to swear in front of a dead person.

Salt Lake City, Utah has a law against carrying an unwrapped ukulele on the street.

Arizona was the last of the 48 adjoining continental states to enter the Union.

It is illegal to hunt camels in the state of Arizona.

Wyoming was the first state to give women the right to vote in 1869.

Denver, Colorado lays claim to the invention of the cheeseburger.

The first license plate on a car in the United States was issued in Denver, Colorado in 1908.

The state of Maryland has no natural Lakes.

Illinois has the highest number of personalized license plates than any other state.

Residents of Houston, Texas lead the U.S. in eating out - approximately 4.6 times per week.

Laredo, Texas is the U.S.'s farthest inland port.

Rugby, North Dakota is the geographical centre of North America.

Butte County, South Dakota is the geographical centre of the U.S.

Louisiana's capital building is the tallest one of any U.S. state.

Hawaii is the only coffee producing state.

One in seven workers in Boston, Massachusetts walks to work.

The "Dull Men's Hall of Fame" is located in Carroll, Wisconsin.

Gary, Indiana is the murder capital of the U.S. - probably the world.

Alabama was the first state to recognize Christmas as an official holiday.

The largest NFL stadium is the Pontiac Silverdome in Detroit, Michigan.

Michigan was the first state to have roadside picnic tables.

No matter where you stand in Michigan, you are never more than 85 miles from a Great Lake.

The official beverage of Ohio is tomato juice.

Georgia's state motto is "Wisdom, Justice and Moderation."

The U.S. city with the highest rate of lightning strikes per capita is Clearwater, Florida.

It is illegal to spit on the sidewalk in Norfolk, Virginia.

The first streetlights in America were installed in Philadelphia around 1757.

The highest point in Pennsylvania is lower than the lowest point in Colorado.

If you were to take a taxicab from New York City to Los Angeles, it would cost you \$8,325.

The NY phone book had 22 Hitler's before WWII. The NY phone book had zero Hitler's after WWII.

In New York State, it is illegal to buy any alcohol on Sundays before noon.

There were 240 pedestrian fatalities in New York City in 1994.

Columbia University is the second largest landowner in New York City, after the Catholic Church.

Montpelier, Vermont is the only state capital without a McDonalds.

Maine is the only state that has borders with only one other state.

The first McDonald's restaurant in Canada was in Richmond, British Columbia.

In 1984, a Canadian farmer began renting advertising space on his cows.

There are more donut shops in Canada per capita than any other country.

0.3% of all road accidents in Canada involve a Moose.

In the great fire of London in 1666, half of London was burnt down but only six people were injured.

In Quebec, there is an old law that states margarine must be a different colour than butter.

The largest taxi fleet in the world is found in Mexico City. The city boasts a fleet of over 60,000 taxis.

More than 90% of the Nicaraguan people are Roman Catholic.

Cuba is the only island in the Caribbean to have a railroad.

Jamaica has the most churches per square mile than any other country in the world.

The angel falls in Venezuela are nearly 20 times taller than Niagara Falls.

Canada is the only country not to win a gold medal in the summer Olympic Games while hosting.

The Amazon is the world's largest river, 3,890 miles (6,259 km) long.

The town of Calama, Chile in the Atacama Desert has never had rain.

The people of France eat more cheese than any other country in the world.

King Louis XIX ruled France for 15 minutes.

The most common name in Italy is Mario Rossi.

Greece's national anthem has 158 verses.

In ancient Greece "idiot" meant a private citizen or layman.

Bulgarians are known to be the biggest yogurt eaters in the world.

Czechs are the biggest consumers of beer per male in the world.

A Czech man, Jan Honza Zampa, holds the record for drinking one litre of beer in 4.11 seconds.

Netherlands is the only country with a national dog.

When we think of Big Ben in London, we think of the clock. Actually, it is the bell.

The Automated Teller Machine (ATM) was introduced in England in 1965.

Buckingham Palace has 602 rooms.

Icelanders consume more Coca-Cola per Capita than any other nation.

Until 1997, there were more pigs than people in Denmark.

There is a hotel in Sweden built entirely out of ice; it is rebuilt every year.

Sweden has the least number of murders annually.

Lithuania has the highest suicide rate in the world.

The country code for Russia is "007".

Russians generally answer the phone by saying, "I'm listening".

The U.S. bought Alaska for 2 cents an acre from Russia.

One in 5 of the world's doctors are Russian.

Antarctica is the only continent that does not have land areas below sea level.

The people of Israel consume more turkeys per capita than any other country.

Nepal is the only country that has a non-rectangular flag. It is also asymmetrical.

1,800 cigarettes are smoked per person each year in China.

Respiratory Disease is China's leading cause of death.

There are more than 40,000 characters in the Chinese script.

More people speak English in China than the United States.

The toothbrush was invented in China in 1498.

Mongolia is the largest landlocked country.

Vatican City is the smallest country in the world, with a population of 1000 and just 108.7 acres.

In Japan, watermelons are squared. It is easier to stack them that way.

98% of Japanese are cremated.

The number "four" is considered unlucky in Japan because it is pronounced the same as "death".

The average Japanese household watches more than 10 hours of television a

day.

The Philippines has about 7,100 islands, of which only about 460 are more than 1 square mile in area.

Warriors in the Philippines used yo-yos as weapons in the 16th century.

Australian soldiers used the song "We're Off to See the Wizard" as a marching song in WWII.

The Australian \$5 to \$100 notes are made of plastic.

The Nullarbor Plain of Australia covers 100,000 square miles (160,900 km) without a tree.

Tasmania, Australia has the cleanest air in the inhabited world.

Greenland is the largest island in the world.

The first female guest host of "Saturday Night Live" was Candace Bergen.

In 1933, Mickey Mouse, an animated cartoon character, received 800,000 fan letters.

The Simpsons is the longest running animated series on TV.

The first toilet ever seen on television was on "Leave It to Beaver."

In every episode of Seinfeld, there is a Superman somewhere.

The average human brain has about 100 billion nerve cells.

Nerve impulses to and from the brain travel as fast as 170 miles (274 km) per hour.

The thyroid cartilage is more commonly known as the Adams apple.

Your stomach needs to produce a new layer of mucus every two weeks or it would digest itself.

The average life of a taste bud is 10 days.

The average cough comes out of your mouth at 60 miles (96.5 km) per hour.

Relative to size, the strongest muscle in the body is the tongue.

When you sneeze, all your bodily functions stop even your heart.

Babies are born without kneecaps. They do not appear until the child reaches 2-6 years of age.

Right-handed people live, on average, nine years longer than left-handed

people do.

Children grow faster in the springtime.

It takes the stomach an hour to break down cows' milk.

Women blink nearly twice as much as men.

Blondes have more hair than dark-haired people do.

There are 10 human body parts that are only three letters long (eye hip arm leg ear toe jaw rib lip gum).

If you go blind in one eye, you only lose about one fifth of your vision but all your sense of depth.

The average human head weighs about 8 pounds.

In the average lifetime, a person will walk the equivalent of five times around the equator.

An average human scalp has 100,000 hairs.

The average human blinks their eyes 6,205,000 times each year.

Your skull is made up of 29 different bones.

Ancient Egyptians shaved off their eyebrows to mourn the deaths of their cats.

Hair is made from the same substance as fingernails.

The surface of the human skin is 6.5 square feet (2m).

15 million blood cells are destroyed in the human body every second.

The pancreas produces Insulin.

The most sensitive cluster of nerves is at the base of the spine.

The human body is comprised of 80% water.

The average human will shed 40 pounds of skin in a lifetime.

Human thighbones are stronger than concrete.

There are 45 miles of nerves in the skin of a human being.

Canadian researchers have found that Einstein's brain was 15% wider than normal.

While in Alcatraz, Al Capone was inmate 85.

Astronaut Neil Armstrong first stepped on the moon with his left foot.

Jim Morrison, of the 60's rock group The Doors, was the first rock star to be arrested on stage.

Frank Lloyd Wright's son invented Lincoln Logs.

Peter Falk, who played "Columbo," has a glass eye.

Barbie's full name is "Babara Millicent Roberts."

The mother of Michael Nesmith of "The Monkees" invented whiteout.

Isaac Asimov is the only author to have a book in every Dewey-decimal category.

Shakespeare invented the word "assassination" and "bump."

It is believed that Leonardo Da Vinci invented the scissors.

Adolf Hitler's mother seriously considered having an abortion but was talked out of it by her doctor.

The shortest British monarch was Charles I, who was 4 feet 9 inches.

Tina Turner's real name is Annie Mae Bullock.

Beethoven dipped his head in cold water before he composed.

President John F Kennedy could read four newspapers in 20 minutes.

Bob Dylan's real name is Robert Zimmerman.

Sigmund Freud had a morbid fear of ferns.

Anne Boleyn, Queen Elizabeth I's mother, had six fingers on one hand.

Orville Wright was involved in the first aircraft accident. His passenger, a Frenchman, was killed.

The sound of E.T. walking was made by someone squishing her hands in jelly.

Cher's last name was "Sarkissian." She changed it because no one could pronounce it.

Sugar was first added to chewing gum in 1869 by a dentist, William Semple.

Paper was invented early in the second century by Chinese eunuch.

Sir Isaac Newton was only 23 years old when he discovered the law of universal gravitation.

Hannibal had only one eye after getting a disease while attacking Rome.

A blue whales heart only beats nine times per minute.

A cat uses its whiskers to determine if a space is too small to squeeze through.

A chameleon's tongue is twice the length of its body.

A crocodiles tongue is attached to the roof of its mouth.

Rodent's teeth never stop growing.

A shark can detect one part of blood in 100 million parts of water.

The penguin is the only bird that can swim but can't fly.

The cheetah is the only cat that cannot retract its claws.

A lion's roar can be heard from five miles away.

Emus and kangaroos cannot walk backwards.

Cats have over 100 vocal sounds; dogs only have 10.

A mole can dig a tunnel 300 feet (91 m) long in just one night.

Insects outnumber humans 100,000,000 to one.

Sharkskin has tiny tooth-like scales all over.

Chameleons can move their eyes in two directions at the same time.

Koalas never drink water. They get fluids from the eucalyptus leaves they eat.

A cow gives nearly 200,000 glasses of milk in her lifetime.

When sharks take a bite, their eyes roll back and their teeth jut out.

Camels chew in a figure 8 pattern.

Proportional to their size, cats have the largest eyes of all mammals.

Sailfish can leap out of the water and into the air at a speed of 50 miles (81 km) per hour.

The catfish has the most taste buds of all animals, having over 27,000 of

them.

A skunk's smell can be detected by a human a mile away.

A lion in the wild usually makes no more than 20 kills a year.

In space, astronauts cannot cry, because there is no gravity, so the tears cannot flow.

The state of Florida is bigger than England.

One in every four Americans has appeared on television.

The average American/Canadian will eat about 11.9 pounds of cereal per year!

There are over 58 million dogs in the US.

Dogs and cats consume over \$11 billion worth of pet food a year.

Baby robins eat 14 feet of earthworms every day.

In Raiders of the Lost Ark, there is a wall carving of R2-D2 and C-3PO behind the ark.

"I" is the most spoken word in the English language.

"You" is the second most spoken English word.

Spain leads the world in cork production.

There are 1,792 steps in the Eiffel Tower.

There is a city in Norway called "Hell".

The human feet perspire half a pint of fluid a day.

An Olympic gold medal must contain 92.5 percent silver.

There are 240 dots on an arcade Pac-Man game.

The San Francisco Cable cars are the only mobile National Monuments.

Lee Harvey Oswald's cadaver tag sold at an auction for \$6,600 in 1992.

A pound of houseflies contains more protein than a pound of beef.

The average American works 24,000 hours in their lifetime just to pay their taxes.

40% of all people who come to a party in your home snoop in your medicine

cabinet.

A duck's quack does not echo, and no one knows why.

Non-dairy creamer is flammable.

Pinocchio is Italian for "pine head."

There are more than 10 million bricks in the Empire State Building.

What do you think of these "interesting facts"?

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My philosophy is that not only are you responsible for your life, but doing the best at this moment puts you in the best place for the next moment.	Oprah Winfrey
A rumor without a leg to stand on will get around some other way.	John Tudor
If you are distressed by anything external, the pain is not due to the thing itself, but to your estimate of it; and this you have the power to revoke at any moment.	Marcus Aurelius Antoninus
The greatest discovery of my generation is that a human being can alter his life by altering his attitudes of mind.	William James
The greatest obstacle to discovery is not ignorance - it is the illusion of knowledge.	Daniel J. Boorstin
Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.	Thomas A. Edison
I am in earnest; I will not equivocate; I will not excuse; I will not retreat a single inch; and I will be heard.	William Lloyd Garrison
There is only one success - to be able to spend your life in your own way.	Christopher Morley
He deserves Paradise who makes his companions laugh.	Koran
A single death is a tragedy; a million deaths is a statistic.	Joseph Stalin
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
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	Lawrence Bixby

along, too.	
To love what you do and feel that it matters - how could anything be more fun?	Katharine Graham
It is curious that physical courage should be so common in the world and moral courage so rare.	Mark Twain
A stitch in time would have confused Einstein.	Unknown
Plans are only good intentions unless they immediately degenerate into hard work.	Peter Drucker
You can tell the ideals of a nation by its advertisements.	Norman Douglas, South Wind, 1917
To me, old age is always 15 years older than I am.	Bernard M. Baruch, 1940
It is better to offer no excuse than a bad one.	George Washington, letter to his niece Harriet Washington, October 30, 1791
Hitch your wagon to a star.	Ralph Waldo Emerson, "American Civilization", The Atlantic Monthly, 1862
Most people would succeed in small things if they were not troubled with great ambitions.	Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Driftwood; Table Talk, 1857
America is a mistake, a giant mistake.	Sigmund Freud
A vacuum is a hell of a lot better than some of	Tennessee Williams, Cat on a Hot Tin Roof

the stuff that nature replaces it with.	(1955)
Ambition often puts men upon doing the meanest offices; so climbing is performed in the same posture with creeping.	Jonathan Swift, Miscellanies, 1711
It is an interesting question how far men would retain their relative rank if they were divested of their clothes.	Henry David Thoreau, Walden, 1854
Every artist dips his brush in his own soul, and paints his own nature into his pictures.	Henry Ward Beecher, Proverbs from Plymouth Pulpit, 1887
Every artist was first an amateur.	Ralph Waldo Emerson, Letters and Social Aims: Progress of Culture, 1876
Exercise ferments the humors, casts them into their proper channels, throws off redundancies, and helps nature in those secret distributions, without which the body cannot subsist in its vigor, nor the soul act with cheerfulness.	Joseph Addison, The Spectator, July 12, 1711
Many books require no thought from those who read them, and for a very simple reason; they made no such demand upon those who wrote them.	Charles Caleb Colton, Lacon, 1820
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, The Happy Life, 1896
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, Letters and Social Aims: Quotation and Originality, 1876

How many a man has dated a new era in his life from the reading of a book.	Henry David Thoreau, Walden: Reading, 1854
Houses are built to live in, not to look on; therefore, let use be preferred before uniformity, except where both may be had.	Sir Francis Bacon, Essays: Of Building, 1623
A man builds a fine house; and now he has a master, and a task for life; he is to furnish, watch, show it, and keep it in repair, the rest of his days.	Ralph Waldo Emerson, Society and Solitude: Works and Days, 1870
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, 1890
Once a government is committed to the principle of silencing the voice of opposition, it has only one way to go, and that is down the path of increasingly repressive measures, until it becomes a source of terror to all its citizens and creates a country where everyone lives in fear.	Harry S Truman, August 8, 1950
Good company and good discourse are the very sinews of virtue.	Izaak Walton, The Compleat Angler, 1653
The discovery of a new dish does more for human happiness than the discovery of a new star.	Anthelme Brillat-Savarin, Physiologie du Gout, 1825
A wise man can see more from the bottom of a well than a fool can from a mountain top .	Unknown
	John F. Kennedy, speech

We need men who can dream of things that never were.	in Dublin, Ireland, June 28, 1963
Bacchus hath drowned more men than Neptune.	Dr. Thomas Fuller, Gnomologia, 1732
Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure nineteen six, result happiness. Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure twenty pound ought and six, result misery.	Charles Dickens, David Copperfield, 1849
Next in importance to freedom and justice is popular education, without which neither freedom nor justice can be permanently maintained.	James A. Garfield, July 12, 1880
A people that values its privileges above its principles soon loses both.	Dwight D. Eisenhower, Inaugural Address, January 20, 1953
Goodness is the only investment that never fails.	Henry David Thoreau, Walden: Higher Laws, 1854
Men are wise in proportion, not to their experience, but to their capacity for experience.	James Boswell, Life of Samuel Johnson, 1791
A witty saying proves nothing.	Voltaire
The knowledge of the world is only to be acquired in the world, and not in a closet.	Lord Chesterfield, Letters to His Son, 1746, published 1774
Be not the first by whom the new are tried,	Alexander Pope, An Essay on

 Nor yet the last to lay the old aside.	Criticism, 1711
Tell me what you eat, and I will tell you what you are.	Anthelme Brillat-Savarin, The Physiology of Taste, 1825
Man seeketh in society comfort, use and protection.	Sir Francis Bacon, The Advancement of Learning, 1605
Friendship make prosperity more shining and lessens adversity by dividing and sharing it.	Cicero, On Friendship, 44 B.C.
The happiest is the person who suffers the least pain; the most miserable who enjoys the least pleasure.	Jean Jacques Rousseau, Emile, 1762
Man is the artificer of his own happiness.	Henry David Thoreau, Journal, January 21, 1838
Health is not valued till sickness comes.	Dr. Thomas Fuller, Gnomologia, 1732
Abortion is advocated only by persons who have themselves been born.	Ronald Reagan
Health is worth more than learning.	Thomas Jefferson, letter to his cousin John Garland Jefferson, June 11, 1790
We can draw lessons from the past, but we cannot live in it.	Lyndon B. Johnson, December 13, 1963
	George

Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.	Santayana, The Life of Reason, Volume 1, 1905
He who has never envied the vegetable has missed the human drama.	E.M. Cioran
For certain people after 50, litigation takes the place of sex.	Gore Vidal
If a thing is worth doing, it is worth doing badly.	G.K. Chesterton
Few people think more than two or three times a year; I have made an international reputation for myself by thinking once or twice a week.	George Bernard Shaw
To succeed in the world it is not enough to be stupid; you must also be well-mannered.	Voltaire
Religion is a monumental chapter in the history of human egotism.	William James
Nothing is as certain as that the vices of leisure are gotten rid of by being busy.	Seneca, Moral Letters to Lucilius, 64 A.D.
Parades should be classed as a nuisance and participants should be subject to a term in prison.	Will Rogers
If I had my way, any man guilty of golf would be ineligible for any office of trust in the United States.	H. L. Mencken
I find television very educational. The minute somebody turns it on, I go to the library and read a good book.	Groucho Marx
In the halls of justice, the only justice is in the halls.	Lenny Bruce
It is better to have a permanent income than to be fascinating.	Oscar Wilde
The amount of noise which anyone can bear undisturbed stands in inverse proportion to his	Arthur Schopenhauer

mental capacity.	
Journalism is the ability to meet the challenge of filling space.	Rebecca West
An ounce of hypocrisy is worth a pound of ambition.	Michael Korda
It does not matter much what a man hates provided he hates something.	Samuel Butler
If God created us in his own image, we have more than reciprocated.	Voltaire
Equality may perhaps be a right, but no power on earth can ever turn it into a fact.	Honore de Balzac
When an opera star sings her head off, she usually improves her appearance.	Victor Borge
Even paranoids have real enemies.	Delmore Schwartz
My only aversion to vice, is the price.	Victor Buono
If you are an author and give one of your books to a member of the upper class, you must never expect him to read it.	Paul Fussell
I must decline your invitation owing to a subsequent engagement.	Oscar Wilde
Principles have no real force except when one is well fed.	Mark Twain
Our houses are such unwieldy property that we are often imprisoned rather than housed in them.	Henry David Thoreau, Walden: Economy, 1854
Know thyself? A maxim as pernicious as it is ugly. Whoever observes himself arrests his own development. A caterpillar who wanted to know itself well would never become a butterfly.	Andre Gide
Brigands demand your money or your life; women require both.	Nicholas Murray Butler
The way to fight a woman is with your hat.	John Barrymore

Grab it and run.	
The world began when I was born and the world is mine to win	Badger Clark
Man is a clever animal who behaves like an imbecile.	Albert Schweitzer
Be ashamed to die until you have won some victory for humanity.	Horace Mann, address at Antioch College, 1859
An optimist is a man who has never had much experience.	Don Marquis
My father hated radio and could not wait for television to be invented so he could hate that too.	Peter De Vries
My theology, briefly, is that the universe was dictated, but not signed.	Christopher Morley
The pure and simple truth is rarely pure and never simple.	Oscar Wilde
I would like to take you seriously but to do so would affront your intelligence.	William F. Buckley Jr.
Understand that legal and illegal are political, and often arbitrary, categorizations; use and abuse are medical, or clinical, distinctions.	Abbie Hoffman, Steal This Urine Test
Abstract art: a product of the untalented sold by the unprincipled to the utterly bewildered.	Al Capp
It is human nature to think wisely and act foolishly.	Anatole France
The only really happy folk are married women and single men.	H. L. Mencken
A government is the only known vessel that leaks from the top.	James Reston
Man is distinguished from all other creatures by the faculty of laughter.	Joseph Addison, The Spectator, September 26, 1712

Virtue is insufficient temptation.	George Bernard Shaw
Democracy is the theory that the common people know what they want, and deserve to get it good and hard.	H. L. Mencken
Philosophy teaches us to bear with equanimity the misfortunes of others.	Oscar Wilde
I have given up reading books; I find it takes my mind off myself.	Oscar Levant
Golf is a good walk spoiled.	Mark Twain
You can fool too many of the people too much of the time.	James Thurber
Only dull people are brilliant at breakfast.	Oscar Wilde
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.	Lord Chesterfield, letter to his godson, December 18, 1765
Love is the triumph of imagination over intelligence.	H. L. Mencken
It may not be that the race is not always to the swift, nor the battle to the strong - but that is the way to bet.	Damon Runyon
California is the only state in the union where you can fall asleep under a rose bush in full bloom and freeze to death.	William Claude Dunkenfield (W. C. Fields)
Start every day with a smile and get it over with.	William Claude Dunkenfield (W. C. Fields)
Bigamy is having one wife too many. Monogamy is the same	Oscar Wilde
The husband who wants a happy marriage should learn to keep his mouth shut and his checkbook open.	Groucho Marx

No good deed goes unpunished.	Clare Booth Luce
It is always the best policy to tell the truth, unless, of course, you are an exceptionally good liar.	Jerome K. Jerome
A poet more than thirty years old is simply an overgrown child.	H. L. Mencken
Wit makes its own welcome, and levels all distinctions. No dignity, no learning, no force of character, can make any stand against good wit.	Ralph Waldo Emerson, Letters and Social Aims: The Comic, 1876
The more one is hated, I find, the happier one is.	Louis Ferdinand Celine
Brevity is the soul of lingerie.	Dorothy Parker
...Then anyone who leaves behind him a written manual, and likewise anyone who receives it, in the belief that such writing will be clear and certain, must be exceedingly simple-minded...	Plato, _Phaedrus_
I am the only person in the world I should like to know thoroughly.	Oscar Wilde
You never realize how short a month is until you pay alimony.	John Barrymore
The chief obstacle to the progress of the human race is the human race.	Don Marquis
Men show their characters in nothing more clearly than in what they think laughable.	Johann Wolfgang von Goethe
Happiness is the perpetual possession of being well deceived.	Jonathan Swift
Dinner theater is anti-culture.	John Simon
Virtue has never been as respectable as money.	Mark Twain
Sex: the thing that takes up the least amount of	John Barrymore

time and causes the most amount of trouble.	
Hope in reality is the worst of all evils, because it prolongs the torments of man.	Friedrich Nietzsche
Humanity is not a gift of nature, it is a spiritual achievement to be earned.	Richard Bach
There is nothing wrong with sobriety in moderation.	John Ciardi
Posterity is as likely to be wrong as anybody else.	Heywood Broun
The history of ideas is the history of the grudges of solitary men.	E.M. Cioran
Laugh at yourself first, before anyone else can.	Elsa Maxwell, September 28, 1958
A Sunday school is a prison in which children do penance for the evil conscience of their parents.	H. L. Mencken
One of the serious obstacles to the improvement of our race is indiscriminate charity.	Andrew Carnegie
Children should neither be seen nor heard from - ever again.	W.C. Fields
Television is for appearing on - not for looking at.	Noel Coward
The country has charms only for those not obliged to stay there.	Edouard Manet
The basis of optimism is sheer terror.	Oscar Wilde
The Irish are a fair people - they never speak well of one another.	Samuel Johnson
I envy people who drink - at least they know what to blame everything on.	Oscar Levant
If your sexual fantasies were truly of interest to others, they would no longer be fantasies.	Fran Lebowitz
I do not care to belong to a club that accepts people like me as members.	Groucho Marx

The strongest man in the world is he who stands alone.	Henrik Ibsen, An Enemy of the People, 1882
The average trade book has a shelf life of between milk and yogurt, except for books by any member of the Irving Wallace family - they have preservatives.	Calvin Trillin
Chastity: the most unnatural of the sexual perversions.	Aldous Huxley
A man must properly pay the fiddler. In my case it so happened that a whole symphony orchestra had to be subsidized.	John Barrymore
Democracy: The substitution of election by the incompetent many for appointment by the corrupt few.	George Bernard Shaw
New York: where everyone mutinies but no one deserts.	Harry Hershfield
England has forty-two religions and only two sauces.	Voltaire
My heart is pure as the driven slush.	Tallulah Bankhead
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 which he hears, however measured or far away.	Henry David Thoreau, Walden, Conclusion, 1854
God heals, and the doctor takes the fee.	Benjamin Franklin
Humility is no substitute for a good personality.	Fran Lebowitz
I find that when I do not think of myself I do not think at all.	Jules Renard
Sex: the pleasure is momentary, the position ridiculous, and the expense damnable.	Lord Chesterfield
Civilization is a limitless multiplication of	Mark Twain

unnecessary necessities.	
Having a family is like having a bowling alley installed in your brain.	Martin Mull
I took a speed-reading course and read War and Peace in twenty minutes. It involves Russia.	Woody Allen
A chic type, a rough type, an odd type - but never a stereotype	Jean-Michel Jarre
When I can no longer bear to think of the victims of broken homes, I begin to think of the victims of intact ones.	Peter De Vries
We learn from experience that men never learn anything from experience.	George Bernard Shaw
What is youth except a man or a woman before it is ready or fit to be seen?	Evelyn Waugh
That all men should be brothers is the dream of people who have no brothers.	Charles Chincholles
There is one difference between a tax collector and a taxidermist- the taxidermist leaves the hide.	Mortimer Caplin
Blessed is he who has found his work; let him ask no other blessedness.	Thomas Carlyle, Past and Present, 1843
The English instinctively admire any man who has no talent and is modest about it.	James Agate
Hollywood is a place where people from Iowa mistake each other for movie stars.	Fred Allen
One of these days, the people are going to demand peace of the government, and the government is going to have to give it to them.	Dwight Eisenhower
God must hate common people, because he made them so common.	Philip Wylie
Once, during Prohibition, I was forced to live for days on nothing but food and water.	W.C. Fields
Few things are harder to put up with than the	Mark Twain

annoyance of a good example.	
The only thing worse than being talked about is not being talked about.	Oscar Wilde
A critic is a gong at a railroad crossing clanging loudly and vainly as the train goes by.	Christopher Morley
Far and away the best prize that life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing.	Theodore Roosevelt, Speech in New York, September 7, 1903
My pessimism extends to the point of even suspecting the sincerity of other pessimists.	Jean Rostand
Beware of programmers who carry screwdrivers.	Leonard Brandwein
If you speak the truth, have a foot in the stirrup.	Turkish proverb
Fame is a vapor; popularity an accident; the only earthly certainty is oblivion.	Mark Twain
The most common of all follies is to believe passionately in the palpably not true. It is the chief occupation of mankind.	H. L. Mencken
Sexual enlightenment is justified insofar as girls cannot learn too soon how children do not come into the world.	Karl Kraus
Nothing spoils a confession like repentance.	Anatole France
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, Pre-Raphaelitism, 1850
Every government is run by liars and nothing they say should be believed.	I.F. Stone
Communism is like one big phone company.	Lenny Bruce
Destiny...is not a matter of chance, it is a	William

matter of choice; it is not a thing to be waited for, it is a thing to be achieved	Jennings Bryan
Men have no right to put the well-being of the present generation wholly out of the question. Perhaps the only moral trust with any certainty in our hands is the care of our own time.	Edmund Burke
Moderation is a fatal thing. Nothing succeeds like excess.	Oscar Wilde
The bonds that links your true family is not one of blood, but of respect and joy in each others life. Rarely do members of one family grow up under the same roof.	Richard Bach
Health food makes me sick.	Calvin Trillin
A cynic is a man who, when he smells flowers, looks around for a coffin.	H. L. Mencken
Work saves us from three great evils: boredom, vice and need.	Voltaire, Candide, 1759
Grub first, then ethics.	Bertolt Brecht
I love children, especially when they cry, for then someone takes them away.	Nancy Mitford
The very purpose of existence is to reconcile the glowing opinion we hold of ourselves with the appalling things that other people think about us.	Quentin Crisp
Idealism is fine, but as it approaches reality the cost becomes prohibitive.	William F. Buckley Jr.
We are totally opposed to abortion under any circumstances. We are also opposed to abortifacient drugs and chemicals like the Pill and the IUD, and we are also opposed to all forms of birth control with the exception of natural family planning.	Judie Brown, President, American Life Lobby
Sex education classes in our public schools are promoting incest.	Jimmy Swaggart
	Joseph

I think contraception is disgusting - people using each other for pleasure.	Schiedler, Director, Pro-Life Action League
Wife: one who is sorry she did it, but would undoubtedly do it again.	H. L. Mencken
History is a set of lies agreed upon.	Napoleon Bonaparte
It has always been my rule never to smoke when asleep, and never to refrain when awake.	Mark Twain
Accident, n.: A condition in which presence of mind is good, but absence of body is better.	Unknown
Knowledge is power.	Sir Francis Bacon, Religious Meditations, Of Heresies, 1597
A jury consists of twelve persons chosen to decide who has the better lawyer.	Robert Frost
Obviously something slipped through here.	Reverend John Vaughan, Financial administrator for the Archdiocese of Miami (when asked why they held stock in companies that ma
Military intelligence is a contradiction in terms.	Groucho Marx
Whosoever shall not fall by the sword or by famine, shall fall by pestilence, so why bother shaving?	Woody Allen, "Without Feathers"
The wicked at heart probably know something.	Woody Allen, "Without Feathers"

Whosoever loveth wisdom is righteous, but he that keepeth company with fowl is weird.	Woody Allen, "Without Feathers"
My Lord, my Lord! What hast Thou done, lately?	Woody Allen, "Without Feathers"
I do not believe in God. I believe in cashmere.	Fran Lebowitz
To be conscious that you are ignorant is a great step to knowledge.	Benjamin Disraeli, Sybil, 1845
All progress is based upon a universal innate desire on the part of every organism to live beyond its income.	Samuel Butler
Grief is a species of idleness.	Samuel Johnson
It must be remembered that there is nothing more difficult to plan, more doubtful of success, nor more dangerous to manage, than the creation of a new system. For the initiator has the enmity of all who would profit by the preservation of the old institutions and merely lukewarm defenders in those who would gain by the new ones.	Machiavelli
Early to rise and early to bed Makes a male healthy, wealthy and dead	James Thurber
Democracy: The worship of jackals by jackasses.	H. L. Mencken
Perhaps God is not dead; perhaps God is himself mad.	R. D. Laing
War is like love; it always finds a way.	Bertolt Brecht
There are three terrible ages of childhood - 1 to 10, 10 to 20, and 20 to 30.	Cleveland Amory
There is no great concurrence between learning and wisdom	Sir Francis Bacon
Finance is the art of passing currency from hand to hand until it finally disappears.	Robert W. Sarnoff

Anybody caught selling macrame in public should be dyed a natural color and hung out to dry.	Calvin Trillin
Wife: a former sweetheart.	H. L. Mencken
Californians invented the concept of life-style. This alone warrants their doom.	Don DeLillo
God seems to have left the receiver off the hook and time is running out.	Arthur Koestler
Oh God, how do the world and heavens confine themselves, when our hearts tremble in their own barriers!	Johann Wolfgang von Goethe
It is not enough to succeed; others must fail.	Gore Vidal
The right to do something does not mean that doing it is right.	William Safire
Fashion is a form of ugliness so intolerable that we have to alter it every six months.	Oscar Wilde
What the world needs today is a definite, spiritual mobilization of the nations who belive in God against this tide of Red agnosticism. ...And in rejecting an atheistic other world, I am confident that the Almighty God will be with us.	President Herbert Hoover, in proposing the abolition of the United Nations, in favor of a "cooperation of God-fearing free natio
Democracy is, first and foremost, a spiritual force, it is built upon a spiritual basis - and on a belief in God and an observance of moral principle. And in the long run only the church can provide that basis. Our founder knew this truth - and we will neglect it at our peril.	President Harry Truman, Public Papers of the President of the United States: Harry S. Truman - 1951 U.S. Gov. 1966 p1063
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Our religious faith gives us the answer to the false beliefs of Communism... I have the feeling that God has created us and brought us to our present position of power and strength for some great purpose.	President of the United States: Harry S. Truman - 1951 U.S. Gov. 1966 pp548-549
It sure does, Ben, it definitely does...this is definite...it specifically clearly, unequivocally says that Russia and other countries will enter into war and God will destroy Russia through earthquakes, volcanoes...	Pat Robertson, when asked the question "Does the Bible specifically tell us what is going to happen in the future", "700 Club" D
America has begun a spiritual reawakening. Faith and hope are being restored. Americans are turning back to God. Church attendance is up. Audiences for religious books and broadcasts are growing. And I do believe that he has begun to heal our blessed land.	President Ronald Reagan, to the National Association of Evangelicals, Columbus, Ohio
Life is a great big canvas, and you should throw all the paint on it you can.	Danny Kaye
Husbands never become good; they merely become proficient.	H. L. Mencken
Curiosity killed the cat, but for awhile I was a suspect.	Steven Wright
The only difference between genius and stupidity is that genius is limited.	unknown
Genius may have its limitations, but stupidity is not thus handicapped.	Elbert Hubbard
A plan is just a tangent vector on the manifold of reality.	"Scratch" Garrison
Laughter, while it lasts, slackens and unbraces the mind, weakens the faculties, and causes a kind of remissness and dissolution in all the powers of the soul.	Joseph Addison

What are politicians going to tell people when the Constitution is gone and we still have a drug problem?	William Simpson, A.C.L.U.
The law, in its majestic equality, forbids the rich as well as the poor to sleep under bridges, to beg in the streets and to steal bread.	Anatole France
At Group L, Stoffel oversees six first-rate programmers, a managerial challenge roughly comparable to herding cats.	The Washington Post Magazine, June 9, 1985
Life is a zoo in a jungle.	Peter De Vries
Imagine the Creator as a low comedian, and at once the world becomes explicable.	H. L. Mencken
DISCLAIMER: A society where such disclaimers are needed is saddening.	Unknown
In a nation ruled by swine, all pigs are upward mobile.	Hunter S. Thompson
There is no remedy for love but to love more.	Henry David Thoreau, Journal, July 25, 1839
Never put off until tomorrow what you can do the day after tomorrow.	Mark Twain
Patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel.	Samuel Johnson
The music at a wedding procession always reminds me of the music of soldiers going into battle.	Heinrich Heine
I think of life as a good book. The further you get into it, the more it begins to make sense.	Harold S. Kushner
Suburbia is where the developer bulldozes out the trees, then names the streets after them.	Bill Vaughan
Trust men and they will be true to you; treat them greatly, and they will show themselves great.	Ralph Waldo Emerson, Essays, First Series: Prudence, 1841

The entire sum of existence is the magic of being needed by just one person.	VII Putnam
The only possible form of exercise is to talk, not to walk.	Oscar Wilde
Every time a friend succeeds, I die a little.	Gore Vidal
We all learn by experience but some of us have to go to summer school.	Peter De Vries
Men are born ignorant, not stupid; they are made stupid by education.	Bertrand Russell
Liberal: a power worshipper without power.	George Orwell
I cannot believe in a God who wants to be praised all the time.	Friedrich Nietzsche
You can convince anyone of anything if you just push it at them 100% of the time. They may not believe it completely, but they will still use it to form opinions, especially if they have nothing else to draw on.	Charles Manson
Politics is not the art of the possible. It consists of choosing between the disastrous and the unpalatable.	J. K. Galbraith
People say that life is the thing, but I prefer reading.	Logan Pearsall Smith
For certain people after fifty, litigation takes the place of sex.	Gore Vidal
Laziness is nothing more than the habit of resting before you get tired.	Jules Renard
The long habit of living indisposeth us for dying.	Sir Thomas Browne
Sex is the biggest nothing of all time.	Andy Warhol
Canada: A few acres of snow.	Voltaire
It strikes me as singularly inappropriate for a school to use its students for fund-raising. It reminded me of the first time I saw a gypsy mother send her baby out to beg.	William Hamilton
We succeed only as we identify in life, or in	Dwight D.

war, or in anything else, a single overriding objective, and make all other considerations bend to that one objective.	Eisenhower, speech, April 2, 1957
If the headache would only precede the intoxication, alcoholism would be a virtue.	Samuel Butler
Every revolution evaporates and leaves behind only the slime of a new bureaucracy	Franz Kafka
When I came back to Dublin I was courtmartialed in my absence and sentenced to death in my absence, so I said they could shoot me in my absence.	Brendan Behan
Sleep is lovely, death is better still, not to have been born is of course the miracle.	Heinrich Heine
Creator: a comedian whose audience is afraid to laugh.	H. L. Mencken
I was never ruined but twice: once when I lost a lawsuit, and once when I won one.	Voltaire
To err is human; to forgive is simply not our policy	MIT Assasination Club slogan
The best years are the forties; after fifty a man begins to deteriorate, but in the forties he is at the maximum of his villainy.	H. L. Mencken
Paying alimony is like feeding hay to a dead horse.	Groucho Marx
America is the only nation in history which miraculously has gone directly from barbarism to degeneration without the usual interval of civilization.	Georges Clemenceau
Insanity: a perfectly rational adjustment to the insane world.	R. D. Laing
Rather than love, than money, than fame, give me truth. I sat at a table where were rich food and wine in abundance, and obsequious attendance, but sincerity and truth were not; and I went away hungry from the inhospitable	Henry David Thoreau, "Walden," the Conclusion

board.	
People who go broke in a big way never miss any meals. It is the poor jerk who is shy a half slug who must tighten his belt.	Robert Heinlein, Excerpt from the notebooks of Lazarus Long, "Time Enough for Love"
My object all sublime I shall achieve in time...	W. S. Gilbert, The Mikado, 1885
Revolution is a trivial shift in the emphasis of suffering.	Tom Stoppard
Television: chewing gum for the eyes.	Frank Lloyd Wright
Morality is the weakness of the mind.	Arthur Rimbaud
New York: A third-rate Babylon.	H. L. Mencken
Journalism justifies its own existence by the great Darwinian principle of the survival of the vulgarist.	Oscar Wilde
Advertising is legalized lying.	H.G. Wells
If the world were a logical place, men would ride sidesaddle.	Rita Mae Brown
Kill one man and you are a murderer. Kill millions and you are a conqueror. Kill all and you are a God.	Jean Rostand
Miami Beach is where neon goes to die.	Lenny Bruce
The murals in restaurants are on a par with the food in museums.	Peter De Vries
The world is populated in the main by people who should not exist.	George Bernard Shaw
We have not lost faith, but we have transferred it from God to the medical profession.	George Bernard Shaw
Whoever does not love his work cannot hope that it will please others.	Unknown
	Moody Blues,

Red is grey and yellow white We decide which is right and which is an illusion.	"Tuesday Afternoon"
Freud is the father of psychoanalysis. It has no mother.	Germaine Greer
Sleep is an eight-hour peep show of infantile erotica.	J.G. Ballard
Getting out of bed in the morning is an act of false confidence.	Jules Feiffer
Consistency is the last refuge of the unimaginative.	Oscar Wilde
Anybody can be good in the country. There are no temptations there.	Oscar Wilde
I have no relish for the country; it is a kind of healthy grave.	Sydney Smith
Once in a while you have to take a break and visit yourself.	Audrey Giorgi
Insanity is hereditary; you get it from your children.	Sam Levenson
The history of saints is mainly the history of insane people.	Benito Mussolini
Perhaps I know best why it is man alone who laughs; he alone suffers so deeply that he had to invent laughter.	Friedrich Nietzsche
Hanging is too good for a man who makes puns; he should be drawn and quoted.	Fred Allen
The golden rule is that there are no golden rules.	George Bernard Shaw
Conscience is a mother-in-law whose visit never ends	H. L. Mencken
Did blind chance know that there was light and what was its refraction, and fit the eyes of all creatures after the most curious manner to make use of it? These and other suchlike considerations, always have, and always will prevail with mankind, to believe that there is a	Isaac Newton

Being who made all things, who has all things in his power, and who is therefore to be feared.	
We can lick gravity, but sometimes the paperwork is overwhelming.	Wernher von Braun commenting on bureaucracy
It is absurd to divide people into good and bad. People are either charming or tedious.	Oscar Wilde
We are all born charming, fresh and spontaneous and must be civilized before we are fit to participate in society.	Judith Martin, (Miss Manners)
Charm is a way of getting the answer yes without asking a clear question.	Albert Camus
What is a man? A miserable little pile of secrets.	Andre Malraux
Man is more ape than many of the apes.	Friedrich Nietzsche
I have found little that is good about human beings. In my experience most of them are trash.	Sigmund Freud
Technological progress is like an axe in the hands of a pathological criminal.	Albert Einstein
What we call progress is the exchange of one nuisance for another nuisance.	Havelock Ellis
Progress might have been all right once but it has gone on too long.	Ogden Nash
As repressed sadists are supposed to become policemen or butchers so those with irrational fear of life become publishers.	Cyril Connolly
The main difference between men and women is that men are lunatics and women are idiots.	Rebecca West
Golf may be played on Sunday, not being a game within the view of the law, but being a form of moral effort.	Stephen Leacock

How can one conceive of a one party system in a country that has over 200 varieties of cheese.	Charles de Gaulle
The poets have been mysteriously silent on the subject of cheese.	G.K. Chesterton
Vegetables are interesting but lack a sense of purpose when unaccompanied by a good cut of meat.	Fran Lebowitz
The function of socialism is to raise suffering to a higher level.	Norman Mailer
God is dead, but fifty thousand social workers have risen to take his place.	J.D. McCoughey
Men have become fools with their tools.	Thomas Elisha Stewart
Men have become the tools of their tools	Henry David Thoreau
Is not the whole world a vast house of assignation to which the filing system has been lost?	Quentin Crisp
For flavor, instant sex will never supercede the stuff you have to peel and cook.	Quentin Crisp
Never keep up with the Joneses. Drag them down to your level.	Quentin Crisp
In Marseilles they make half the toilet soap we consume in America, but the Marseillaise only have a vague theoretical idea of its use, which they have obtained from books of travel.	Mark Twain
France was a long despotism tempered by epigrams.	Thomas Carlyle
The length of a film should be directly related to the endurance of the human bladder.	Alfred Hitchcock
Life is far too important a thing ever to talk seriously about.	Oscar Wilde
We all have the extraordinary coded within us, waiting to be released.	Jean Houston

What is a cynic? A man who knows the price of everything and the value of nothing.	Oscar Wilde
Generally speaking, the Way of the warrior is resolute acceptance of death.	Miyamoto Musashi, 1645
Lawyers are the only persons in whom ignorance of the law is not punished.	Jeremy Bentham
A countryman between two lawyers is like a fish between two cats.	Benjamin Franklin
Whatever their other contributions to our society, lawyers could be an important source of protein.	Guindon cartoon caption
If you laid all of the lawyers in the world, end to end, on the equator ---- It would be a good idea to just leave them there.	Unknown
Advertising is the rattling of a stick inside a swill bucket.	George Orwell
Addresses are given to us to conceal our whereabouts.	Saki
Life is a moderately good play with a badly written third act.	Truman Capote
One of the delights known to age, and beyond the grasp of youth, is that of Not Going.	J.B. Priestley
When I was young there was no respect for the young, and now that I am old there is no respect for the old. I missed out coming and going.	J.B. Priestley
I am not young enough to know everything.	Oscar Wilde
The closing years of life are like the end of a masquerade party when the masks are dropped.	Arthur Schopenhauer
Always forgive your enemies - nothing annoys them so much.	Oscar Wilde
Fishing is a delusion entirely surrounded by liars in old clothes.	Don Marquis
Moral indignation is jealousy with a halo.	H.G. Wells

Conversation is the enemy of good wine and food.	Alfred Hitchcock
I hate careless flattery, the kind that exhausts you in your effort to believe it.	Wilson Mizner
Immigration is the sincerest form of flattery.	Jack Paar
You are not here merely to make a living. You are here to enable the world to live more amply, with greater vision, and with a finer spirit of hope and achievement. You are here to enrich the world. You impoverish yourself if you forget this errand.	Woodrow Wilson
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
One murder makes a villain, millions a hero.	Beilby Porteus, Death, A Poem
If once a man indulges himself in murder, very soon he comes to think little of robbing; and from robbing he next comes to drinking and Sabbath-breaking, and from that to incivility and procrastination.	Thomas De Quincey, Murder Considered as One of the Fine Arts - 1827
Either this man is dead or my watch has stopped.	Groucho Marx, A Day at the Races - 1936
Animals have these advantages over man: they never hear the clock strike, they die without any idea of death, they have no theologians to instruct them, their last moments are not disturbed by unwelcome and unpleasant ceremonies, their funerals cost them nothing, and no one starts lawsuits over their wills.	Voltaire
Man is the only animal that can remain on friendly terms with the victims he intends to eat until he eats them.	Samuel Butler
It is impossible to enjoy idling unless there is	Jerome K.

plenty of work to do.	Jerome
Hard work never killed anybody, but why take a chance?	Charlie McCarthy (Edgar Bergen)
A cult is a religion with no political power	Tom Wolfe
There are few minds to which tyranny is not delightful.	Samuel Johnson
I find women with well developed flesh very attractive. The scrawny little things doing commercials on my television set are slightly repulsive -- like famine victims.	Dana Hatch
My schoolmates would make love to anything that moved, but I never saw any reason to limit myself.	Emo Philips
A promiscuous person is someone who is getting more sex than you are.	Victor Lowmes
There are more tears shed over answered prayers than over unanswered prayers.	Saint Theresa of Jesus
Bisexuality immediately doubles your chances for a date on Saturday night.	Woody Allen
Jesus was a crackpot.	Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh - San Francisco Chronicle 12/17/85
Jesus died too soon. If he had lived to my age he would have repudiated his doctrine.	Friedrich Nietzsche
Nietzsche was stupid and abnormal.	Leo Tolstoy
Life is anything that dies when you stomp on it.	Dave Barry
Culture is an instrument wielded by professors to manufacture professors who when their turn comes, will manufacture professors.	Simone Weil
When I hear the word "culture" I reach for my gun.	Hans Johst (c. 1939)

Cynicism is an unpleasant way of saying the truth.	Lillian Hellman
College football would be more interesting if the faculty played instead of the students - there would be a great increase in broken arms, legs and necks.	H. L. Mencken
Lead me not into temptation; I can find the way myself.	Rita Mae Brown
Critics are like pigs at the pastry cart.	John Updike
Nothing fails like success.	Gerald Nachman
Success and failure are equally disastrous.	Tennessee Williams
Everyone who is incapable of learning has taken to teaching.	Oscar Wilde
So little time, so little to do.	Oscar Levant
Hell hath no fury like a liberal scorned.	Dick Gregory
A pessimist is a person who has to listen to too many optimists.	Don Marquis
We are given children to test us and make us more spiritual.	George F. Will
It could probably be show by facts and figures that there is no distinctively native American criminal class except Congress.	Mark Twain
Courage is the fear of being thought a coward.	Horace Smith
What is virtue but the trades unionism of the married.	George Bernard Shaw
If I owned Texas and Hell, I would rent out Texas and live in Hell.	Philip Sheridan
To love oneself is the beginning of a lifelong romance.	Oscar Wilde
Life is divided into the horrible and the miserable.	Woody Allen
Theology is the effort to explain the unknowable in terms of the not worth knowing.	H. L. Mencken

The need of exercise is a modern superstition, invented by people who ate too much and had nothing to think about.	George Santayana
I respect faith, but doubt is what gives you and education.	Wilson Mizner
When in doubt, duck.	Malcolm Forbes
Our best work is done when it needs to be.	F. Phelps
There is no free lunch.	Milton Friedman
Mahatma Gandhi was what wives wish their husbands were: thin, tan and moral.	Unknown
There is so little difference between husbands you might as well keep the first.	Adela Rogers St. Johns
Success is the ability to go from one failure to another with no loss of enthusiasm.	Sir Winston Churchill
Marriage is the only adventure open to the cowardly.	Voltaire
If you want to read about love and marriage, you have to buy two separate books.	Alan King
Marriage is based on the theory that when man discovers a brand of beer exactly to his taste he should at once throw up his job and go work in the brewery.	George Jean Nathan
The cowards never start and the weak die along the way.	Kit Carson
It is dangerous to be right in matters on which the established authorities are wrong.	Voltaire
Immorality: the morality of those who are having a better time.	H. L. Mencken
Sin is geographical.	Bertrand Russell
Like its politicians and its wars, society has the teenagers it deserves.	J.B. Priestley
Philanthropy is the refuge of rich people who wish to annoy their fellow creatures.	Oscar Wilde
He who laughs has not yet heard the bad news.	Bertolt Brecht

Man is a hating rather than a loving animal.	Rebecca West
The people are that part of the state that does now know what it wants.	Georg Friedrich Wilhelm Hegel
The discovery of America was the occasion of the greatest outburst of cruelty and reckless greed known in history.	Joseph Conrad
If you are of the opinion that the contemplation of suicide is sufficient evidence of a poetic nature, do not forget that actions speak louder than words.	Fran Lebowitz
My work is done, why wait?	Kodak founder George Eastman, in his suicide note
Pain is inevitable; suffering is optional.	Unknown
Dying is easy. Comedy is difficult.	Actor Edmund Gwenn
Psychiatry is the care of the id by the odd.	Unknown
Psychoanalysis is that mental illness for which it regards itself a therapy.	Karl Kraus
No statue has ever been put up to a critic.	Jean Sibelius
Asking a working writer what he thinks about critics is like asking a lamp-post how it feels about dogs.	Christopher Hampton
Change your thoughts and you change your world.	Norman Vincent Peale
My tears stuck in their little ducts, refusing to be jerked.	Peter Stack, in a movie review in the San Francisco Chronicle, Jan 2, 1983
Television is democracy at its ugliest.	Paddy Chayefsky
Television is more interesting than people. If	

it were not, we would have people standing in the corners of our rooms.	Alan Corenk
Freedom of the press is limited to those who own one.	A.J. Liebling
Martyrdom is the only way in which a man can become famous without ability.	George Bernard Shaw
Baseball has the great advantage over cricket of being sooner ended.	George Bernard Shaw
It took me twenty years of studied self-restraint, aided by the natural decay of my faculties, to make myself dull enough to be accepted as a serious person by the British public.	George Bernard Shaw
The longer I live the more I see that I am never wrong about anything, and that all the pains I have so humbly taken to verify my notions have only wasted my time.	George Bernard Shaw
Every big problem was at one time a wee disturbance.	Unknown
Few people can be happy unless they hate some other person, nation, or creed.	Bertrand Russell
Patriotism is the willingness to kill and be killed for trivial reasons.	Bertrand Russell
Most people would sooner die than think; in fact they do so.	Bertrand Russell
All movements go too far.	Bertrand Russell
Optimism is the content of small men in high places.	F. Scott Fitzgerald
Show me a hero and I will write you a tragedy.	F. Scott Fitzgerald
The most happy marriage I can imagine to myself would be the union of a deaf man to a blind woman.	Samuel Taylor Coleridge
	A shout from chess

How could I lose to such an idiot?	grandmaster Aaron Nimzovich
I believe that people would be alive today if there were a death penalty.	Nancy Reagan
A doctor can bury his mistakes but an architect can only advise his client to plant vines.	Frank Lloyd Wright
A doctor can bury his mistakes but a supplier based engineer can only advise the product designer to specify a heavier texture.	Mick Lloyd Kerman
I would have made a good Pope.	Richard M. Nixon
Man invented language to satisfy his deep need to complain.	Lily Tomlin and Jane Wagner
Studying literature at Harvard is like learning about women at the Mayo Clinic.	Roy Blount Jr.
Sometimes when reading Goethe I have a paralyzing suspicion that he is trying to be funny.	Guy Davenport
Puritanism...helps us enjoy our misery while we are inflicting it on others.	Marcel Ophuls
A bank is a place where they lend you an umbrella in fair weather and ask for it back when it begins to rain.	Robert Frost
Gerry Ford is a nice guy, but he played too much football with his helmet off.	Lyndon Baines Johnson
Sometimes when I look at my children I say to myself, "Lillian, you should have stayed a virgin."	Lillian Carter, mother of Jimmy and Billy
The thought of being President frightens me and I do not think I want the job.	Ronald Reagan in 1973
Nixon, Ford, Carter, Reagan - a Mount Rushmore of incompetence.	David Steinberg
The golden moments in the stream of life rush	

past us and we see nothing but sand; the angels come to visit us, and we only know them when they are gone.	George Eliot
Things have never been more like the way they are today in history.	Dwight David Eisenhower
Almost all reformers, however strict their social conscience, live in houses just as big as they can pay for.	Logan Pearsall Smith
Romance should never begin with sentiment. It should begin with science and end with a settlement.	Oscar Wilde
How wonderful opera would be if there were no singers.	Gioacchino Rosini
Children today are tyrants. They contradict their parents, gobble their food, and tyrannize their teachers.	Socrates
Of all the animals, the boy is the most unmanageable.	Plato
It is unbecoming for young men to utter maxims.	Aristotle
Children are guilty of unpardonable rudeness when they spit in the face of a companion; neither are they excusable who spit from windows or on walls or furniture.	St. John Baptist de La Salle, The Rules of Christian Manners and Civility (c. 1695)
That which we persist in doing becomes easier, not that the task itself has become easier, but that our ability to perform it has improved.	Ralph Waldo Emerson
Until a child is one year old it is incapable of sin.	The Talmud
A statesman is a successful politician who is dead.	Thomas B. Reed
All religions are founded on the fear of the	

many and the cleverness of the few.	Stendhal
Advertising may be described as the science of arresting human intelligence long enough to get money from it.	Stephen Leacock
Youth is a wonderful thing. What a crime to waste it on children.	George Bernard Shaw
There are times when you have to choose between being a human and having good taste.	Bertolt Brecht
Bibo, ergo sum. - I drink, therefore I am	Fredirect Toyou
Cogito ergo spud. - I think, therefore I yam	Graffito, reported by Herb Caen, San Francisco Chronicle, April 24, 1980
It is dangerous to be sincere unless you are also stupid.	George Bernard Shaw
Be a first rate version of yourself, not a second rate version of someone else.	Judy Garland, to her daughter, Liza Minelli
Most religions do not make men better, only warier.	Elias Canetti
A good politician is quite as unthinkable as an honest burglar.	H. L. Mencken
What a beautiful fix we are in now; peace has been declared.	Napoleon Bonaparte, 1802
Glory is fleeting, but obscurity is forever.	Napoleon Bonaparte
There is nothing more exhilarating than to be shot at without result.	Sir Winston Churchill
Although prepared for martyrdom, I preferred that it be postponed.	Sir Winston Churchill
I never vote for anyone; I always vote against.	W.C. Fields
Vote early and vote often.	Al Capone

An honest election, under democracy, is an act of innocence which does not take place more than once in the history of a given nation.	Jose Marie Gil Robles, speech in Madrid, 1933
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
Voting for the right is doing nothing for it.	Henry David Thoreau, "An Essay on Civil Disobedience," 1849.
#1597. Everything is deemed possible except that which is impossible in the nature of things.	California Civil Code, "Object of a Contract"
#3528. The law respects form less than substance.	California Civil Code, "Maxims of Jurisprudence"
#3529. That which ought to have been done is to be regarded as done.	California Civil Code, "Maxims of Jurisprudence"
#3530. That which does not appear to exist is to be regarded as if it did not exist.	California Civil Code, "Maxims of Jurisprudence"
#3532. The law neither does nor requires idle acts.	California Civil Code, "Maxims of Jurisprudence"
#3533. The law disregards trifles.	California Civil Code, "Maxims of Jurisprudence"
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#3535. Contemporaneous exposition is in general the best.	Code, "Maxims of Jurisprudence"
#3537. Superfluity does not vitiate.	California Civil Code, "Maxims of Jurisprudence"
Most people rust out due to lack of challenge. Few people rust out due to overuse.	Unknown
#3546. Things happen according to the ordinary course of nature and the ordinary habits of life.	California Civil Code, "Maxims of Jurisprudence"
#3547. A thing continues to exist as long as is usual with things of that nature.	California Civil Code, "Maxims of Jurisprudence"
Those who are too smart to engage in politics are punished by being governed by those who are dumber.	Plato
Suppose you were an idiot and suppose you were a member of Congress. But I repeat myself.	Mark Twain
Radio is a bag of mediocrity where little men with carbon minds wallow in sludge of their own making.	Fred Allen
Television is a medium because anything well done is rare.	Fred Allen
Do we really deserve top billing?	Fred Allen
The instant formal government is abolished, society begins to act. A general association takes place, and common interest produces common security.	Thomas Paine, in his "The Rights of Man" (1791)
In the absence of clearly-defined goals, we become strangely loyal to performing daily trivia until ultimately we become enslaved by	Robert Heinlein

it.	
The less government we have the better.	Ralph Waldo Emerson
Whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends [life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness] it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it, and to institute new government...	Thomas Jefferson (The Declaration of Independence)
...a revolution of government is the strongest proof that can be given by a people of their virtue and good sense.	John Adams, (Diary, 1786)
Rebellion to tyrants is obedience to God.	Thomas Jefferson (Motto on his seal)
A little rebellion now and then...is a medicine necessary for the sound health of government.	Thomas Jefferson, Letter to James Madison, 1787
I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty, or give me death.	Patrick Henry, (Virginia Convention, March 23, 1775)
In order to become the master, the politician poses as the servant.	Charles De Gaulle
Look for the ridiculous in everything and you find it.	Jules Renard
If all the cars in the United States were placed end to end, it would probably be Labor Day Weekend.	Doug Larson
Advertising may be described as the science of arresting the human intelligence long enough to get money from it.	Unknown
Our deeds determine us, as much as we determine our deeds.	Marian Evans
Religion is the fashionable substitute for belief.	Oscar Wilde

Punctuality is the virtue of the bored.	Evelyn Waugh
Doctors are the same as lawyers; the only difference is that lawyers merely rob you, whereas doctors rob you and kill you too.	Anton Chekhov
I have seen the hippopotamus, both asleep and awake; and I can assure you that, awake or asleep, he is the ugliest of the works of God.	Thomas Babington Macaulay, 1850
Bad spellers of the world, untie!	Grafitto
Fix this sentence: He put the horse before the cart.	Stephen Price
A language is a dialect with an army and a navy.	Max Weinreich
In America sex is an obsession, in other parts of the world it is a fact.	Marlene Dietrich
Millions long for immortality who do not know what to do with themselves on a rainy Sunday afternoon.	Susan Ertz
This life is a test. It is only a test. Had this been an actual life, you would have received further instructions as to what to do and where to go.	Unknown
Life is like an overlong drama through which we sit being nagged by the vague memories of having read the reviews.	John Updike
The only thing worse than a knee-jerk liberal is a knee-pad conservative.	Edward Abbey (Vox Clamans in Deserto)
To know all is not to forgive all. It is to despise everybody.	Quentin Crisp
Rich bachelors should be heavily taxed. It is not fair that some men should be happier than others.	Oscar Wilde
On the whole human beings want to be good, but not too good and not quite all the time.	George Orwell
There will be a time when loud-mouthed,	

incompetent people seem to be getting the best of you. When that happens, you only have to be patient and wait for them to self destruct. It never fails.	Richard Rybolt
What a time! What a civilization!	Cicero
Oh, this age! How tasteless and ill-bred it is!	Catullus
How little you know about the age you live in if you think that honey is sweeter than cash in hand.	Ovid
It is sometimes expedient to forget who we are.	Publilius Syrus (c. 42 BC)
There is no glory in otustripping donkeys.	Marcus Valerius Martialis
The school of hard knocks is an accelerated curriculum.	Menander
There is nothing so absurd but some philosopher has said it.	Cicero
A man with his belly full of the classics is an enemy of the human race.	Henery Miller, Tropic of Cancer 1934
(Of Jesus): "A parish demagogue."	Shelley (Queen Mab)
He who despairs over an event is a coward, but he who holds hope for the human condition is a fool.	Albert Camus
Discovery consists of seeing what everybody has seen and thinking what nobody has thought.	Albert von Szent-Gyorgyi, in Irving Good, The Scientist Speculates (1962)
A great many people think they are thinking when they are merely rearranging their prejudices.	William James
Let a short Act of Parliament be passed,	

placing all street musicians outside the protection of the law, so that any citizen may assail them with stones, sticks, knives, pistols, or bombs without incurring any penalties.	George Bernard Shaw
A bachelor is a selfish, undeserving guy who has cheated some woman out of a divorce.	Don Quinn
When it is a question of money, everyone is of the same religion.	Voltaire
On Thanksgiving Day all over America, families sit down to dinner at the same moment - halftime.	Unknown
Gratitude is merely the secret hope of further favors.	La Rochefoucauld
The Pilgrim Fathers landed on the shores of America and fell upon their knees. Then they fell upon the aborigines.	(Anon.)
Ultimately, the only power to which man should aspire is that which he exercises over himself.	Elie Wiesel
A ship in harbor is safe--- but that is not what ships are for.	John A. Shedd
The fascination of shooting as a sport depends almost wholly on whether you are at the right or wrong end of the gun.	P. G. Wodehouse
Love is a dirty trick played on us to achieve the continuation of the species.	W. Somerset Maugham
We have long passed the Victorian era, when asterisks were followed after a certain interval by a baby.	W. Somerset Maugham
Somewhere on this globe, every ten seconds, there is a woman giving birth to a child. She must be found and stopped.	Sam Levenson
It is now quite lawful for a Catholic woman to avoid pregnancy by a resort to mathematics, though she is still forbidden to resort to physics or chemistry.	H. L. Mencken

Contraceptives should be used on every conceivable occasion.	From The Last Goon Show of All
Life is nothing but a competition to be the criminal rather than the victim.	Bertrand Russell
Life is a God-damned, stinking, treacherous game and nine hundred and ninety-nine men out of a thousand are bastards.	Theodore Dreiser, quoting an unnamed newspaper editor
It is not true that life is one damn thing after another- it is one damn thing over and over.	Edna St. Vincent Millay
Life being what it is, one dreams of revenge.	Paul Gauguin
Men and women, women and men. It will never work.	Erica Jong
Some of us are becoming the men we wanted to marry.	Gloria Steinem
Women who seek to be equal with men lack ambition.	Timothy Leary
Man is the only animal that blushes -- or needs to.	Mark Twain
Happiness is an imaginary condition, formerly attributed by the living to the dead, now usually attributed by adults to children, and by children to adults.	Thomas Szasz
I know that poetry is indispensable, but to what I could not say.	Jean Cocteau
The Holy Roman Empire was neither holy, nor Roman nor an Empire.	Voltaire
What we choose to call sanity is a big house where the mad have no mothers.	The Clown Prince of Darkness, (correspondence, 1988)
It has been said that democracy is the worst form of government except all the others that	Sir Winston Churchill

have been tried.	
Democracy is being allowed to vote for the candidate you dislike least.	Robert Byrne
Ninety percent of the politicians give the other ten percent a bad reputation.	Henry Kissinger
The power of accurate observation is commonly called cynicism by those who have not got it.	George Bernard Shaw
J.P Morgan, when asked what the stock market will do, replied,	It will fluctuate.
As long as war is regarded as wicked, it will always have its fascination. When it is looked upon as vulgar, it will cease to be popular.	Oscar Wilde
Walking women want to see the southern cross at night And so they set aside a sock, and tie their laces tight Yes mournful is the melody that echoes in their heads Without a beat they march along, believing Bach is dead.	The Residents "Duck Stab":Bach is Dead
Old age is the most unexpected of things that can happen to a man.	Trotsky
Some people are born mediocre, some people achieve mediocrity, and some people have mediocrity thrust upon them.	Joseph Heller, "Catch-22"
Democracy is the art of running the circus from the monkey cage.	H. L. Mencken
Democracy is being allowed to vote for the candidate you dislike least.	Robert Byrne
If law school is so hard to get through... how come there are so many lawyers?	Calvin Trillin
Missionaries are going to reform the world whether it wants to or not.	Oscar Wilde
I can think of nothing less pleasurable than a life devoted to pleasure.	John D. Rockefeller
I can forgive Alfred Nobel for having invented dynamite, but only a fiend in human form	George Bernard Shaw

could have invented the Nobel Prize.	
To his dog, every man is Napoleon; hence the constant popularity of dogs.	Aldous Huxley
Gaiety is the most outstanding feature of the Soviet Union.	Joseph Stalin
Mothers are fonder than fathers of their children because they are more certain they are their own.	Aristotle
The gods too are fond of a joke	Aristotle
He was a wise man who invented God.	Plato
Wit is educated insolence.	Aristotle
Let others praise ancient times; I am glad I was born in these	Ovid
Clothes make the man. Naked people have little or no influence on society.	Mark Twain
God is the tangential point between zero and infinity.	Alfred Jarry
The provision of the Constitution giving the war-making power to Congress was dictated, as I understand it, by the following reasons. Kings had always been involving and impoverishing their people in wars, pretending generally, if not always, that the good of the people was the object. This, our Convention understood to be the most oppressive of all Kingly oppressions; and they resolved to so frame the Constitution that no one man should hold the power of bringing this oppression upon us.	Abraham Lincoln
We laugh at honor and are shocked to find traitors in our midst.	C. S. Lewis
Live so that your friends can defend you but never have to.	Arnold H. Glasgow
	Alan Dean Foster "To the

Freedom is just Chaos, with better lighting.	Vanishing Point"
After all is said and done, a lot more will be said than done.	Unknown
People forget how fast you did a job - but they remember how well you did it.	Howard Newton
Sometimes a cigar is just a cigar.	Sigmund Freud
Some men are born mediocre, some men achieve mediocrity, and some men have mediocrity thrust upon them.	Joseph Heller
We Americans live in a nation where the medical-care system is second to none in the world, unless you count maybe 25 or 30 little scuzzball countries like Scotland that we could vaporize in seconds if we felt like it.	Dave Barry
The genius of you Americans is that you never make clear-cut stupid moves, only complicated stupid moves which make us wonder at the possibility that there may be something to them we are missing.	Gamel Abdel Nasser
I like pigs. Dogs look up to us. Cats look down on us. Pigs treat us as equals.	Sir Winston Churchill
What can you say about a society that says God is dead and Elvis is alive?	Irv Kupcinet
Courage is being scared to death - but saddling up anyway.	John Wayne
A man said to the Universe: "Sir, I exist!" "However," replied the Universe, "the fact has not created in me a sense of obligation."	Stephen Crane
Sometimes I think the surest sign that intelligent life exists elsewhere in the universe is that none of it has tried to contact us.	Bill Watterson, cartoonist
I do not know myself, and God forbid that I should.	Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

Neurosis is the inability to tolerate ambiguity.	Sigmund Freud
War is an ugly thing, but not the ugliest of things. The decayed and degraded state of moral and patriotic feeling which thinks that nothing is worth war is much worse. The person who has nothing for which he is willing to fight, nothing which is more important than his own personal safety, is a miserable creature and has no chance of being free unless made and kept so by the exertions of better men than himself.	John Stuart Mill
Duty then is the sublimest word in the English language. You should do your duty in all things. You can never do more, you should never wish to do less.	General Robert E. Lee
I have been assured by a very knowing American of my acquaintance in London, that a young healthy child well nursed is at a year old a most delicious, nourishing, and wholesome food, whether stewed, roasted, baked, or boiled, and I make no doubt that it will equally serve in a fricassee, or a ragout.	Jonathan Swift, "A Modest Proposal"
We will occasionally use this arrow notation unless there is danger of no confusion.	Ronald Graham, "Rudiments of Ramsey Theory"
The face is the mirror of the mind, and eyes without speaking confess the secrets of the heart.	Saint Jerome
All men dream: but not equally. Those who dream by night in the dusty recesses of their minds wake in the day to find that it was vanity: but the dreamers of the day are dangerous men, for they may act their dream with open eyes, to make it possible.	T. E. Lawrence, "The Seven Pillars of Wisdom"
Democracy gives every man the right to be his own oppressor.	James Russell Lowell

We are born princes and the civilizing process makes us frogs.	Eric Berne
Read my lips--NO NEW TAXES!	George Herbert Walker Bush, Nov. 1988
The best way to cheer yourself is to try to cheer someone else up.	Mark Twain
The art of medicine consists in amusing the patient while nature cures the disease.	Voltaire
A witty saying proves nothing.	Voltaire
There are three side effects of acid. Enchanced long term memory, decreased short term memory, and I forget the third.	Timothy Leary
Discussion is an exchange of knowledge; argument an exchange of ignorance.	Robert Quillen
Men make history, and not the other way around. In periods where there is no leadership, society stands still. Progress occurs when courageous, skillful leaders seize the opportunity to change things for the better.	Harry S Truman
Santa Claus had the right idea. Visit everyone once a year.	Victor Borges
Every government is run by liars. Nothing they say should be believed.	I.F. Stone 1907-1989
Blessed be the meek, for they shall inherit six feet of the earth.	The Clown Prince of Darkness, correspondence
We must never forget that art is not a form of propaganda; it is a form of truth.	John F. Kennedy, October 26, 1963
Even if you do learn to speak correct English, whom are you going to speak it to?	Clarence Darrow
	Dom Perignon,

Come quickly, I am tasting stars!	at the moment of his discovery of champagne
Never play leapfrog with a unicorn.	Benny Hill
People are far more sincere and good-humored at speeding their parting guests than on meeting them.	Anton Chekhov
Holidays are an expensive trial of strength. The only satisfaction comes from survival.	Jonathan Miller
Gifts are like hooks.	Marcus Valerius Martialis
In the fight between you and the world, back the world.	Frank Zappa
Puritanism is the haunting fear that someone, somewhere, may be happy.	H. L. Mencken
It is better to be quotable than to be honest.	Tom Stoppard
Good resolutions are simply checks that men draw on a bank where they have no account.	Oscar Wilde
In California everyone goes to a therapist, is a therapist, or is a therapist going to a therapist.	Truman Capote
Bore: a man who is never unintentionally rude.	Oscar Wilde
New York is the only city in the world where you can get deliberately run down on the sidewalk by a pedestrian.	Russell Baker
Confession is good for the soul only in the sense that a tweed coat is good for dandruff - it is a palliative rather than a remedy.	Peter De Vries
Honest criticism is hard to take, particularly from a relative, a friend, an acquaintance, or a stranger.	Franklin P. Jones
Experience is the name everyone gives to their mistakes.	Oscar Wilde
I knew her before she was a virgin.	Oscar Levant

We may eventually come to realize that chastity is no more a virtue than malnutrition.	Alex Comfort
Celibacy is not hereditary.	Guy Goden
Virginity is in the lies of the beholder.	The Clown Prince of Darkness
Aliter catuli longe olent, aliter sues. ("Puppies and pigs have a very different smell.")	Plautus
When she was a small girl, Amanda hid a ticking clock in an old, rotten tree trunk. It drove woodpeckers crazy. Ignoring tasty bugs all around them, they just about beat their brains out trying to get at the clock. Years later, Amanda used the woodpecker experiment as a model for understanding capitalism, Communism, Christianity, and all other systems that traffic in future rewards rather than in present realities.	Tom Robbins
What torture, this life in society! Often someone is obliging enough to offer me a light, and in order to oblige him I have to fish a cigarette out of my pocket.	Karl Kraus
The more I study religions the more I am convinced that man never worshipped anything but himself	Sir Richard F. Burton
Justice is incidental to law and order.	J. Edgar Hoover
Reading musses up my mind.	Henry Ford
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. This world in arms is not spending money alone. It is spending the sweat of its laborers, the genius of its scientists, the hopes of its children. This is not a way of life at all	Dwight Eisenhower, April 16, 1953

in any true sense. Under the clouds of war, it is humanity hanging on a cross of iron.	
What sane person could live in this world and not be crazy?	Ursula K. LeGuin
If you are ruled by mind you are a king; if by body, a slave.	Cato, Roman statesman and historian
Good manners will open doors that the best education cannot.	Clarence Thomas
What is the matter with the poor is poverty; what is the matter with the rich is uselessness.	George Bernard Shaw
A clergyman is one who feels himself called upon to live without working at the expense of the rascals who work to live.	Voltaire
When a true genius appears in the world you may know him by this sign: that all the dunces are in confederacy against him.	Jonathan Swift
In America, through pressure of conformity, there is freedom of choice, but nothing to choose from.	Peter Ustinov
America is a large friendly dog in a small room. Every time it wags its tail it knocks over a chair.	Arnold Toynbee
The United States is like the guy at the party who gives cocaine to everybody and still nobody likes him.	Jim Samuels
When I get smitten, I stay smut.	Charlie McCarthy
The English think incompetence is the same thing as sincerity.	Quentin Crisp
War is the biggest ego trip of all time.	Molly Wiest
Men are like steel. When they lose their temper, they lose their worth.	Chuck Norris
Now hatred is by far the longest pleasure; Men love in haste, but they detest at leisure.	Lord Byron

The main thing is you and I should exist, and that we should be you and I. Apart from that let everything go as it likes. The best order of things to my way thinking, is the one I was meant to be part of, and to hell with the most perfect of worlds if I am not in it. I would rather exist, even as an impudent argufier, than not exist at all.	Jean-Francois Rameau
...all life is only a set of pictures in the brain, among which there is no difference betwixt those born of real things and those born of inward dreamings, and (there is) no cause to value one above the other."	H.P. Lovecraft
Whenever people agree with me I always feel I must be wrong.	Oscar Wilde
Egotism is the anesthetic given by a kindly nature to relieve the pain of being a damned fool.	Bellamy Brooks
On Monday mornings I am dedicated to the proposition that all men are created jerks.	H. Allen Smith, "Let the Crabgrass Grow"
Chastity always takes its toll. In some it produces pimples; in others, sex laws.	Karl Kraus
If there were a verb meaning "to believe falsely," it would not have any significant first person, present indicative.	Ludwig Wittgenstein
If men could get pregnant, abortion would be a sacrament.	Florynce Kennedy
Responsibility is a unique concept. It can only reside and inhere in a single individual. You may share it with others, but your portion is not diminished. You may delegate it, but it is still with you. You may disclaim it, but you cannot divest yourself of it.	Admiral Hyman Rickover
Many a man has fallen in love with a girl in a	

light so dim he would not have chosen a suit by it.	Maurice Chevalier
A casual stroll through the lunatic asylum shows that faith does not prove anything.	Friedrich Nietzsche
A liberal is someone who feels a great debt to his fellow man, which debt he proposes to pay off with your money.	G. Gordon Liddy
It is one of the superstitions of the human mind to have imagined that virginity could be a virtue.	Voltaire
My wife and I tried to breakfast together, but we had to stop or our marriage would have been wrecked.	Sir Winston Churchill
All children are essentially criminal.	Denis Diderot
A child is a curly, dimpled lunatic.	Ralph Waldo Emerson
Thank God kids never mean well	Lily Tomlin
It is better to know some of the questions than all of the answers.	James Thurber
Lactomangulation, n.: Manhandling the "open here" spout on a milk carton so badly that one has to resort to using the "illegal" side.	Rich Hall, "Sniglets"
No one is completely unhappy at the failure of his best friend.	Groucho Marx
My loathings are simple: stupidity, oppression, crime, cruelty, soft music.	Vladimir Nabokov
Shut up he explained.	Ring Lardner, The Young Immigrants, 1920
Being perfectly well-dressed gives a feeling of tranquility that religion is powerless to bestow.	Ralph Waldo Emerson, quoting a friend
Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day.	

Teach a man to fish and he will eat for a lifetime. Teach a man to create an artificial shortage of fish and he will eat steak.	Jay Leno
It is only shallow people who do not judge by appearances.	Oscar Wilde
The family is a court of justice which never shuts down for night or day.	Malcolm De Chazal
Dying is a very dull, dreary affair. And my advice to you is to have nothing whatever to do with it.	W. Somerset Maugham
The graveyards are full of indispensable men.	Charles de Gaulle
Strip away the phony tinsel of Hollywood and you find the real tinsel underneath.	Oscar Levant
Hollywood is a place where they place you under contract instead of under observation.	Walter Winchell
The Hollywood tradition I like best is called "sucking up to the stars."	Johnny Carson
"Hello," he lied.	Don Carpenter quoting a Hollywood agent
However, never daunted, I will cope with adversity in my traditional manner ... sulking and nausea.	Tom K. Ryan
Happiness is the interval between periods of unhappiness.	Don Marquis
MacDonald has the gift of compressing the largest amount of words into the smallest amount of thoughts.	Sir Winston Churchill
Alas, I am dying beyond my means.	Oscar Wilde, as he sipped champagne on his deathbed
If Jesus Christ were to come today, people	

would not even crucify him. They would ask him to dinner, and hear what he had to say, and make fun of it.	Thomas Carlyle
Every word is like an unnecessary stain on silence and nothingness.	Beckett
I was once thrown out of a mental hospital for depressing the other patients.	Oscar Levant
One of the greatest victories you can gain over someone is to beat him at politeness.	Josh Billings
Once the people begin to reason, all is lost.	Voltaire
If Christ were here now there is one thing he would not be - a Christian.	Mark Twain
It is well to write love letters. There are certain things for which it is not easy to ask your mistress face to face, like money for instance.	Henri De Regnier
He who despises himself esteems himself as a self-despiser.	Friedrich Nietzsche
Beware of the man whose God is in the skies.	George Bernard Shaw
George Washington as a boy was ignorant of the commonest accomplishments of youth - he could not even lie.	Mark Twain
Victory goes to the player who makes the next-to-last mistake.	Savielly Grigorievitch Tartakower
In San Francisco, Halloween is redundant.	Will Durst
There are two million interesting people in New York and only seventy-eight in Los Angeles.	Neil Simon, in Playboy, Feb. 1979
The end of the human race will be that it will eventually die of civilization.	Ralph Waldo Emerson
Scandal is gossip made tedious by morality.	Oscar Wilde
We can learn much from wise words, little from wisecracks, and less from wise guys.	William Arthur Ward

A man never reaches that dizzy height of wisdom that he can no longer be led by the nose.	Mark Twain
The only man, woman, or child who ever wrote a simple declarative sentence with seven grammatical errors is dead.	e. e. cummings, on the death of Warren G. Harding, 1923
Harding was not a bad man, he was just a slob.	Alice Roosevelt Longworth, from Mrs. L. Conversations with Alice Roosevelt Longworth
Ronald Reagan is the most ignorant president since Warren Harding.	Ralph Nader, The Pacific Sun, March 21, 1981
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
Cleaning anything involves making something else dirty, but anything can get dirty without something else getting clean.	Laurence J. Peter
The civilization of one epoch becomes the manure of the next.	Cyril Connolly
You can discover more about a person in an hour of play than in a year of conversation.	Plato
Civilization exists by geological consent, subject to change without notice.	Will Durant
The first human being who hurled an insult instead of a stone was the founder of civilization.	Sigmund Freud, (Attributed)
	Mahatma Gandhi, when asked what he thought of

I think it would be a good idea.	Western civilization
Jury: a group of twelve men who, having lied to the judge about their hearing, health and business engagements, have failed to fool him.	H. L. Mencken
He who does not desire power is fit to hold it.	Plato
There is no law against composing music when one has no ideas whatsoever. The music of Wagner, therefore, is perfectly legal	The National, Paris, 1850
The prelude to Tristan and Isolde sounded as if a bomb had fallen into a large music factory and had thrown all the notes into confusion.	The Tribune, Berlin, 1871
The prelude to Tristan and Isolde reminds me of the Italian painting of the martyr whose intestines are slowly being unwound from his body on a reel.	Eduard Hanslick
Wagner drives the nail into your head with swinging hammer blows.	P.A. Fiorentino
"9W" Answer to the question: Do you spell your name with a V, Mr. Vagner?	Steve Allen, from the Question Man segment on the Steve Allen Show
Children are never too tender to be whipped. Like tough beefsteaks, the more you beat them, the more tender they become.	Edgar Allan Poe
Manners are especially the need of the plain. The pretty can get away with anything.	Evelyn Waugh
A little inaccuracy sometimes saves tons of explanation.	H.H. Munro (Saki)
It is time I stepped aside for a less experienced and less able man.	Professor Scott Elledge on his retirement from Cornell
A person is never happy except at the price of	

some ignorance.	Anatole France
We often forgive those who bore us, but we cannot forgive those whom we bore.	Francois De La Rochefoucauld
LOVE: A word properly applied to our delight in particular kinds of food; sometimes metaphorically spoken of the favorite objects of all our appetites.	Henry Fielding
A gourmet who thinks of calories is like a tart who looks at her watch.	James Beard
Obscenity is what happens to shock some elderly and ignorant magistrate.	Bertrand Russell
It has been my experience that folks who have no vices have very few virtues.	Abraham Lincoln
Those who welcome death have only tried it from the ears up.	Wilson Mizner
Marriage is popular because it combines the maximum of temptation with the maximum of opportunity.	George Bernard Shaw
Every man thinks God is on his side. The rich and powerful know He is.	Jean Anouilh
We learn from history that we do not learn from history.	Georg Friedrich Wilhelm Hegel
Very few things happen at the right time and the rest do not happen at all. The conscientious historian will correct these defects.	Herodotus
We should all be obliged to appear before a board every five years and justify our existence...on pain of liquidation.	George Bernard Shaw
The danger is not that a particular class is unfit to govern. Every class is unfit to govern.	Lord Acton
I showed my appreciation of my native land in the usual Irish way by getting out of it as soon as I possibly could.	George Bernard Shaw
The Irish are a fair people - they never speak	

well of one another.	Samuel Johnson
Conscience and cowardice are really the same thing. Conscience is the trade-name of the firm.	Oscar Wilde
We must use time as a tool, not as a crutch.	John F. Kennedy
Spring makes everything look filthy.	Katherine Whitehorn
Screenwriters? Schmucks with Underwoods.	Jack Warner
The scenery in the play was beautiful, but the actors got in front of it.	Alexander Woollcott
Every day people are straying away from the church and going back to God.	Lenny Bruce
The worshiper is the father of the gods.	H. L. Mencken
Archbishop: a Christian ecclesiastic of a rank superior to that attained by Christ.	H. L. Mencken
Self-respect: the secure feeling that no one, as yet, is suspicious.	H. L. Mencken
Real success is finding your lifework in the work that you love.	David McCullough
The best way to keep children at home is to make the home atmosphere pleasant - and let the air out of the tires.	Dorothy Parker
If one is to be called a liar, one may as well make an effort to deserve the name.	A.A. Milne
The people are to be taken in very small doses.	Ralph Waldo Emerson
Passionate hatred can give meaning and purpose to an empty life.	Eric Hoffer
Nothing would disgust me more, morally, than receiving an Oscar.	Luis Bunuel
Actresses will happen in the best regulated families.	Oliver Herford
	Martin Cruz Smith on being

It was like passing the scene of a highway accident and being relieved to learn that nobody had been seriously injured.	asked how he liked the movie version of his novel Gorky Park.
A team effort is a lot of people doing what I say.	Michael Winner, British film director
You have to have a talent for having talent.	Ruth Gordon
Yer beautiful in yer wrath! I shall keep you, and in responding to my passions, yer hatred will kindle into love.	John Wayne, (as Genghis Kahn to Susan Hayward in the move The Conqueror) 1956
Sentimentality is the emotional promiscuity of those who have no sentiment.	Norman Mailer
The advantage of the emotions is that they lead us astray.	Oscar Wilde
I was thrown out of college for cheating on the metaphysics exam; I looked into the soul of the boy next to me.	Woody Allen, Annie Hall
Courage is the price that life exacts for granting peace.	Amelia Earhart
How could I lose to such an idiot?	Aaron Nimzovich, A shout from the chess grandmaster
One is not superior merely because one sees the world as odious.	Chateaubriand
Minds are like parachutes - they only function when open.	Unknown
The trouble with born-again Christians is that they are an even bigger pain the second time around.	Herb Caen
Nothing in our culture, not even home	

computers, is more overrated than the epidermal felicity of two featherless bipeds in desperate congress.	Quentin Crisp
The art of government consists in taking as much money as possible from one class of the citizens to give to the other.	Voltaire
I admire the serene assurance of those who have religious faith. It is wonderful to observe the calm confidence of a Christian with four aces.	Mark Twain
Life does not cease to be funny when people die any more than it ceases to be serious when people laugh.	George Bernard Shaw
There are many who dare not kill themselves for fear of what the neighbors will say.	Cyril Connolly
A liberal is a man who leaves the room when the fight begins.	Heywood Broun
Memory feeds imagination.	Amy Tan
The only "ism" Hollywood believes in is plagiarism.	Dorothy Parker
There are times when parenthood seems nothing but feeding the mouth that bites you.	Peter De Vries
I saw that all things I feared, and which feared me, had nothing good or bad in them save insofar as the mind was affected by them.	Spinoza, Dutch Philosopher
People and things do not upset us, rather we upset ourselves by believing that they can upset us.	Albert Ellis, founder of Rational Emotive Therapy
Nothing is more powerful than an idea whose time has come.	Victor Hugo
We become what we think about all day long.	Ralph Waldo Emerson
There is nothing either good or bad, but	William

thinking makes it so.	Shakespeare
People are about as happy as they make up their minds to be.	Abraham Lincoln
Change your thoughts and you change your world.	Norman Vincent Peale
There is no way to happiness, happiness is the way.	Eykis
If one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams, and endeavors to live the life which he has imagined, he will meet with a success unexpected in common hours.	Henry David Thoreau
Great spirits have always encountered violent opposition from mediocre minds.	Albert Einstein
Our truest life is when we are in our dreams awake.	Henry David Thoreau
And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.	(St. Luke 2:1)
Noah must have taken into the Ark two taxes, one male and one female. And did they multiply bountifully! Next to guinea pigs, taxes must have been the most prolific animals.	Will Rogers
Man is not like other animals in the ways that are really significant: Animals have instincts, we have taxes.	Erving Goffman
Why does a small tax increase cost you two hundred dollars and a substantial tax cut save you thirty cents?	Peg Bracken
The point to remember is what the government gives it must first take away.	John S. Coleman
The avoidance of taxes is the only pursuit that carries any reward.	John Maynard Keynes
An income tax form is like a laundry list -- either way you lose your shirt.	Fred Allen

There is just one thing I can promise you about the outer-space program: your dollar will go further.	Wernher Von Braun
The art of taxation consists in so plucking the goose as to obtain the largest possible amount of feathers with the smallest amount of hissing.	Jean Baptiste Colbert
Fashions are the only induced epidemics, proving that epidemics can be induced by tradesmen.	George Bernard Shaw
Advertising is the modern substitute for argument; its function is to make the worse appear the better.	George Santayana
At age 50, every man has the face he deserves.	George Orwell
I wonder how so insupportable a thing as a bookseller was ever permitted to grow up in the Commonwealth. Many of our modern booksellers are but needless excrements, or rather vermin.	George Wither
It is far more impressive when others discover your good qualities without your help.	Judith Martin, (Miss Manners)
Good taste is the worst vice ever invented.	Dame Edith Sitwell
I am firm. You are obstinate. He is a pig-headed fool.	Katharine Whitehorn
There are more pleasant things to do than beat up people.	Muhammad Ali on the occasion of one of his retirements
Hurting people is my business.	Sugar Ray Robinson
My toughest fight was with my first wife.	Muhammad Ali
The greatest good you can do for another is not just share your riches, but to reveal to him his own.	Benjamin Disraeli

A novel is a piece of prose of a certain length with something wrong with it.	Unknown
In every fat book there is a thin book trying to get out.	Unknown
A big book is a big bore.	Callimachus (c. 260 B.C.)
This book fills a much needed gap.	Moses Hadas
I have read your book and much like it.	Moses Hadas
Too many pieces of music finish too long after the end.	Igor Stravinsky
Classical music is the kind we keep thinking will turn into a tune.	Kin Hubbard
Even Bach comes down to the basic suck, blow, suck, suck, blow.	Mouth organist Larry Adler
Nothing gives one person so much advantage over another as to remain always cool and unruffled under all circumstances.	Thomas Jefferson
I tried to resist his overtures, but he plied me with symphonies, quartettes, chamber music, and cantatas.	S.J. Perelman
Cogito ergo dim sum. (Therefore I think these are pork buns.)	Robert Byrne
A family is but too often a commonwealth of malignants.	Alexander Pope
Life is not so bad if you have plenty of luck, a good physique and not too much imagination.	Christopher Isherwood
I feel a very unusual sensation - if it is not indigestion, I think it must be gratitude.	Benjamin Disraeli
Solitude would be ideal if you could pick the people to avoid.	Karl Kraus
The fickleness of the women whom I love is only equalled by the infernal constancy of the women who love me.	George Bernard Shaw
Marriage is like paying an endless visit in your worst clothes.	J.B. Priestley

God is love, but get it in writing.	Gypsy Rose Lee
I believe that the power to make money is a gift from God.	John D. Rockefeller
Behind every great fortune there is a crime.	Honore de Balzac
A billion here, a billion there - pretty soon it adds up to real money.	Senator Everett Dirksen
Money is good for bribing yourself through the inconveniences of life.	Gottfried Reinhardt
A man ought to be able to be fond of his wife without making a fool of himself about her.	George Bernard Shaw
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
A man always remembers his first love with special tenderness, but after that he begins to bunch them.	H. L. Mencken
Every law is an infraction of liberty.	Jeremy Bentham
When men are pure, laws are useless; when men are corrupt, laws are broken.	Benjamin Disraeli
No doubt Jack the Ripper excused himself on the grounds that it was human nature.	A.A. Milne
I propose getting rid of conventional armaments and replacing them with reasonably priced hydrogen bombs that would be distributed equally throughout the world.	Idi Amin
What luck for rulers that men do not think.	Adolf Hitler
It is a mistake to speak of a bad choice in love, since as soon as a choice exists, it can only be bad.	Marcel Proust
The only paradise is paradise lost.	Marcel Proust
Saints should always be judged guilty until they are proved innocent.	George Orwell
Sigmund Freud was a half baked Viennese quack. Our literature, culture, and the the	Ian Shoales

films of Woody Allen would be better today if Freud had never written a word.	
Nothing is a waste of time if you use the experience wisely.	Rodin
It is most unwise for people in love to marry	George Bernard Shaw
Love is an obsessive delusion that is cured by marriage.	Dr. Karl Bowman
Marriage is like a bank account. You put it in, you take it out, you lose interest.	Professor Irwin Corey
I have taken more out of alcohol than alcohol has taken out of me.	Sir Winston Churchill
Alcohol is the anesthesia by which we endure the operation of life.	George Bernard Shaw
I have to think hard to name an interesting man who does not drink.	Richard Burton
Decency...must be an even more exhausting state to maintain than its opposite. Those who succeed seem to need a stupefying amount of sleep.	Quentin Crisp
Sleep is an eight-hour peep show of infantile erotica.	J.G. Ballard
Nice guys finish last, but we get to sleep in.	Evan Davis
Never chase a lie. Let it alone, and it will run itself to death.	Lyman Beecher
I married beneath me - all women do.	Nancy Astor
The human race is faced with a cruel choice: work or daytime television.	Unknown
When people are free to do as they please, they usually imitate each other.	Eric Hoffer
Imitation is the sincerest form of television.	Fred Allen
Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in hospitals dying of nothing.	Redd Foxx
I get my exercise acting as a pallbearer to my friends who exercise.	Chauncey Depew

Anything that is too stupid to be spoken is sung.	Voltaire
This poem will never reach its destination.	Voltaire
Difficulties are meant to rouse, not discourage. The human spirit is to grow strong by conflict.	William Ellery Channing
May God defend me from my friends; I can defend myself from my enemies.	Voltaire
My mother loved children - she would have given anything if I had been one.	Groucho Marx
Anyone who says he can see through women is missing a lot.	Groucho Marx
Military justice is to justice what military music is to music.	Georges Clemenceau
War is a series of catastrophes that results in a victory.	Georges Clemenceau
Being in the army is like being in the Boy Scouts, except that the Boy Scouts have adult supervision.	Blake Clark
The final delusion is the belief that one has lost all delusions.	Maurice Chapelain
It is even harder for the average ape to believe that he has descended from man.	H. L. Mencken
The reward of one duty is the power to fulfill another.	George Eliot
Philosophy is to the real world as masturbation is to sex.	Karl Marx
If only it was as easy to banish hunger by rubbing the belly as it is to masturbate.	Diogenes the Cynic (412 to 323 B.C.)
I was going to buy a copy of "The Power of Positive Thinking", and then I thought: What the hell good would that do?	Ronnie Shakes
I am a kind of paranoiac in reverse. I suspect people of plotting to make me happy.	J. D. Salinger

A pessimist thinks everybody is as nasty as himself, and hates them for it.	George Bernard Shaw
When there are two conflicting versions of a story, the wise course is to believe the one in which people appear at their worst.	H. Allen Smith
Every man is thoroughly happy twice in his life: just after he has met his first love, and just after he has left his last one.	H. L. Mencken
Women want mediocre men, and men are working hard to become as mediocre as possible.	Margaret Mead
A thing is not necessarily true because a man dies for it.	Oscar Wilde
He that is of the opinion money will do everything may well be suspected of doing everything for money.	Benjamin Franklin
Our ignorance of history makes us libel our own times. People have always been like this.	Gustave Flaubert
Very few things happen at the right time and the rest do not happen at all. The conscientious historian will correct these defects.	Herodotus
History is bunk.	Henry Ford
Socrates seems to be the philosophical napkin with which the ensuing cultural thinkers of history wipe their mouths of pedantic ooze.	Unknown
Being a woman is of special interest to aspiring male transsexuals. To actual women it is simply a good excuse not to play football.	Fran Lebowitz
Everyone should carefully observe which way his heart draws him, and then choose that way with all his strength.	Hasidic Saying
A married man with a family will do anything for money.	Charles De Talleyrand
The trouble with her is that she lacks the	George Bernard

power of conversation but not the power of speech.	Shaw
Few great men could pass Personnel.	Paul Goodman
Great men are not always idiots	Karen Elizabeth Gordon
The basic fact about human existence is not that it is a tragedy, but that it is a bore.	H. L. Mencken
There is more to life than increasing its speed	Mahatma Gandhi
There is no cure for birth and death save to enjoy the interval	George Santayana
Real glory springs from the silent conquest of ourselves.	Joseph P. Thompson
I have an existential map. It has "You are here" written all over it.	Steven Wright
Nothing matters very much, and few things matter at all.	Arthur Balfour
For the preservation of chastity, an empty and rumbling stomach and fevered lungs are indispensable.	St. Jerome
Nothing is so much to be shunned as sex relations.	Saint Augustine
The orgasm has replaced the Cross as the focus of longing and the image of fulfillment.	Malcolm Muggeridge
I hate women because they always know where things are.	James Thurber
Has anybody ever seen a drama critic in the daytime? Of course not. They come out after dark, up to no good.	P. G. Wodehouse
The only charm of marriage is that it makes a life of deception necessary for both parties.	Oscar Wilde
The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting; it has been found difficult and left untried.	G.K. Chesterton
Remember that nobody will ever get ahead of	

you as long as he is kicking you in the seat of the pants.	Walter Winchell
A memorandum is written not to inform the reader but to protect the writer.	Dean Acheson
Truth is shorter than fiction.	Irving Cohen
If love is the answer, could you rephrase the question?	Lily Tomlin
In expressing love we belong among the undeveloped countries.	Saul Bellow
Love will find a lay.	Robert Byrne
The affair between Margot Asquith and Margot Asquith will live as one of the prettiest love stories in all literature.	Dorothy Parker
The gem cannot be polished without friction, nor man perfected without trials.	Chinese Proverb
Favorite animal: steak.	Fran Lebowitz
In Mexico we have a word for sushi: bait.	Jose Simon
I will not eat oysters. I want my food dead-not sick, not wounded - dead.	Woody Allen
Patriotism is the willingness to kill and be killed for trivial reasons.	Bertrand Russell
We owe to the Middle Ages the two worst inventions of humanity - gunpowder and romantic love.	Andre Maurois
We are here and it is now. Further than that all human knowledge is moonshine.	H. L. Mencken
The ornament of a house is the friends who frequent it.	Ralph Waldo Emerson
In the long run we are all dead.	John Maynard Keynes
People who have no faults are terrible; there is no way to take advantage of them	Anatole France
We would have broken up except for the children. Who were the children? Well, she and I were.	Mort Sahl

I refuse to consign the whole male sex to the nursery. I insist on believing that some men are my equals.	Brigid Brophy
The trouble with our times is that the future is not what it used to be.	Paul Valery
Most of our future lies ahead.	Denny Crum, Louisville basketball coach
The future is much like the present, only longer.	Don Quisenberry
Do it big or stay in bed.	Opera producer Larry Kelly
Opera in English is, in the main, just about as sensible as baseball in Italian.	H. L. Mencken
Facts are facts and will not disappear on account of your likes.	Jawaharlal Nehru
If you talk to God, you are praying; if God talks to you, you have schizophrenia.	Thomas Szasz
Even holligans marry, though they know that marriage is but for a little while. It is alimony that is forever.	Quentin Crisp
What a strange illusion it is to suppose that beauty is goodness.	Leo Tolstoy
In the mirrorlike relationship between wine and human beings, Zinfandel owned more reflective properties than any other grape; in its infinite mutability, it was capable of expressing almost any philosophical position or psychological function. As a result, its own "true" nature might never be known.	David Darlington, from his novel Angels Visits: An Inquiry into the Mystery of Zinfandel
Lie Down and Roll Over and 159 Other Ways To Say I Love You	Book title by Erskine & Moran - 1981
Marriage is a wonderful institution, but who would want to live in an institution.	H. L. Mencken

Man is only miserable so far as he thinks himself so.	Jacopo Sannazaro
The Art of Love: knowing how to combine the temperment of a vampire with the discretion of an anemone.	E.M. Cioran
Golf is a game in which you claim the privileges of age, and retain the playthings of childhood.	Samuel Johnson
As long as I am an American citizen and American blood runs in these veins, I shall hold myself at liberty to speak, to write, and to publish whatever I please on any subject.	Elija Lovejoy
Newspapers should have no friends.	Joseph Pulitzer
When vultures watching your civilization begin dropping dead, it is time to pause and wonder.	David Brower
The greatest mystery is not that we have been flung at random between the profusion of matter and of the stars, but that within this prison we can draw from ourselves images powerful enough to deny our nothingness.	Andre Malraux
One watches them on the seashore, all the people, and there is something pathetic, almost wistful in them, as if they wished their lives did not add up to this scaly nullity of possession, but as if they could not escape. It is a dragon that has devoured us all: these obscene, scaly houses, this insatiable struggle and desire to possess, to possess always and in spite of everything, this need to be an owner, lest one be owned. It is too hideous and nauseating. Owners and owned, they are like the two sides of a ghastly disease. One feels a sort of madness come over one, as if the world had become hell. But it is only superimposed: it is only a temporary disease. It can be	D. H. Lawrence

cleaned away.	
Class is material consumed.	John Trudell
What grape to keep its place in the sun, taught our ancestors to make wine?	Cyril Connolly
A country which proposes to make use of modern war as an instrument of policy must possess a highly centralized, all-powerful executive, hence the absurdity of talking about the defense of democracy by force of arms. A democracy which makes or effectively prepares for modern scientific war must necessarily cease to be democratic.	Aldous Huxley
A man cannot be comfortable without his own approval.	Mark Twain
In the modern world, in which thousands of people are dying every hour as a consequence of politics, no writing anywhere can begin to be credible unless it is informed by political awareness and principles. Writers who have neither product utopian trash.	John Berger
Not everybody has to sing the melody.	Pete Seeger
The remarkable thing about Shakespeare is that he really is very good, in spite of all the people who say he is very good.	Robert Graves
Crude, immoral, vulgar and senseless.	Leo Tolstoy
I know not, sir whether Bacon wrote the works of Shakespeare, but if he did not it seems to me that he missed the opportunity of his life.	J.M. Barrie
Our land is more valuable than your money. As long as the sun shines and the waters flow, this land will be here to give life to men and animals; therefore, we cannot sell this land. It was put here for us by the Great Spirit and we cannot sell it because it does not belong to us.	Blackfoot chief, (c. 1880)
The best hope is that one of these days the	

ground will get disgusted enough just to walk away - leaving people with nothing more to stand on than what they have so bloody well stood for up to now.	Kenneth Patchen
A misery is not to be measured from the nature of the evil, but from the temper of the sufferer.	Joseph Addison
By definition, a government has no conscience. Sometimes it has a policy, but nothing more.	Albert Camus
What once were vices are manners now.	Seneca
Women want mediocre men, and men are working hard to become as mediocre as possible.	Margaret Mead
Examine each question in terms of what is ethically and aesthetically right, as well as what is economically expedient. A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability, and beauty of the biotic community. It is wrong when it tends otherwise.	Aldo Leopold
Canada is a country so square that even the female impersonators are women.	Richard Benner
I do not believe the expenditure of \$2.50 for a book entitles the purchaser to the personal friendship of the author.	Evelyn Waugh
A lifetime of happiness! No man alive could bear it: it would be hell on earth.	George Bernard Shaw
There is no revenge so complete as forgiveness.	Josh Billings
Fishing, with me, has always been an excuse to drink in the daytime.	Jimmy Cannon
Truth, in the matters of religion, is simply the opinion that has survived.	Oscar Wilde
Hollywood is a sewer with service from the Ritz Carlton.	Wilson Mizner

Method acting? There are quite a few methods. Mine involves a lot of talent, a glass and some cracked ice.	John Barrymore
I enjoy being a highly overpaid actor.	Roger Moore
England produces the best fat actors.	Jimmy Cannon