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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

You are not required to complete the task, yet you are not free to abstain from it.

Pirkei Avot 2:16

## **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)

I can't hear what you are saying; your actions are making too much noise.

Mark Twain

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.

Shraga Silverstein  
*A Candle by Day*

Sometimes we say, "You're right" to avoid saying, "I'm Wrong."

Shraga Silverstein  
*A Candle by Day*

## 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*

## ADVERTISING

### ADVERSITY

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

Army Corp of Engineers

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

Shraga Silverstein  
*A Candle by Day*

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

Win Borden

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

Shraga Silverstein  
*A Candle by Day*

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

Abraham Maslow

## AFFLUENCE (SEE MATERIALISM)

Conflict builds character. Crisis defines it.

Steven V. Thulon

## AFTERLIFE

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

Shraga Silverstein

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

Norman Douglas  
South Wind

*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

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

Zelda Fitzgerald  
Save Me the Waltz

All argument is against it; but all belief is for it.

Dr. Samuel Johnson (1709-1784)

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

Stephen Leacock

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

Shraga Silverstein

**AGE/ AGED/ AGING (SEE ALSO OLD AGE)**

The older you get, the older you want to get.

Keith Richards

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?

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

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

America is a nation with the soul of a church.

G.K. Chesterton

"Ask not what your country can do for you – ask what you can do for your country." –

John Kennedy

[America will] "pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, in order to assure the survival and the success of liberty." –

Kennedy in his Inaugural  
Address

## **AMERICAN DIPLOMAT**

### **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

"American Jews have no use for half-way measures. For them only

the Messiah is good enough.  
Consequently, any reasonably  
promising measure for the enhancement  
of Jewish life must be sold  
to the community through wild  
promises. Otherwise, no one will  
listen."

Jacob Neusner

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

Dean Rusk (b.1909)

## **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.

Shraga Silverstein  
*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'

A grossly delusional view of the world,  
based on infantile fears and hatreds, was  
able to find expression in murder and  
torture beyond all imagining. It is a coas-  
hisotry in collective psychopathology,  
and its deepest implications reach far  
beyond anti-Semitism and the fate of the  
Jews.

Norman Cohn (historian),  
in *Warrant for Genocide*, on the causes of 20<sup>th</sup> C  
anti-Semitism and its significance for the destiny  
of nations.

A nation of usurers

Emanuel Kant, Philosopher

The flag- bearers of superstitious  
blindness

Baron d'Holbach

I prefer to see in our midst nations  
professing Islam and paganism than  
Jews ... It is my endeavor to eradicate  
evil, not to multiply it."

Peter I, Tzar of Russia in the 18C

From the enemies of Christ, I desire  
neither gain nor profit.

Czarina Catherine II of Russia, 18C

## ANTI ZIONISM

All of us, both Muslims and Christians,  
have the best of feelings toward the  
Jews. they are our brothers in race and  
we regard them as Syrians who were  
forced to leave the country at one time  
but whose hearts always beat together  
with ours. We are certain that our Jewish  
brothers the world over will know how  
to help us so that our common interests  
may succeed and our common country  
will develop both materially and  
morally.

Abd-ul-Hamid Yahrawi,  
president of the First Arab Congress, June 1913

The Arabs, especially the educated  
among us, look with deepest sympathy  
on the Zionist movement. ...We will  
wish the Jews a hearty welcome  
home. ...We are working together for a  
reformed and revised Near East and our  
two movements complete one another.  
The Jewish movement is nationalist and  
not imperialist. Indeed, I think that

neither can be a real success without the other.

Emir Faisal,  
March 1919, to Harvard law professor Felix  
Frankfurter:

## **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

Taking joy in life is a woman's best cosmetic

## **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.

Shraga Silverstein  
*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.

Shraga Silverstein

*A Candle by Day*

## **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 11, 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

British author

They that deny a God, destroy man's nobility; for certainly man is kin to the beasts by his body; and, if he be not kin to God, by his spirit, he is a base and ignoble creature.

## **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*

## **ASSUMPTIONS**

Assumptions are the termites of relationships.

Henry Winkler

## **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)

Sir Francis Bacon (1561-1626)  
English philosopher and statesman

## **ATTITUDE**

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

Shraga Silverstein

## **AUTHORITY**

Unthinking respect for authority is the greatest enemy of truth.

*A Candle by Day*

If you don't like something, change it.  
If you can't change it, change your  
attitude. Don't complain.

Maya Angelou  
American poet and author

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## **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 watchsprings 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*

The problem with beauty is that it is like being born rich and getting poorer.

Joan Collins

## **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*

The distance doesn't matter; it is only the first step that is difficult.

Marie de Vichy-Chamrond (1697-1780)

## **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*

## **BEAUTY**

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Joan Collins

## **BIBLE (SEE TORAH)**

We come with instructions – the Bible.  
Shraga Silverstein  
*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

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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

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## **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.

Shraga Silverstein  
*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.

Shraga Silverstein  
*A Candle by Day*

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

Shraga Silverstein  
*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

The reward of conformity was that everyone liked you except yourself.

Rita Mae Brown

**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.

Shraga Silverstein  
*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.

Shraga Silverstein  
*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

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## 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 –  
hoe 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.

Shraga Silverstein  
*A Candle by Day*

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

The fear of death is worse than death

Robert Burton(1577-1640)

## **DECEPTION**

As long as we know that we are fooling ourselves there is still 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*

## **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

## **DECEPTION**

We confess our little faults to persuade people that we have no large ones.

Francois de La Rochefoucauld

## **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.

Reinhold Niebuhr (1892-1971)  
American theologian, historian

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*

## DIFFICULTIES

There are two ways of meeting difficulties: you alter the difficulties or you alter yourself meeting them.

Phyllis Bottome

There are always difficulties arising that tempt you to believe your critics are right.

[Ralph Waldo Emerson](#)

Every cloud has its silver lining but it is sometimes a little difficult to get it to the mint.

[Don Marquis](#)

All things are difficult before they are easy.

[John Norley](#)

When difficulties are overcome they begin blessing.

[Proverb](#)

If you can't go over, you must go under.

[Jewish Proverb](#)

We have inherited new difficulties because we have inherited more privileges.

[Abram Sacher](#)

Difficulties strengthen the mind, as labor does the body.

[Seneca](#)

What is difficulty? Only a word indicating the degree of effort required to accomplish something! A mere notice of the necessity for exertion; a scarecrow to children and fools and a stimulus to real men.

[Samuel Warren](#)

Bumps are the things we climb on.

[Warren Wiersbe](#)

It is a good rule to face difficulties at the time they arise and not allow them to increase unacknowledged.

Troubles are often the tools by which G-d fashions us for better things.

Henry Ward Beecher

## 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 Allan 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

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

Theodor Herzl  
Postscripts, Altneuland

## **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

The man who doesn't read good books has no advantage over the man who can't read them.

Mark Twain(1835-1910)  
American Writer

## **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*

According to the effort is the reward.  
Pirkei Avot 5:23

## **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. Scheling (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 is ...but 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 spiderweb 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.

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

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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 Kyrou  
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 Bennett (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 American 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*

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

King Edward VIII of Britain  
(1894-1972)

## **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 is 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

The good Lord set definite limits on man's wisdom, but set no limits on his stupidity-and that's just not fair!

Konrad Adenauer (1876-1967)  
German Statesman

## **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 protect 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

That's what I consider true generosity. You give your all, and yet you always feel as if it cost you nothing.

Simone de Beauvoir (1908-1986)  
French Author

## **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 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

It's a sign of mediocrity when you demonstrate gratitude with moderation.

Roberto Benigni

**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.

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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*

Lincoln

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 Teachopout  
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.

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

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 temptible.

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

It is not how much we have, but how much we enjoy, that makes happiness.

Charles Haddon Spurgeon  
Victorian clergyman (1834-1892)

## 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

'History is moving and it will tend toward hope, or tend toward tragedy.'

US President George W. Bush

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

There is not the slightest likelihood that the Nazis' plan will ever be carried out to the slightest extent

Louis marshal  
(leader of the American Jewish Committee), 1924

## 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’nhed 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’nhed 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

Comedy is simply a funny way of  
being serious.

Peter Ustinov  
English actor and Author

## **HYPOCRISY**

Some forsake whatever good may be  
in them through a desire not to be  
hypocrites.

Shraga Silverstein  
*A Candle by Day*

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## 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

## **INSANITY**

Mad, adj.: Affected with a high degree of intellectual independence.

Ambrose Bierce,

## **INSIGHT**

What often passes for "insight" is sometimes no more than heightened observation.

Shraga Silverstein  
*A Candle by Day*

## **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*

The new law requires of Jewish man one great commandment: support Israel.

Jacob Neusner  
American Judaism

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

The whole driving force behind Zionism [was] that Jews would no longer be victims. .... [Yet,], we've shifted back to victimhood after achieving heroism.

Dr. Maoz Azaryahu,  
Haifa University

Israel is a country where in three phone calls, you can reach the prime minister. It's accessible, familial, vibrant, with a lot of Jewish tradition, a lot of noise, a lot of arguing. And it's

full of energy. It's a truly free country with a thriving democracy. It's genuinely egalitarian. What it managed to accomplish in two generations in terms of social mobility is amazing. In this respect it's like the United States and unlike Europe - which makes sense when you think about it, since what America and Israel have in common is that they were both founded on the rejection of Europe.

Dr. Maoz Azaryahu,  
Haifa University

Israel has ... solidarity without consensus. But a lack of consensus is crucial for healthy debate, for the vitality of a society.

Dr. Maoz Azaryahu,  
Haifa University

Anti-Semitism continues to grow-and so do I.

Theodor Herzl

Israel is "the greatest achievement of the 20th century. ... Two crucial events happened five days apart in 1917. The first - on November 2 - was the announcement of the Balfour Declaration. Five days later, there was a revolution in Russia. ... At the end of the century, the Soviet Union fell. The State of Israel is still alive and kicking.

Dr. Maoz Azaryahu,  
Haifa University

The Israeli experience oscillates between mourning and getting on with life - between heroic sacrifice that is symbolized by military cemeteries,

and normal life, symbolized by the  
"first Hebrew beach" of the "first  
Hebrew city."

Dr. Maoz Azaryahu  
Haifa University

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

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## **JEALOUSY**

It is not to succeed; one's friends must fail.

LaRoche foucauld  
(French aphorist)

A man is granted three wishes, on condition that his friend gets twice as much. He wishes for a beautiful horse, receives it, and sees that his friend gets two horses, The same occurs with his wish for a palace. Finally, frustrated and angry, he wishes to be blind in one eye.

Aesop's Fables.

## **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

In a world characterized by intellectual laziness, "justice" equals "symmetry." Not right and wrong. But it's convenient. It means you don't have to give too much thought to who's right and who's wrong. -

-Dr. Maoz Azaryahu,  
*Haiifa University*

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## **KINDNESS (SEE ALSO GIVING)**

Sandra Carey

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.

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)

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## 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

**LEFT**

The Left is about ... preaching morals rather than having them. –

Dr. Maoz Azaryahu,  
*Haifa University*

Radical leftists are basically adolescents who never matured. –

Dr. Maoz Azaryahu,  
*Haifa University*

Alienation is a built-in part of the Left. And what they're alienated from is common sense. Why does every peddler in the market understand more than many intellectuals? You could say that it's because the Left is evil. This isn't true. You could say that it's because the Left is stupid. Also not true. The problem is not with the "sense" - it's with the "common." It's the classic attempt on the part of the avant-garde or Bohemians (i.e. of a self-appointed elite) to distinguish themselves. In other words, if the bulk of the people were on the Left, these leftists would be on the Right. It's precisely because "the masses" are

patriotic that the radical Left takes the opposite approach. - -

Dr. Maoz Azaryahu,  
*Haifa University*

**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.

**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)

"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*

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## **MADNESS**

Schizophrenic behavior is a special strategy that a person invents in order to live in an unlivable situation.

R. D. Laing (b.1972)

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

Robin Williams

## **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.

Sören 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...

Aphra  
Behn  
The Rover

Kenneth Keniston  
How the New Generation Got That Way in  
Philosophy for a New generation (Bierman  
and Gould)

I'm tired of love, I'm tired of Rhyme,  
But Money gives me pleasure all the  
time.

Hilaire Belloc  
"Fatigued"

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 ...

Those who have some means think  
that the most important thing in the  
world is love. The poor know that it is  
money.

Gerald Brennan  
Thoughts in a Dry Season

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

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

A feast is made for laughter, and wine  
maketh merry: but money answereth  
all things.

Bible, Ecclesiastics 10:19

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

Money is like muck, not good except  
it be spread.

Francis Bacon

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 speaks sense in a language all  
nations understand.

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

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

## **MYSTERY**

The fairest thing we can experience is the mysterious. It is the fundamental emotion which stands at the cradle of true art and true science. He who knows it not and can no longer wonder, no longer feel amazement, is as good as dead, a snuffed-out candle.

Albert Einstein

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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)



## 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

A dead end is just a good place to turn around.

Naomi Judd  
Singer

Opportunities are seldom labeled.

John A. Shedd  
Salt from My Attic

**OPTIMISM (SEE ALSO Growth, Opportunity)**

Pessimism, when you get used to it, is just as agreeable as optimism.

Arnold Bennet  
Things that Have Interested Me

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)**

*Comte de Buffon*

## **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 reigns.

Unattributed

## **PATIENCE**

Genius is nothing but a great aptitude for patience.

Georges Louis Leclerc,

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**  
(SEE Growth)

**DEVELOPMENT**

## **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

## **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.

Abraham Lincoln

The magic is inside you. There ain't no crystal ball.

Dolly Parton in *People*

## **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)

## 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  
*A Candle by Day*

## 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.

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## 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)

We measure all religions by their civilizing power.

Ralph Waldo Emerson  
American Philosopher & author (1803-1882)

## **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  
*A Candle by Day*

## 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)

The magic is inside you. There ain't no crystal ball.

Dolly Parton in People

## 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

- The future is not something that we enter, it's something we create.
- To create a vision, people have to get beyond their current inhibitions, they have to dream.
- To clarify your goals, ask: What are the 3 things I value most in life? Who are the 3 happiest people I know? Who do I like and respect the most
- who are my heroes and why?
- There are no short cuts to any place worth going.
- Act like you expect to get into the end zone.

Joe Paterno

He knows the universe and does not know himself.

Jean de la Fontaine (1621-1695)  
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 faithful 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

The Torah of your mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver (coins).

Psalms 9:72

## **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

J.M. Barrie (1860-1937)  
British playwright

## **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.

'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  
in LA Park Labrea News

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 Travels

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

Illness is the doctor to whom we pay  
most heed; to kindness, to  
knowledge, we make promise only;  
pain we obey.

Marcel Proust (1871-1922)

When written in Chinese the word  
crisis is composed of two characters.  
One represents danger and the other  
represents opportunity.

John F. Kennedy (1917-1963)

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  
*A Candle by Day*

Our distress over our emotional  
discomfort is greater and infinitely  
more dangerous than that discomfort  
itself.

Shraga Silverstein  
*A Candle by Day*

We must be wary of associating  
discomfort with failure or comfort  
with success.

Shraga Silverstein  
*A Candle by Day*

**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*

Whoever teaches his friend one  
Biblical verse, one law, or one  
saying, it is as if he gave him life.

Tanna Devei Eliyahu Rabbah

### **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)

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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.

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 *paves*, 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.

## 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

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

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)**

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## 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*

Sweat the small stuff. You look through the words to the facts. You look through the words as you'd look through a pane of glass.

Llelyveld

I have striven not to laugh at human actins, not to weep at them, nor to hate them, but to understand them.

Baruch Spinoza (1632-1677)

Dutch Philosopher

## 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

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## 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

The biggest lie people like me tell people like you is that if you vote for me, I'm going to solve all your problems...The truth is, the future is in your hands, not mine.

Howard Dean

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## 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.

Stanislaus 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

All wars are popular for the first  
thirty days

Arthur Schlesinger Jr.  
American historian and political advisor

## **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  
*A Candle by Day*

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

You are smart when you know the answer; You are wise when you don't

- We have enough people who tell it like it is - now we could use a few who tell it like it can be.

- I shall make electricity so cheap that only the rich can afford to buy candles.

Thomas Edison

## **WISHFULNESS**

There is not only wishful thinking, but even wishful seeing.

Shraga Silverstein  
*A Candle by Day*

## **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 THE 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

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**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  
*A Candle by Day*

Whoever isn't a socialist before the age of 20 has no heart; whoever is a socialist after the age of 20 has no brain.

Winston Churchill

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## 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

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

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

The whole driving force behind Zionism [was] that Jews would no longer be victims. .... [Yet[, we've shifted back to victimhood after achieving heroism.

Dr. Maoz Azaryahu,  
Haifa University

Israel is a country where in three phone calls, you can reach the prime minister. It's accessible, familial, vibrant, with a lot of Jewish tradition, a lot of noise, a lot of arguing. And it's full of energy. It's a truly free country with a thriving democracy. It's genuinely egalitarian. What it managed to accomplish in two generations in terms of social mobility is amazing. In this respect it's like the United States and unlike Europe - which makes sense when you think about it, since what America and Israel have in common is that they were both founded on the rejection of Europe.

Dr. Maoz Azaryahu,  
Haifa University

Israel has ... solidarity without consensus. But a lack of consensus is crucial for healthy debate, for the vitality of a society. –

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