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ABILITY (SEE GROWTH)

ABORTION

It is a poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish.

Mother Teresa

ABSENCE

Absence diminishes minor passions and inflames great ones, as the wind douses a candle and fans a fire.

Francois, Duc de La Rochefoucauld
(1613-1680)

French writer, moralist

ABUSE

A fly, Sir, may sting a stately horse and make him wince; but one is but an insect, and the other is a horse still.

Dr. Samuel Johnson (1709-1784)

ACCURACY (SEE ERROR)

ACTING (SEE ALSO HEROES)

One of the things about acting is it allows you to live other people's lives without having to pay the price. I've never been one of those actors who has touted myself as a fascinating human being. I had to decide early on whether I was to be an actor or a personality."

Robert De Niro

ACTION (SEE ALSO BEGINNING)

Some things are easier done than said.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

Doing more things faster is no substitute for doing the right things.

Stephen R. Covey
Roger and Rebecca Merrill:
First Things First

Hope in every sphere of life is a privilege that attaches to action. No action, no hope.

Peter Levi (b.1931)
British Professor of Poetry

The most decisive actions of our life – I mean those that are most likely to decide the whole course of our future – are, more often than not, unconsidered.

André Gide (1869-1951)

What you are thunders so loud that I cannot hear what you say.

R.W. Emerson (1803-1882)
American essayist, poet, philosopher

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

Edward de Boro (b.1933)
British writer

In order to act you must be somewhat insane. A reasonably sensible man is satisfied with thinking.

George Clemenceau
quoted in Clemenceau
The Events of His Life As Told By Himself
to His Former Secretary, Jean Martet

Action is eloquence.

Shakespeare
Coriolanus

If a thing is worth doing, it is worth doing badly.

G. K. Chesterton (1874-1936)

The hands that help are holier than the lips that pray.

R. G. Ingersoll (1833-1899)
American lawyer

Activities provide their own motive force. ... What we think of as our pushing is often the pushing of the activity.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

He who would do good to another must do it in Minute Particulars. General good is the plea of the scoundrel, hypocrite and flatterer; for art and science cannot exist but in minutely organized Particulars.

William Blake (1757-1827)

Such a good friend that she will throw all her acquaintances into the water for the pleasure of fishing them out again.

Charles, Count Talleyrand (1754-1838)

French statesman
of Madame de Stael

ADDICTION

The chain smoker never sees himself as smoking a chain, only a cigarette.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

ADJUSTMENT

After making every possible effort to get out of our rut and failing, we must call it home and remodel it.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

In order to keep our heads above water in life, we can do two things – lower the water level or raise our heads. The latter course is far more commendable.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

It is better to experience certain difficulties than to expend the time and effort required avoiding them.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

ADMISSION

Sometimes the only way to be above things is to admit that we are below them.

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A Candle by Day

Sometimes we say, “You’re right” to avoid saying, “I’m Wrong.”

Shraga Silverstein

A Candle by Day

ADVERTISING

ADVERSITY

The difficult can be done immediately,
the impossible takes a little longer.

Army Corp of Engineers

If you wait to do everything until
you're sure it's right, you'll probably
never do much of anything.

Win Borden

If the only tool you have is a hammer,
you tend to see every problem as a
nail.

Abraham Maslow

Conflict builds character. Crisis
defines it.

Steven V. Thulon

You can tell the ideals of a nation by
its advertisements.

Norman Douglas
South Wind

We grew up founding our dreams on
the infinite promise of American
advertising.

Zelda Fitzgerald
Save Me the Waltz

Advertising may be described as the
science of arresting human
intelligence long enough to get money
from it.

Stephen Leacock
Garden of Folly

ADVICE

Advice is what we ask for when we
already know the answer but wish we
didn't.

Erica Jong
How to Save Your Own Life

We are not so disturbed that our
advice is not heeded as that we are not.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

We should give people not *our* advice,
but *theirs*.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

AFFLUENCE (SEE MATERIALISM)

AFTERLIFE

It is called the "hereafter" and not
simply the "after" in that our "after"
depends on what we do here.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

I don't want to express an opinion.
You see, I have friends in both places.
Mark Twain (1835-1910)
on his belief in heaven or hell

All argument is against it; but all
belief is for it.
Dr. Samuel Johnson (1709-1784)

We are more worried about losing our
hair than our hereafter.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

AGE/ AGED/ AGING (SEE ALSO OLD AGE)

At twenty years of age, the will reigns; at thirty, the wit; and at forty, the judgment.

Henry Grattan (1746-1820)
Irish politician

The old believe everything; the middle-aged suspect everything; the young know everything.

Oscar Wilde (1854-1900)

As long as we are young, we can tell ourselves that we are better than others. The terrible thing about becoming old is seeing that we are not even as good as ourselves.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

AGGRESSIVENESS

It takes no insight to riot.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

AMBITION

Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you'll land among the stars.

Les Brown

Ah, but a man's reach should exceed his grasp. Or what's a heaven for?

Robert Browning

You'll have time to rest when you're dead.

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Robert De Niro

It is never too late to be what you might have been.

George Eliot

Hitch your wagon to a star.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Only those who will risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go.

T. S. Eliot

We are the music makers. We are the dreamers of the dreams.

Arthur O'Shaughnessy

You must do the thing you think you cannot do.

Eleanor Roosevelt

If you haven't turned rebel by twenty you've got no heart; if you haven't turned establishment by thirty you've got no brains!

Kevin Spacey
Swimming With Sharks

Only those who attempt the absurd achieve the impossible.

Unattributed

It is a strange desire to seek power and to lose liberty.

Francis Bacon (1561-1626)

AMERICA (SEE ALSO AMERICANS, MATERIALISM)

An asylum for the sane would be empty in America.

George Bernard Shaw

Americans adore me and will go on adoring me until I say something nice about them.

George Bernard Shaw

America is an enormous frosted cupcake in the middle of millions of starving people.

Gloria Steinem

We expect to eat and stay thin, to be constantly on the move and ever more neighborly...to revere G-d and to be G-d.

Daniel J. Boorstin *The Image*

There is nothing the matter with Americans except their ideals. The real American is all right; it is the ideal American who is all wrong.

G.K. Chesterton
in *New York Times*

America is the only nation in history which miraculously has gone directly from barbarism to denigration without the usual interval of civilization.

George Clemenceau

The thing that impresses me most about America is the way parents obey their children.

Edward, Duke of Windsor
quoted in *Look*

America is so vast that almost everything said is likely to be true, and the opposite is probably equally true.

James T. Farrel, introduction to H.L. Mencken's *Prejudices: A Selection*

In America everybody is of the opinion that he has no social superiors since all men are equal, but he does not admit that he has no social inferiors.

Bertrand Russell
Unpopular Essays

America a land of wonders, in which everything is in constant motion and every change seems an improvement.....No Natural boundary seems to be set to the efforts of man; and in his eyes what is not yet done is only what he has not yet attempted to do.

Alexis De Tocqueville
Democracy in America

'Keep ancient lands, your storied pomp!' cries she
With silent lips. 'Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed, to me;
I lift my lamp beside the golden door.'

Emma Lazarus (1849-1887)
American poet

'The New Colossus' - *sonnet written for inscription on the Statue of Liberty*

America is a large, friendly dog in a very small room. Every time it wags its tail it knocks over a chair.

A. J. Toynbee (1889-1975)

British historian

The youth of America is their oldest tradition. It has been going on now for three hundred years.

Oscar Wilde (1854-1900)

America lives in the heart of every man everywhere who wishes to find a region where he will be free to work out his destiny as he chooses.

Woodrow Wilson (1856-1924)

The business of America is business.

Calvin Coolidge (1872-1933)

American Republican politician, President

In America you watch TV and think that's totally unreal, then you step outside and it's just the same.

Joan Armatrading (b.1947)

British singer

In Boston they ask, 'How much does he know?' In New York, 'How much is he worth?' In Philadelphia, 'Who were his parents?'

Mark Twain (1835-1910)

The people are unreal. The flowers are unreal, they don't smell. The fruit is unreal, it doesn't taste of anything. The whole place is a glaring, gaudy, nightmarish set, built upon the desert.

Ethel Barrymore (1879-1959)

American actress
of Los Angeles

AMERICANS (SEE ALSO AMERICA)

Americans are overreachers; overreaching is the most admirable of the many American excesses.

George F. Will

Statecraft as Soulcraft (Simon & Schuster)

For other nations, utopia is a blessed past never to be recovered; for Americans it is just beyond the horizon.

Henry Kissinger (b. 1923)

People in America, of course, live in all sorts of fashions, because they are foreigners, or unlucky or depraved, or without ambition; people live like that, but *Americans* live in white detached houses with green shutters. Rigidly, blindly, the dream takes precedence.

Margaret Mead (1901-1978)

American anthropologist

Since the earliest days of our frontier irreverence has been one of the signs of our affection.

Dean Rusk (b.1909)

American diplomat

ANCESTRY

I would rather make my name than inherit it.

W. M. Thackeray (1811-1863)

English author

People will not look forward to posterity, who never look backward to their ancestors.

Edmund Burke (1729-1797)

Irish philosopher, statesman

Snobs talk as if they had begotten their own ancestors.

Herbert Agar (1897-1980)
American author, journalist

Those who place too much stock in the stock they descend from descend .

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

ANGER (SEE ALSO FORGIVENESS)

Anger is a wind which blows out the lamp of the mind.

Robert G. Ingersoll

‘Irate’ is generally as expression if ‘I rate.’

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

In most cases of righteous indignation the indignation is carried beyond the point of righteousness.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

It is curious that often, when we forget our anger, we forget our motive for being angry.

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A Candle by Day

When we see red we see nothing at all.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

ANSWERS

We must learn not only to answer the questions, but also to question the answers.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

ANTICIPATION

We look forward very eagerly to very many things, but very rarely do we look back fondly upon the things we had once looked forward to so eagerly.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

ANTI-SEMITISM (SEE ALSO CHOSEN PEOPLE, HOLOCAUST)

The Jews are a frightened people. Nineteen centuries of Christian love have broken their nerves.

Israel Zangwill (1864-1926)
British author

The world is divided into two groups of nations – those which want to expel the Jews and those which do not want to receive them.

Chaim Weizman (1874-1952)
Jewish statesman

Wherever they burn books they will also, in the end, burn human beings.

Heinrich Heine

Some accuse me of being a Jew, others forgive me for being a Jew, still others praise me for it. But all of them reflect upon it.

Laqueur - Borne, 19C
J intellectual

He called this the ‘magic Jewish circle’

ANXIETY

Worry is interest paid on trouble before it falls due.

W. R. Inge (1860-1954)

Dean of St. Paul's London

APATHY (SEE ALSO GROWTH)

Science may have found a cure for most evils;
but it has found no remedy for the worst of them
all--the apathy of human beings.

Helen Keller
My Religion

The worst sin towards our fellow
creatures is not to hate them, but to be
indifferent to them; that's the essence
of inhumanity.

Anderson, *The Devil's Disciple*
George Bernard Shaw (1856-1950)

The opposite of love is not hate, it's
indifference. The opposite of art is not
ugliness, it's indifference. The
opposite of faith is not heresy, it's
indifference. and the opposite of life
is not death, it's indifference.

Elie Wiesel
quoted in US News & World Report

APPEARANCES

The best and most beautiful things in
the world cannot be seen or even
touched, they must be felt with the
heart.

Helen Keller

APPEASEMENT

Appeasers believe that if you keep on
throwing steaks to a tiger, the tiger
will turn vegetarian.

Heywood Broun (1888-1939)
American journalist, novelist

APPLAUSE

Do not trust to the cheering, for those
very persons would shout as much if
you and I were going to be hanged.

Oliver Cromwell (1599-1658)

APPRECIATION

Along with learning to appreciate
value, we must learn to value
appreciation.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

What connoisseurs of this world we
would be if G-d had only placed it in a
frame. Let our minds then, frame the
world.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

When eating fruit, think of the person
who planted the tree.

Vietnamese proverb

ARGUMENT

You raise your voice when you should
reinforce your argument.

Dr. Samuel Johnson (1709-1784)

You have not converted a man
because you have silenced him.

John, Lord Morley (1838-1923)
English writer, Liberal politician

Just as we must not fall for a bad
argument because of good arguing, we
must not overlook a good argument
because the arguing is bad.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

Most arguments are instances of an inability to make it clear that we are essentially in agreement.

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A Candle by Day

ARROGANCE (SEE HUMILITY, PRIDE)

ART

Life beats down and crushes the soul and art reminds you that you have one.

Stella Adler

What was any art but a mould in which to imprison for a moment the shining elusive element which is life itself--life hurrying past us and running away, too strong to stop, too sweet to lose.

Willa Cather

In a decaying society, art, if it is truthful, must also reflect decay. And unless it wants to break faith with its social function, art must show the world as changeable. And help to change it.

Ernst Fischer

Vision is the art of seeing the invisible.

Jonathan Swift

What garlic is to food, insanity is to art.

Unattributed

Art is the demonstration that the ordinary is extraordinary.

Amedee Ozenfant
Foundations of Modern Art

What they do for a living is not our concern. It's whether the project has good community outcomes.

Newsweek July 5, 93 - Kerry Mumford
of Australia's national arts-funding agency
on the groups decision to help finance
a training video for prostitutes

Art is man added to nature.

Francis Bacon (1561-1626)

Art is the imposing of a pattern on experience, and our aesthetic enjoyment in recognition of the pattern.

A.N. Whitehead (1861-1947)
British philosopher

Art is I; Science is We.

Claude Bernard (1813-1878)
French physiologist

What garlic is to salad, insanity is to art.

Augustus Saint-Gaudens (1848-1907)
American Sculptor

Art resides in the resolution of inner and outer conflict.

Belfast art lecturer

To say that a work of art is good, but incomprehensible to the majority of men, is the same as saying of some kind of food that it is very good but that most people can't eat it.

Leo Tolstoy (1828-1910)

One reassuring thing about modern art is that things can't be as bad as they are painted.

M. Walthall Jackson

Without tradition, art is a flock of sheep without a shepherd. Without innovation, it is a corpse.

Sir Winston Churchill (1874-1965)

Art does not reproduce the visible; rather, it makes visible.

Paul Klee (1879-1940)

Art is a lie that makes us realize the truth.

Pablo Picasso (1881-1973)

An artist must know how to convince others of the truth of his lies.

Pablo Picasso (1881-1973)

Art is a jealous mistress, and if a man have a genius for painting, poetry, music, architecture or philosophy, he makes a bad husband and an ill provider.

R. W. Emerson (1803-1882)

American essayist, poet, philosopher

When I am finishing a picture I hold some G-d-made object up to it - a rock, a flower, the branch of a tree or my hand - as a kind of final test. If the painting stands up beside a thing man cannot make, the painting is authentic. If there's a clash between the two, it is bad art.

Marc Chagall (1889-1985)

ASPIRATION

The greater our aims, the greater the obstacles to their achievement.

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ASSIMILATION (SEE ALSO JEWISH IDENTITY)

If Jewish parents neglect the Jewish education of their children, one can safely assume that they do not care about their Jewish children. It remains for their children to decide whether this absence of tenderness was directed at them as children or as Jews

Ruth R. Wisse

The Jerusalem Report, Dec. 31, 92

The impetus for intellectual and religious reform...was not simply a desire to find amelioration from the physical oppression of the ghetto. It was rather a desire for emancipation from the essence of the Jewish condition.

Charles Liebman

The Religious Situation, 69

In close to two decades since World War II, we have witnessed the greatest single synagogue boom in the whole of Jewish history in the Diaspora.

Jacob Neusner

American Judaism

However one estimates the activity of Leopold Zunz and his activity, the extraordinary Moses Hess, or later, that of the poets Bialik or

Tchernichovsky, or Simon Dubnow or Achad HaAm, or the German neo-Kantian philosopher Hermann Cohen, one is obliged to recognize that for these thinkers (regardless of how little they prayed, or how little observed...) the center of their life was the Jewish people...The new Jewish intellectual, although he still works against the sacral models of scholar, sage and prophet, has turned these models away from Judaism and into self-sustaining ideological postures.

Jacob Neusner
American Judaism

Those who assimilated in 19C were dying to become the monkeys of European civilization.

Rav Samuel Dovid? Luzatto
Laqueur, Zionism, p19

Away from Asia.

Slogan used by R
and assimilationists in 19C Germany

I am now hated by Christian and Jew alike; I very much regret my baptism, nothing but misfortune has occurred to me ever since.

Heinrich Heine
to friend a few weeks after conversion,
Laqueur

ASSOCIATION

Sometimes we assume that we want things done in a certain way just because we happen to be doing them that way.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

When we buy something from the “friendly Fuller brush man,” we feel friendly too.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

ATHEISM (SEE ALSO FAITH)

Absolute atheism starts in an act of faith in reverse gear and is a full-blown religious commitment.

Jacques Maritain (1882-1973)
French philosopher

Nobody talks so constantly about G-d as those who insist that there is no G-d.

Heywood Broun (1888-1939)
American journalist, novelist

An atheist is a man who has no invisible means of support.

John Buchan (1875-1940)
British author

ATTITUDE

An attitude should be a *result* of thought not a prelude to it.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

AUTHORITY

Unthinking respect for authority is the greatest enemy of truth.

Albert Einstein

B

BABIES (SEE FAMILY)

BALANCE

No one is better balanced than he who is stuck in the mud.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

Our lives are as delicate as watch-springs and must be as carefully balanced.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

Some are well balanced only in the sense that their character failings are insulated by fortunate environmental factors.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

BEAUTY

There is no excellent beauty that hath not some strangeness in the proportion.

Francis Bacon:

The sense of beauty is a tuning fork in the brain that hums when we stumble on something beautiful.

David Gelernter
Machine Beauty (Basic Books)

How much more beauty a believing man sees in the world, in his

realization that what he sees is *intended* as beauty, and is not merely an accident of atoms.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

BECOMING (SEE GROWTH)

BEGINNING (SEE ALSO ACTION)

To have begun is to have done half the task; dare to be wise.

Horace
Epistles

A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step.

Lao-Tzu

We must sometimes permit ourselves to begin things badly, just so that we begin them. Those who spend too much time preparing graceful entrances often never get to make them.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

BEING (SEE GROWTH)

BELIEF (SEE ALSO FAITH)

O L-rd, if there is a L-rd, save my soul, if I have a soul.

Joseph Ernest Renan (1823-1892)
French writer, critic, scholar

I am an agnostic; I do not pretend to know what many ignorant men are sure of.

Clarence Darrow (1857-1938)
American lawyer, writer

If only G-d would give me some clear sign! Like making a large deposit in my name at a Swiss bank.

Woody Allen (b.1935)

With most men, unbelief in one thing springs from blind belief in another.

G. C. Lichtenberg (1742-1799)
German physicist, writer

There are those who feel an imperative need to believe, for whom the values of a belief are proportionate, not to its truth, but to its definiteness. Incapable of either admitting the existence of contrary judgments or of suspending their own, they supply the place of knowledge by turning other men's conjectures into dogmas.

C.E. M. Joad (1891-1953)
British author, academic

Isn't it interesting that in every culture from which we have written history, there has always been belief in something more - powers, energies beyond us, afterworlds? That's good for us. It gives us hope. Just as we're wired for fear of heights, we are wired to believe in G-d.

Herbert Benson
Interviewed by John Koch
in Boston Globe Magazine

We cannot banish with a wave of the hand the false beliefs that have grown up with us. ... Our beliefs have been built up patiently, bit by bit, until they have become intermingled, as it were, with the fiber of our being. We cannot tear out our flesh to cast them away. We only can pick them out, if they need picking out, as so many tiny pieces of glass that have embedded themselves within it.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

BELLIGERENCY

Don't fight it – and you may find that it was never fighting you in the first place but that you mistook the open hand of friendship for a fist.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

BIBLE (SEE TORAH)

We come with instructions – the Bible.

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A Candle by Day

BIGOTRY

Bigotry tries to keep truth safe in its hand with a grip that kills it.

Rabindranath Tagore (1861-1941)
Indian author, Philosopher

BIRTH

"When we are born we cry that we are come to this great stage of fools.

Shakespeare

BOOKS

A room without books is as a body without a soul.

Sir John Lubbock, Lord Avebury (1834-1913)
British banker, scientist, author

Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested.

Francis Bacon (1561-1626)

Without books G-d is silent.

Thomas Bartholin (1616-1680)
Danish physician

BOREDOM

Everyone is a bore to someone. That is unimportant. The thing to avoid is being a bore to oneself.

Gerald Brenan

The man who lets himself be bored is even more contemptible than the bore.

Samuel Butler

Boredom is a vital problem for the moralist, since at least half the sins of mankind are caused by the fear of it.

Bertrand Russell

The world is full of wonders, riches, powers, puzzles. What it holds can make us horrified, sorrowful, amazed, confused, joyful. But nothing in it can make us bored. Boredom is the result of some pinch in ourselves, not of some lack in the world.

Toni Flores

Boredom is...a vital consideration for the moralist, since at least half the sins of mankind are caused by the fear of it.

Bertrand Russell
(1872-1970)

BORES

A bore is a man who, when you ask him how he is, tells you.

Bert Leston Taylor (1866-1921)

A bore is a man who spends so much time talking about himself that you can't talk about yourself.

Melville D. Landon (1839-1910)
American lecturer, wit

If you are a bore, strive to be a rascal also so that you may not discredit virtue.

George Bernard Shaw
(1856-1950)

BROAD-MINDEDNESS

Most of our so-called "broad-minded" individuals seem to dwindle in depth as they gain in breadth.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

BRUSQUENESS

Some, afraid that tact would be interpreted as scheming, are absolutely brusque, hoping that their brusqueness will be interpreted as honesty.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

BUILDER

Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Some people see things as they are and say why.

I dream things that never were and say why not?"

Robert F. Kennedy

Originally by George Bernard Shaw

I haven't failed, I've found 10,000 ways that don't work.

Thomas Edison

Nothing can stop the man with the right mental attitude from achieving his goal; nothing on earth can help the man with the wrong mental attitude."

Thomas Jefferson

BUSINESS

I've never seen a company that was able to satisfy its customers which did not also satisfy its employees. Your employees will treat your customers

no better than you treat your employees.

Larry Bossidy,
CEO of AlliedSignal Inc.

In a speech

The propensity to truck, barter and exchange one thing for another...is common to all men, and to be found in no other race of animals.

Adam Smith (1723-1790)

Scottish economist

Nothing is illegal if one hundred businessmen decide to do it.

Andrew Young (b. 1932)

American politician

You never expected justice from a company, did you? They have neither a soul to lose, nor a body to kick.

Sydney Smith (1771-1845)

English writer, clergyman

You can automate the production of cars but you cannot automate the production of customers.

Walter Reuther (1907-1970)

American trade union leader

C

CANDOR

With all our looking into mirrors, we never look ourselves in the face.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

CAPITALISM

In the usual (though certainly not in every) public decision on economic policy, the choice is between courses that are almost equally good or equally bad. It is the narrowest decisions that are most ardently debated. If the world is lucky enough to enjoy peace, it may even one day make the discovery, to the horror of doctrinaire free-enterprises and doctrinaire planners alike, that what is called capitalism and what is called socialism are both capable of working quite well.

J.K. Galbraith (b. 1918)
American economist

It is a socialist idea that making profits is a vice; I consider the real vice is making losses.

Sir Winston Churchill (1874-1965)

Advocates of capitalism are very apt to appeal to the sacred principles of liberty, which are embodied in one maxim: *The fortunate must not be restrained in the exercise of tyranny over the unfortunate.*

Bertrand Russell (1872-1970)

CARICATURE

Caricature is the tribute that mediocrity pays to genius.

Oscar Wilde (1854-1900)

CAREER

You exist only in what you do.

Federico Fellini

Assume any career moves you make won't go smoothly. They won't. But don't look back.

Andy Grove, chairman, Intel Corp.

CARS

No other man-made device since the shields and lances of the ancient knights fulfils a man's ego like an automobile.

Sir William (later Lord) Rootes (1894-1964)
British motor car manufacturer

I think that cars today are almost the exact equivalent of the great Gothic cathedrals; I mean the supreme creation of an era, conceived with passion by unknown artists, and consumed in image if not in usage by a whole population which appropriates them as a purely magical object.

Roland Barthes (1915-1980)
French Academic

CAUSE

We *support* all kinds of causes to absolve ourselves of *upholding* them.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

CAUTION

He that leaveth nothing to chance will do few things ill, but he will do very few things.

Sir George Savile, Lord Halifax (1633-1695)
English statesman, author

Being too careful is being too careless in a different direction.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

CELEBRITY (SEE FAME)**CENSORSHIP**

Did you ever hear anyone say ‘That work had better be banned because I might read it and it might be very damaging to me’?

Joseph Henry Jackson (1894-1955)
American critic, travel-writer

CERTAINTY

The fundamental cause of trouble in the world today is that the stupid are cocksure while the intelligent are full of doubt.

Bertrand Russell (1872-1970)

The best lack all conviction, while the worst

Are full of passionate intensity.

W.B. Yeats (1865-1939)

CHALLENGE (SEE SUFFERING)**CHANGE**

Change is not merely necessary to life. It is life.

Alvin Toffler

I wanted to change the world. But I have found that the only thing one can be sure of changing is oneself.

Aldous Huxley (1894-1963)

Mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed.

Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826)

When our first parents were driven out of Paradise, Adam is believed to have remarked to Eve: ‘My dear, we live in an age of transition’.

W.R. Inge (1860-1954)

Dean of St. Paul’s London

People don’t resist change as much as the way they are changed.

Anonymous

Sometimes our dissatisfaction with things causes us to contemplate a change, and sometimes our contemplating a change causes us to be dissatisfied with things.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

We can never take up from where we left off because we never return there.

Shraga Silverstein

A Candle by Day

We imagine that times have changed,
because we have, and that we have
changed, because times have.

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A Candle by Day

Be the change that you want to see in
the world.

Mohandas Gandhi

Nothing is permanent but change.

Heraclitus

Every act of creation is first an act of
destruction.

Pablo Picasso

They always say time changes things,
but you actually have to change them
yourself.

Andy Warhol

CHARACTER

Good manners are made up of petty
sacrifices.

R. W. Emerson (1803-1882)
American essayist, poet, philosopher

Character is that which can do without
success.

Ralph Waldo Emerson
Uncollected Lectures

The willingness to accept
responsibility for one's own life -- is
the source from which self respect
springs.

Joan Didion

*Slouching Towards Bethlehem (Farrar,
Straus & Giroux)*

Talent develops in quiet.
Character in the torrent of the world.

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe
Torquato Tasso

Character is what a man is in the dark.
Dwight L. Moody
quoted in William R. Moody's D.L. Moody

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

Mark Twain, *Following the Equator*
Pudd'nhead Wilson's New Calendar

The most wonderfully complex
fictional character is much less
complicated than the most boring
actual person.

Elizabeth McCracken
in Elle

People regard us as what we have
been; we regard ourselves as what we
would like to be -- only G-d regards us
as what we are.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

Some fancy themselves to be
solidifying their character when they
are actually *freezing* it.

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A Candle by Day

We must know when to make repairs
in our characters and when alterations.

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A Candle by Day

CHILDREN (SEE ALSO FAMILY; EDUCATION)

Along with being fathers to our children, we must be fathers to the child within us.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

We strive to make our children independent because we have nothing to offer them. But what is their independence if not chaos? What we must do is make them entirely dependent, dependent upon the dictates of the good. And we must make ourselves examples of that good to them so that dependence upon us is the greatest gift they know; so that in being dependent upon *us*, they are independent of evil. If we do this, our children will feel, not that they are *dependent* upon us, but that they *depend* upon us.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

CHOSEN PEOPLE (SEE ALSO ANTI-SEMITISM; JEWS/JEWRY)

How odd of G-d to choose the Jews; it's not so odd the Jews chose G-d.

G-d's choice of Israel was not for the sake of Israel but for the sake of mankind

R' Cardozo

Particularism ... is a conduit through which universalism and equality flow Without it they would have remained as abstract concepts.

N.T. Lopes Cardozo

Jews are as racially diverse as there are races.

Yitzchak Coopersmith

CIRCUMSTANCES

Before we ask ourselves what we can do under the circumstances, we must ask ourselves whether we might not be able to change them.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

CIVILIZATION

The perversion of "civilization" is its coming to be regarded as a substitute for religion.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

CLARITY

To see what is in front of one's eyes requires constant struggle.

George Orwell

COINCIDENCE

As soon as we are ready to sink into life, it raps our knuckles.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

COMMON SENSE (SEE ALSO WISDOM)

Le sens commun n'est pas si commun.
[Common sense is not so common.]
Francois Marie Arouet Voltaire

COMMUNICATION

Communication – Ours is a society of
much print and little imprint.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

Real communication happens when
people feel safe.

Ken Blanchard
The Heart of a Leader (Honor Books)

There is no different way of saying the
same thing; a different way is a
different thing.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

COMPASSION (SEE MERCY)

CONFORMISM

To be nobody but yourself in a world
that's doing its best to make you
somebody else, is to fight the hardest
battle you are ever going to fight.
Never stop fighting.

E. E. Cummings

He who joyfully marches to music in
rank and file has already earned my
contempt. He has been given a large
brain by mistake, since for him the
spinal cord would suffice.

Albert Einstein

For most men life is a search for the
proper manila envelope in which to
get themselves filed.

Clifton Fadiman

Start writing a new chapter, for if you
live by the book you'll never make
history.

Ben Sobel

Only dead fish go with the flow.

Unattributed

Everything popular is wrong.

Oscar Wilde

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

Oscar Wilde

COMPENSATION

Sometimes, because we cannot be
great, we belittle.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

COMPULSION

With what relish we go about so many
things, which we claim to have been
forced into.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

CONDITION

We must resist the call to battle when
we are in no condition for it.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

CONSENT

Nobody can hurt me without my
permission.

Mohandas Gandhi

No man is good enough to govern another man without that other's consent.

Abraham Lincoln

No one can make you feel inferior without your consent.

Eleanor Roosevelt

CONTENTMENT

Contentment sometimes cheats us of happiness.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

We should be content with a little – not with littleness.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

CONVENTION

There is nothing more conventional than the convention of unconventionality.

R.H. Benson (1871-1914)
British Novelist

CONVERSION

The way I see it, G-d has put tremendous faith in me by delegating the decision of my submission to the law.

Audrey J. Wohlgemuth
Attorney General for the State of New York

CONVICTION

Be sure you put your feet in the right place, then stand firm

Abraham Lincoln

If you believe in your heart that you are right, you must fight with all your might to do it your way. Only dead fish swim with the fish all the time.

Linda Ellerbee

COPING

Getting on is the opium of the middle classes.

Walter James (b.1912)
British journalist

COURAGE (SEE ALSO GROWTH; PERSEVERANCE)

Courage is almost a contradiction in terms. It means a strong desire to live taking the form of a readiness to die.

G.K. Chesterton (1874-1936)

Resolve must be the firmer, spirit the bolder, Courage the greater, as our strength grows less.

Anonymous
The Battle of Maldon

A person under the firm persuasion that he can command resources virtually has them.

Livy (59 bc – 17 ad)

To dare is to lose one's footing momentarily. Not to dare is to lose oneself.

Soren Kierkegaard

Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear not absence of fear.

Mark Twain,
Pudd'nhead Wilson

CREATIVITY/ORIGINALITY (SEE ALSO SENSITIVITY)

Any activity becomes creative when the doer cares about doing it right, or better.

John Updike
Picked-Up Pieces (Knopf)

Few are those who see with their own eyes and feel with their own hearts.

Albert Einstein

CREDIT

We often give others credit for knowing much more than they do so that we may repose all of our confidence in them and not feel guilty for not using our own heads to solve our own problems.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

We sometimes take less credit for our successes in order to feel less responsibility for our failures.

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A Candle by Day

CRIME

And what if crime *did* pay?

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

It is that which is stolen, not the larceny, which is petty.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

CRITICISM

Criticism of others is often a devious assertion of one's own superiority.

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A Candle by Day

When considering praise or criticism first consider the source.

Jeff Daly

For every action, there is an equal and opposite criticism.

Harrison's postulate

To avoid criticism, do nothing, say nothing, be nothing.

Elbert Hubbard

Man invented language to satisfy his deep need to complain.

Lily Tomlin

I support the bigot's right to speak out, as if I start limiting them, they may start limiting me. I also support my right to ignore them.

Laura Packer

The trouble with most of us is that we would rather be ruined by praise than saved by criticism.

Norman Vincent Peale

The power of accurate observation is commonly called cynicism by those who have not got it.

George Bernard Shaw

If you judge people you have no time
to love them.

Mother Theresa

A cynic is a man who knows the price
of everything but the value of nothing.

Oscar Wilde

CURIOSITY

Curiosity is one of the most permanent
and certain characteristics of a
vigorous intellect.

Samuel Johnson

Wisdom begins in wonder.

Socrates

CYNICISM

A cynic seeks only to *expose*
falsehood; a truth-seeker, to *eradicate*
it.

Shraga Silverstein

A Candle by Day

Cynicism is not realistic and tough.
It's unrealistic and kind of cowardly
because it means you don't have to try.

Peggy Noonan

in *Good Housekeeping*

D

DEATH (SEE ALSO OLD AGE)

Some things are hurrying into existence, and others are hurrying out of it; and of that which is coming into existence part is already extinguished.

Marcus Aurelius
Meditations

Do not go gentle into that good night,
Old age should burn and rage at close
of day;
Rage, rage, against the dying of the
light.

Dylan Thomas (1914-1953)

*On doit des egards aux vivants; on ne
doit aux morts que la verite.*

To the living we owe respect, but to
the dead we owe only the truth.

Voltaire (1694-1778)

It is not death, but dying which is
terrible.

Henry Fielding (1707-1754)

Everyone is good to a dying man –
how good we would be to each other if
we fully realized that we were all
dying.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

We should be reluctant to part with
our lives only in the sense that the
artist is reluctant to part with his
unfinished masterpiece.

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Now comes the mystery.

Henry Ward Beecher,
dying words

You can be a king or a street sweeper,
but everybody dances with the Grim
Reaper.

Robert Alton Harris,
executed in gas chamber April 21, 1992

Life is a great surprise. I don't see why
death should not be an even greater
one.

Vladimir Nabokov

So little done, so much to do.

Cecil Rhodes, dying words, 1902

To live is to dream and to die is to
awaken.

Unattributed

DECEPTION

As long as we know that we are
fooling ourselves there is till hope for
us.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

Sometimes we cannot help being
“taken in,” but we must know enough
to come out.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

Deception – We are blinded by
nothing so much as by our eyes.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

Reinhold Niebuhr (1892-1971)
American theologian, historian

DECEIT

No man means all he says, and yet very few say all they mean, for words are slippery and thought is viscous.

Henry B. Adams

The only secrets are the secrets that keep themselves.

George Bernard Shaw

DELICACY (SEE SENSITIVITY)

DEMOCRACY

Democracy is only an experiment in government, and it has the obvious disadvantage of merely counting votes instead of weighing them.

W. R. Inge (1860-1954)
Dean of St. Paul's London

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

E.B. White (1899-1985)
American author, editor

I do not believe in the collective wisdom of individual ignorance.

Thomas Carlyle
(1795-1881) Scottish writer

I think we must agree that the fools are in a terrible overwhelming majority, all the wide world over.

Henrik Ibsen (1828-1906)

Man's capacity for justice makes democracy possible, but man's inclination to injustice makes democracy necessary.

There is a limit to the application of democratic methods. You can inquire of all the passengers as to what type of car they like to ride in, but it is impossible to question them as to whether to apply the brakes when the train is at full speed and accident threatens.

Leon Trotsky (1879-1940)

When great changes occur in history, when great principles are involved, as a rule the majority are wrong.

Eugene Debs (1855-1926)
American trade unionist, co-founder of the Socialist Party of the United States

DIFFERENCE

Nothing makes a difference until it is subtracted.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

DISCIPLINE (SEE ALSO RIGHTS)

Discipline is the bridge between goals and accomplishments.

Unattributed

DISCOVERY (SEE SENSITIVITY)

DISCUSSION

When you have nothing to say, say nothing.

Charles Caleb Colton

If A equals success, then the formula is: $A = X + Y + Z$, X is work. Y is play. Z is keep your mouth shut.

Albert Einstein

He who speaks of what he knows not only works hard to portray his ignorance.

Joseph Muchemi

Small minds discuss people, average minds discuss events, great minds discuss ideas.

Unattributed

DISPOSITION

Though we dwell in the general climate of our particular disposition, there are days when G-d breaks the pattern and sends us different moods with which we must learn to cope as with all changes in the weather. We must build dikes against the rains and bastions against the winds; and we must construct in ourselves that which will extract the full benefit of the sun when it shines for us.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

DOGMATISM

Dogmatism does not mean the absence of thought, but the end of thought.

G.K. Chesterton (1874-1936)

DOUBT (SEE ALSO FAITH)

The first step towards philosophy is incredulity.

Denis Diderot (1713-1784)
French philosopher, encyclopediste

There is a vulgar incredulity, which in historical matters, as well as in those

of religion, finds it easier to doubt than to examine.

Sir Walter Scott (1771-1832)

When we are not sure, we are alive.

Graham Greene (b. 1904)

The greater the artist, the greater the doubt; perfect confidence is granted to the less talented as a consolation prize.

Robert Hughes
in Time

Doubt is often the beginning of wisdom.

M. Scott Peck
The Road Less Traveled and Beyond
(Simon & Schuster)

The greater the artist, the greater the doubt. Perfect confidence is granted to the less talented as a consolation prize.

Robert Hughes

The trouble with the world is that the stupid are cocksure and the intelligent are full of doubt.

Bertrand Russell

DREAMS / DREAMERS

Dream as if you'll live forever; live as if you'll die tomorrow.

James Dean

Work like you don't need the money.
Love like you've never been hurt.
Dance like nobody's watching.

Satchel Paige

Those who dream by day are cognizant of many things, which escape those who dream only by night.

Edgar Allen Poe

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of the dream.

Eleanor Roosevelt

Some look at things that are, and ask why. I dream of things that never were and ask why not?

George Bernard Shaw

Those who hear not the music think the dancers mad.

Unattributed

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

Oscar Wilde

Yes, I am a dreamer. For a dreamer is one who can find his way by moonlight, and see the dawn before the rest of the world.

Oscar Wilde

How many of our daydreams would darken into nightmares, were there any danger of their becoming true.

Logan Pearsall Smith (1865-1946)

American essayist

When we can't dream any longer we die.

Emma Goldman (1869-1940)

American anarchist

DRESS

I hold that gentleman to be the best-dressed whose dress no one observes.

Anthony Trollope (1815-1882)

English novelist

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

H. D. Thoreau (1817-1862)

DUTY (SEE RIGHTS)

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ECOLOGY

We abuse land because we regard it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect.

Aldo Leopold (1886-1948)
American forester

EDUCATION (SEE ALSO WISDOM)

A teacher affects eternity.

Henry B. Adams (1838-1918)
American historian

Educate men without religion and you make them but clever devils.

Duke of Wellington (1769-1852)

Education does not mean teaching people to know what they do not know; it means teaching them to behave as they do not behave.

John Ruskin (1819-1900)
English critic

Education must have an end in view, for it is not an end in itself.

Sybil Marshall

Education is what remains when we have forgotten all that we have been taught.

George Savile, Lord Halifax (163-1695)
English statesman, author

I have never let my schooling interfere with my education.

Mark Twain (1835-1910)

One looks back with appreciation to the brilliant teachers, but with gratitude to those who touched our human feelings. The curriculum is so much necessary raw material, but warmth is the vital element for the growing plant and for the soul of the child.

Carl Jung (1875-1961)

The first idea that the child must acquire in order to be actively disciplined is that of the difference between good and evil; and the task of the educator lies in seeing that the child does not confound good with immobility, and evil with activity.

Maria Montessori (1870-1952)
Italian educator

When a man's education is finished, he is finished.

E. A. Filene (1860-1937)
American businessman, financier

Life at a university with its intellectual and inconclusive discussions at the postgraduate level is on the whole a bad training for the real world. Only men of very strong character surmount this handicap.

Sir Paul Chambers (1904-1981)
British industrialist

The test and the use of man's education is that he finds pleasure in the exercise of his mind.

Jacques Barzun
in Saturday Evening Post

Ye can lead a man up to the university but ye can't make him think.

Finley Peter Dunne
Mr. Duckley's Opinions

The purpose of education is to replace an empty mind with an open one.

Malcolm Forbes
attributed in Ann Lander's column

Before Hitler killed six million Jews he burnt six million books.

Moshe Dayan

Education is what survives when what has been learned has been forgotten.

B.F. Skinner
in New Scientist

Education...has produced a vast population able to read but unable to distinguish what is worth reading.

G.M. Trevelyan
English Social History

I can trace my ancestry back to a protoplasmal primordial atomic globule. Consequently, my family pride is something in-conceivable. I can't help it. I was born sneering.

W.S. Gilbert
The Mikado

The man who has not anything to boast of but his illustrious ancestors is

like a potato,--the only good belonging to him is under ground.

Thomas Overbury
Characters

The great fault of our educational system is that it gives us no inkling of how much we are capable of knowing.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

The purpose of Compulsory Education is to deprive the common people of their common sense.

Gilbert Keith Chesterton

Education is the process of driving a set of prejudices down your throat.

Martin H. Fischer

Genius without education is like silver in the mine.

Ben Franklin

The brighter you are, the more you have to learn.

Don Herold

I never learned from a man who agreed with me.

Robert A. Heinlein

He who can, does. He who cannot, teaches.

George Bernard Shaw

I've never let my school interfere with my education.

Mark Twain

EFFORT

You miss 100 percent of the shots you never take.

Wayne Gretzky

It's not the hours you put in your work that counts, it's the work you put in the hours.

Sam Ewing

If you can't rise to the occasion, climb to it.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

EGOCENTRICITY (SEE GIVING)**ELDERLY (SEE OLD AGE)****EMOTION**

Half our mistakes in life arise from feeling where we ought to think, and thinking where we ought to feel.

J. Churton Collins (1848-1908)
English author, critic, scholar

ENEMIES

Am I not destroying my enemies when I make friends of them?

Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865)

ENTHUSIASM

In things pertaining to enthusiasm, no man is sane who does not know how to be insane on proper occasions.

H.W. Beecher (1813-1887)
American clergyman, editor, writer

ENVIRONMENT

We call ourselves "products of environment" forgetting that we are also its producers.

Shraga Silverstein, *A Candle by Day*

EQUALITY (SEE ALSO FREEDOM, RIGHTS)

The social process requires the standardization of man, and this standardization is called equality.

Erich From (1900-1980)
American psychologist

True education makes for inequality; the inequality of individuality, the inequality of success, the glorious inequality of talent, of genius.

Felix E. Schelling (1858-1945)
American educator

We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826)

The defect of equality is that we only desire it with our superiors.

Henry Becque
Querelles litteraires

It was a wise man who said that there is no greater inequality than the equal treatment of unequals.

Felix Frankfurter
judicial opinion 1949

We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal;

that they are endowed by their creator with inherent and inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Thomas Jefferson
draft of the Declaration of Independence
Jefferson's early draft had the words
"with inherent and inalienable rights".
The Continental Congress

Your levelers wish to level *down* as far as themselves; but they cannot bear leveling up to themselves.

Samuel Johnson
as quoted in James Boswell's
The Life of Samuel Johnson

I have a dream that four little black children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character, I have a dream today.

Martin Luther King, Jr.
speech at the March on Washington, 1963

All of us do not have equal talent, but all of us should have an equal opportunity to develop our talents.

John F. Kennedy
speech 1963

All animals are equal, but some animals are more equal than others.

George Orwell
Animal Farm

We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal and women are created equal.

Elizabeth Cady Stanton
"Declaration of Sentiments"
First Women's Rights Convention, 1848

ERA

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

Arthur Miller (b. 1915)

ERETZ YISRAEL (SEE ISRAEL)

ERROR (SEE ALSO TRUTH)

An error is the more dangerous in proportion to the degree of truth, which it contains.

Henri-Frederic Amiel
Journal intime

Truth lies within a little and certain compass, but error is immense.

Henry St. John
Viscount Bolingbroke
Reflections Upon Exile

Every great mistake has a halfway moment, a split second when it can be recalled and perhaps remedied.

Pearl S. Buck
What America Means to Me

You can create impression on yourself by being yourself by being right, he realizes, but for creating a good impression on others there's nothing to beat being totally and catastrophically wrong.

Michael Frayn
Sweet Dreams

It is one thing to show a man that he is in an error, and another to put him in possession of truth.

John Locke

An Essay Concerning Human
Understanding

The man who makes no mistakes does
not usually make anything.

William Connor Magee

A man should never be ashamed to
own he has been in the wrong, which
is but saying, in other words, that he is
wiser today than he was yesterday.

Alexander Pope

Thoughts on Various Subjects

Mistakes are, after all, the foundations
of truth, and if a man does not know
what a thing *is*, it is at least an
increase in knowledge if he knows
what it is *not*.

Carl Jung (1875-1961)

A man of genius makes no mistakes;
his errors are volitional and are the
portals of discovery.

James Joyce

The study of error serves as a stimulating
introduction to the study of truth.

Walter Lippmann

ESCAPE

Escape literature, like most escape
media, generally proves to be a greater
bondage than that which has been
escaped from.

Shraga Silverstein

A Candle by Day

We cannot get away from it all; we
are "it all."

Shraga Silverstein, *A Candle by Day*

We seek to get away from it *all* when
it is only a *part* that is giving us
trouble.

Shraga Silverstein

A Candle by Day

ETHICAL PERSONALITY (SEE ALSO SAGES)

A good person in the worst sense of
the word.

Mark Twain

The only guide to a man is his
conscience; the only shield to his
memory is the rectitude and sincerity
of his actions. It is very imprudent to
walk through life without this shield,
because we are so often mocked by
the failure of our hopes and the
upsetting of our calculations; but with
this shield, however the facts may
play, we march always in the ranks of
honor.

If a man has greatness in him, it comes
to light-not in one flamboyant hour,
but in the ledger of his daily work.

Beryl Markham

West With the Night

Don't *say* things. What you *are*
stands over you the while, and
thunders so that I cannot hear what
you say to the contrary.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Letters and Social Aims

ETHICS (SEE ALSO MORALITY)

The world is well supplied with rude
people spouting high moral positions

about human rights, but it is noticeably lacking in those who worry about the human being waiting in line behind them at the automated-teller machine while they balance their checkbooks.

Owen Edwards
Town and Country

The immorality of morality.

Henry Miller
referring to the fact that some moral systems demand a course of rigid action that may be inappropriate to the given situation, as in legalism

I know only that that is what you feel good after and what is immoral is what you feel bad after.

Ernest Hemmingway
Death in the Afternoon

An ethical person ought to do more than he's required to do and less than he's allowed to do.

Michael Josephson
quoted in Bill Moyer's World of Ideas

Morality is not really the doctrine of how to make ourselves happy but of how we are to be worthy of happiness.

Immanuel Kant
Critique of Practical Reason

There isbut one categorical imperative, namely, this: Act only on that maxim whereby thou canst at the same time will that it should become a universal law.

Immanuel Kant
Fundamental Principles of the Metaphysic
of Morals

It is often easier to fight for principles than to live up to them.

Adlai E. Stevenson
speech 1952

If he does really think that there is no distinction between virtue and vice, why, Sir, when he leaves our houses let us count our spoons.

Dr. Samuel Johnson (1709-1784)

I find that when I dislike what I see on the stage I can be vastly amusing, but when I write about something I like I find that I am appallingly dull.

Sir Max Beerbohm (1872-1956)
British author

It is often said that second thoughts are best. So they are in matters of judgement, but not in matters of conscience.

Cardinal John Newman (1801-1890)
English churchman, theologian

EVIL

It was as though in those last minutes he (Eichmann) was summing up the lessons that this long course in human wickedness has taught us--the lesson of the fearsome, word-and-thought-defying banality of evil.

Hannah Arendt
Eichmann in Jerusalem

Evil is unspectacular and always human

And shares our bed and eats at our own table.

W.H. Auden

Herman Melville

The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.

Edmund Burke

The belief in a supernatural source of evil is not necessary; men alone are quite capable of every wickedness.

Joseph Conrad, *Under Western Eyes*

The resolution to avoid an evil is seldom framed till the evil is so far advanced as to make avoidance impossible.

Thomas Hardy, *Far from the Madding Crowd*

Between two evils, I always pick the one I never tried before.

Mae West
Klondike Annie

For evil to succeed it is sufficient that good men do nothing.

Unattributed

EVIL INCLINATION

At times, the evil inclination is so strong that it seems a sin not to satisfy it, and, of course, not wanting to sin, we give it satisfaction.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

In our struggle with the evil inclination, there is no such thing as losing a battle to win the war. The battle *is* the war.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

It is foolhardy to think of the evil inclination as something which occasionally assails us. We are its very habitation!

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

Just as the evil inclination causes evil to seem attractive to us, it causes good to seem repulsive to us.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

Often the best answer to the to the evil inclination is not “No!” but “Maybe.”

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

One has reached a high point in his moral development when he comes to regard it as “immature” to submit to the evil inclination.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

One of the devices of the evil inclination is to turn our attention away from the present by heightening our anticipation of the future.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

One of the most potent weapons of the evil inclination in the last century has been novelty.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

The evil inclination is a rope that one can either hang himself with or scale to G-d.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

The evil inclination occasionally allows us to be tempted and not to fall, so that we may allow ourselves to be tempted even further and fall even deeper.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

The first thing that a man must realize in respect to the evil inclination, is that he is at war and not the victim of a natural catastrophe.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

There is no such thing as fighting a losing battle with the evil inclination. In that battle, as long as one is fighting, he is winning.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

To best the evil inclination, the mind must be quicker than the eye.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

We can increase our effectiveness against the evil inclination by learning to recognize the new forms of its old weapons, so that they do not appear to us as new weapons for which we have not as yet devised defenses.

Shraga Silverstein

A Candle by Day

We commit the sin and assume that all our former good was insincere, hypocritical. There is no greater homage we can pay to the evil inclination.

Shraga Silverstein, *A Candle by Day*

We must select the proper defense for a particular onslaught with the evil inclination with the same care and presence of mind that a painter exercises in selecting the precise color for a particular effect.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

When we are not under attack by the evil inclination, we must spend our time building up our defenses in preparation for the next onslaught.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

Why can't the evil inclination see its illogic? Logic, in the ideal, demands a view of the entire field. The evil inclination reduces its field to the size of its glance – and is perfectly logical in terms of what it sees! If the only thing one sees is a peppermint bar, then, naturally, a peppermint bar becomes the world and there is nothing more logical than living for peppermint!

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

EVOLUTION

The resurrection – revival of the fittest; the world to come – supernatural selection.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

EXCELLENCE

We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence then is not an act but a habit.

Aristotle

Great spirits have always found violent opposition from mediocrities. The latter cannot understand it when a man does not thoughtlessly submit to hereditary prejudices but honestly and courageously uses his intelligence.

Albert Einstein

The reward of a thing well done is having done it.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

To be great is to be misunderstood..

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Great work is done by people who are not afraid to be great.

Fernando Flores

One can never consent to creep when one feels an impulse to soar.

Helen Keller

Excellence is in the details. Give attention to the details and excellence will come.

Perry Paxton

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

Some of the worlds greatest feats were accomplished by people not smart enough to know they were impossible.

Unattributed

Use what talents you possess; The woods would be very silent if no birds sang there except those that sang best.

Henry Van Dyke

EXCESS

Less is more.

Robert Browning

EXCUSES

Two wrongs don't make a right, but they make a good excuse.

Thomas Szasz (b. 1920)
American psychiatrist

EXPECTATIONS (SEE ALSO GROWTH)

Treat a man as he is, and he will remain as he is. Treat a man as he could be, and he will become what he should be.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

The only man who behaved sensibly was my tailor; he took my measurement anew every time he saw me, while all the rest went on with their old measurements and expected them to fit me.

George Bernard Shaw

Do not do unto others as you expect they should do unto you. Their tastes may not be the same.

George Bernard Shaw

Expecting the world to treat you fairly because you are a good person is like expecting a bull not to attack you because you are a vegetarian.

Dennis Wholey

Some are so perfectly prepared for the expected that they are defeated by the unexpected.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

EXPERIENCE (SEE ALSO WISDOM)

We learn from experience that men never learn from experience.

Bernard Shaw

One thing about experience is that when you don't have very much you're apt to get a lot.

Franklin P. Jones
in Quote Magazine

I couldn't wait for success...so I went ahead without it.

Jonathan Winters

If you risk nothing, then you risk everything.

Grena Davis
quoted by Kevin Sessums in Vanity Fair

Information is pretty thin stuff unless mixed with experience.

Clarence Day
The Crow's Nest

I don't divide the world into the weak and the strong, or the successes and the failures, those who make it or those who don't. I divide the world into learners and non-learners.

Benjamin Barber
in When Smart People Fail
Carol Hyatt and Linda Gottlieb

Experience isn't interesting till it begins to repeat itself--in fact, till it does that it hardly is experience.

Elizabeth Bowen
The Death of the Heart

To most men, experience is like the stern lights of a ship, which illumine only the track it has passed.

Samuel Taylor Coleridge
Table Talk

I have but one lamp by which my feet are guided, and that is the lamp of experience. I know of no way of judging the future but by the past.

Patrick Henry
speech 1775

Experience is not what happens to a man; it is what a man does with what happens to him.

Aldous Huxley
Texts and Pretexts

Experience is never limited, and it is never complete; it is an immense sensibility, and a kind of huge spider-web of the finest silken threads suspended in the chamber of consciousness, and catching every airborne particle in its tissue.

Henry James
Partial Portraits

Experience is a hard teacher because she gives the test first, the lessons afterwards.

Vernon Law
in This Week

Experience does not ever err; it is only your judgment that errs in promising itself results which are not caused by your experiments.

Leonardo Da Vinci
Notebooks

We should be careful to get out of an experience only the wisdom that is in it--and stop there; lest we be like the cat that sits down on a hot stove lid. She will never sit down on a hot stove lid again--and that is well; but also she will never sit down on a cold one anymore.

Mark Twain
Following the Equator
"Pudd'nhead and Wilson's New Calendar"

Experience is the name everyone gives to their mistakes.

Oscar Wilde
Lady Windermere's Fan

In our desire to learn from experience, we must not be too hasty to assume that the situation confronting us is indeed the same as the experience we wish to learn from.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

Many think they are learning from experience when they are actually *surrendering* to it.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

We must experience from our learning.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

Experience is a good teacher, but her fees are very high.

W. R. Inge (1860-1954)
Dean of St. Paul's, London

EXPERTS

An expert is a man who has made all the mistakes, which can be made in a very narrow field.

Niels Bohr (1885-1962)
Danish physicist

EXPLORATION

We shall not cease from exploration, and the end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we started and know the place for the first time.

T.S. Eliot

EXPRESSION

Beauty without expression is boring.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

EXTREMISM

What is objectionable, what is dangerous about extremists is not that they are extreme, but that they are intolerant. The evil is not what they

say about their cause, but what they
say about their opponents.

Robert Kennedy (1925-1968)

We must take care that our reaction to
one extreme is not so violent as to
thrust us to the other.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

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FABLE (SEE PARABLE)

FAILURE (SEE ALSO SUCCESS)

The happy people are failures because they are on such good terms with themselves they don't give a damn.

Agatha Christie

FAITH (SEE ALSO ATHEISM, DOUBT; FAITHFULNESS)

Faith is not knowledge of what the mystery of the universe is, but the conviction that there is a mystery, and that it is greater than us.

Rabbi David Wolpe
Making Loss Matter (Riverhead Books)

To be an atheist requires an indefinitely greater measure of faith than to receive all the great truths which atheism would deny.

Joseph Addison

We must be willing to get rid of the life we've planned, so as to have the life that is waiting for us.

Joseph Campbell

Nobody talks about God as those who insist that there is no God.

Heywood Broun

I have too much respect for the idea of God to make it responsible for such an absurd world.

Georges Duhamel

My religion consists of a humble admiration of the illimitable superior spirit who reveals himself in the slight details we are able to perceive with our frail and feeble mind.

Albert Einstein

Faith is to believe what you do not yet see; the reward for this faith is to see what you believe.

St Augustine

The great act of faith is when a man decides that he is not G-d.

Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes
(1841-1935)

Chance is perhaps the pseudonym of G-d when he does not wish to sign his work.

Anatole France (1844-1924)
French author

Faith declares what the senses do not see, but not the contrary of what they see.

Blaise Pascal (1623-1662)

Faith is often the boast of the man who is too lazy to investigate.

F. M. Knowles (b.1877)

American journalist, playwright

For those who believe in G-d no explanation is needed; for those who do not believe in G-d no explanation is possible.

Father John Lafarge (b.1880)
on the cures at Lourdes

To believe only possibilities is not Faith, but mere Philosophy.

Sir Thomas Browne (1603-1682)
English physician, author

The most extraordinary thing about the 20th century was the failure of G-d to die. The collapse of mass religious belief, especially among the educated and prosperous, had been widely and confidently predicted. It did not take place. Somehow, G-d survived, flourished even.

Paul Johnson
The Quest for G-d (Harper Collins)

The only way to make a man trustworthy, is to trust him.

Harry L. Stimson
in Harper's Magazine

Sometimes when I'm faced with an atheist, I am tempted to invite him to the greatest gourmet dinner that one could ever serve, and when we have finished eating that gourmet dinner, to ask him if he believes that there's a cook.

Ronald Reagan
Speaking My Mind
Simon & Schuster

Let us rid ourselves of the assumption, common among believers and

practically universal among non-believers, that G--d must be simpleminded. We readily grant that a great writer such as Joyce or Proust is infinitely subtle and resourceful in fashioning a novel; but we assume that in fashioning human history G-d will be heavy-handed and obvious. Accordingly, some believers conclude that they know exactly what G-d has in mind and, vested with high office, could provide him with some much needed help. Unbelievers conclude that they know what G-d would do if he existed, and that since those things are not being done, he does not exist.

Glenn Tinder
The Atlantic

Faith is to believe what you do not yet see; the reward for this faith is to see what you believe.

Saint Augustine

You can do very little with faith, but you can do nothing without it.

Samuel Butler
Notebooks

We are so constituted that we believe the most incredible things; and, once they are engraved upon the memory, woe to him who would endeavor to erase them!

Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe
The Sorrows of Young Werther

No amount of manifest absurdity...could deter those who wanted to believe from believing.

Bernard Levin

The Pendulum Years
Convictions are more dangerous
enemies of truth than lies.

Friedrich Nietzsche
Human, All-too-Human

I am an atheist still, thank G-d.

Luis Bunuel
quoted by Ado Kyrrou
in Luis Bunuel: An Introduction

There are no atheists in the foxholes.

William Thomas Cummings
sermon 1942

No one is so thoroughly superstitious
as the godless man.

Harriet Beecher Stowe
Uncle Tom's Cabin

By night an atheist half believes a
God.

Edward Young
Night Thoughts on Life, Death, and
Immortality

Man is certainly crazy. He could not
make a mite, and he makes gods by
the dozen.

Michel De Montaigne

If the triangles made a god, they
would give him three sides.

Baron De Montesquieu
The Persian Letters

If G-d did not exist, it would be
necessary to invent him.

Voltaire, Le Sottisier

There are two ways to slide easily
through life: to believe everything or

to doubt everything. Both ways save
us from thinking.

Alfred Korzybski
Manhood of Humanity
Institute of General Semantics

Strong faith is the kind which does not
allow itself to be troubled by the one
per cent of perverse doubt which
constantly lurks in us, attempting to
squelch all noble efforts, all great
enterprises of body, mind and soul,
attempting to conquer, in effect, the
ninety-nine per cent of faith. Strong
faith looks this unrealistic doubt in the
eye, shouts at it, "You lie!" and
crushes it underfoot.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

FAITHFULNESS (SEE ALSO FAITH)

Wither thou goest, I will go; and
where thou lodgest, I will lodge; thy
people shall be my people, and thy
God my God: Where thou diest, and
there will I be buried: the Lord do so
to me, and more also, if aught but
death part thee and me.

Bible, Ruth 1:16

O heaven! were man
But constant, he were perfect.

Shakespeare
The Two Gentlemen of Verona

An ounce of loyalty is worth a pound
of cleverness.

Elbert Hubbard
The Note Book

FALSEHOOD (SEE ERROR, TRUTH)

FAME (SEE ALSO PRIDE)

A celebrity is a person who works hard all his life to become well known, then wears dark glasses to avoid being recognized.

Fred Allen
Treadmill to Oblivion

Fame is like a river, that beareth up things light and swollen, and drowns things weighty and solid.

Francis Bacon

Fame always brings loneliness. Success is as ice cold and lonely as the north pole.

Vicki Baum
Grand Hotel

The celebrity is a person who is known for his well-knownness.

Daniel J. Boorstin
The Image

I would much rather have men ask why I have no statue, than why I have one.

Cato the Elder
quoted in Plutarch's Parallel Lives

In the very books in which philosophers bid us scorn fame, they inscribe their names.

Cicero
Pro Archia Poeta

Fame usually comes to those who are thinking about something else.

Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr.

The Autocrat of the Breakfast-Table

One be humble out of pride.

Michel De Montaigne

The greatest pleasure I know is to do a good action by stealth, and to have it found out by accident.

Charles Lamb

Eminent posts make great men greater and little men less.

Jean de la Bruyère (1645-1696)

FAMILY

By giving children the means to reach inside to pray, to start the search for solace when there seems nowhere to turn, is like enclosing a favorite blanket in their luggage.

Jacquelyn Mitchard
Parenting

Biologically, adults produce children. Spiritually, children produce adults. Most of us do not grow up until we have helped children do so. Thus do the generations form a braided cord.

George F. Will
Washington Post

Sooner or later we all quote our mothers.

Bern Williams

No matter how old a mother is, she watches her middle-aged children for signs of improvement.

Florida Scott Maxwell
The Measure of My Days (Knopf)

The only way we can ever teach a child to say “I’m sorry” is for him to hear it from our lips first.

Kevin Leman
Making Children Mind Without Losing Yours

It is not giving children more that spoils them; it is giving them more to avoid confrontation.

John Gray
Children Are From Heaven (HarperCollins)

Raising kids is part joy and part guerrilla warfare.

Ed Asner

The most important work you and I will ever do will be within the walls of our own homes.

Harold B. Lee

We owe some of our finest qualities to our parents’ excesses.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

Your children make it impossible to regret your past. They’re its finest fruits.

Anna Quindlen
Black and Blue (Random House)

It’s not only children who grow. Parents do too. As much as we watch to see what our children do with their lives, they are watching us to see what we do with ours. I can’t tell my children to reach for the sun. All I can do is reach for it myself.

Joyce Maynard
At Home in the World (Picador USA)

Before I got married I had six theories about bringing up children; now I have six children and no theories.

John Wilmot
Earl of Rochester (1647-1680)
English poet

Men are generally more careful of the breed of their horses and dogs than of their children.

William Penn (1644-1718)
religious leader, founder of Pennsylvania

Being a husband is a whole-time job. That is why so many husbands fail. They cannot give their entire attention to it.

Arnold Benett (1867-1931)
British novelist

It should be noted that children’s games are not merely games; one should regard them as their most serious activities.

Michel de Montaigne (1553-1592)
French essayist, moralist

On the dance floor, as in life, you’re only as good as your partner.

Robin Marantz Henig in USA Today

Babies are always more trouble than you thought-and more wonderful.

Charles Osgood
CBS Morning News

Babies help us to put the changing world into perspective too. Changing

the world has to wait, when it's time to change the baby.

Charles Osgood
CBS Morning News

There is no way to be a perfect mother and a million ways to be a good one.

Jill Churchill
Crime and Punishment

A father is a man who expects his children to be as good as he meant to be.

Carolyn Coats
*Things Your Dad Always Told You
But You Didn't Want to Hear (Nelson)*

If two people agree on everything, one of them is unnecessary.

Billy Graham
in the name of his wife, Ruth

Parenting is not an intellectual endeavor. It does not emanate from the head. If it did, the smartest people would be the best parents, and I have never noticed that. Good parenting is rooted in a matter of how rooted you are in the steady soil of common sense. The heart and the gut are what make a good parent, not the head.

Children have never been very good at listening to their elders, but they have never failed to imitate them.

James Baldwin
Nobody Knows My Name

There is no finer investment for any community than putting milk into babies.

Winston Churchill, speech 1943

In the little world in which children have their existence, whosoever brings them up, there is nothing so finely perceived and so finely felt as injustice.

Charles Dickens

Great Expectations

Little children are still the symbol of the eternal marriage between love and duty.

George Eliot
Romola

Your children are not your children.

They are the sons and daughters of Life's longing for itself....

You may house their bodies but not their souls.

For their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow, which you cannot visit, not even in your dreams.

KGibran
The Prophet

We can't form our children on our own concepts; we must take them and love them as G-d gives them to us.

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe
Hermann und Dorothea

Children need models more than they need critics.

Joseph Joubert
Pensees

Childhood is not from birth to a certain age and

at a certain age
The child is grown, and puts away
childish
things.

Childhood is the kingdom where
nobody dies.

Nobody matters, that is.

Edna St. Vincent Millay
"Childhood is the Kingdom Where Nobody
Dies"

How sharper than a serpent's tooth it
is

To have a thankless child!
Shakespeare
King Lear

No one knows the true worth of a man
but his family. The dreary man
drowsing, drop-jawed, in the
commuter train, the office bore, the
taciturn associate - may be the pivot of
a family's life, welcomed with hugs,
told the day's news, asked for advice.
No longer Mr. B., but Dad. No longer
a nonentity but a man possessed of
skills and wisdom; courageous and
capable, patient and kind. Respected
and loved.

Pam Brown
Quoted by Carmen Renee Berry
and Lynn Barrington
in *Daddies and Daughters*
(Simon & Schuster)

Your family cuts you the most slack
and gives you the most chances.
When the quiz-show host says, "Name
something you find in a refrigerator,"
and the rest of America is screaming,
"You moron!" at their TV sets, who's

clapping and saying, "Good answer!
Good answer!?"? Your family, that's
who.

Dennis Miller
Ranting Again (Doubleday)

The family is the essential presence -
the thing that never leaves you, even if
you find you have to leave it.

Bill Buford
in *The New Yorker*

Perhaps the greatest social service that
can be rendered by anybody to the
country and to mankind is to bring up
a family. But here again, because there
is nothing to sell, there is a very
general disposition to regard a married
woman's work as no work at all, and
to take it as a matter of course that she
should not be paid for it.

George Bernard Shaw (1856-1950)

If you bungle raising your children, I
don't think whatever else you do well
matters very much.

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis (b.1929)

The commonest fallacy among women
is that simply having children makes
one a mother - which is as absurd as
believing that having a piano makes
one a musician.

Sydney J. Harris (b.1917)
American journalist

When I was a boy of fourteen, my
father was so ignorant I could hardly
stand to have the old man around. But
when I got to be twenty-one, I was
astonished at how much he had
learned in seven years.

Mark Twain (1835-1910)

We do not like the idea that children are as wild outwardly as we are inwardly.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

FANATIC

A fanatic is one who can't change his mind and won't change the subject.

Sir Winston Churchill (1874-1965)

Fanaticism consists in redoubling your effort when you have forgotten your aim.

George Santayana (1863-1952)

FATHERS (SEE FAMILY)

FEAR

Cowardice, as distinguished from panic, is almost always simply a lack of ability to suspend the functioning of the imagination. Ernest Hemingway (1899-1961)

Fear is the darkroom where negatives are developed.

E.L. in the AA Grapevine

We experience moments absolutely free from worry. These brief respites are called panic.

Cullen Hightower

Never fear shadows. They simply mean there's a light shining somewhere nearby.

Ruth E. Renkel

Fear is sharp-sighted, and can see things underground, and much more in the skies.

Miguel de Cervantes
Don Quixote de la Mancha

Let me assert my firm belief that the only thing we have to fear is fear itself.

Franklin D. Roosevelt,
speech 1933

Those who love to be feared, fear to be loved. Some fear them, but they fear everyone.

Jean Pierre Camus (1582-1652)

Imagination is the dream of the conscious mind.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

The only thing we have to fear is fear itself.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

FICTION

If you write fiction you are, in a sense, corrupted. There's a tremendous corruptibility for the fiction writer because you're dealing mainly with sex and violence. These remain the basic themes, they're the basic themes of Shakespeare whether you like it or not.

Anthony Burgess (b.1917)
British Author

The novel, if it be anything, is contemporary history, an exact and

complete reproduction of social surroundings of the age we live in.

George Moore (1852-1933)
Irish Author

FOOD

One should eat to live, not live to eat.

Moliere (1622-1673)

FOOLS

There are two kinds of fools: one says, 'This is old, therefore it is good'; the other says, 'This is new, therefore it its better'.

W. R. Inge (1860-1954)
Dean of St. Paul's, London

FOOLISHNESS

The greatest of faults, I should say, is to be conscious of none.

Carlyle

He who asks is a fool for five minutes, but he who does not ask remains a fool forever.

Chinese proverb

Only two things are infinite, the universe and human stupidity, and I'm not sure about the former.

Albert Einstein

The difference between genius and stupidity is that genius has its limits.

Albert Einstein

What luck for the rulers that men do not think.

Adolf Hitler

If you believe everything you read, you better not read.

Japanese proverb

It is better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to open one's mouth and remove all doubt.

Abraham Lincoln

Fools rush in where angels fear to tread.

Alexander Pope

Most people would rather die than think; in fact, they do so.

Bertrand Russell

Anyone who thinks they're important is usually just a pompous moron who can't deal with his or her own pathetic insignificance and the fact that what they do is meaningless and inconsequential..

William Thomas

It ain't what you don't know that gets you into trouble. It's what you know for sure that just ain't so.

Mark Twain

Wise men learn more from fools, than fools from the wise.

Unattributed

Against stupidity the very gods themselves contend in vain.

Wilhelm Gottfried von Lessing

FORCE

The use of force alone is but temporary. It may subdue for a

moment; but does not remove the necessity of subduing again: and a nation is not governed, which is perpetually to be conquered.

Edmund Burke (1729-1797)
Irish philosopher, statesman

FORGIVENESS (SEE ALSO ANGER)

Anger makes you smaller, while forgiveness forces you to grow beyond what you were.

Cherie Carter-Scott
If Love Is a Game, These Are the Rules
(Broadway Books)

When we forgive, we free ourselves from the bitter ties that bind us to the one who hurt us.

Claire Frazier-Yzaguirre
in *A Man Named Dave*, by Dave Pelzer
(Dutton)

'I can forgive, but I cannot forget', is only another way of saying, I cannot forgive'.

H.W. Beecher (1813-1887)
American clergyman, editor, writer

Many promising reconciliations have broken down because, while both parties came prepared to forgive, neither party came prepared to be forgiven.

Charles Williams (1886-1945)
British author

It is easier to forgive an enemy than to forgive a friend.

William Blake

What is tolerance? it is the consequence of humanity. We are all formed of frailty and error; let us pardon reciprocally each other's folly that is the first law of nature.

Voltaire

FORESIGHT

One must learn to *look* ahead without *worrying* ahead.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

FREEDOM (SEE ALSO EQUALITY, FREEDOM OF SPEECH, RIGHTS)

Freedom to be your best means nothing unless you're willing to do your best.

Colin Powell
in *Priorities*

Nothing is more liberating than to fight for a cause larger than yourself, something that encompasses you but is not defined by your existence alone.

Dave Weinbaum

Liberty lies in the hearts of men and women; when it dies there, no constitution, no law...no court can save it....

Learned Hand, speech 1944

Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty G-d!--I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty, or give me death!

Patrick Henry, speech 1775

There can be no real freedom without the freedom to fail.

Eric Hoffer
The Ordeal of Change

Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we should pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of liberty.

John F. Kennedy
speech inaugural address, 1961

None can love freedom heartily, but good men; the rest love not freedom.

John Milton
The Tenure of Kings and Magistrates

Liberty is the right to do whatever the laws permit.

Baron De Montesquieu
De l'esprit des lois

O liberty! O liberty! What crimes are committed in thy name!

Madame Jeanne-Marie Roland
attributed, quoted in Alphonse de Lamartine's *Histoire des Girondins*

We look forward to a world founded upon four essential human freedoms. The first is freedom of speech and expression--everywhere in the world. The second is freedom of every person to worship G-d in his own way--everywhere in the world. The third is freedom from want...everywhere in the world. The fourth is freedom from fear.....anywhere in the world.

Franklin D. Roosevelt
speech 1941

Man is born free, and everywhere he is in chains.

Jean-Jacques Rousseau
The Social Contract

Man is condemned to be free.

Jean-Paul Sartre
Existentialism and Humanism

Liberty means responsibility. That is why most men dread it.

George Bernard Shaw
Man and Superman
The Revolutionist's Handbook

Many politicians lay it down as a self-evident proposition that no people ought to be free until they are fit to use their freedom. The maxim is worthy of the fool in the old story who resolved not to go into the water until he had learned to swim.

Lord Macaulay (1800-1859)
English historian

Our youth want freedom to be slaves of their impulses.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

Posterity: you will never know how much it has cost my generation to preserve your freedom. I hope you will make good use of it.

John Quincy Adams

Any existence deprived of freedom is a kind of death.

General Michel Aoun

What a curious phenomenon it is that you can get men to die for the liberty of the world who will not make the little sacrifice that is needed to free themselves from their own individual bondage.

Bruce Barton

Those that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.

Ben Franklin

The love of liberty is the love of others; the love of power is the love of ourselves.

William Hazlitt

I do not agree with what you have to say, but I'll defend to the death your right to say it.

Patrick Henry

Give me liberty or give me death.

Patrick Henry

Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free.

Emma Lazarus,
engraved on the Statue of Liberty

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world, indeed it is the only thing that ever has.

Margaret Mead

He that would make his own liberty secure must guard even his enemy

from oppression; for if he violates this duty he establishes a precedent that will reach to himself.

Thomas Paine

When even one American who has done nothing wrong is forced by fear to shut his mind and close his mouth, then all Americans are in peril.

Harry S. Truman

You know that being an American is more than a matter of where your parents came from. It is a belief that all men are created free and equal and that everyone deserves an even break.

Harry S. Truman

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

Unattributed

Eternal vigilance is the price of freedom.

Raymonde Uy

I would rather die standing than live on my knees!

Emiliano Zapata

FREEDOM OF SPEECH (SEE ALSO FREEDOM)

The most stringent protection of free speech would not protest a man falsely shouting fire in a theater and causing a panic.

Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.
judicial decision

If all mankind were minus one, were of one opinion, and only one person were of contrary opinion, mankind would be no more justified in silencing that one person, than he, if he had the power, would be justified in silencing mankind.

John Stuart Mill

The only way to make sure people you agree with can speak is to support the rights of people you don't agree with.

Eleanor Holmes Norton
quoted in New York Post

I defeat what you write, but I would give my life to make it possible for you to continue to write.

Voltaire, letter 1770

Freedom of Speech does not give a person the right to shout 'Fire!' in a crowded theatre.

Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes (1841-1935)
American jurist

People hardly ever make use of the freedom they have, for example, freedom of thought; instead they demand freedom of speech as a compensation.

Søren Kierkegaard (1813-1855)
Danish philosopher

FRIENDSHIP

Without friends, you're like a book that nobody bothers to pick up.

Quoted in Psychology of Women Quarterly

Nothing is more dangerous than a friend without discretion; even a prudent enemy is preferable.

Jean de la Fontaine (1621-1695)

French poet, fabulist

Lots of people want to ride with you in the limo, but what you want is someone who will take the bus with you when the limo breaks down.

Ophrah Winfrey

Friendship is like a bank account. You can't continue to draw on it without making deposits.

Bits & Pieces

Always tell your problems to people who don't like you. They're the only ones who want to hear them.

Sam Ewing

Forsake not an old friend: for the new is not comparable to him: a new friend is as new wine: when it is old, thou shalt drink it with pleasure.

Bible, Ecclesiastics 9:10

When the sun shines on you, you see your friends, friend's are the thermometers by which one may judge the temperature of our fortunes.

Marguerite Blessington
Commonplace Book

There is no man so friendless but what he can find a friend sincere enough to tell him disagreeable truths.

Edward Bulwer-Lytton
What Will He Do With It?

A friend is, as it were, a second self.

Cicero
De Amicitia

In prosperity our friends know us; in
adversity we know our friends.

Churton Collins
Aphorisms

Have no friends not equal to yourself.

Confucius
Analects

G-d gives us relatives; thank G-d, we
can choose our friends.

Addison Mizner
The Cyni's Calendar

A friend may well be reckoned the
masterpiece of nature.

Ralph Waldo Emerson
Essays, "Friendship"

The only reward of virtue is virtue; the
only way to have a friend is to be one.

Ralph Waldo Emerson
Essays, "Friendship"

A true friend is the greatest of all
blessings, and the one that we take the
least care of all to acquire.

La Rochefoucauld
Maxims

Each friend represents a world in us, a
world possibly not born until they
arrive, and it is only by this meeting
that a new world is born.

Anais Nin
The Diary of Anais Nin

True friendship is never serene.

Marie De Sevigne
letter 1671

The holy passion of friendship is of so
sweet and steady and loyal and
enduring a nature that it will last
through a whole lifetime, if not asked
to lend money.

Mark Twain
Pudd'nhead Wilson
"Pudd'nhead Wilson's calendar

Think where man's glory most begins
and end

And say my glory was I had such
friends.

W.B. Yeats
"The Municipal Gallery Re-visited

What is a friend? A single soul
dwelling in two bodies.

Aristotle (384-322 BC)

The danger in being closely knit is
becoming miserably entangled.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

We must not become enemies with
ourselves in order to make friends
with others.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

One can do without people but one has
need of a friend.

Chinese Proverb

The only way to have friends is to be
one.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Each friend represents a world in us; a
world possibly not born until they

arrive, and it is only in meeting them that a new world is born.

Anais Nin

Friends are those people who know the words to the song in your heart and sing them back to you when you have forgotten the words.

Unattributed

A true friend stabs you in the front.

Oscar Wilde

FRUSTRATION

One of our most costly errors is regarding frustration as an indication of the unreality of our aspirations rather than as a stage to be expected in the progress towards our goal.

Shraga Silverstein

A Candle by Day

We must live with frustration without becoming frustrated with life.

Shraga Silverstein

A Candle by Day

We must not confuse frustration with failure.

Shraga Silverstein

A Candle by Day

FUN

There is so much “fun” to be had nowadays that we close our eyes to thought to render ourselves capable of attaining it.

Shraga Silverstein

A Candle by Day

FUTURE

I never think of the future. It comes soon enough.

Albert Einstein

The best thing about the future is that it comes one day at a time.

Abraham Lincoln

I have realized that the past and future are real illusions, that they exist in the present, which is what there is and all there is.

Alan Watts

I am not afraid of tomorrow, for I have seen yesterday and I love today!

William Allen White

Tomorrow is the most important thing in life. Comes into us at midnight very clean. It's perfect when it arrives and it puts itself in our hands. It hopes we've learned something from yesterday.

John Wayne (1907-1979)

We should all be concerned with the future because we will have to spend the rest of our lives there.

C. F. Kettering (1876-1958)

American engineer, industrialist

Future. That period of time in which our affairs prosper, our friends are true and our happiness is assured.

Ambrose Bierce (1842-1914)

American author

In worrying about what the future will bring, we lose what the present is bringing.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

Let us think less of what the future will bring us and more of what we will bring the future.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

Sometimes we credit ourselves with having *foreseen* the future, when the truth is that we have *manufactured* it.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

Map out your future, but do it in pencil.

Jon Bon Jovi

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GENERALIZATIONS

All generalizations are dangerous, even this one.

Alexandre Dumas (1824-1895)

GENEROSITY (SEE GIVING)

GENIUS

Mediocrity knows nothing higher than itself, but talent instantly recognizes genius.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (1859-1930)

The measure of a master is his success in bringing all men round to his opinion twenty years later.

R.W. Emerson (1803-1882)

American essayist, poet, philosopher

The work of a genius is not always a work of genius.

Shraga Silverstein

A Candle by Day

There are far more intellectual than spiritual geniuses.

Shraga Silverstein

A Candle by Day

GENOCIDE

A single death is a tragedy, a million deaths is a statistic.

Josef Stalin (1879-1953)

GIVING (SEE ALSO MERCY)

Love your neighbor, yet pull not
Down your hedge.

George Herbert (1593-1633)

English clergyman, poet

True kindness presupposes the faculty
of imagining as one's own the
suffering and joy of others.

André Gide (1869-1951)

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

George Bernard Shaw

Do not do unto others as you would
that they should do unto you. Their
tastes may not be the same.

George Bernard Shaw (1856-1950)

A man who sees another man on the
street corner with only a stump for an
arm will be so shocked the first time
he'll give him sixpence. But the
second time it'll only be a three penny
bit. And if he sees him a third time,
he'll have him cold-bloodedly handed
over to the police.

The Threepenny Opera

Bertolt Brecht (1898-1956)

trans. Desmond I. Vesey and Eric Bentley

We do not quite forgive a giver. The
hand that feeds us is in some danger of
being bitten.

R.W. Emerson (1803-1882)

Those who bring sunshine into the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves.

Sir James Barrie

The more sympathy you give, the less you need.

Malcolm Forbes
in Forbes

If you haven't any charity in your heart, you have the worst kind of heart trouble.

Bob Hope

Simple human solidarity was the shtetl's source of strength...A ghost of the shtetl lingers on in the modern living institutions of Israel.

Amos Elon
The Israelis

If nature has made you a giver, your hands are born open, and so it is in your heart. And though there maybe times when your hands are empty, your heart is always full, and you can give things out of that.

Frances Hodgson Burnett
A Little Princess (Lippincott)

Nothing costs so much as what is given us.

Thomas Fuller
Gnomologia

Liberality consists less in giving a great deal than in gifts well timed.

La Bruyere
Les Caracteres

We do not love people so much for the good they have done us, as for the good we have done them.

Leo Tolstoy (1828-1910)

He who wishes to secure the good of others has already secured his own.
Confucius (551-478BC)

If I give you my idea and you give me yours, then we each have two ideas, and together we have four.

Gerard I. Nierenberg

He that defers his charity until he is dead is, if a man weighs it rightly, rather liberal of another man's goods than his own.

Francis Bacon (1561-1626)

We must be aware of the dangers, which lie in our most generous wishes. Some paradox of our nature leads us, when once we have made our fellow men the objects of our enlightened interest, to go on to make them the objects of our pity, then of our wisdom, ultimately of our coercion.

Lionel Trilling (1905-1975)
American critic

GLORY

One who does great deeds out of a desire for glory is acting from impure motives, but one who seeks glory as an incentive to the doing of good deeds is being nobly motivated.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

GOALS (SEE ALSO GROWTH)

You must have long range goals to keep you from being frustrated by short range failures.

Charles C. Noble

Where there is no vision, the people perish.

Bible, Proverbs

Hitch your wagon to a star.

Ralph Waldo Emerson
Society and Solitude

Slight not what's near through aiming at what's far.

Euripides, Rhesus

One does not discover new lands without consenting to lose sight of the shore for a very long time.

Andre Gide (1869-1951)

A goal is more than an end to strive for; it is a strong arm which leads one along, where otherwise he would founder or falter.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

In advancing towards our goal we must not be blind to the riches along the way.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

G-D (SEE ALSO BELIEF, FAITH, TRUST)

It is possible to worship God while driving along the highway or sitting in a baseball park. But if we raise the

question of statistical probability, the worship of God is scarcely as frequent in those places as in houses built in his honor. There is the story of the father who said, "Come on, we can sing hymns on the beach," to which the little girl replied, "But we won't, will we?"

George Hedley
The Superstitions of the Irreligious
(Macmillan)

God is a circle whose center is everywhere and its circumference nowhere.

Empedocles

What really interests me is whether God had any choice in the creation of the world.

Albert Einstein

G-d – our invisible means of support.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

I call to G-d
In the midst of those who don't;
They think it odd,
That I won't
Come to my senses
And cease from idle prayer,
From words that melt to air,
And leave no echo
To show that they were there.
They think it odd;
Not G-d.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

Men should turn to G-d as leaves to the sun.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

Our being casual would be fine if G-d had become casual too – He has not.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

Yes, we are all G-d's children but let us not be too hasty to say, "Father will understand."

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

GOOD (SEE ALSO ETHICS; EVIL)

Some are so far removed from goodness that they cannot conceive of others as being sincerely good.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

We are sometimes kept from doing good by a too lofty impression of goodness.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

We must learn to be connoisseurs of the good, to stop and exclaim, "Ah, what an exquisitely beautiful deed!"

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

We must not wait for the good in us to be *brought* out; we must *carry* it out.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

GOOD PERSON (SEE ETHICAL PERSONALITY)

GOVERNMENT

Every society gets the kind of criminal it deserves. What is equally true is that every community gets the kind of law enforcement it insists on.

Robert Kennedy (1925-1968)

When great questions end, little parties begin.

Walter Bagehot (1826-1877)
English economist, critic

GRATITUDE

Did you ever say "Thank you" to G-d?
I don't mean "Great is the grandeur of Your glory,"

Or "Blessed be the Keeper of this clod,"

But simply "Thank you," with no added story,

If you haven't, then re-appraise your attitude,

For though you've paid Him praise,
You owe Him gratitude.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

We are alive to be thankful.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life.
It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend.

Melody Beattie
Reader's Digest

GREATNESS (SEE ALSO ETHICAL PERSONALITY)

Great spirits have always encountered violent opposition from mediocre minds.

Albert Einstein

A man should be respected more for what he has made of himself than for what he is.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

Some people are more talented than others. some are more educationally privileged than others. But we all have the capacity to be great. Greatness comes with recognizing that your potential is limited only by how you choose, how you use your freedom, how resolute you are-in short, by your attitude. And we are all free to choose our attitude.

Peter Koestenbaum

In G-d's world, everything is great enough to think about; but we are not great enough to think about everything.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

Our aim is not to be superhuman, but super humans.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

GREED

There is enough for the needy but not for the greedy.

M. K. Gandhi (1869-1948)

GROWTH (SEE ALSO APATHY, COURAGE, EXPERIENCE, FAITH, GOALS, OPPORTUNITY, RIGHTS)

You can't help someone get up a hill without getting closer to the top yourself.

Gen. H. Norman Schwartzkopf

We must take things as they come, but that does not mean that we must leave them that way.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

To be is to be perceived.

Bishop Berkeley

To be; what does it mean to be? We have no right to ask such a question.

Neils Bohr

The prelude to leaps and bounds is step by step

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

Most people have a desire to look at the exception instead of the desire to become exceptional.

John C. Maxwell
Developing the Leader Within You (Nelson)

There will come the time when you believe everything is finished. That will be the beginning.

Louis L'Amour
Lonely on the Mountain

Goals: We all live under the same sky,
but we don't have the same horizon.

Konrad Adenauer

It takes as much courage to have tried
and failed as it does to have tried and
succeeded.

Ann Morrow Lindbergh

Opportunity: Opportunity's favorite
disguise is trouble.

Frank Tiger
in Graham, Texas, Rotary Scandal Sheet

Expect people to be better than they
are; it helps them to become better.
But don't be disappointed when they
are not; it helps them to keep trying.

Merry Brown
in National Enquirer

We judge ourselves by what we feel
capable of doing, while others judge
us by what we have already done

Henry Wordsworth Longfellow

Apathy is the glove into which evil
slips its hand.

Bodie Thoene
Munich Signature

If opportunity doesn't knock, build a
door.

Milton Berle

The reward for work well done is the
opportunity to do more.

Jonas Salk

The past should be a springboard, not
a hammock.

Ivern Ball

Ability will never catch up with the
demand for it.

Malcolm S. Forbes
in *Forbes*

The glory of great men should always
be measured by the means they have
used to acquire it.

La Rochefucauld

I have had more trouble with myself
than with any other man I have ever
met!

Dwight L Moody

Anyone can make a mistake. A fool
insists on repeating it.

There's is nothing that is wrong with
America that can't be fixed with what
is right with America.

Pres. Bill Clinton
acceptance speech, 1993

Imprisoned in every fat man, a thin
one is wildly signaling to be let out.

Cyril Connolly (1903-1974)
British critic

Most of us will never do great things,
but we can do small things in a great
way.

Bits and Pieces

Dream and deed are not as different as
many think. All the deeds of men are
dreams at first...

Theodore Herzl
Postscripts, Altneuland

In the long run the pessimist may be proved right, but the optimist has a better time on the trip.

Daniel L. Reardon
Quote magazine

We are born into a vast room whose walls consist of a thousand doors of possibility. Each door is flung open to the world outside, and the room is filled with light and noise. We close some of the doors deliberately, sometimes with fear, sometimes with calm certainty. Others seem to close by themselves, some so quietly that we do not even notice.

Terry Teachout
City Limits

...Dr. Albert Schweitzer did, Rachel Carson did, Mother Teresa did and Tom Dooley did. History is replete with heroic people who realized they could make a difference, and did—despite the conventional wisdom of the day.

Theodore Hesburgh - with Jerry Reedy
G-d Country, Notre Dame

To err is human to admit it is superhuman.

Doug Larson
United Feature Syndicate

To be is to be someone in particular.

Santanyana

I do the very best I know how...and I mean to do so until the end.

Lincoln

You can send a message around the world in one fifth of a second, yet it may take years for it to get from the outside of a man's head to the inside.

Charles F Kettering

Too often, our minds are locked on one track. We are looking for red-so we overlook blue. Many Nobel prizes have been washed down the drain because someone did not expect the unexpected.

John D. Turner
Textile Chemist and Colorist

A Chinese general put it this way: 'If the world is to be brought to order, my nation must first be changed. If my nation is to be changed, my hometown must be made over. If my hometown is to be reordered, my family must first be set right. If my family is to be regenerated, I myself must first be.'

Purnell Bailey

Courage is not the absence of fear but the ability to carry on with dignity in spite of it.

Scott Torow
The Burden of Proof

There are no speed limits on the road to excellence.

David W Johnson

Every day, in every way, I am getting better and better.

Emile Coue
widely promoted formula for
self-healing by autosuggestion

There's only one corner of the universe you can be certain of improving, and that's your own self.

Aldous Huxley
Time Must Have a Stop

At thirty man suspects himself a fool;
Knows it at forty, and reforms his plan;
At fifty chides his infamous delay,
Pushes his prudent purpose to resolve;
In all the magnanimity of thought
Resolves; and re-resolves; then dies the same.

Edward Young
Night Thoughts on Life, Death and Immortality

Resolve to be thyself; and know that he, Who finds himself, loses his misery!

Matthew Arnold
Self-Dependence

A man never speaks of himself without losing something. What he says in his disfavor is always believed, but when he commends himself, he arouses mistrust.

Michel De Montaigne

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

Shakespeare
Hamlet

Our remedies oft in ourselves do lie,
Which ascribe to heaven.

Shakespeare
All's Well That Ends Well

People often say that this or that person has not yet found himself. But the self is not something one finds, it is something one creates.

Thomas Szasz
The Second Sin

I celebrate myself, and sing myself,
And what I assume you shall assume,
For every atom belonging to me as good belongs to you.

Walt Whitman
Leaves of Grass

GUIDANCE

It is not enough to be shown the right path; we must be taught how to walk upon it.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

GUILT

True guilt is guilt at the obligation one owes to oneself to be oneself.

R. D. Laing (b.1927)
British psychiatrist

A man must train his conscience to a sin-pain response.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

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HABIT (SEE ALSO RIGHTS)

Habit with him was all the test of truth;
It must be right: I've done it from my youth.
To fall into a habit is to begin to cease to be.

Miguel De Unamuno
The Tragic Sense of Life

The chains of habit are too weak to be felt until they are too strong to be broken.

Dr. Samuel Johnson (1709-1784)

Some think they are preserving tradition when they are only perpetuating a habit.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

Habit – The contemptible, gazed at too long, becomes tempting.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

The greatest difficulty in the breaking of habits lies in their having come to seem the natural way of reacting, so that even though we *tell* ourselves that we should break the habit, we do not essentially *believe* that we should.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

HALACHA (SEE LAWS)

HAPPINESS

We have no more right to consume happiness without producing it than to consume wealth without producing it.

Morell, Candida
George Bernard Shaw (1856-1950)

One filled with joy preaches without preaching.

Mother Teresa

The search for happiness is one of the chief sources of unhappiness.

Eric Hoffer
The Passionate State of Mind

Happiness is like coke--something you get as a by-product in the process of something else.

Aldous Huxley
Point Counter Point

Happiness is an imaginary condition, formerly often attributed by the living to the dead, now usually attributed by adults to children, and by children to adults.

Thomas Szasz
The Second Sin

So of cheerfulness, or a good temper--the more it is spent, the more of it remains.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

The Conduct of Life

The plainest sign of wisdom is a continual cheerfulness; her state is like that of things in the regions above the moon, always clear and serene.

Michel De Montaigne

There is no stronger craving in the world than that of the rich for titles, except that of the titled for riches.

Hesketh Pearson (1887-1964)
British biographer

You cannot always have happiness, but you can always give happiness.

Author Unknown

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

John Stuart Mill (1806-1873)

Grief can take care of itself, but to get the full value from joy you must have somebody to divide it with.

Mark Twain (1835-1910)

One is never as unhappy as one thinks, nor as happy as one had hoped to be.

Francois, Duc de La Rochefoucauld (1613-1680)

French writer, moralist

We all want to be happy, and we're all going to die... You might say those are the only two unchallengeably true facts that apply to every human being on this planet.

William Boyd (b. 1952)
British novelist

Happiness is an attainable human condition; bliss is reserved for the dead.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

Happiness, in this world, is a means; in the next world it is the end.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

The truly happy man is the one who has everything money can't buy.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

If you ever find happiness by hunting for it, you will find it as the old woman did her lost spectacles - on her own nose all the time.

Josh Billings

You will never be happy if you continue to search for what happiness consists of. You will never live if you are looking for the meaning of life.

Albert Camus

He who has so little knowledge of human nature as to seek happiness by changing anything but his own disposition will waste his life away in fruitless efforts.

Samuel Johnson

If we'd stop trying to be happy we could have a pretty good time.

Edith Wharton

HASTE

A nation rushing hastily to and fro,
busily employed in idleness.

Phaedrus (1st century AD)
Roman fabulist

What is the use of running when you
are on the wrong road?

Proverb

HATE

Always remember others may hate
you but those who hate you don't win
unless you hate them. And then you
destroy yourself.

Richard Nixon (b.1913)

I will permit no man to narrow and
degrade my soul by making me hate
him.

Booker T. Washington

HEALTH

G-d heals, and the doctor takes the fee.

Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790)

HELL

Hell is oneself; Hell is alone, the other
figures in it merely projections. There
is nothing to escape from and nothing
to escape to. One is always alone.

George Eliot (1819-1880)

HEROES

Acting is the expression of a neurotic
impulse. It's a bum's life. Quitting
acting, that's the sign of maturity.

Marlon Brando (b. 1924)

You spend all your life trying to do
something they put people in asylums
for.

Jane Fonda (b.1937)

You can pick out actors by the glazed
look that comes into their eyes when
the conversation wanders away from
themselves.

Michael Wilding (1912-1979)
British Actor.

We need heroes, people who can
inspire us, help shape us morally, spur
us on to purposeful action--and from
time to time we are called on to be
those heroes, leaders for others, either
in a small, day-to-day way, or on the
world's larger stage.

Robert Coles
in *Lives of Moral Leadership*

A hero is no braver than an ordinary
man, but he is brave five minutes
longer.

R. W. Emerson (1803-1882)
American essayist, poet, philosopher

There is no more heroic pugilist than a
soul battered by evil, blinking through
its bleeding wounds, seeking an
opening to strike a blow for the good.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

HISTORY

Man is history-making creature who
can neither repeat his past nor leave it
behind.

W.H. Auden

The Dyer's Hand

It has been said that though G-d cannot alter the past, historians can; it is perhaps because they can be useful to Him in this respect that He tolerates their existence.

Samuel Butler
Erewhorn Revisited

History is a horse that gallops past the window, and you have to decide whether to jump or not.

Shimon Peres
Israel's Foreign Minister

To be ignorant of what occurred before you were born is to always remain a child. For what is the worth of human life, unless it is woven into the life of our ancestors by the records of history?

Cicero
Orator

There is nothing to be learned from history anymore. We're in science fiction now.

Allen Ginsberg
quoted in Christopher Butler, *After the Wake*

What experience and history teach is this--that people and government never have learned anything from history, or acted on principles deduced from it.

G.W.F. Hegel
Philosophy of History

A historian is a prophet in reverse.

Friedrich von Schlegel
in *Athenaeum*

Every time history repeats itself the price goes up.

Anonymous

History is Philosophy teaching by examples.

Henry St. John (Viscount Bolingbroke)
(1678-1751)
English politician, intriguer

The principal office of history I take to be this: to prevent virtuous actions from being forgotten, and that evil words and deeds should fear an infamous reputation with posterity.

Tacitus (c.55-c.120)
Roman historian

Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.

George Santayana (1863-1952)
American philosopher, poet

History will be kind to me for I intend to write it.

Winston Churchill

Science and technology revolutionize our lives, but memory, tradition and myth frame our response. Expelled from individual consciousness by the rush of change, history finds its revenge by stamping the collective unconsciousness with habits, values, expectations, dreams. The dialectic between past and future will continue to form our lives.

Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr.

Hegel was right when he said that we learn from history that man can never learn anything from history.

George Bernard Shaw

History is a nightmare from which I am trying to awake.

Stephen Dedalus
Ulysses

HOLLYWOOD

Hollywood's a place where they'll pay you a thousand dollars for a kiss, and fifty cents for your soul.

Marilyn Monroe (1926-1962)

In a mere half-century, films have gone from silent to unspeakable.

Doug Larson

With Hollywood, any similarity between "reel" and "real" is purely coincidental.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

HOLOCAUST (SEE ALSO ANTI-SEMITISM)

It was the biggest and most enormous dance of death of all times.

Quote from the newly released diary of Adolf Eichmann

It is a blessing to governments, that human beings do not think for themselves.

Adolf Hitler

'No culture has had such a decisive impact on the Jews as the German',

Nachum Goldman in pamphlet, 1916, in which he maintained that in many ways the Zionists were much closer in national spirit than the assimilationists, who had received their influence from the liberal thinkers of Britain and France. 'The young national Jewish movement, on the other hand, had made the national idea the central concept of its philosophy: Fichte, Hegel, Legarde and the other leading spirits of the German national idea-they were also our teachers. It was no accident that Theodor Herzl, the genius who founded modern political Zionism, came from German culture to the Jewish national idea.'

Laqueur

To the injustice committed in our name we must not add the injustice of forgetting.

Hannah Vogt

I know of no crime in the history of mankind more horrible in its details than the treatment of the Jews.

Major Walsh
address at the Nuremberg Trials

The holocaust was certainly a human tragedy. But it was not only a human tragedy. It was also a Christian tragedy, a tragedy for Western civilization, and a tragedy for all humankind. The killing was done by people to other people, while still other people stood by. The perpetrators, where they were not actually Christians arose from a

Christian culture. The bystanders most capable of helping were Christians.

David S. Wyman
The Abandonment of the Jews.
Wyman describes himself as 'a Christian,
a Protestant of Yankee and Swedish
descent.'

The solidarity of modern civilization is jeopardized by the persecuting policy of Germany.

Herbert Dunelm
Bishop of Durham, 1936

The Yellow Spot: The Extermination of the Jew in Germany-

Title of book published in London, 1936.

Don't give Hitler a posthumous victory.

Emile Fackenheim
phil. Heb University

HOME

A man's home may seem to be his castle on the outside; inside, it is more often his nursery.

Clare Boothe Luce (b.1903)
American diplomat, writer

Home is the place where, when you have to go there,
They have to take you in.

Robert Frost (1875-1963)

HONESTY

Honesty is the best police.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

It is an error to associate honesty with simplicity. It is far simpler to be a thief than an honest man.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

Tell people the truth because they know the truth anyway.

Jack Welch

Being truthful, when you know it will cost you, is the true test of honesty.

Dave Weinbaum

Truth never damages a cause that is just.

Mohandas Gandhi

An excuse is worse and more terrible than a lie, for an excuse is a lie guarded.

Pope John Paul II

The truth is an ambition, which is beyond us.

Peter Ustinov

HUMAN (SEE MAN)

HUMANITY

Many love humanity without loving men.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

HUMILITY (SEE ALSO PRIDE)

It is always the secure who are humble.

G. K. Chesterton (1874-1936)

The meek shall inherit the earth.
Psalms 37:11

Plenty of people want to be pious, but
no one yearns to be humble.
La Rochefoucaulde
Maxims

Humility is a virtue all preach, none
practice, and yet everybody is
contented to hear. The master thinks it
good doctrine for his servant, the laity
for the clergy, and the clergy for the
laity.

John Selden
Table Talk

Modesty is the only sure bait when
you angle for praise.
Lord Chesterfield
Letters to His Son

A modest man is usually admired--if
people ever hear of him.
Edgar Watson Howe
Ventures in Common Sense

When anyone remains modest, not
after praise but after blame, then his
modesty is real.
Jean Paul Richter
Hesperus

With people of only moderate ability
modesty is mere honesty; but with
those who possess great talent it is
hypocrisy.

Arthur Schopenhauer
Parerga and Paralipomena

Shame is Pride's cloak.
William Blake

The Marriage of Heaven and Hell

Whilst shame keeps its watch, virtue is
not wholly extinguished in the heart.
Edmund Burke
Rejections of the Revolution in France

We are ashamed of everything that is
real about us: ashamed of ourselves, of
our relatives, of our incomes, of our
accents, of our opinions, of our
experience, just as we are ashamed of
our naked skins.

George Bernard Shaw
Man and Superman

The more things a man is ashamed of,
the more respectable he is.
George Bernard Shaw
Man and Superman

I never wonder to see men wicked, but
I often wonder to see them not
ashamed.

Jonathan Swift
Thoughts on Various Subjects

Man is the only animal that blushes.
Or need to.

Mark Twain
Following the Equator,
"Pudd'nhead Wilson's New Calendar."

It is harder to be a good winner than a
good loser.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

HUMOR

Wit ought to be a glorious treat, like
caviar. Never spread it about like
marmalade.

Noel Coward

Humor is an affirmation of dignity, a declaration of man's superiority to all that befalls him.

Romain Gary
Promise at Dawn

Wit consists in seeing the resemblance between things, which differ, and the difference between things, which are alike.

Madame De Stael, *De l'Allemagne*

Humor is emotional chaos remembered in tranquillity.

James Thurber
in *New York Post*

The secret source of Humor itself is not joy but sorrow. There is no humor in heaven.

Mark Twain
Following the Equator
"Pudd'nhead Wilson's New Calendar"

Only man has dignity; only man, therefore, can be funny.

Father Ronald Knox (1888-1957)
British clergyman, writer

Laughter is the shortest distance between two people.

Victor Borge

HYPOCRISY

Some forsake whatever good may be in them through a desire not to be hypocrites.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

IDEALISM

An idealist is a man who looks at a rose, and thinks, because it smells sweet, it will make better soup than a cabbage.

H. L. Mencken (1880-1956)
American journalist

It is terrible to witness a loss of idealism in others, to see the soul, as it were, departing, and the body left an empty husk.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

Let us not assume, just because we have been cockeyed idealists, that it is cockeyed to be an idealist.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

Ideal – Many ideals deteriorate into idols.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

We lose most of our ideals not because we find them to be mistaken, but because we find it difficult to abide by them.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

We must lose our romanticism without losing our idealism.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

IDENTITY

If we decide too positively what we are, we will not be able to take advantage of what, at different times, we happen to be.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

We all have it *in* us. What we *are* is what we manage to get *out* of us.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

We must remember what we are, so that we can be ourselves even when we are not ourselves.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

IGNORANCE

Ignorance is not innocence, but sin.

Robert Browning (1812-1889)

How can people walk around unembarrassed with nothing on their minds?

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

Ignorance is bliss only to the ignorant.
Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

Ignorance is subject to a vicious cycle in which one shies away from learning for fear of revealing his ignorance and so confirms himself in his ignorance even more.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

There are two types of sheltered existences, one good, the other, bad. The first is being sheltered from the rain; the second, from a knowledge of the rain's existence.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

IMAGINATION

Imagination allows us to escape the predictable. It enables us to reply to the common wisdom that we cannot soar by saying, "Just watch!"

Bill Bradley
Values of the Game (Artisan)

I am enough of an artist to draw freely upon my imagination. Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world.

Albert Einstein

Reason is the natural order of truth; but imagination is the organ of meaning.

C. S. Lewis

IMPORTANCE

We often make the mistake of regarding as most important that which is most pressing.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

IMPROVEMENT (SEE GROWTH)

INACTION

Upon the plains of hesitation bleach the bones of countless millions, who when on the dawn of victory paused to rest, and there resting died.

John Dretschmer

All mankind is divided into three classes: those that are immovable, those that are movable, and those that move.

Benjamin Franklin

INCONSISTENCY

Do I contradict myself? Very well then I contradict myself, (I am large, I contain multitudes).

Walt Whitman (1819-1892)

People who honestly mean to be true really contradict themselves much more rarely than those who try to be 'consistent'

Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes (1809-1894)
American writer, physician

INDEPENDENCE

Too many who have no minds have minds of their own.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

INDIFFERENCE (SEE APATHY)

He who makes a beast of himself gets rid of the pain of being a man.

Dr. Johnson

INDISCRETION

We censure one for being indiscreet, but not for having something to be indiscreet about.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

Show me a sane man and I will cure him for you.

Carl Gustav Jung

INDIVIDUALISM

Be yourself -- only if you are something.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

The only people for me are the mad ones, the ones who are mad to talk, mad to live, mad to be saved, desirous of everything at the same time, the ones who never yawn or say a commonplace thing, but burn, burn, burn like fabulous yellow roman candles exploding like spiders across the stars and in the middle you see the blue centerlight pop and everybody goes, 'Awww.'

Jack Keroac

To be an individualist does not mean not to do what everyone else is doing, but not to do things because everyone else is doing them.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

In a mad world, only the mad are sane.

Akira Kurosawa

INJURY

Time must not heal (in our eyes) the wounds we have inflicted on others.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

There was never a genius without a tincture of madness.

Aristotle

INNOVATION

A 'new thinker', when studied closely is merely a man who does not know what other people have thought.

F.M. Colby (1865-1925)

Sanity is a cozy lie.

Susan Sontag

INSIGHT

What often passes for "insight" is sometimes no more than heightened observation.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

INSANITY

Mad, adj.: Affected with a high degree of intellectual independence.

Ambrose Bierce,
The Devil's Dictionary

INSPIRATION

Some consciously shun inspirational experiences in order not to burden their mediocrity.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

The prologue to inspiration is aspiration.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

We often make the mistake of regarding the spark [of inspiration] as a constant-burning flame, and instead of catching the spark and fanning it into a flame within ourselves, we choose to sit in its glow.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

INSULT

An injury is much sooner forgotten than an insult.

Lord Chesterfield
Letters to His Son

It is not he who reviles or strikes you who insults you, but your opinion that these things are insulting.

Epictetus
Encheiridion

A stiff apology is a second insult.

G.K. Chesterton (1874-1936)

INTEGRITY (SEE ALSO TRUTH)

It is better to be hated for what you are than to be loved for something you are not.

Andre Gide

If you have integrity, nothing else matters. If you don't have integrity, nothing else matters.

Alan Simpson, former Senator

In the end, integrity is all you've got.

Jack Welch

Excellence and competitiveness are totally compatible with honesty and integrity. The A student, the four-minute miler, the high jump record holder—all strong winners—can achieve those results without resorting to cheating. People who cheat are simply weak.

Jack Welch

Never compromise yourself it is all you got.

Janis Joplin

INTENSITY

We mistake intensity for meaningfulness.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

INTERMARRIAGE (SEE ASSIMILATION)

INTROSPECTION (SEE ALSO SELF-INSIGHT)

We spend our lives with less deliberation than we do our money.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

ISRAEL (SEE ALSO ZIONISM)

Through a historical catastrophe-the destruction of Jerusalem by the Emperor of Rome... - I was born in one of the cities of the Diaspora, but I always deemed myself as one who was really born in Jerusalem.

S.Y. Agnon

(American Jews) sense that while Palestine is a necessity for the bodies of other Jews, it is an indispensability for their own souls.

Steinberg

A Partisan Guide to the Jewish Problem

Philip Roth's statement of some years ago -- that in the West everything goes and nothing matters, while in the East

nothing goes and everything matters -- invites a variation when it comes to Israel. There, everything goes and everything matters.

Richard Bernstein

Anti-Semitism continues to grow-and so do I.

Theodor Herzl

There was the boot; but there was also the longing.

Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz

In Israel, in order to be a realist you must believe in miracles.

David Ben Gurion (1886-1973)

Israeli statesman

J

JERUSALEM

Yerushalayim symbolizes the sublime truth that the potential for holiness and purity are inseparably woven into the fabric of ordinary, human existence...

Rabbi Mendelson

trans. Lawrence Kelemen, Jewish Observer
June '92

Jerusalem is a neocracy, the only city where the vote is given to the dead...For Jews, she has always been the Capital of Memory.

Amos Elon
Jerusalem

Jerusalem is a city where memory is relentlessly...evoked every day by the contesting sides.

Amos Elon
Jerusalem

In the Hebrew name Yerushalayim, the suffix ayim implies a duality...an implied parity between the heavenly and the earthly, peace and war, goodliness and sin. The parity even extended to her dramatic landscape....The harsh stony mountains of arid desert that fall away on one side of her contrast sharply with the cultivated hills of wine, fig, milk and honey on the other.

Amos Elon
Jerusalem

JEWISH IDENTITY (SEE ALSO ASSIMILATION)

Someone shocked me by pointing out to me that all my books-my autobiography and my three novels-seem to have the same theme. Each is about a man who is coming to terms with himself, who is looking back at who he was, and who he is and wondering who he will become. And each man is a Jew.

When I read it now, I see it plainly. I see that no matter how far I ran away from my Jewishness, it was always there. Sometimes it was behind me, or to the side, or in front of me, but it was always there.

Kirk Douglas
Climbing the Mountain – My search for
Meaning
(Simon & Schuster 1997)

I am as remote from Judaism as from Christianity. What binds me to Judaism is a feeling of duty, a feeling of reverence. I am tied to this religious party in the same way as I am bound to my mother, my family, my fatherland. Such feelings should not be dissected with an anatomical knife; one should not trace the deeper underlying motives, it does not help us to become better men.

Abraham Moritz Stern

mathematician and one of the first Jewish professors in Germany in 19C to Gabriel Riesser.)

I am first a Jew and an Israeli only second.

Moshe Dayan

Thus, the insistence on Jews remaining Jews, which may take the religiously indifferent forms of liking Yiddish jokes, supporting Israel, raising money for North African Jews, and preferring certain kinds of food, has a potentially religious meaning...Dead in one, two or three generations, it may come to life in the fourth.

Jacob Neusner
American Judaism

I am a Jew because the faith of Israel demands no abdication of my mind. I am a Jew because the faith of Israel demands every sacrifice of my soul. I am a Jew, because in all places where there are tears and suffering the Jew weeps. I am a Jew because in every age when the cry of despair is heard the Jew hopes.

Edmond Fleg
Trans. Louise Wise

Since the emancipation began, Jews have never been able to arrive at a new theological equilibrium. ... German philosophical idealism, Zionist nationalism, Reconstructionist naturalism, Buberian existentialism-all spoke to a world which disappeared virtually the moment those doctrines

were elaborated. How can you adjust your Judaism to a culture that will not stand still.

Eugene B. Borowitz
The Condition of Jewish Belief, pg. 31

JEWS/JEWRY (SEE ALSO CHOSEN PEOPLE)

The Jews have little sense of a Hell waiting under their feet. Their hell is more a personal dissatisfaction born of mediocrity...It's origins lie in an innate Judaic awareness of Amsagolah and its demands upon the conscience.

Ben Gurion
Recollections

...and I know that even the terrible price our enemies paid touched the hearts of many of our men.

Yitzchak Rabin
Chief of Staff, 6 Day War

Yes, I am a Jew, and when the ancestors of the right and honorable gentlemen were brutal savages in an unknown island, mine were priests in the temple of Solomon.

Benjamin D'Israeli
responding to an opponent in Parliament
A similar statement is attributed to U.S. Senator Judah P. Benjamin, in reply to another senator:

The gentleman will please remember that when his half-civilized ancestors were hunting wild boar in the forests of Silesia, mine were the princes of the earth.

Every great man now has his disciples,
and it is always Judas who writes the
biography.

Oscar Wilde (1854-1900)

Pessimism is a luxury that a Jew can
never allow himself.

Golda Meir (1898-1978)

The pursuit of knowledge for its own
sake, an almost fanatical love of
justice and the desire for personal
independence – these are the features
of the Jewish tradition which make me
thank my stars that I belong to it.

Albert Einstein (1879-1955)

JOURNALISM

Doctors bury their mistakes. Lawyers
hang them. But journalists put theirs
on the front page.

Anonymous

It was long ago in my life as a simple
reporter that I decided that facts must
never get in the way of truth.

James Cameron (1911-1985)

British journalist

JOY (SEE HAPPINESS)

JUDAISM (SEE ALSO SPIRITUALITY, TALMUD)

I am extremely resentful of the Jewish
teachers of my childhood, who put
such an emphasis of the form and
fundamentalism of the religion, but
not on the spirituality.

Kirk Douglas

Climbing the Mountain, pg. 173

I wish I had discovered the beauty of
religion earlier in my life. I feel sad
for the time I have lost, and when I
think about that I feel extremely
resentful of the Jewish teachers of my
childhood who put such an emphasis
on the form and fundamentalism of the
religion, but not on the spirituality.

Kirk Douglas

Climbing the Mountain, pg. 173

A religion of mere faith is a religion of
the soul; a religion which is way of
life is a religion of the whole man.

Eliezer Berkovits

The Condition of Jewish Belief, pg. 26

JUDGEMENT

To make judgements on things that are
great and high, a soul of the same
stature is needed, otherwise we ascribe
to them the vices which belong to us.

Michel de Montaigne (1553-1592)

French essayist, moralist

To make a sound judgment in human
relations, it is not enough to have the
facts of the situation; one must also
have the fancies.

Shraga Silverstein

A Candle by Day

Do not judge people by a messy car!
Some things just have to give.

Nancy Swan Drew

Love Pearls

JURIES

A jury consists of twelve persons chosen to decide who has the better lawyer.

Robert Frost (1875-1963)
American poet

Our civilization has decided...that determining the guilt or innocence of men is a thing too important to be trusted to trained men... When it wants a library catalogued, or the solar system discovered, or any trifle of that kind, it uses up its specialists.

G. K. Chesterton (1874-1936)

The public do not know enough to be experts, yet know enough to decide between them.

Samuel Butler (1835-1902)

English author

JUSTICE

Even those who apparently possess no sense of justice seem to be acutely sensitive to the injustices committed against them.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

Injustice is relatively easy to bear: what stings is justice.

H. L. Mencken (1880-1956)
American journalist

Justice must tame, whom mercy cannot win.

Sir George Savile, Lord Halifax (1633-1695)
English statesman, author

K

KINDNESS (SEE ALSO GIVING)

It is unfortunate that we speak of “going out of our way” to help someone.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

The cheering of spirits that our conversation brings to the sick results not so much from his *forgetting* his sickness as from his experiencing something else in the world besides it.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

We should be good – for nothing.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

You can't assume that kindness is an inherited trait. It is learned behavior.

Katie Couric

KNOWLEDGE (SEE ALSO EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE, SAGES, SILENCE, UNDERSTANDING, WISDOM)

Never mistake knowledge for wisdom. One helps you make a living; the other helps you make a life.

Sandra Carey

Real knowledge is to know the extent of one's ignorance.

Confucius

Our knowledge often gets in the way of our understanding.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

Truth is eternal, knowledge is changeable. It is disastrous to confuse them.

Madeleine L'Engle
An Acceptable Time (Farrar Strau and Giroux)

His knowledge of books had in some degree diminished his knowledge of the world.

William Shenstone (1714-1763)
English poet

A learned fool is one who has read everything, and simply remembered it.

Josh Billings (1818-1885)
American humorist

Some people will never learn anything; for this reason, because they understand everything too soon.

Alexander Pope (1688-1744)

L

LANGUAGE (SEE SPEECH)

LASHON HARAH (SEE INSULT)

LAWS

Law is not suggestion, it is force.
George Washington

The greatest happiness of the greatest number is the foundation of morals and legislation.

Jeremy Bentham (1748-1832)
English philosopher, political theorist, jurist

... [Recognizing] the human capacity for evil, or just for plain screwing up; that is why rules are important. ... Having rules that are respected make it harder for people to break them. This is a more subtle, but in the long run a more trustworthy form of compassion that ... softness of heart.

David Horwitz
Radical Son: A Generational Odyssey

I've been told that since the beginning of civilization, millions and millions of laws have not improved on the Ten Commandments one bit.

Ronald Reagan (b.1911)

I know no method to secure the repeal of bad or obnoxious laws so effective as their stringent execution.

Ulysses S. Grant (1822-1885)

If you have ten thousand regulations you destroy all respect for the law.

Sir Winston Churchill (1874-1965)

One of the greatest delusions in the world is the hope that the evils of this world can be cured by legislation.

Thomas B. Reed (1829-1902)
American lawyer, politician

The law often allows what honor forbids.

William Saurin (1757-1839)
Irish politician

First we must teach the sense of duty, then the laws.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

We can go straight only by following the Ruler.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

LAWYERS

I once heard you say that it took you twenty years to recover from your legal training – from the habit of mind that is bent on making out a case rather than on seeing the large facts of a situation in their proportion.

W.H. Page (1855-1918)
American diplomat, publisher to *Woodrow Wilson*

LEADERSHIP (SEE ALSO ORGANIZATION)

We hang the petty thieves and appoint the great ones to public office.

Aesop

When I was a boy I was told that anybody could become President; I'm beginning to believe it.

Clarence Darrow

LEVEL-HEADEDNESS

We should certainly be level-headed--but with the heights, not the depths.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

LIBERALS

They act as if they supposed that to be very sanguine about the general improvement of mankind is a virtue that relieved them from taking trouble about any improvement in particular.

John, Lord Morley (1838-1923)
British writer, Liberal politician

We who are liberal and progressive know that the poor are our equals in every sense except that of being equal to us.

Lionel Trilling (1905-1975)
American critic

I sit on a man's back, choking him and making him carry me, and yet assure myself and others that I am very sorry for him and wish to ease his lot by all possible means – except by getting off his back.

Leo Tolstoy (1828-1910)

LIBERTY (SEE FREEDOM)

LIFE

Live your life in the manner that you would like your kids to live theirs.

Michael Levine
Lessons at the Halfway Point (Celestial Arts)

Life is now in session. Are you present?

B. Copeland

Life is like a ten-speed bicycle. Most of us have gears we never use.

Charles M. Schulz

Most people believe they see the world as it is. However, we really see the world as we are.

Anonymous

If it were possible to talk to the unborn, one could never explain to them how it feels to be alive, for life is washed in the speechless real.

Jacques Barzun
The House of Intellect

Is life worth living? This is a question for an embryo, not for a man.

Samuel Butler
Note-Books

Life is the art of drawing sufficient conclusions from insufficient premises.

Samuel Butler
Note-Books

Life is an incurable disease.

Abraham Cowley

To Dr. Scarborough

Birth, and copulation, and death.
That's all the facts when you come to
brasstacks.

T.S. Eliot
Sweeney Agonistes

Life is made up of marble and mud.
Nathaniel Hawthorne
The House of Seven Gables

As far as we can discern, the sole
purpose of human existence is to
kindle a light in the darkness of mere
being.

Carl Jung
Memories, Dreams, Reflections

Life can only be understood
backwards; but it must be lived
forwards.

Soren Kierkegaard
Life

We are always beginning to live, but
are never living.

Marcus Manilius
Astronomica

Life is a foreign language: all men
mispronounce it.

Christopher Morley
Thunder on the Left

There are no classes in life for
beginners; right away you are always
asked to deal with what is most
difficult.

Rainer Maria Rilke
The Notebooks of Malte Laurids Brigge

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

George Santayana
Soliloquies in England

Life's but a walking shadow, a poor
player
That struts and frets his hour upon the
stage
And then he is heard no more: it is a
tale
Told by an idiot, full of sound and
fury,
Signifying nothing.

Shakespeare
Macbeth

Life is (like a) stage;
And all the men and women merely
players;
They have their exits and their
entrances;
And one man in his time plays many
parts,
His acts being seven ages.

Shakespeare
As You Like It

I spent the afternoon musing on Life.
If you come to think of it, what a
queer thing Life is! So unlike
anything else, don't you know, if you
see what I mean.

P.G. Wodehouse
My Man Jeeves

May you live all the days of your life.
Jonathan Swift (1667-1745)

We are always getting ready to live,
but never living.

R. W. Emerson (1803-1882)
American essayist, poet, philosopher

Live and help live.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

We must take care not to convert the
"ugly facts of life" into the "facts of
ugly life.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

When one can no longer change his
way of life, he stops regarding it as a
"way" of life and comes to regard it as
life itself.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

Life is a tragedy for those who feel;
and a comedy for those who think.

Chinese Proverb

How we spend our days is, of course,
how we spend our lives.

Annie Dillard

Life is the art of drawing without an
eraser.

John Gardner

Life is pain, highness. Anyone who
tells you differently is selling
something. William

Goldman,
The Princess Bride

Get busy living, or get busy dying.

Stephen King,
The Shawshank Redemption

He who has a why to live for can bear
almost any how.

Friedrich Nietzsche

I love living. I have some problems with my
life, but living is the best thing they've come
up with so far.

Neil Simon

LISTENING

As I get older, I've learned to listen to
people rather than accuse them of
things.

Po Bronson
quoted in *Publishers Weekly*

Don't confuse being "soft" with
seeing the other guy's point of view.

George Bush
All the Best, George Bush (Scribner)

Listening is as important as talking. If
you're a good listener, people often
compliment you for being a good
conversationalist.

Gov. Jesse Ventura

Seek first to understand and then to be
understood. Most people do not listen
with the intent to understand: they
listen with the intent to reply. They're
filtering everything through their own
paradigms, reading their
autobiography into other people's
lives.

Stephen R. Covey
The Seven Habits of Highly effective People
(Simon & Schuster)

LITERATURE

A classic is something that everybody wants to have read and nobody wants to read.

Mark Twain (1835-1910)

All that is literature seeks to communicate power: all that is not literature, to communicate knowledge.

Thomas de Quincey (1785-1859)
English author

"The pen is mightier than the sword," and it is, therefore, even more important to know when to sheathe the first than the second.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

Modern literature spurns moralizing in favor of demoralizing.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

The great danger in modern literature is that it would have us accept as a description of reality, what is actually an interpretation of it.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

A truly great library contains something in it to offend everyone.

Jo Godwin

LIVING

Many live life in the same way that they watch a movie. They may be deeply moved by the film, even moved to the point of tears; but ten minutes out of the theater and it is as if they had never been there at all. They

remain unchanged. They had cried at an onion. They live in the same manner. Certain experiences affect them deeply, but almost as soon as the experience has passed, it is as if it had never occurred.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

We teach everything but how to live. We have even forgotten that it is a subject.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

LOGIC

One cannot be perfectly logical unless he is perfectly good or perfectly evil.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

There is nothing more illogical than cold logic.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

LONELINESS

Loneliness is to endure the presence of one who does not understand.

Elbert Hubbard (1856-1915)

Most men are not aware of the very significant distinction as to whether their loneliness is caused by the world's having left them behind or their having left the world behind.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

LOVE (SEE ALSO MARRIAGE)

To fall in love is to create a religion
that has a fallible god.

Jorge Luis Borges

Whoever said love is blind is dead
wrong. Love is the only thing that lets
us see each other with the remotest
accuracy.

Martha Beck
Expecting Adam

Courtship is exciting and romantic
because it thrives on the edge of
disaster. It co-exists with the threat
that, at any moment, it could all fall
apart and be lost forever. To expect a
lifelong commitment of marriage to
evoke the excitement and adventure
created by the fragility of courtship -
well, as they say in Texas, that dog
just won't hunt.

Karen Scalf Linamen
Pillow Talk, The Intimate Marriage >From
A to Z

It is impossible to love and to be wise.
Francis Bacon

If we judge of love by its usual effects,
it resembles hatred more than
friendship.

La Rochefoucauld
Maxims

It is with true love as it is with ghosts;
everyone talks of it, but few have seen
it.

La Rouchefoucauld
Maxims

Love is a kind of warfare.

Ovid, *Ars Amatoria*

Life has taught us that love does not
consist in gazing in each other but
looking outward together in the same
direction.

Antoine De Saint-Exupery
Wind, Sand, and Stars

All's fair in love and war.

Francis Edward Smedley
Frank Fairleigh

Love is the child of illusion and the
parent of disillusion.

Miguel De Unamuno
The Tragic Sense of Life

Every theory of love, from Plato
down, teaches that each individual
loves in the other sex what he lacks in
himself.

G. Stanley Hall (1844-1924)
American psychologist, philosopher,
educator

It is best to love wisely, no doubt; but
to love foolishly is better than not to
be able to love at all.

W.M. Thackeray (1811-1863)
English author

Love is not blind; that is the last thing
it is. Love is bound; and the more it is
bound the less it is blind.

G. K. Chesterton (1874-1936)

Many people when they fall in love
look for a little haven of refuge from
the world, where they can be sure of

being admired when they are not admirable and praised when they are not praiseworthy.

Bertrand Russell (1872-1970)

For all my education, accomplishments, and so-called 'wisdom' ... I can't fathom my own heart.

Michael Caine,
Hannah and Her Sisters

In this world of extremes, we can only love too little.

Rich Cannarella

Why love if losing hurts so much ... I have no answers anymore ... only the life I have lived. ... The pain now is part of the happiness [then].

Anthony Hopkins,

Shadowlands

We come to love not by finding a perfect person but by learning to see an imperfect person perfectly.

Sam Keen,
To Love and Be Loved

To love for the sake of being loved is human, but to love for the sake of loving is angelic.

Alphonse de Lemartine

To fear love is to fear life, and those who fear life are already three parts dead.

Bertrand Russell

The course of true love never did run smooth.

William Shakespeare

Love is but the discovery of ourselves in others, and the delight in the recognition.

Alexander Smith

Intense love does not measure, it just gives.

Mother Teresa

Goodness is the only investment that never fails.

Henry David Thoreau

No, the opposite of love is indifference.

Unattributed

LOYALTY

To be sure, the dog is loyal. But why, on that account, should we take him as an example? He is loyal to men, not to other dogs.

Karl Kraus (1874-1936)
Austrian poet, journalist

LYING (SEE ALSO TRUTH)

The great mass of people...will more easily fall victim to a big lie than to a small one.

Adolf Hitler (1889-1945)

The most dangerous of all falsehoods is a slightly distorted truth.

G. C. Lichtenberg (1742-1799)
German physicist, writer

Ironically, the purpose of most of our lying is to preserve the good opinion of men.

Shraga Silverstein

A Candle by Day

M

MADNESS

Schizophrenic behavior is a special strategy that a person invents in order to live in an unlivable situation.

R. D. Laing (b.1972)

MAN

If we may believe our logicians, man is distinguished from all other creatures by the faculty of laughter.

Joseph Addison (1672-1719)

Perhaps man is the only being that can properly be called idle.

Dr. Samuel Johnson (1709-1784)

A person who is going to commit an inhuman act invariably excuses himself saying, 'I'm only human, after all'.

Sydney J. Harris (b.1917)

American journalist

Man is the only animal that laughs and weeps; for he is the only animal that is struck with the difference between what things are and what they might have been.

William Hazlitt (1778-1830)

English essayist

Every animal leaves traces of what he was; man alone leaves traces of what he created.

Jacob Bronowski

The Ascent of Man

What a wee little part of a person's life are his acts and his words! His real life is led in his head, and is known to none but himself. All day long, the mill of his brain is grinding, and his thoughts, not those other things, are his history. These are his life, and they are not written, and cannot be written. Every day would make a whole book of 80 000 words-365 books a year. Biographies are but the clothes and buttons of the man-the biography of the man himself cannot be written.

Mark Twain

To be truly human, we must seek that which is more than human.

Jacob Agus

in The Condition of Jewish Belief

When the human personality is dissected into dehumanized fragments for the purpose of analysis, it becomes ever more difficult to regain the feeling of the mystery of man as "the image of God."

Jacob Argus

in The Condition of Jewish Belief, pg. 17

No animal admires another animal.

Blaise Pascal (1623-1662)

If a man could appreciate the grandeur in one atom of his body he would be ashamed not to be great.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

Our bodies are earth stations enabling our souls to survive on earth until they return to the world of spirit whence they came.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

MANAGEMENT (SEE ORGANIZATION)

MANNERS

Manners are just a formal expression of how you treat people.

Molly Ivins

MARRIAGE (SEE ALSO LOVE)

A man called the Social Security office where I work and requested an estimate of his benefits upon retirement. After I gave him the information, he inquired about his wife's benefits. I asked if she had ever worked. "She has worked all her life making me happy." That was nice, I commented, but had she ever worked under Social Security?

"No" he said. "We made an agreement when we got married. I would make the living and she would make the living worthwhile."

Reader's Digest; Feb. 1986

The experts used to be saying -- and I was one of them -- that women do better single than they do being married. Now the research is coming

in, and it says "Whoops, we were wrong." Married women do better on nearly everything you can measure: children's well-being, sexual satisfaction, financial well-being. And men do much better married than single -- in the same job married men tend to earn more than single men.

Diane Sollee

Quoted by Pam Belluck in New York Times

One advantage of marriage is that, when you fall out of love with him or he falls out of love with you, it keeps you together until you fall in again.

Judith Viorst in *Redbook*

Since the early 1950's the divorce rate in the U.S.A. has increased significantly. Interestingly, it was in the early 50's that television invaded the home and began dominating family life, especially in the evening. In an average American family, TV is on seven hours a day, 49 hours a week. One study suggests that the typical American couple engages in less than one hour of meaningful, one-to-one conversation per week. Each of these two people, however, is likely to spend more than twenty hours a week staring at a TV. People talk about watching a TV "together", but the two things - watching television and togetherness-are mutually exclusive. You can't watch television and truly communicate or be intimate at the same time. It's one or the other. Ask yourselves, what's more important.

Because I Said So

Andrews and McMeel

Sometimes it was worth all the disadvantages of marriage just to have that: one friend in an indifferent world.

Erica Jong
Fear of Flying

There are few women so perfect that their husbands do not regret having married them at least once a day.

La Bruyere
Les Caracteres

So they were married--to be the more together--

And found they were never again so much together,

Divided by the morning tea,

By the evening paper,

By the children and tradesmen's bills.

Louis MacNeice
"Les Sylphides"

Marriage can be compared to a cage: the birds outside despair to get in and those within despair to get out.

Michel de Montaigne

It doesn't much signify whom one marries, for one is sure to find next morning it is someone else.

Samuel Rogers
Table Talk

Marriage is popular because it combines the maximum of temptation with the maximum of opportunity.

George Bernard Shaw
Man and Superman

"The Revolutionist's Handbook"

When two people are under the influence of the most violent, most insane, most delusive, and most transient of passions, they are required to swear that they will remain in that excited, abnormal and exhausting continuously until death do them part.

George Bernard Shaw
Getting Married

Marriage is the only adventure open to the timid.

Voltaire
Pensees d'un Philosophe

Men marry because they are tired; women because they are curious. Both are disappointed.

Oscar Wilde
A Woman of No Importance

Marriage is a bribe to make a housekeeper think she's a householder.

Thornton Wilder
The Merchant of Yonkers

A man is in general better pleased when he has a good dinner upon his table, than when his wife talks Greek.

Dr. Samuel Johnson (1709-1784)

A man likes his wife to be just clever enough to comprehend his cleverness, and just stupid enough to admire it.

Israel Zangwill (1864-1926)

A wise woman will always let her husband have her way.

R. B. Sheridan (1751-1816)

It is not marriage that fails; it is the people that fail. All that marriage does is to show people up.

H. E. Fosdick (1878-1969)

Keep your eyes wide open before marriage, and half-shut afterwards.

Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790)

Many a man in love with a dimple makes the mistake of marrying the whole girl.

Stephen Leacock (1869-1944)
Canadian humorist and economist

The value of marriage is not that adults produce children, but that children produce adults.

Peter de Vries (b. 1910)
American writer

To be happy with a man you must understand him a lot and love him a little. To be happy with a woman you must love her a lot and not try to understand her at all.

Helen Rowland (1875-1950)
American journalist

MARTYRDOM

A thing is not necessarily true because a man dies for it.

Oscar Wilde (1854-1900)

If a man hasn't discovered something that he will die for, he isn't fit to live.

Martin Luther King (1929-1968)

Man is ready to die for an idea, provided that idea is not quite clear to him.

Paul Eldridge (b.1888)
American writer

The tyrant dies and his rule is over; the martyr dies and his rule begins.

Søren Kierkegaard (1813-1855)
Danish philosopher

MATERIALISM (SEE ALSO AMERICA)

The world is progressing and resources are becoming more abundant. I'd rather go into a grocery store today than to a king's banquet a hundred years ago.

Bill Gates
Forbes ASAP

The problem with borrowing money is that as soon as one has, one inevitably begins to think of it as one's own. One becomes used to it, treats it like family, and may even come to resent or lose sight of the fact that it must all someday leave to visit someone else.

Andrew Tobias
in Money Angles

Our problem is not only that industrial societies have failed to keep all of their promises, but that they have succeeded in some ways beyond all expectations. Abundance was once a distant dream, to be postponed to a hereafter of milk and honey; today, most Americans are affluent. Universal mass education was once a utopian goal...

Kenneth Keniston

How the New Generation Got That Way in
Philosophy for a New generation (Bierman
and Gould)

The trick to happy living these days is
to quit trying to keep up. There is
simply too much to try and keep up
with, and people who try end up
prostrate in dark closets, weeping
because they still haven't installed
Windows '95 or can't distinguish
Sharon Stone from Julia Whatzername

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It's a glorious time to be an
American but the glories come at you
so relentlessly, so multitudinously,
that they will finish you off unless you
ration the intake. Nikita Kruschev,
poor dolt, once said the Soviet Union
would bury us. He didn't know that,
left alone, we would bury ourselves
under our own riches.

Russel Baker
New York Times

A feast is made for laughter, and wine
maketh merry: but money answereth
all things.

Bible, Ecclesiastics 10:19

Money is like muck, not good except
it be spread.

Francis Bacon

Money speaks sense in a language all
nations understand.

Aphra
Behn
The Rover

I'm tired of love, I'm tired of Rhyme,
But Money gives me pleasure all the
time.

Hilaire Belloc
"Fatigued"

Those who have some means think
that the most important thing in the
world is love. The poor know that it is
money.

Gerald Brenan
Thoughts in a Dry Season

What makes all doctrines plain and
clear?

About two hundred pounds a year.

And that which was prov'd true
before.

Prove false again? Two hundred
more.

Samuel Butler
Hudibras

It has been said that the love of money
is the root of all evil. The want of
money is so quite as truly.

Samuel Butler
Erewhon

Annual income twenty pounds, annual
expenditure nineteen nineteen and six,
result happiness. Annual income
twenty pounds, annual expenditure
twenty pounds ought and six, result
misery.

Charles Dickens
David Copperfield

Money is a singular thing. It ranks
with love as man's greatest source of
joy. And with death as his greatest
source of anxiety.

John Kenneth Galbraith
The Age of Uncertainty

The Almighty Dollar, that great object
of universal devotion throughout our
land.

Washington Irving
"The Creole Village"

Money couldn't buy friends but you
got a better class of enemy.

Spike Milligan
Puckoon

I finally know what distinguishes man
from the other beasts: financial
worries.

Jules Renard
The Journal of Jules Renard
ed. Louise Bogan and Elizabeth Roget

There are few sorrows, however
poignant, in which a good income is
of no avail.

Logan Pearsall Smith
Afterthoughts

There was a time when a fool and his
money were soon parted, but now it
happens to everybody.

Adlai E. Stevenson
quoted in Bill Adler's The Stevenson Wit

Every man knows G-D is on his side.
The rich and powerful know He is.

Jean Anouilh
The Lark

Riches are a good handmaid, but the
worst mistress.

Francis Bacon
De Dignitate et Augmentis Scientiarum

Wealth maketh many friends.

Bible, Proverbs 19:4

The rich are more envied by those
who have a little, than by those who
have nothing.

Charles Caleb Colton
Lacon

In every well governed state, wealth is
a sacred thing; in democracies it is the
only sacred thing.

Anatole France
Penguin Island

If your Riches are yours, why don't
you take them with you t'other
World?

Benjamin Franklin
Poor Richard's Almanac

He is not fit for riches who is afraid to
use them.

Thomas Fuller
Gnomologia

Wealth is not without its
disadvantages, and the case to the
contrary, although it has often been
made, has never proved widely
persuasive.

John Kenneth Gilbraith
The Affluent Society

It is better to live rich than to die rich.

Samuel Johnson
as quoted in James Boswell's
The Life of Samuel Johnson

Men do not desire merely to be rich,
but to be richer than other men.

John Stuart Mill
Essay on Social Freedom

A great fortune is a great slavery.
Seneca, Ad Polybium de Consolatione

To suppose, as we all suppose, that we could be rich and not behave as the rich behave, is like supposing that we could drink all day and keep absolutely sober.

Logan Pearsall Smith
Afterthoughts

If all the rich men in the world divided up their money amongst themselves, there wouldn't be enough to go around.

Christina Stead
House of all Nations

The man is the richest whose pleasures are the cheapest.

Henry David Thoreau
Journal

Thieves respect property. They merely wish the property to become their property that they may more perfectly respect it.

G. K. Chesterton (1874-1936)

G-d tests us in pleasant surroundings. We become infatuated with the surroundings and forget about the test.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

MATHEMATICS

As far as the laws of mathematics refer to reality, they are not certain, and as far as they are certain, they do not refer to reality.

Albert Einstein (1879-1955)

Mathematics possesses not only truth, but supreme beauty – a beauty cold and austere, like that of sculpture.

Bertrand Russell (1872-1970)

MATURITY

Temptation rushes in to fill the vacuum of meaninglessness. We must fight temptation with meaning.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

The touchstone of moral growth is a progressive displacement of reaction by action.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

We have matured when we are able to distinguish our limitations from our shortcomings.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

MEANING OF LIFE (SEE ALSO PURPOSE, SPIRITUALITY)

If we have our own 'why' of life, we can bear almost any 'how'.

Friedrich Nietzsche

Although we talk so much about coincidence we do not really believe in it. In our heart of hearts we think better of the universe, we are secretly convinced that it is not such a slipshod, haphazard affair, that everything in it has meaning.

J.B. Priestley (1894-1984)

MEANS AND ENDS (SEE ALSO GROWTH)

It's not important to reach the top of the mountain. What is important is the climb. ... The journey is far more important than the destination, because it is of our making. What counts is how we behave as we are climbing.

Kirk Douglas
Climbing the Mountain, pg. 250

MEN

Men build bridges and throw railroads across deserts, and yet they contend successfully that job of sewing on a button is beyond them. Accordingly, they don't have to sew buttons.

Heywood Broun
Seeing Things at Night

The male stereotype makes masculinity not just a fact of biology but something that must be proved and reproved, a continual quest for ever-receding Holy Grail.

Marc Feigen Fasteau
The Male Machine

What a piece of work is a man! How noble in reason! how infinite in faculty! In form and moving how express and admirable! In action how like an angel! In apprehension how like a god. The beauty of the world! The paragon of animals! And yet, to me, what is this quintessence of dust? Man delights not me--no, nor women either.

Shakespeare, Hamlet

Men were deceivers ever,
One foot in the sea and one on shore,
To one thing constant never.

Shakespeare
Much Ado About Nothing

It's not the men in my life that counts--
it's the life in my men.

Mae West
in the film I'm No Angel
In the new code of laws, which I suppose it will be necessary for you to make, I desire you would remember the ladies and be more generous and favorable to them than your ancestors. Do not put such unlimited power into the hands of the husbands. Remember, all men would be tyrants if they could.

Abigail Adams
letter to John Adams, 1776

I should like to know what is the proper function of women, if it is not to make reasons for husbands to stay at home, and still stronger reasons for bachelors go out.

George Eliot
The Mill on the Floss

The same passions in man and woman nonetheless differ in tempo; hence man and woman do not cease misunderstanding one another.

Friedrich Nietzsche
Beyond Good and Evil

There are no perfect men in this world, only perfect intentions.

Pen Densham,

Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves

MERCY (SEE ALSO GIVING)

We hand folks over to G-d's mercy,
and show none ourselves.

George Elliot
Adam Bede

The quality of mercy is not strain'd,
It droppeth as the gentle rain from
heaven
Upon the place beneath: it is twice
bless'd;
It blesseth him that gives and him that
takes.

Shakespeare, *The Merchant of Venice*

Nothing emboldens sin so much as
mercy.

Shakespeare, *Timon of Athens*

MESORAH (SEE TRADITION)

MID-LIFE CRISIS

Many peoples' tombstones should read
'Died at 30, buried at 60.'

Nicholas Murray Butler

MIND

Man's mind--"the great indoors.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day"

Not only is the mind often made the
slave of the body, but very often a
higher function of the mind is made
the slave of a lower function .

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

Peace of mind should be regarded as
the freeing of the mind from the
demands of the body, not (as is most
often the case) as the freeing of the
body from the demands of the mind.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

The mind must be mined.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

The ostrich, realizing that it is all in
the mind, buries it.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

There is nothing wrong with a one-
track mind, if the track leads in the
right direction.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

MINORITIES

All history is a record of the power of
minorities, and of minorities of one.

R. W. Emerson (1803-1882)

American essayist, poet, philosopher

It is always the minorities that hold the
key to progress.

R. B. Fosdick (1883-1969)
American administrator, author

MIRACLES

Some things have to be believed to be
seen.

Ralph Hodgson
The Skylark and Other Poems

One who really believes in miracles
does not need them.

Shraga Silverstein

A Candle by Day

MISFORTUNE (SEE SUFFERING)

MISTAKES (SEE ERROR)

MODERATION

Moderation is a virtue only in those who are thought to have an alternative.

Henry Kissinger (b.1923)

Tell a man whose house is on fire to give a moderate alarm; tell him to moderately rescue his wife from the hands of the ravisher; tell the mother to gradually extricate her babe from the fire into which it has fallen; but urge me not to use moderation in a case like the present.

W.L. Garrison (1805-1879)

American abolitionist
launching his newspaper

The Liberator in his campaign against
slavery

Some carry moderation to extremes.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

MODESTY (SEE HUMILITY, PRIDE)

MOMENTUM

MONEY (SEE ALSO MATERIALISM, WEALTH)

In this world, shipmates, sin that pays its way can travel freely, and without

passport; whereas Virtue, if a pauper, is stopped at all frontiers.

Herman Melville,
Moby-Dick

Money never made a man happy yet, nor will it. There is nothing in its nature to produce happiness. The more a man has, the more he wants. Instead of its filling a vacuum, it makes one.

Ben Franklin

Money doesn't talk, it swears.

Bob Dylan

MONOGAMY

The easiest kind of relationship is with ten thousand people, the hardest is with one.

Joan Baez

I don't think it's the nature of any man to be monogamous. Men are propelled by genetically ordained impulses over which they have no control to distribute their seed.

Marlon Brando

Bigamy is having one wife too many. Monogamy is the same.

Oscar Wilde

MOOD

Mood-The Ten Commandments aren't prefaced with "If you're in the mood."

Laura Schlesinger

One of man's most terrible pitfalls is to interpret another's intentions through his own moods.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

MORALITY (SEE ETHICS)

MOTHERING (SEE FAMILY)

MOTIVES

The motive for a deed usually changes during its performance: at least, after the deed has been done, it seems quite different.

Friedrich Hebbel (1813-1863)
German dramatist

The heart has its reasons which reason does not know.

Blaise Pascal (1623-1662)

Our motives are far more successfully hidden from ourselves than they are from others.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

We sometimes try to second-guess those who have not even made a first guess.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

MOVIES

The appeal of cinema lies in the fear of death.

Jim Morrison

MURDER

Kill a man, and you are a murderer. Kill millions of men, and you are a conqueror. Kill everyone, and you are a god.

Jean Rostand

MUSIC

What passions cannot music raise or quell?

John Dryden

Music expresses that which cannot be said and on which it is impossible to be silent.

Victor Hugo

Music is a moral law. It gives soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and charm and gaiety to life and to everything.

Plato

Words are the pen of the heart, but music is the pen of the soul.

Rav Shneur Zalman

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NARROW-MINDEDNESS

If we have not heard of something, we say that it is "unheard of."

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

NATURE

G-d holds us responsible not for our natures, but for our second natures.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

Insulated from the natural world, few of us nowadays stand silent beneath a starry sky that remains unblemished by artificial light. Yet the eternal nightly show is one of nature's most subtle and moving experiences. It is a spectacle that arrives slowly, changes gradually and then slips imperceptibly away, night after night, year after year, in utter silence. It is an experience our ancestors knew well, and it provoked in them, as it should in us, deep questions of meaning, of origins and destiny.

David Malin
Reader's Digest

NAZISM

Struggle is the father of all things...It is not by the principles of humanity that man lives or is able to preserve himself above the animal world, but

solely by means of the most brutal struggle.

Adolf Hitler (1889-1945)

I reject Christianity because it is Jewish, because it is international and because, in cowardly fashion, it preaches Peace on Earth.

Field-Marshal Erich Ludendorff
German chief-of-staff (1865-1937)

NEWSPAPERS

All successful newspapers are ceaselessly querulous and bellicose. They never defend anyone or anything if they can help it; if the job is forced upon them, they tackle it by denouncing someone or something else.

H. L. Mencken (1880-1956)
American journalist

They are so filthy and bestial that no honest man would admit one into his house for a water-closet doormat.

Charles Dickens (1812-1870)

We welcome almost any break in the monotony of things, and a man has only to murder a series of wives in a new way to become known to millions of people who have never heard of Homer.

Robert Lynd (1879-1949)
Anglo-Irish essayist, journalist

The freedom of the press works in such a way that there is not much freedom from it.

Princess Grace of Monaco (1928-1982)

The men with the muck-rake are often indispensable to the well-being of society, but only if they know when to stop raking the muck.

Theodore Roosevelt (1858-1919)

The most important service rendered by the press and the magazines is that of educating people to approach printed matter with distrust.

Samuel Butler (1835-1902)

English author

There is much to be said in favor of modern journalism. By giving us the opinions of the uneducated it keeps us in touch with the ignorance of the

community. By carefully chronicling the current events of contemporary life it shows us of what very little importance such events really are. By invariably discussing the unnecessary it makes us understand what things are requisite for culture, and what are not.

Oscar Wilde (1854-1900)

NOVELTY

We must not be enticed from the true to the new.

Shraga Silverstein

A Candle by Day

NUCLEAR AGE

The release of atomic energy has changed everything except our way of thinking and thus we are being driven unarmed towards a catastrophe.

Albert Einstein (1879-1955)

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OBJECTIVITY

We can be very objective when we are not the object.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

OLD AGE (SEE ALSO AGE, DEATH; SAGES)

Last year they prevented me from climbing Mount Sinai, but now I am eighty, the same age as Moses, and I *will* climb that mountain.

Kirk Douglas
Climbing the Mountain, pg. 250

It is old age, rather than death, that is to be contrasted with life. Old age is life's parody, whereas death transforms life into a destiny.

Simone De Beauvoir,
The Coming of Age

Youth is a blunder; manhood a struggle; old age a regret.

Benjamin Disraeli
Coningsby

At fifty everyone has the face he deserves.

George Orwell

The greatest problem about old age is the fear that it may go on too long.

A.J.P. Taylor

quoted in *The Observer*

Old age is the most unexpected of all things that happen to a man.

Leon Trotsky
Diary in Exile

Growing old is more like a bad habit which a busy man has no time to form.

Andre Maurois (1885-1967)

OPINIONS

If in the last few years you haven't discarded a major opinion or acquired a new one, check your pulse. You may be dead.

Gelett Burgess

The fewer the facts, the stronger the opinion.

Arnold H. Glasow

A great many people think they are thinking when they are merely rearranging their prejudices.

William James

All things are subject to interpretation whichever interpretation prevails at a given time is a function of power and not truth.

Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche

We don't see things as they are, we see them as we are.

Anais Nin

Prejudice is a great time saver. You can form opinions without having to get the facts.

E. B. White

OPPORTUNITY (SEE ALSO EXPERIENCE; GROWTH; OPTIMISM)

.... this time, like all times, is a very good one, if we know what to do with it.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

How silent the woods would be if only the best birds sang.

Anonymous

A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds.

Francis Bacon

The right man is the one who seizes the moment.

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe
Faust

Opportunities flit by while we sit regretting the chances we have lost, and the happiness that comes to us heed not, because of the happiness that is gone.

Jerome K. Jerome
The Idle Thoughts of an Idle Fellow

Opportunities are usually disguised as hard work, so most people don't recognize them.

Ann Landers
attributed

There is a tide in the affairs of men,
Which, taken at the flood, leads on to
fortune;
Omitted, all the voyage of their life
Is bound in shallows and in miseries.

Shakespeare
Julius Caesar

Opportunities are seldom labeled.

John A. Shedd
Salt from My Attic

Pessimism, when you get used to it, is just as agreeable as optimism.

Arnold Bennet
Things that Have Interested Me

OPTIMISM (SEE ALSO GROWTH, OPPORTUNITY)

Too many people overvalue what they are not and undervalue what they are.

Malcolm S. Forbes

No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn.

Hal Borland

The definition of the golden age of anything is when you were there.

Justice Anthony M. Kennedy

No pessimist ever discovered the secrets of the stars or sailed to an uncharted land or opened a new heaven to the human spirit.

Helen Keller

You're never a loser until you quit trying.

Mike Dikta

When you say a situation or a person is hopeless, you are slamming the door in G-d's face.

Charles L. Allen

To be upset over what you don't have is to waste what you do have.

Ken S. Keyes Jr.
Handbook of Higher Consciousness

Expect people to be better than they are; it helps them to become better. But don't be disappointed when they are not; it helps them to keep trying.

Merry Brown in National Enquirer

If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door.

Milton Berle

Dream and deed are not as different as many think. All the deeds of men are dreams at first...

Theodor Herzl
Postscripts, Altneuland

In the long run the pessimist may be proved right, but the optimist has a better time on the trip.

Daniel L. Reardon
Quote magazine

The optimist proclaims that we live in the best of all possible worlds; and the pessimist fears this is true.

James Branch Cabell
The Silver Stallion

I came to the conclusion that the optimist thought everything good except the pessimist, and that the

pessimist thought everything bad, except himself.

G.K. Chesterton
Orthodoxy

Two men look through the same bars: One sees the mud, and one the stars.

Frederick Langbridge
A Cluster of Quiet Thoughts

If we see the light at the end of the tunnel, It's the light of the oncoming train.

Robert Lowell
"Since 1939"

Rosiness is not a worse windowpane than gloomy gray when viewing the world.

Grace Paley
Enormous Challenges at the Last Minute

I am an optimist, unrepentant and militant. After all, in order not to be a fool an optimist must know how sad a place the world can be. It is only the pessimist who finds this out anew every day.

Peter Ustinov
Dear Me

All is for the best in the best of possible worlds.

Voltaire
Candidate

ORGANIZATION

A committee can make a decision that is dumber than any of its members.

David B. Coblitz

One person with a belief is a social power equal 99 who have only interests.

John Stuart Mill

Dreams and dedication are a powerful combination.

William Longgood
Voices From the Earth

The key is not to prioritize your schedule but to schedule your priorities.

Stephen R. Covey
Roger and Rebecca Merrill:
First Things First

The better a man is the more mistakes he will make, for the more new things he will try. I would never promote into a top level job a man who was not making mistakes...otherwise he is sure to be mediocre.

Peter Drucker
Management Consultant

When a man assumes a public trust, he should consider himself as public property.

Thomas Jefferson

It is easy to fool yourself. It is possible to fool the people you work for. It is more difficult to fool the people you work with. But it is almost impossible to fool the people who work under you.

Harry B Thayer-AT&T archives

You must get involved to have an impact. No one is impressed with the won-lost record of the referee.

John H. Holcomb
The Militant Moderate, Rafter

One of the fine arts of management is to communicate (a) sense of urgency to the people who work for you...

Management by objectives works if you first think through your objectives. Ninety percent of the time you haven't.

Peter F Drucker

It is always a great mistake to command when you are not sure you will be obeyed.

Honoré, Comte de Mirabeau (1749-1791)
French statesman

Only he can command who has the courage and initiative to disobey.

William McDougall (1871-1938)
British psychologist

Lots of folks confuse bad management with destiny.

Kin (F. McKinney) Hubbard

There is something rarer than ability. It is the ability to recognize ability.

Elbert Hubbard (1856-1915)

A conference is a gathering of important people who singly can do nothing, but together can decide that nothing can be done.

Fred Allen (1894-1957)

No grand idea was ever born in a conference, but a lot of foolish ideas have died there.

F. Scott Fitzgerald (1896-1940)

Don't agonize, organize.

Florynce Kennedy

A place for everything, everything in
its place.

Benjamin Franklin

ORIGINALITY

Originality consists in thinking for
yourself, and not in thinking unlike
other people.

J. Fitzjames Stephen (1829-1894)
English jurist, writer

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PAIN (SEE SUFFERING)

PARABLE/FABLE

Fable is more historical than fact, because fact tells us about one man and fable tells us about a million men.

G.K. Chesterton

PARENTS, PARENTING (SEE FAMILY)

PARTNERSHIP

When two men in a business always agree one of them is unnecessary.

William Wrigley Jr. (1861-1932)
American businessman

PASSION

Wheresoever you go, go with all your heart.

Confucius

Saints have no moderation, nor do poets, just exuberance.

Anne Sexton

If passion drives you, let reason hold the reins.

Unattributed

PATIENCE

Genius is nothing but a great aptitude for patience.

Georges Louis Leclerc,
Comte de Buffon

In the struggle between the stone and the water, in time, the water wins.

Chinese proverb

If you are patient in one moment of anger, you will avoid one hundred days of sorrow.

Chinese proverb

The reputation of a thousand years may be determined by the conduct of one hour.

Japanese proverb

PATRIOTISM

My fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you – ask what you can do for your country.

John F. Kennedy (1917-1963)

Patriotism is your conviction that this country is superior to all others because you were born in it.

George Bernard Shaw (1856-1950)

PEACE (SEE ALSO WAR)

Let him who desires peace prepare for war.

Vegetius (4th century AD)
Roman military strategist

In peace the sons bury their fathers, but in war the fathers bury their sons.

Croesus (d. c. 560 BC)

Lydian king

PEOPLE

It was either Voltaire or Charlie Sheen who said, 'We are born alone. We live alone. We die alone. And anything in between that can give us the illusion that we're not, we cling to.'

Gabriel Byrne

Despite everything, I believe that people are really good at heart.

Anne Frank

...society honors its living conformists and its dead troublemakers.

Mignon McLaughlin

You can't say civilization don't advance ... in every war they kill you in a new way.

Will Rogers

PERMISSIVENESS

Some fatally reason that since everything passes, "everything goes.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day"

We permit ourselves to do many things, which our conscience would otherwise not permit us to do, by the simple expedient of not taking ourselves seriously.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

PERSEVERANCE (SEE ALSO COURAGE)

Morale is when your hands and feet keep on working when your head says it can't be done.

Admiral Ben Moreell (1892-1978)
American naval commander, businessman

Where I am, I don't know, I'll never know, in the silence you don't know, you must go on, I can't go on, I'll go on.

Samuel Beckett
The Unnamable

If the 20th century taught us anything, it is to be cautious about the word *impossible*.

Charles Platt
in Wired

I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat.

Winston Churchill
speech (1940)

....we shall not flag or fail. We shall go on to the end. We shall fight in France, we shall fight on the seas and oceans, we shall fight with growing confidence and growing strength in the air, we shall defend our Island, whatever the cost may be. We shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills; we shall never surrender.

Winston Churchill
speech (1940)

To persevere, trusting in what hope he has, is courage in a man.

Euripides

Heracles

If at first you don't succeed,
Try, try again.

William Edward Hickson
"Try and Try Again"

'Tis known by the name of
perseverance in a good cause,--and of
obstinacy in a bad one.

Laurence Sterne, *Tristram Shandy*

We must learn not to bear that which
need not be borne.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

I have not failed. I've just found
10,000 ways that won't work.

Thomas Alva Edison

Many of life's failures are people who
did not realize how close they were to
success when they gave up.

Thomas Alva Edison

It's not that I'm so smart, it's just that I
stay with problems longer.

Albert Einstein

I think and think for months and years.
Ninety-nine times, the conclusion is
false. The hundredth time I am right.

Albert Einstein

PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT
(SEE GROWTH)

PERSPECTIVE

It does not all depend on how you
look at it-- you do.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

Some lose sight of the matter in going
to the root of it.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

PERVERSION

Commit the oldest sins the newest
kind of ways.

King Henry, King Henry IV part 2
William Shakespeare (1564-1616)

The great perversion of our society is
that we have made ends of what
should be means of coming closer to
G-d.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

PESSIMISM (SEE OPTIMISM)

PHILOSOPHY/PHILOSOPHERS

The philosophers have only
interpreted the world. The point,
however, is to *change* it.

Karl Marx (1818-1924)

Socrates to Crito, 'Do you then be
reasonable, and do not mind whether
the teachers of philosophy are good or
bad, but think only of philosophy
itself.'

Wonder is the foundation, inquiry the
progress, ignorance the end.

Michel De Montaigne

To teach how to live without certainty,
and yet without being paralyzed by
hesitation, is perhaps the chief thing

that philosophy, in our age, can still do for those who study it.

Bertrand Russel
A History of Western Philosophy

The safest general characterization of the European philosophical tradition is that it consists of a series of footnotes to Plato.

Alfred North Whitehead
Process and Reality

Philosophy begins in wonder. And, at the end, when philosophical thought has done its best, the wonder remains.

Alfred North Whitehead
Modes of Thought

For there was never yet philosopher That could endure the toothache patiently.

Leonato
Much Ado About Nothing
William Shakespeare (1564-1616)

It's easy to answer the ultimate questions - it saves you bothering with the immediate ones.

George, Epitaph for George Dillon
John Osborne (b.1929)
British playwright

Unintelligible answers to insoluble problems.

Henry B. Adams (1838-1918)
American historian

A true philosopher is not lost in the clouds--as rain is not.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

PHOTOGRAPHY

While there is perhaps a province in which the photograph can tell us nothing more than what we see with our own eyes, there is another in which it proves to us how little our eyes permit us to see.

Dorothea Lange (1895-1965)
American photographer

PIETY

A wicked fellow is the most pious when he takes to it. He'll beat you all in piety.

Dr. Samuel Johnson (1709-1784)

PLAGIARISM

If you steal from one author it's plagiarism; if you steal from many it's research.

Wilson Mizner

PLAN

It takes more wisdom to know when to break plans than it does to make them.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

PLEASURE

G-d is all for our living off the fat of the land--just not the forbidden fat.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

That is precisely the trouble with sheer pleasure--its sheerness.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

We are all pleasure-seekers. We differ only in the type of pleasure we seek.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

The most amazing thing about the pleasure-seekers is how they can be content with so little.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

POSITION

There is nothing more precarious than "sitting on top of the world".

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

POSSESSION

The really meaningful life is that whose meaning is in no way affected by the absence or presence of possessions.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

POTENTIAL (SEE ALSO GROWTH)

One of man's greatest tragedies is mistaking the seed within him for the flower.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

God put me on this earth to accomplish a certain number of things. Right now I am so far behind that I will never die.

Bill Watterson,
Calvin and Hobbes

I will prepare, and some day my chance will come.

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Abraham Lincoln

POWER

You cannot have power for good without having power for evil too. Even mother's milk nourishes murderers as well as heroes.

Cusins, Major Barbara
George Bernard Shaw (1856-1950)

PRAYER

He didn't actually accuse G-d of inefficiency, but when he prayed his tone was loud and angry, like that of a dissatisfied guest in a carelessly managed hotel.

Clarence Day (1874-1935)
American author

I have lived to thank G-d that all my prayers have not been answered.

Jean Ingelow (1820-1897)
English poet

I throw myself down in my chamber, and I call in, and invite G-d, and his Angels thither, and when they are there, I neglect G-d and his Angels, for the noise of a fly, for the rattling of a coach, for the whining of a door.

John Donne (c. 1571-1631)

Pray. To ask the laws of the universe to be annulled on behalf of a single petitioner confessedly unworthy.

Ambrose Bierce (1842-1914)
American author

Whatever a man prays for, he prays for a miracle. Every prayer reduces itself to his: 'Great G-d, grant that twice two be not four.'

Ivan Turgenev (1818-1883)

A Candle by Day

PREACHING

The British churchgoer prefers a severe preacher because he thinks a few home truths will do his neighbors no harm.

George Bernard Shaw (1856-1950)

Before we preach our *values*, we must make sure that we are not preaching our *selves*.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

PREJUDICE

Prejudice is a burden that confuses the past, threatens the future and renders the present inaccessible.

Maya Angelou
All G-d's Children Need Traveling Shoes
(Random House)

PREOCCUPATION

Sometimes, taking one's mind off a problem is the solution to it, in that the problem in the first place was essentially the keeping of one's mind on it.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

PRESENT

Doing the best at this moment puts you in the best place for the next moment.

Oprah Winfrey

We must live *in* the present but not *for* it.

Shraga Silverstein

PRIDE (SEE ALSO FAME, HUMILITY)

I can live two months on a good compliment.

Mark Twain (1835-1910)

A self-made man; who worships his creator.

John Bright (1811-1889)
English Radical politician of Benjamin
Disraeli

Pride is tasteless, colorless and sizeless. Yet it is the hardest thing to swallow.

August B. Black

Walt Disney on celebrity: It feels good when it helps to get a good seat at the baseball game. But it never helped me make a good film or a good shot in the polo game, or command the obedience of my daughter. It doesn't even seem to keep the fleas off our dogs-and if being a celebrity won't give me an advantage over a couple of fleas, then I guess there can't be much in being a celebrity after all.

Christopher Finch
The Art of Walt Disney

Nothing is so commonplace as to wish to be remarkable.

Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr.
The Autocrat of the Breakfast-Table

We are so vain that we even care for the opinion of those we don't care for.

Marie von Ebner-Eschen-Bach
Aphorisms

I cannot and will not cut my conscience to fit this year's fashions.

Lillian Hellman (1907-1984)
American playwright
in letter to Chairman of the House
Committee on un-American Activities

A guiding principle of pride is "No sooner done than said.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day"

The proud man cannot think well because he is always conscious of the fact that he is thinking.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

We swell with pride as with any other infection.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

PRINCIPLE

One of our most fatal errors is assuming that our principles will insure their own observance.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

On matters of style, swim with the current, on matters of principle, stand like a rock.

Thomas Jefferson

PROBLEMS

It is more difficult to define a problem than to solve it.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

Most of our "problems" are really nothing more than undealt with discomforts. The moment we get up the resolve to look them in the face and do something about them, they vanish. Our real problems are the ones we are afraid to look in the face.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

The significant problems we face cannot be solved at the same level of thinking we were at when we created them.

Albert Einstein

The way we see the problem is the problem.

Stephen R. Covey

We must not permit "the problems of life" to be converted in our minds to "a life of problems.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day"

PROFUNDITY

As profound as our thoughts may be, they will never be so profound as our fingernails.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

PROGRESS

When all is said and done, a lot more is said than done.

Unattributed

If we were to go back in time 100 years and ask a farmer what he'd like

if he could have anything, he'd probably tell us he wanted a horse that was twice as strong and ate half as many oats. He would not tell us he wanted a tractor.

Philip J. Quigley
former COE of Pacific Telesis

PROPORTION

We must not misinterpret our discomforts into dilemmas.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

PROVIDENCE

The finger may pull the trigger, but G-d pulls the finger.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

PUNCTUALITY

The trouble with being punctual is that nobody's there to appreciate it.

Franklin P. Jones

The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.

Unattributed

Punctuality is the virtue of the bored.

Evelyn Waugh

PUNISHMENT

It says much about the American psyche that it considers solitary confinement one of the most terrible forms of punishment.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

PURPOSE (SEE ALSO MEANING OF LIFE)

Everyone has a different purpose in the world, and everyone's world differs in accordance with his purpose.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

Competence is a narrow ideal. Competence makes the trains run on time but doesn't know where they're going.

George Bush
speech 1988

"Would you tell me, please, which way I ought to go from here?" That depends a good deal on where you want to get to," said the Cheshire Cat. "I don't much care where--" said Alice. "Then it doesn't matter which way you go," said the cat.

Lewis Carroll
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

The last temptation is the greatest treason:

To do the right deed for the wrong reason.

T.S. Eliot, *Murder in the Cathedral*

In the name of noble purposes men have committed unspeakable acts of cruelty against one another.

J. William Fulbright, speech 1963

I find the greatest thing in this world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving.

Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr.
The Autocrat of the Breakfast-Table

Millions long for immortality who
don't know what to do with
themselves on a rainy Sunday
afternoon.

Susan Ertz
(Anger in the Sky)

Constantly to seek the purpose of life
is one of the odd escapes of man. If
he finds what he seeks it will not be
worth that pebble on the path.

Krishnamurti
The Only Revolution: California

The trouble with our age is that it is all
signpost and no destination.

Louis Kronenberger
Company Manners

Because it's there.

George Mallory
quoted in New York Times
answering the question of
why he wanted to climb Mount Everest

The great and glorious masterpiece of
man is to know how to live life in
purpose.

Michel De Montaigne

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QUESTIONS (SEE ALSO WISDOM)

One of our greatest errors is to regard something as "questionable" merely because it has been called into question.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

If a man will begin with certainties, he shall end in doubts, but if he will be content to begin with doubts, he shall end in certainties.

Francis Bacon (1561-1626)

QUOTATIONS

It is a good thing for the uneducated man to read books of quotations.

Winston Churchill

I hate quotations, tell me what you know.

Ralph Emerson

The wisdom of the wise and the experience of the ages is preserved into perpetuity by a nation's proverbs, fables, folk sayings and quotations.

William Feather

A quotation in a speech, article or book is like a rifle in the hands of an infantryman. It speaks with authority.

Brendan Francis

Quotes are nothing but inspiration for the uninspired.

Richard Kempf

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RAT RACE

The trouble with the rat race is that, even if you win, you're still a rat.

Lily Tomlin

REALISM

It is folly to expect men to do all that they may reasonable be expected to do.

Richard Whately (1787-1863)

Archbishop of Dublin

Reality is something you rise above.

Liza Minelli (b. 1946)

You may be sure that when a man begins to call himself a 'realist', he is preparing to do something he is secretly ashamed of doing.

Sydney J. Harris (b. 1917)

American journalist

REALITY

This is too much reality for a Friday.

As Good As It Gets

Reality is merely an illusion, albeit a very persistent one.

Albert Einstein

Reality is just a crutch for people who can't handle drugs.

Unattributed

REAPPRAISAL

We assume from childhood that certain fields of study are closed to us, and it never occurs to us in adulthood to see whether they might not have opened up for us in the interim.

Shraga Silverstein

A Candle by Day

REASON

That we have "good *reasons* to" does not necessarily mean that we have "good *reason* to."

Shraga Silverstein

A Candle by Day

REBELLION

I hold it that a little rebellion, now and then, is a good thing, and as necessary in the political world as storms in the physical.

Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826)

RECKLESSNESS

We can run carelessly to the precipice, after we have put something before us to prevent ourselves from seeing it.

Blaise Pascal (1623-1662)

REFORM MOVEMENT

Many Reform members belong to our Synagogues because we offer the most palatable, the most aesthetic and the easiest way to be a Jew. In other words, I suspect the most influential

factor in building American Reform Jewry has not been theology but sociology.

Rabbi Richard Hirsch,
executive-director for the
World Union for Progressive Judaism
the Reform movement in Israel.

(Rabbi Hirsch claims that this is not the case in Israel.)

The Reform movement in Israel and Europe reject patrilineal descent. Explaining why, the Israeli Reform movement stated:

If we affirm that we are an integral part of the Jewish nation, we cannot limit our horizons to the Reform Movement of North America alone. The adoption of a CCAR resolution has ramifications for the whole Jewish people. Whether we so intend or not, the term *Jewish status* is inseparable from the term *legal status* and goes beyond *private commitment*. ... This is a price we should be willing to pay for the privilege of belonging to the Jewish people and for maintaining unity wherever possible both within the Reform family and within *Klal Yisrael*.

Moses Cyrus Weiler,
"Statement of MARAM"
Central Conference of American Rabbis
Yearbook 93 (1983), pg. 146-8

Reform came to change Judaism.

Mussar comes to change Jews.

Rabbi Yisrael Lipkin of Salant

It is not the reformer's function to inform people of the truth-- in most

cases they already know it. It is his task, rather, as the name implies, to reform them, to change them in such a way that they will accept and be guided by the truth that they know.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

REGRETS

Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.

Mark Twain

RELEVANCE

Even more important than applying ourselves to our studies is applying our studies to ourselves.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

RELIGION (SEE ALSO SCIENCE)

Since religion is the meeting place of three wholes-the whole of personality, the whole of existence, the totality of values-it is effected by every disintegrating movement. When the human personality is dissected into dehumanized fragments for the purpose of analysis, it becomes ever more difficult to regain the feeling of the mystery of man as "the image of God."

Jacob Argus
in *The Condition of Jewish Belief*, pg. 17)

Irreligion. The principal one of the great faiths of the world.

Ambrose Bierce (1842-1914)
American author

Man is a being born to believe. And if no Church comes forward with its title-deeds of truth... to guide him, he will find altars and idols in his own heart and his own imagination.

Benjamin Disraeli (1804-1881)

Men despise religion; they hate it, and fear it is true.

Blaise Pascal (1623-1662)

Men never do evil so completely and cheerfully as when they do it from religious conviction.

Blaise Pascal (1623-1662)

Men will wrangle for religion; write for it, fight for it; die for it; anything but live for it.

C. C. Colton (1780-1832)
English author, clergyman

Nobody can deny but religion is a comfort to the distressed, a cordial to the sick, and sometimes a restraint on the wicked; therefore, whoever would laugh or argue it out of the world, without giving some equivalent for it, ought to be treated as a common enemy.

Lady Mary Wortley Montagu (1689-1762)
English society figure, letter writer

We have just enough religion to make us hate, but not enough to make us love one another.

Jonathan Swift (1667-1745)

RENEWAL (SEE DEATH, SENSITIVITY)

REPENTANCE

The most difficult part of repentance is admission.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

You cannot repent too soon, because you do not know how soon it may be too late.

Thomas Fuller (1608-1661)
English cleric

REPETITION

A farmer never says, "I've been all over that ground before," but he works it every year, and every year reaps a new harvest.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

REPROACH

They have a right to censure that have a heart to help.

William Penn (1644-1718)
religious leader, founder of Pennsylvania

REPUTATION

The great difficulty is first to win a reputation; the next to keep it while you live; and the next to preserve it after you die.

Benjamin Haydon (1786-1846)
British artist

Character is much easier kept than recovered.

Thomas Paine (1737-1809)
pamphleteer, revolutionary

What people say behind your back is your standing in the community.

Ed (E.W.) Howe (1853-1937)
American journalist, novelist

RESENTMENT

Resentment is like taking poison and waiting for the other person to die.

Malachy McCourt, *quoted by*
Alex Witchel *in New York Times*

RESIGNATION

What cannot be cured must be endured.

Francois Rabelais (1494-1553)

RESOLVE (SEE COURAGE, PERSEVERANCE)

RESPECT

The more things a man is ashamed of, the more respectable he is.

Tanner, Man and Superman
George Bernard Shaw (1856-1950)

Many would be far more willing to concede a point if we granted them beforehand the respect they strive for by maintaining it.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

RESPONSIBILITY (SEE ALSO RIGHTS)

To gain one's way is no escape from the responsibility for an inferior solution.

Sir Winston Churchill (1874-1965)

We are not just our behavior, we are the person managing our behavior. Goals begin behaviors, consequences maintain behaviors.

The One Minute Manager (Blanchard and Johnson – Berkley Books, N.Y.)

When you build bridges you can keep crossing them.

Rick Pitino
Lead to Succeed (Broadway Books)

REVENGE

Revenge is often like biting a dog because the dog bit you.

Austin O'Malley (1858-1932)
American oculist, author

Revenge often backfires in being regarded by its victim as retroactive justification for the wrong, which prompted the revenge.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

We sometimes take revenge through a profusion of goodness.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

REWARD AND PUNISHMENT

In nature there are neither rewards nor punishments – there are consequences.

R. G. Ingersoll (1833-1899)
American lawyer

RIGHT

It is easier to do what is right than to right what is done.

Shraga Silverstein

RIGHTEOUS PERSON (SEE ETHICAL PERSONALITY)

RIGHTEOUSNESS (SEE ALSO VIRTUE)

Courage is a quality so necessary for maintaining virtue that it is always respected, even when it is associated with vice.

Dr. Samuel Johnson (1709-1784)

Crimes of which a people is ashamed constitute its real history. The same is true of man.

Jean Genet (1910-1986)

Fortunately for themselves and the world, nearly all men are cowards and dare not act on what they believe. Nearly all our disasters come of a few fools having the 'courage of their convictions'.

Coventry Patmore (1823-1896)
English poet

Perfect courage is to do without witnesses what one would be capable of doing with the world looking on.

Francois, Duc de La Rochefoucauld (1613-1680)

French writer, moralist

What a man believes may be ascertained, not from his creed, but from the assumptions on which he habitually acts.

George Bernard Shaw (1856-1956)

RIGHTS (SEE ALSO EQUALITY, FREEDOM, HABIT, RESPONSIBILITY)

If anyone thinks he has no responsibilities, it is because he has not sought them out.

Mary Lyon

The same fence that shuts others out shuts you in.

Bill Copeland

Motivation is what gets you started. Habit is what keeps you going.

Jim Ryun

quoted by Tima Smith in *Woman's World*

A paradise that you cannot leave is hell.

Armando Fuentes Agurre in *El Diario*

The price of greatness is responsibility.

Winston Churchill

Judaism would say, 'The price of responsibility is greatness'.

Freedom is the right to choose the habits which bind you.

Renate Rubinstein
Liefst Verliefd

To have a right to do a thing is not at all the same as to be right in doing it.

G.K. Chesterton

In recognizing the humanity of our fellow beings, we pay ourselves the highest tribute.

Thurgood Marshall
Supreme Court Judge

Don't fool yourself that you are going to have it all. You are not. Psychologically, having it all is not even a valid concept. The marvelous thing about human beings is that we are perpetually reaching for the stars. The more we have, the more we want. And for this reason, we never have it all.

The Successful Woman

To be a man is, precisely, to be responsible.

Antoine De Saint-Exupery
Wind, Sand and Stars

The buck stops here.

Harry S. Truman
motto on his desk when president

A right is not what someone gives you; it's what no one can take from you.

Ramsey Clark
in New York Times

"Freedom from fear" could be said to sum up the whole philosophy of human rights.

Dag Hammar-Skjold
speech 1956

I am the inferior of any man whose rights I trample under foot.

Robert G. Ingersoll
"Liberty"

Most people, no doubt, when they espouse human rights, make their own mental reservations about the proper application of the word *human*.

Suzanne La Follette
Concerning Women

As a man is said to have a right to his property, he may be equally said to have a property to his rights.

James Madison
in National Gazette

As if it harm'd me, giving others the same chances and rights as myself-as if it were not indispensable to my own rights that others possess the same.

Walt Whitman
"Thought"

RISK (SEE ALSO EXPERIENCE)

You miss 100% of the shots you never take.

Wayne Gretzky

ROMANCE (SEE LOVE)

RULES (SEE LAWS)

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SACRIFICE

Some are willing to make *only* the supreme sacrifice.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

Some sacrifice their lives because they lack the courage to sacrifice their pride.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

SAGES (SEE ALSO ETHICAL PERSONALITY, KNOWLEDGE, OLD AGE, WISDOM)

The scribes and the prophets of Jerusalem refused to accept the world as it was. They invented the literature of political dissent and, with it, the literature of hope.

Amos Elon
Jerusalem

Never before in Jewish history has the laity expected the rabbi to act as pastor and counselor, nor considered it necessary for the rabbi to be a 'preacher'. Fundamentals of religion were left to the elementary teachers of Jewish schools...The ancient rabbis were the lay teachers and guides of the total Jewish community. The modern American rabbi has become but a staff member, albeit 'chief of staff' of a private Jewish membership club, the synagogue of the twentieth century...He is identified with only

part of a community, the religious part.

Stuart E. Rosenberg
The Search for Jewish Identity in America

Consistency is contrary to nature, contrary to life. The only completely consistent people are the dead.

Aldous Huxley (1894-1963)

SATISFACTION

As long as I have want, I have a reason for living. Satisfaction is death.

Gregory, Overruled
George Bernard Shaw (1856-1950)

SCANDAL

In scandal as in robbery, the receiver is always thought as bad as the thief.

Lord Chesterfield (1694-1773)
English statesman and man of letters

SCHOLARSHIP

Disinterested intellectual curiosity is the life blood of real civilization.

G. M. Trevelyan (1876-1962)
British historian

We never stop investigating. We are never satisfied that we know enough to get by. Every question we answer leads on to another question. This has become the greatest survival trick of our species.

Desmond Morris (b.1928)
British anthropologist

SCIENCE (SEE ALSO RELIGION)

We are driven by the insatiable curiosity of the scientist, and our work is a delightful game. I am frequently astonished that it so often results in correct predictions of experimental results.

Murray Gell-Mann

When I talk to audiences about the size and age of the cosmos, people often say, "It makes me feel so insignificant." I answer, "The bigger and more impersonal the universe is, the more meaningful you are, because this vast, impersonal place needs something to fill it up." We've abandoned the old belief that humanity is at the physical center of the universe but must come back to believing we are at the center of meaning.

Alan Dressler, astronomer
Quoted by Gregg Easterbrook
in *Beside Still Waters:
Searching for Meaning in an Age of Doubt*
(William Morrow)

Two years ago I would have called this baloney.

Molecular biologist Rual Cano
on news that paleontologists in Montana
are working to analyze DNA from blood
cells found in a tyrannosaur fossil,
Newsweek July 12, 93)

Modern cosmology - scientific theories about the beginning of the universe.

The Scientist is as interested in the leg of the flea as the creative throes of a genius... Science tells us how to

heal and how to kill; it reduces the death rate in retail, and then kills us wholesale in war.

Will Durant
The Story of Philosophy

I want to know how G-d created the world. I am not interested in this or that phenomenon, in the spectrum of this or that element. I want to know His thoughts; the rest are details.

A. Einstein in A. Zee p. 8

Science without religion is lame, religion without science is blind.

Albert Einstein
Out of My Later Years

In teaching man, experimental science results in lessening his pride more and more by providing him every day that primary causes, like the objective reality of things, will be hidden from him forever and that he can only know relations.

Claude Bernard
Introduction a la medecine experimentale

The First Clarke Law states, "If an elderly but distinguished scientist says that something is possible he is almost certainly right, but if he says that it is impossible he is very probably wrong."

Arthur C. Clarke
quoted in New Yorker

Science tells us what we can know, but what we can know is little, and if we forget how much we cannot know we become insensitive to many things of very great importance.

Bertrand Russell
A History of Western Philosophy

In some sort of crude sense which no vulgarity, no humor, no overstatement can quite extinguish, the physicists have known sin; and this is a knowledge which they cannot lose.

J. Robert Oppenheimer
lecture 1947

Scientific discovery and scientific knowledge have been achieved only by those who have gone in pursuit of it without any practical purpose whatsoever in view.

Max Planck
Where Is Science Going

All science is dominated by the idea of approximation.

Bertrand Russell (1872-1970)

I seem to have been only a boy playing on the seashore, and diverting myself in now and then finding a smoother pebble or a prettier shell than ordinary, whilst the great ocean of truth lay all undiscovered before me.

Sir Isaac Newton (1642-1727)

The great tragedy of science – the slaying of a beautiful theory by an ugly fact.

T.H. Huxley (1825-1895)
English biologist

The progress of science is strewn, like an ancient desert trail, with the bleached skeleton of discarded theories, which once seem to possess eternal life.

Arthur Koestler (1905-1983)
British author

We are much beholden to Machiavel and then it ought to be done. That if something has been invented, then we must use it. We don't stop to thing of the possible consequences of its use.

J. B. Priestley (1894-1984)

SECRETS

There are some occasions when a man must tell half his secret, in order to conceal the rest.

Lord Chesterfield (1694-1773)
English statesman and man of letters

SECTS

All sects seem to me to be right in what they assert, and wrong in what they deny.

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe (1749-1832)

Every sect is a moral check on its neighbor. Competition is as wholesome in religion as in commerce.

Walter Savage Landor (1775-1864)
English author

SELF

Man who man would be,
Must rule the empire of himself.

P. B. Shelley (1792-1822)

SELF-ACTUALIZATION (SEE GROWTH)

SELF-ASSERTION

We are sometimes frightened into self-assertion.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

SELF-CONTROL

To be G-d's servant, one must be his own master.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

A man's job is not to be in complete control of all situations, but to be in complete control of himself in all situations.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

SELF-DEVELOPMENT (SEE GROWTH)

SELF-EXAMINATION

We continue to shape our personality all our life. If we knew ourselves perfectly, we should die.

Albert Camus

What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.

Ralph Emerson

No one who, like me, conjures up the most evil of those half-tamed demons that inhabit the human beast, and seeks to wrestle with them, can expect to come through the struggle unscathed.

Sigmund Freud

Some people hear their own inner voices with great clearness. And they live by what they hear. Such people become crazy ... or they become legend.

Jim Harrison,
Legend of the Falls

There is no me. I do not exist. There used to be a me but I had it surgically removed.

Peter Sellers

Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself.

George Bernard Shaw

The unexamined life is not worth living.

Socrates

SELF-FULFILLMENT (SEE GROWTH)

SELF-IMAGE (SEE ALSO FAITH)

The only way you can truly control how you're seen is by being honest all the time.

Tom Hanks
quoted in *Interview Magazine*

The ablest man I ever met is the man you think you are.

Franklin D. Roosevelt. (1882-1945)

SELF-IMPROVEMENT

If we spent less time trying to make this world a better place to live in, and more time trying to make ourselves better persons to live with, the world would be a better place to live in.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

SELF-INSIGHT (SEE ALSO INTROSPECTION)

We know, more or less, what to prescribe for ourselves, but we have a pitiful knowledge of doses.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

SELF-KNOWLEDGE

He knows the universe and does not know himself.

Jean de la Fontaine (1921-1695)
French poet, fabulist

In other living creatures the ignorance of themselves is nature, but in men it is a vice.

Boethius (480-525)
Roman philosopher

We must be sensitive to how we have felt, how we feel, and how we will feel.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

Many are averse to the revelation of unsuspected resources within themselves because of the discomfort it engenders over their having lain waste for so long.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

Many of our difficulties arise from our acting on the basis, not of what we are, but of what we were.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

Some assume that they want to *go* somewhere simply because they are being *pulled* there.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

The greatest barrier to self-discovery is our desire to discover ourselves different from what we are.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

SELF-PITY (SEE SUFFERING)

SELF-REPROACH

There is luxury in self-reproach. When we blame ourselves we feel no one else has a right to blame us.

Oscar Wilde (1854-1900)

SELF-SACRIFICE (SEE ALSO GIVING)

Too long a sacrifice Can make a stone of the heart.

W. B. Yeats (1865-1939)

If I am not for myself, who is for me? And if I am only for myself, what am I? If not now, when?

Hillel
in the Talmud

There is no such thing as an isolated man or woman; we are each of us made up of a cluster of appurtenances. What do you call one's self? Where does it begin? Where does it end? It overflows into everything that belongs to us--and then it flows back again.

Henry James
The Portrait of a Lady

Self-sacrifice is the real miracle out of which all the reported miracles grew.

Ralph Waldo Emerson
Society and Solitude

How much easier is self-sacrifice than self-realization!

Eric Hoffer
in New York Times Magazine

Self-sacrifice helps us to sacrifice other people without blushing.

George Bernard Shaw
Man and Superman
"The Revolutionist's Handbook"

Self-interest is but the survival of the animal in us. Humanity only begins for man with self-surrender.

Henri-Frederic Amiel
Journal intime

Men are not against you; they are merely for themselves.

Gene Fowler
Skyline

The least pain in our little finger gives us more concern and uneasiness than the destruction of millions of our fellow beings.

William Hazlitt
"American Literature--Dr. Channing"

Self-interest speaks all sorts of tongues, and plays all sorts of roles, even that of disinterestedness.

La Rochefoucauld
Maxims

Even wisdom has to yield to self-interest.

Pindar, Pythian Odes

It is not the benevolence of the butcher, the brewer, or the baker that we expect our dinner, but from their regard to their own interest.

Adam Smith
The Wealth of Nations

"That is well said", replied Candide, "but we must cultivate our garden."

Voltaire, Candide

The arch-flatterer, with whom all the petty flatterers have intelligence, is a man's self.

Francis Bacon

The ideal is in thyself, the impediment too is in thyself.

Thomas Carlyle
Sartor Resartus

One may understand the cosmos, but never the ego; the self is more distant than any star.

G.K. Chesterton
Orthodoxy

We are all serving a life-sentence in the dungeon of self.

Cyril Connolly
The Unquiet Grave

As accidental as my life may be, or as random humor is, which governs it, I know nothing, after all, so real or substantial as myself.

Anthony Ashley Cooper
Earl of Shaftesbury, Characteristics

Everybody has his own theater, in which he is manager, actor, prompter, playwright, sceneshifter, boxkeeper, doorkeeper, all in one, and audience into the bargain.

Julius C. Hare and Augustus W. Hare
Guesses at Truth

No man would, I think, exchange his existence with any other man, however fortunate. We had as life not be, as not be ourselves.

William Hazlitt
Table Talk

SELFISHNESS (see **ALSO GIVING, SELF-SACRIFICE**)

For beings who have it in us to afford so much joy to others, how miserly we are!

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

Selfishness is not living as one wishes to live, it is asking others to live as one wishes to live.

Oscar Wilde (1854-1900)

SENSES

The evidence of our senses may be false, but not acting in accordance with them is a risky proposition. We must strive rather to educate our senses to transmit as faithfully a picture of reality as possible.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

SENSITIVITY/RENEWAL/

SURPRISE/DISCOVERY (SEE ALSO CREATIVITY)

The only real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes.

Marcel Proust

Where will I be 5 years from now? Delight in not knowing. That's one of the greatest things about life-its wonderful surprises.

Marlo Thomas

If you stand up and are counted, you may get yourself knocked down. But

remember this: A man flattened by an opponent can get up again. A man flattened by conformity stays down for good.

Thomas J. Watson
speech

We must learn to hit the nail on the head without breaking it.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

SENTIMENTALITY

A sentimentalist is simply one who desires to have the luxury of an emotion without paying for it.

Oscar Wilde (1854-1900)

SHAME (SEE ALSO PRIDE)

Man is the only animal that blushes. Or needs to.

Mark Twain (1835-1910)

Don't be ashamed to say what your are not ashamed to think.

Michel de Montaigne (1553-1592)
French essayist, moralist

One of the misfortunes of our time is that in getting rid of false shame we have killed off so much real shame as well.

Louis Kronenberger

SILENCE (SEE ALSO SPEECH, WISDOM)

The right word may be effective, but no word was ever as effective as the rightly timed pause.

Mark Twain

No one has a finer command of language that the person who keeps his mouth shut.

Sam Rayburn

When something important is going on, silence is a lie.

A.M. Rosenthal
in New York Times

There is no such thing as an empty space or an empty time. There is always something to see, something to hear. In fact, try as we may to make a silence, we cannot.

John Cage
Silence

Speech is of Time,
Silence is of Eternity.

Thomas Carlyle
Sartor Resartus

Blessed is the man who, having nothing to say, abstains from giving wordy evidence of the fact.

George Eliot
Impressions of Theophrastus Such

The deepest feeling always shows itself in silence; not in silence, but restraint.

Marianne Moore
"Silence"

I often regret that I have spoken; never that I have been silent.

Publius Syrus
Maxims

The world would be happier if men had the same capacity to be silent than they have to speak.

Benedict De Spinoza
Ethics

Silence may be as variously shaded as speech.

Edith Wharton
The Reef

What can be said at all can be said clearly; and whereof one cannot speak thereof one must be silent.

Ludwig Wittgenstein
Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus

That man's silence is wonderful to listen to.

Thomas Hardy (1840-1928)

We will have to repent in this generation not merely for the vitriolic words of the bad people, but for the appalling silence of the good people.

Martin Luther King

SIMPLICITY

Simplicity of character is the most natural result of profound thought.

Chinese Proverb

Everything deep is also simple and can be reproduced simply as long as its reference to the whole truth is maintained. But what matters is not what is witty but what is true.

Albert Schweitzer,
The Light Within Us

Brevity is the soul of wit.

William Shakespeare,
Hamlet II, ii

SIN

Everything that used to be a sin is now a disease.

Bill Maher

SINCERITY

Most remarks that are worth making are commonplace remarks. The thing that makes them worth saying is that we really mean them.

Robert Lynd (1879-1949)
Anglo-Irish essayist, journalist

SKEPTICISM

We must know how to be skeptical without becoming skeptics.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

Skepticism is the chastity of the intellect not to be surrendered too easily to the first comer.

Santanyana

SORROW

I have sometimes been wildly, despairingly, acutely miserable, racked with sorrow, but through it all I still know quite certainly that just to be alive is a grand thing.

Agatha Christie

Shared joy is double joy. Shared sorrow is half sorrow.

Swedish Proverb

SOUL

Have you ever burst into tears for no apparent reason, finding yourself in deep sadness? That is the soft voice of your soul, crying out for attention, asking to be nourished with at least much care as you nourish your body.

Rabbi Mencahem Mendel Schneerson
Toward a Meaningful Life

SPEECH (SEE ALSO SILENCE)

One kind word can warm three winter months.

Japanese proverb

Some things come to mouth before they come to mind.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

No man would listen to you talk if he didn't know that it was his turn next.

Ed (E.W.) Howe (1853-1937)
American journalist, novelist

Speak kind words and you will hear kind echoes.

Bahn

Words, like eyeglasses, blur everything that they do not make clearer.

Joseph Joubert (1754-1824)
French essayist and moralist

If thought corrupts language, language can also corrupt thought.

George Orwell (1903-1950)

Modern man...is educated to understand foreign languages and misunderstand foreigners.

G. K. Chesterton (1874-1936)

One of the difficulties in the language is that all our words from loose using have lost their edge.

Ernest Hemingway (1899-1961)

Half the world is composed of people who have something to say and can't, and the other half who have nothing to say and keep on saying it.

Robert Frost (1874-1963)
American poet

Language most shews a man: Speak,
that I may see thee.

Ben Jonson (1573-1637)

Speak clearly, if you speak at all;
Carve every word before you let it
fall.

Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes (1809-1894)
American writer, physician

The stroke of the whip maketh marks
in the flesh: but the stroke of the
tongue breaketh the bones. Many
have fallen by the edge of the sword:
but not so many as have fallen by the
tongue.

Apocrypha, Ecclesiastics

SPIRITUALITY (SEE ALSO MEANING OF LIFE, RELIGION, SOUL)

The world is still full of wonders to
me. The adults around me seem to
know all about it, so how come I
don't? But maybe they're just faking.
I'm sure they don't understand the
biggest mystery-the mystery of the
soul. Where does this inner voice
come from? What is the source of
our yearnings to reach beyond
ourselves?

Kirk Douglas
Climbing the Mountain, pg. 246

It took me so long to figure out that I
need not go very far ... The journey
is a journey into our souls. The
destination had been predetermined
for each one of us. The destination is
death. G-d will decide when we have
arrived. That part is out of our hands.
But we have the free will, the choice,

of how we travel, just how we will
climb that mountain of life.

Kirk Douglas
Climbing the Mountain, pg. 247

Why do you hasten to remove
anything, which hurts your eye,
while if something affects your soul
you postpone the cure until next
year?

Horace (65-8 BC)

SPORT

When a man wantonly destroys one
of the works of man we call him a
vandal. When he destroys one of the
works of G-d we call him a
sportsman.

Joseph Wood Krutch (1893-1970)
American essayist

STATISTICS

He uses statistics as a drunken man
uses lampposts – for support rather
than illumination.

Andrew Lang (1844-1912)
Scottish author

STRENGTH (SEE ALSO GROWTH)

The virtue of all achievement is
victory over oneself. Those who
know this can never know defeat.

A.J. Cronin

It is not enough to realize that we are
in the hands of G-d. We must realize
further that He is the G-d of hands.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

STRUGGLE

The path of least resistance is straight down.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

STUBBORNNESS

Like all weak men he laid an exaggerated stress on not changing one's mind.

W. Somerset Maugham (1874-1966)

Stubbornness properly nurtured can lead to an uncompromising insistence upon the truth.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

SUCCESS (SEE ALSO EXPERIENCE)

When I was 15, I had lucky underwear. When that failed, I had a lucky hairdo, then a lucky race number, even lucky race days. After 15 years, I've found the secret to success is simple. It's hard work.

Margaret Groos, marathon runner
Runner's World

Failure – We are all of us failures – at least, the best of us are.

J.M. Barrie (1860-1937)
British playwright

'Tis not in mortals to command success,
But we'll do more, Sempronius;
we'll deserve it.

Joseph Addison, *Calo*

The toughest thing about success is that you've got to keep on being a success.

Irving Berlin
Theater Arts

All men are ruined, are ruined on the side of their natural propensities.

Edmund Burke
Letters on a Regicide Peace

Success is counted sweetest
By those who ne'er succeed.

Emily Dickinson
Success is counted sweetest

Nothing succeeds like success.

Alexandre Dumas
Pere, Ange Pitou

Success is relative;
It is what we make of the mess we have made of things.

T.S. Eliot
Family Reunion

Along with success comes a reputation for wisdom.

Euripides
Hippolytus

Half the failures in life arise from pulling in one's horse as he is leaping.

Julius C. Hare and Augustus Hare
Guesses at Truth

There's dignity in suffering--
Nobility in pain--
But failure is a salted wound
That burns and burns again.

Margery Eldredge Howell, *Wormwood*

A failure is a man who has blundered, but is not able to cash in the experience.

Elbert Hubbard
Roycroft Dictionary and Book of Epigrams

There is the greatest practical benefit in making a few failures early in life.

Thomas Henry Huxley
Critiques and Addresses

There are only two ways of getting on in the world--either by one's own industry, or by the stupidity of others.

La Bruyere
Les Caracteres

I have always observed that to succeed in the world one should seem a fool, but be wise.

Baron De Montesquieu
Pensees diverse

The success of most things depends upon knowing how long it will take to succeed.

Baron De Montesquieu

Success has always been the worst of liars.

Friedrich Nietzsche
Beyond Good and Evil

I cannot give you the formula for success, but I can give you the formula for failure--which is: Try to please everybody.

Herbert Bayard Swope

To achieve great things we must live as though we were never going to die.

Marquis De Vauvenargues
Reflections and Maxims

Success is getting what you want. Happiness is wanting what you get.

Dale Carnegie

Man who say it cannot be done should not interrupt man doing it.

Chinese Proverb

Success is going from failure to failure without a loss of enthusiasm.

Winston Churchill

Success is the sum of small efforts repeated day in and day out.

Robert Collier

Try not to become a man of success but rather try to become a man of value.

Albert Einstein

The only place success comes before work is in the dictionary.

Vince Lombardi

Success is determined by those whom prove the impossible, possible.

James W. Pence

All you need is ignorance and confidence and the success is sure.

Mark Twain

If the dogs are barking at your heels, you know you're leading the pack.

Unattributed

There is no elevator to success. You have to take the stairs.

Unattributed

I have learned that success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles, which he has overcome while trying to succeed.

Booker T. Washington

SUFFERING

Although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of the overcoming of it.

Helen Keller

Pain is G-d's megaphone to wake up the world.

C.S. Lewis

The only whole heart is a broken one.

The Kotzker Rebbe

The greatest *university* is *adversity*.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

I am no longer afraid of becoming lost, because the journey back always reveals something new, and that is ultimately good for the artist.

Billy Joel

There are many precious thoughts to be had by him who can think in the midst of his pain.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

Life does not have to be perfect to be wonderful.

Annette Funicello

Should you shield the canyons from the windstorms, you would never see the beauty of their carvings.

Elizabeth Kubler-Ross
The Wheel of Life, Scribner

You'll never find a better sparring partner than adversity.

Walt Schmidt

Reflect upon your present blessings- of which every man has many-not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some.

Charles Dickens

When we indulge in self-pity, we rob the poor and the suffering of that which is theirs by right and waste it on ourselves, to whom it does more harm than good.

Morris Mandel
The Jewish Press

To great evils we submit; we resent little provocations.

William Hazlitt
Literary Remains

Mishaps are like knives that either serve us or cut us, as we grasp them by the blade or the handle.

James Russell Lowell
Fireside Traveis

We all have strength enough to bear the misfortunes of others.

La Rochefoucauld
Maxims

An adventure is only an inconvenience rightly considered. An inconvenience is only an adventure wrongly considered.

G.K. Chesterton
All Things Considered

Man needs difficulties; they are necessary for health.

Carl Jung (1875-1961)

For we are born in other's pain,
And perish in our own.

Francis Thompson (1859-1907)
English poet

A Candle by Day

Illness is the doctor to whom we pay
most heed; to kindness, to
knowledge, we make promise only;
pain we obey.

Our distress over our emotional
discomfort is greater and infinitely
more dangerous than that discomfort
itself.

Marcel Proust (1871-1922)

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

When written in Chinese the word
crisis is composed of two characters.
One represents danger and the other
represents opportunity.

We must be wary of associating
discomfort with failure or comfort
with success.

John F. Kennedy (1917-1963)

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

We should recognize the goodness of
G-d not only in what He does for us,
but also in what he does to us.

Shraga Silverstein

SURPRISE (SEE SENSITIVITY)

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TAKING (SEE GIVING)

TALENT

Everyone has talent at twenty-five.
The difficulty is to have it at fifty.

Edgar Degas (1834-1917)
French painter, sculptor

There's no shortage of talent. There's
only a shortage of talent that can
recognize talent.

Jerry Wald (1911-1962)
American writer-producer

TALMUD

Hebrew, and with it knowledge of its
greatest written works, Torah and
Talmud, are the matrix in which
Jewishness is embedded.

Ben Gurion-Recollections

TEACHING

The teacher should be a stabilizing
force without being a paralyzing one.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

We learn more from *how* than from
what we are taught.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

TECHNOLOGY

Ever since our love for machines
replaced the love we used to have for
our fellow men, catastrophes proceed
to increase.

Man Ray (1890-1976)
French photographer

One machine can do the work of fifty
ordinary men. No machine can do
the work of one extraordinary man.

Elbert Hubbard (1856-1915)

The drive toward complex technical
achievement offers a clue to why the
US is good at space gadgetry and bad
at slum problems.

H. K. Galbraith (b. 1908)
American economist

It is appallingly obvious that our
technology exceeds our humanity.

Albert Einstein

TELEVISION

Television is the first truly
democratic culture, the first culture
available to everybody and entirely
governed by what the people want.
The most terrifying thing is what
people do want.

Clive Barnes

What bothers me about TV is that it
tends to take our minds off our
minds.

Robert Orban

If a man watches three football
games in a row, he should be
declared legally dead.

Erma Bombeck

Television is an invention that
permits you to be entertained in your

living room by people you wouldn't have in your home.

David Frost (b. 1939)

Television is the first truly democratic culture – the first culture available to everybody and entirely governed by what the people want. The most terrifying thing is what the people do want.

Clive Barnes (b. 1927)
British drama critic

TEMPTATION

We sometimes confuse the feeling of temptation with that of giving into temptation. The danger here is that sometimes, feeling that we have allowed ourselves to fall, we despair of ourselves and allow ourselves to fall further.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

THOUGHT

The best "material for thought" is what we are doing, but the time when we are doing things is, unfortunately, the worst time for thinking.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

Wonder is what sets us apart from other life forms. No other species wonders about the meaning of existence or the complexity of the universe or themselves.

Herbert W. Boyer
co-founder of Genetech, Inc.

TIME

As if you could kill time without injuring eternity.

H. D. Thoreau (1817-1862)

I recommend you to take care of the minutes: for hours will take care of themselves.

Lord Chesterfield (1694-1773)
English statesman and man of letters

A schedule defends from chaos and whim. It is a net for catching days. It is a scaffolding on which a worker can stand and labor with both hands at sections of time.

Anne Dillard

They say that time is the fire in which we burn.

Malcolm McDowell,
Star Trek Generations

Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time; for that's the stuff life is made of.

Ben Franklin

TOLERANCE

To tolerate everything is to respect nothing.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

Never underestimate the capacity of another human being to have exactly the same shortcomings you have.

Leigh Steinberg
in *America West*

If it was necessary to tolerate in other people everything one permits in oneself, life would be unbearable.

Georges Courteline

By being civilized we mean that there is a certain list of things about which we permit a man to have an

opinion different from ours. Usually they are things, which we have ceased to care about: for instance, the worship of G-d.

Aubrey Menen (b. 1912)
British novelist, essayist

TORAH

The Torah scholar, to the extent that he feels himself out of touch with reality is not a true Torah scholar. Torah is the reality.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

Were it not for the pious, black-hatted, bearded Jews with their long *payes*, who never gave up on the Torah no matter what the world was doing, I might not have a Torah to study today.

Kirk Douglas
Climbing the Mountain (pg. 139)

Jesus studied the Torah; Mohammed studied the Torah, But I had ever studied the Torah. It was about time.

Kirk Douglas
Climbing the Mountain (pg. 136)

TORTURE

The healthy man does not torture others – generally it is the tortured who turn into torturers.

Carl Jung (1875-1961)

TRADITION

People who grow up without a sense of how yesterday has effected today are unlikely to have a strong sense of how today affects tomorrow. It is only when we become conscious of the flow of time that the consequences of action.... become a

consideration. It is only when we have perspective on our lives that motives besides immediate gratification can come into play.

Lynn V Cheney
in *The Importance of ????*

Culture is the bed-rock, the final wall, against which one leans one's back in a g-d-forsaken chaos.

John Cowper Powys (1872-1963)
British author, poet

What is conservatism? Is it not adherence to the old and tried, against the new and untried?

Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865)

Tradition means giving votes to the most obscure of all classes, our ancestors. It is the democracy of the dead. Tradition refuses to submit to that arrogant oligarchy who merely happen to be walking around.

Gilbert Keith Chesterton

We don't want tradition. We want to live in the present and the only history that is worth a tinker's damn is the history we make today.

Henry Ford

TRAVEL

Travel is glamorous only in retrospect.

Paul Theroux (b. 1941)

When one realizes that his life is worthless he either commits suicide or travels.

Edward Dahlberg (b. 1900)
American novelist, poet, critic

TREATMENT

Often it is said that the patient did not respond to the treatment, when in reality the treatment did not correspond to the patient.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

TRUST

It is better to suffer wrong than to do it, and happier to be sometimes cheated than not to trust.

Samuel Johnson, *The Rambler*

It is more shameful to mistrust one's friends than to be deceived by them.

La Rochefoucauld
Maxims

In long experience is find that a man who trusts nobody is apt to be the kind of man nobody trusts.

Harold Macmillan
quoted in *New York Herald Tribune*

As contagion
of sickness makes sickness,
contagion of trust can make trust.

Marianne Moore
"In Distrust of Merits"

TRUST IN G-D (SEE FAITH)

TRUTH (SEE ALSO ERROR, HONESTY, LYING)

Lies are the religion of slaves and bosses. Truth is the god of the free man.

Maxim Gorky

Acquiring truth may necessitate giving up friends, and since man

needs friends, the truth must become his friend.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

Ah, if there were only such a thing as a truth ache to warn us of truth decay.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

Sometimes we do not accept the truth precisely because it is so obvious. Our reasoning is that something so obvious could not fail to have been recognized and accepted by all of humanity, and that, therefore, we must be making some mistake in our appraisal of it. And our reasoning is wrong.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

Integrity is telling myself the truth. And honesty is telling the truth to other people.

Spencer Johnson
"Yes" or "No" (Harper Collins)

Facts are stubborn things.

Alain Rene' Lesage

Oh, the difference between nearly right and exactly right

Horace J Brown
quoted by H Jackson Brown, Jr.
in a *Father's Book of Wisdom*

The best tranquilizer is a clear conscience

Live and Learn and Pass It On
H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

Some people so treasure the truth that they use it with great economy.

R.H. Golenor

Should we be rewriting history just to make people feel good? That's not history; that's psychiatry.

Ed Koch
NY Post on multi-culturalism

A lie has speed, but truth has endurance.

We are all pilgrims on the same journey-but some pilgrims have better road maps.

Nelson DeMille
The Talbot Odyssey

Truth is eternal, knowledge is changeable. It is disastrous to confuse them.

Madeleine L'Engle
An Acceptable Time
(Farrar Strau and Giroux)

The truth is often a terrible weapon aggression. It is possible to lie, and even to murder, for the truth.

Alfred Adler
Problems of Neurosis

As scarce as truth is, the supply has always been in excess of demand.

Josh Billings
Affurisms from Josh Billings: His Sayings

A truth that's told with bad intent
Beats all the lies you can invent.

William Blake
Auguries of Innocence

Truth exists, only falsehood has to be invented.

Georges Braque
Pensees sur l'art

'T is strange,--but true; for Truth is always
Strange--
Stranger than fiction: if it could be told,
How much would novels gain by the exchange!

Lord Byron, Don Juan

When you have eliminated the impossible, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth.

Arthur Conan Doyle
The Sign Four

It is the customary fate of new truths to begin as heresies and to end as superstitions.

Thomas Henry Huxley
The Coming of Age of The Origin of Species

There are no new truths, but only truths that have not been recognized by those who have perceived them without noticing. A truth is something that everyone can be shown to know and to have known, as people say, all along.

Marty McCarthy
On the Contrary

It takes two to speak the truth--one to speak, and another to hear.

Henry David Thoreau
A Week on the Concord and Merrimack Rivers

I never give them hell. I just tell the truth, and they think it is hell.

Harry S. Truman
quoted in Look

There are truths, which are not for all men, nor for all times.

Voltaire, 1761

There is nothing so powerful as truth, --and often nothing so strange.

Daniel Webster, 1830

There are no whole truths; all truths are half-truths. It is trying to treat them as whole truths that plays the devil.

Alfred North Whitehead
Dialogues

We grew up founding our dreams on the infinite promise of American advertising.

Zelda Fitzgerald (1900-1948)
wife of F. Scott Fitzgerald

Advertising is the greatest art form of the twentieth century.

Marshall McLuhan (1911-1981)
Canadian social scientist

In this world nothing is certain but death and taxes.

Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790)

The only certainty is that nothing is certain.

Piny the Elder (c. 23-79)
Roman scholar

Truth has to fall on fertile soil.

Paula D'Arcy
Gift of the Red Bird
Crossroad

The great enemy of the truth is very often not the lie – deliberate, contrived and dishonest – but the myth – the persistent, persuasive and unrealistic.

John F. Kennedy (1917-1963)

G-d offers to every mind its choice between truth and repose. Take which you please; you can never have both.

R. W. Emerson (1803-1882)
American essayist, poet, philosopher

I tell the truth, not as much as I would but as much as I dare – and I dare more and more as I grow older.

Michel de Montaigne (1553-1592)
French essayist, moralist

It is hard to believe that a man is telling the truth when you know that you would lie if you were in his place.

H. L. Mencken (1880-1956)
American journalist

It is the calling of great men, not so much to preach new truths, as to rescue from oblivion those old truths, which it is our wisdom to remember and our weakness to forget.

Sydney Smith (1771-1845)
English clergyman, writer

Let us begin by committing ourselves to the truth – to see it like it is, and tell it like it is – to find the truth, to speak the truth, and to live the truth.

Richard Nixon (b.1913)
accepting Presidential nomination, 1968

Men occasionally stumble over the truth, but most of them pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing had happened.

Sir Winston Churchill (1874-1965)

Some of his decisions were accurate. A stopped watch is right twice a day.

Anonymous

Telling the truth to people who misunderstand you is generally promoting falsehood.

Anthony Hope Hawkins (1863-1933)
British author

Truth is so important that it needs to be surrounded by a bodyguard of lies.

George Shultz (b.1920)

American Republican politician, Secretary of State
on the disinformation campaign against Libya, 1986

TYRANNY

It is far easier to act under conditions of tyranny than to think.

Hannah Arendt (1906-1975)
American political philosopher

TZADIK (SEE SAGES; ETHICAL PERSONALITY)

U

UNDERSTANDING

If one does not understand a person, one tends to regard him as a fool.

Carl Jung (1875-1961)

If we would gain understanding, we must place a stethoscope to the heart of humanity and listen carefully.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

It is not enough to put ourselves in another's *place*. We must, in addition, exchange our *mind* for his.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

UNHAPPINESS

Man's unhappiness, as I construe, comes of his greatness; it is because there is an Infinite in him, which with all his cunning he cannot quite bury under the finite.

Thomas Carlyle (1795-1881)
Scottish writer

UNPREDICTABILITY

Unpredictability, too can become monotonous.

Eric Hoffer (1902-1983)
American philosopher

V

VACATION

There are certain problems, which we admit to ourselves only when we are in generally easy and pleasant circumstances, so that these problems, being admitted, do not combine with other difficulties to overpower us. This is not the least consideration behind the advisability of vacations.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

VALUE

Nothing is worth doing unless the consequences may be serious.

Hypatia, *Misalliance*
George Bernard Shaw (1856-1950)

Nowadays people know the price of everything and the value of nothing.

Oscar Wilde (1854-1900)

Let us not deem things "worthless" simply because they are worth less.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

VALUES

Most men would rather be failures in terms of their values than admit that their values are wrong.

Shraga Silverstein
Candle by Day

VARIETY

In business or in life, don't follow the wagon tracks too closely.

H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new.

Albert Einstein

The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious. It is the source of all true art and all science. He to whom this emotion is a stranger, who can no longer pause to wonder and stand rapt in awe, is as good as dead: his eyes are closed.

Albert Einstein

A mind that is stretched by a new experience can never go back to its old dimensions.

Oliver Wendell Holmes

VICES

Every form of addiction is bad, no matter whether the narcotic be alcohol or morphine or idealism.

Carl Gustav Jung

One should judge a man mainly from his depravities. Virtues can be faked. Depravities are real.

Klaus Kinski

Argue for your limitations and they're yours.

Jonathan Livingston Seagull

VIOLENCE

In some cases non-violence requires more militancy than violence.

Cesar Chavez

The man who strikes first admits that his ideas have given out.

Chinese Proverb

VIRTUE (SEE ALSO RIGHTEOUSNESS)

Wisdom is knowing what to do next; virtue is doing it.

David Starr Jordan
American naturalist

Virtue shuns ease as a companion. It demands a rough and thorny path.

Michel de Montaigne (1553-1592)
French essayist, moralist

VISION (SEE GOALS)

VOTING

A citizen of America will cross the ocean to fight for democracy, but won't cross the street to vote in a national election.

Bill Vaughan

W

WAR (SEE ALSO PEACE)

War is a national evil inclination.

Shraga Silverstein
A Candle by Day

Every gun that is fired, 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. The world in arms is not spending money alone. It is spending the sweat of its labourers, the genius of its scientists, the hopes of its children.

Dwight Eisenhower (1890-1969)

War is nothing more than the continuation or politics by other means.

Karl von Clausewitz (1780-1831)
Prussian soldier, strategist

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 (1854-1900)

Child of G-d, therefore children of G-d, therefore brothers. All wars are civil wars.

Eric Gill (1882-1940)
British sculptor

For a war to be just three things are necessary – public authority, just cause, right motive.

Saint Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274)

In a war of ideas it is people who get killed.

Slanislaus J. Lec (b. 1909)
Polish poet

The belief in the possibility of a short decisive war appears to be one of the most ancient and dangerous of human illusions.

Robert Lynd (1879-1949)
Anglo-Irish essayist, journalist

There never was a good war or a bad peace.

Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790)

War is elevating because the individual disappears before the great conception of the state.

Heinrich von Treitschke (1834-1896)
German historian

What a country calls its vital economic interests are not the things, which enable its citizens to live, but the things, which enable it to make war. Petrol is more likely than wheat to be a cause of international conflict.

Simone Weil (1909-1943)
French philosopher, mystic

The essence of war is violence. Moderation in war is imbecility.

John Arbuthnot Fisher

The object of war is not to die for your country but to make the other bastard die for his.

General George Patton

WEALTH (SEE MATERIALISM)

WEATHER

There is really no such thing as bad weather, only different kinds of good weather.

John Ruskin (1819-1900)
English critic

WINE

Wine gives a man nothing... It only puts in motion what had been locked up in frost.

Dr. Samuel Johnson (1709-1784)

WISDOM (SEE ALSO EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE, KNOWLEDGE, SAGES, SILENCE, UNDERSTANDING)

Ironically, it is often those whose intelligence is not very great and who must, therefore, consciously shape and direct it, who emerge wise.

Shraga Silverstein
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Knowledge shrinks as wisdom grows: for details are swallowed up in principles.

Alfred North Whitehead

Wisdom too often never comes, and so one ought not to reject it merely because it comes late.

Felix Frankfurter

He who never doubts doesn't know anything.

Spanish proverb

Thinking is the hardest work there is, which is probably the reason why so few engage in it.

Henry Ford, *Bits and Pieces*

Every man is a fool for at least five minutes a day; wisdom consists of not exceeding that limit.

Elbert Hubbard

In much wisdom is much grief: and he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow.

Bible, Ecclesiastics

Knowledge and wisdom, far from being one,

Have ofttimes no connection.
Knowledge dwells

In heads replete with thoughts of other men;

Wisdom in minds attentive to their own.

William Cowper
The Task

Common sense is the best distributed thing in the world, for everyone thinks he is so well-endowed with it that even those who are hardest to satisfy in all other matters are not in the habit of desiring more of it than they already have.

Renee Descartes
Discourse on Method

The art of being wise is the art of knowing what to overlook.

William James,
The Principles of Psychology

It's bad taste to be wise all the time, like being at a perpetual funeral.

D.H. Lawrence
"Peace and War"

Be wisely worldly, but not worldly wise.

Francis Quarles
Emblems

Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise.

Bible, Proverbs 17:28

Nine-tenths of wisdom is being wise in time.

Theodore Roosevelt
speech 1917

A man is wise with the wisdom of his time only, and ignorant with its ignorance.

Henry David Thoreau
Journal

Common sense is not so common.

Voltaire Philosophical Dictionary

Wisdom is oftentimes nearer when we stoop than when we soar.

William Wordsworth
The Excursions

Every person is a fool in somebody's opinion.

Spanish Proverb

History teaches us that men and nations behave wisely once they have exhausted all other alternatives.

Abba Eban (b.1915)
Israeli politician

Learn from the mistakes of others; you can never live long enough to make them all yourself.

John Luther

There is only one thing more painful than learning from experience and that is not learning from experience.

Archibald McLeish

The key to wisdom is knowing all the right questions.

John A. Simone Jr.

The important thing is to not stop questioning.

Albert Einstein

WISHFULNESS

There is not only wishful thinking, but even wishful seeing.

Shraga Silverstein
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WOMEN

A lady is a woman who makes a man behave like a gentleman.

Russell Lynes (b. 1910)
American editor, critic

A woman is like a teabag – only in hot water do you realize how strong she is.

Nancy Reagan (b.1923)

The greatest question that has never been answered, and which I have not yet been able to answer despite my thirty years of research into the feminine soul, is: What does a woman want?

Sigmund Freud (1856-1939)

WORK

Anyone can do any amount of work, provided it isn't the work he is supposed to be doing at that moment.

Robert Benchley (1889-1945)
American humorous writer

By working faithfully eight hours a day, you may eventually get to be a boss and work twelve hours a day.

Robert Frost (1874-1963)
American poet

Nothing is really work unless you would rather be doing something else.

J. M. Barrie (1860-1937)

WORLD

The world is a beautiful book, but of little use to him who cannot read it.

Carlo Goldoni (1707-1793)
Italian dramatist

The most incomprehensible thing about the world is that it is comprehensible.

Albert Einstein

How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.

Anne Frank

WORLD TO COME (SEE AFTERLIFE)

WRITERS

An original writer is not one who imitates no one, but whom no one can imitate.

Francois-René de Chateaubriand (1768-1848)
French writer

For the sake of a few fine imaginative or domestic passages, are we to be bullied into a certain philosophy engendered in the whims of an egotist.

John Keats (1705-1821)

How vain it is to sit down to write when you have not stood up to live.

H. D. Thoreau (1817-1862)

What I like in a good author is not what he says, but what he whispers.

Logan Pearsall Smith (1865-1946)
American essayist

X

Y

YOUTH (SEE ALSO OLD AGE)

It is not so much that youth is strong
as that it does not realize when it is
weak.

Shraga Silverstein
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Z

ZIONISM (SEE ALSO ISRAEL)

To be a Zionist it is not necessary to be mad, but it helps.

Chaim Weizmann

As Arthur Hertzberg trenchantly argues in the Zionist idea, Zionism actually represented not merely a secular and political ideology, but the transvaluation of Jewish values... Herein lies the ambiguity of Zionism. It was supposedly a secular movement, yet in reinterpreting the classic mythic structures of Judaism, it compromised its secularity and exposed its fundamental unity with the classic mythic being of Judaism.

Jacob Neusner
Zionism and The Jewish Problem,
Midstream, Nov. 1969

(American Jewry) were moved because of the capacity of Zionism to resurrect the single most powerful force in the history of Judaism, Messianism.

Jacob Neusner
Zionism and the Jewish Problem,
Midstream, Nov. 69

The new law requires of Jewish man one great commandment: support Israel.

Jacob Neusner
American Judaism

American Jews live off the capital of Israeli culture...(They) look forward to ever more romantic adventures...rather than the colorful times of peace. American Jews want to take their vacations among heroes,... Those in the land identify with normal peoples. Those abroad see in the land what it means to be extraordinary.

Jacob Neusner
American Judaism

Dream and deed are not as different as many think. All the deeds of men are dreams at first...

Theodor Herzl
Postscripts, Altneuland

No culture has had such a decisive impact on the Jews as the German,' Nachum Goldman in pamphlet, 1916, in which he maintained that in many ways the Zionists were much closer in national spirit than the assimilationists, who had received heir influence from the liberal thinkers of Britain and France. 'The young national Jewish movement, on the other hand, had made the national idea the central concept of its philosophy: Fichte, Hegel, Legarde and the other leading spirits of the German national idea-they were also our teachers. It was no accident that Theodor Herzl, the genius who founded modern

political Zionism, came from German
culture to the Jewish national idea.'
Laqueur