The value of marriage is not that adults produce children, but that children produce adults.

The sky is the daily bread of the eyes.

Being a philosopher, I have a problem for every solution.

An appeaser is one who feeds a crocodile - hoping it will eat him last.

The less you open your heart to others, the more your heart suffers.

Politicians are people who, when they see light at the end of the tunnel, go out and buy some more tunnel.

' Tis an ill cook that cannot lick his own fingers.

Nobody gets to live life backward. Look ahead - that's where your future lies.

I can teach a man to sail, but I can never teach him why.

Wisdom ofttimes consists of knowing what to do next.

The undertaking of new action brings new strength.

Facing it, always facing it, that's the way to get through. Face it.

You have endured worse things; God will grant an end even to these.

Courage is doing what you're afraid to do. There can be no courage unless you are scared.

Your worst humiliation is only someone else' s momentary entertainment.

We ought to think that we are one of the leaves of a tree, and the tree is all humanity. We cannot live without the others, without the tree.

I believe in practicing prudence at least once every two or three years.

From what we get, we can make a living; what we give, however, makes a life.

Age does not protect you from love. But love, to some extent, protects you from age.

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

The things we fear most in organizations - fluctuations, disturbances, imbalances - are the primary sources of creativity.

A true friend is one who overlooks your failures and tolerates your successes.

Wooing the press is an exercise roughly akin to picnicking with a tiger. You might enjoy the meal, but the tiger always eats last.

The soul would have no rainbow had the eyes no tears.

In any contest between power and patience, bet on patience.

I've always wanted to be somebody, but I see now I should have been more specific.

The reason most people fail instead of succeed, is because they give up what they want MOST for what they want at the moment.

A leader knows what's best to do; a manager knows merely how best to do it.

You can't get rid of poverty by giving people money.

Life is like a dog-sled team. If you ain't the lead dog, the scenery never changes.

The best time to put children to bed is whenever they'll go.

Anyone who says you can't see a thought simply doesn't know art.

Admit your errors before someone else exaggerates them.

The only time some fellows are ever seen with their wives is after they've been indicted.

If you begin to live life looking for the God that is all around you, every moment becomes a prayer.

Only a fool tests the depth of the water with both feet.

Don't approach a goat from the front, a hoarse from the back or a fool from any side.

Lord, where we are wrong, make us willing to change; where we are right, make us easy to live with.

Americans are optimists. They hope they'll be wealthy someday-and they' re positive they can get one more brushful of paint out of an empty can.

The word no carries a lot more meaning when spoken by a parent who also knows how to say yes.

A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing and the lawn mower is broken.

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

To fulfill a dream, to be allowed to sweat over lonely labor, to be given a chance to create, is the meat and potatoes of life. The money is the gravy.

There are two ways of spreading light; to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it.

I'm lazy. But it's the lazy people who invented the wheel and the bicycle because they didn't like walking or carrying things.

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The dog has got more fun out of Man than Man has got out of the dog, for the clearly demonstrable reason that Man is the more laughable of the two animals.

The only thing that ever sat its way to success was a hen.

How much easier it is to be critical than to be correct.

The greatest gifts you can give your children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence.

Every action we take, everything we do, is either a victory or defeat in the struggle to become what we want to be.

The self is not something ready-made, but something in continuous formation through choice of action.

To will is to select a goal, determine a course of action that will bring one to that goal, and then hold to that action till the goal is reached. The key is action.

You must do the thing you think you cannot do.

Only God is in a position to look down on anyone.

If the American Revolution had produced nothing but the Declaration of Independence, it would have been worthwhile.

Nothing is really lost. It's just where it doesn't belong.

The man who is brutally honest enjoys the brutality quite as much as the honesty. Possibly more.

To believe with certainty, we must begin with doubting.

No matter what accomplishments you achieve, somebody helps you.

A person is always startled when he hears himself seriously called an old man for the first time.

All growth, including political growth, is the result of risk-taking.

What I say is, if a man really likes potatoes, he must be a pretty decent sort of fellow.

All art, like all love, is rooted in heartache.

The most efficient labor-saving device is still money. A grown up is a child with layers on.

My test of a good novel is dreading to begin the last

chapter.

No one beneath you can offend you. No one your equal would.

The strength of a nation derives from the integrity of the home.

Give every man thy ear but few thy voice. Wit is educated insolence.

It' s a lot better to hope than not to.

Whey you fall in a river, you're no longer a fisherman; you're a swimmer.

A leader knows what’s best to do; a manager knows merely how best to do it.

* Ken Adelman (Tribune Media Services)

You can’t get rid of poverty by giving people money.

* P.J. O’Rourke, *A Parliament of Whores* (Atlantic Monthly Press)

Life is like a dog-sled team. If you ain’t the lead dog, the scenery never changes.

* Lewis Grizzard.

The best time to put children to bed is whenever they’ll go.

* Dave Preston

Anyone who says you can’t see a thought simply doesn’t know art.

* Wynetka Ann Reynolds

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* Andrew V. Mason, M.D.

He not busy being born is busy dying.

* Bob Dylan (Special Rider Music)

The only time some fellows are ever seen with their wives is after they’ve been indicted.

* Kin Hubbard

If you begin to live life looking for the God that is all around you, every moment becomes a prayer.

* Frank Bianco, “That’s the Spirit,” Archdiocese of Hartford, Conn.

Only a fool tests the depth of the water with both feet.

* African proverb

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

No man can tame a tiger into a kitten by stroking it.

* Franklin D. Roosevelt

Never date a man whose belt buckle is bigger than his head.

* “Grace Under Fire,” ABC-TV (Carsey-Werner Co.)

Happiness is a thing to be practiced, like the violin.

* John Lubbock

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* Anne Byrhhe

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* John Dewey

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* Michael Hanson

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* Eleanor Roosevelt

Most powerful is he who has himself in his own power.

* Lucius Annaeus Seneca

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* Evenius

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* Joseph Conrad

You have endured worse things; God will grant an end even to these.

* Virgil

Courage is doing what you’re afraid to do. There can be no courage unless you are scared.

* Edward Vernon Rickenbacker

You gain strength, courage, and confidence by each experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You are able to say to yourself, “I have lived through this horror. I can take the next thing that comes along.”

* Eleanor Roosevelt

Believe me! The secret of reaping the greatest fruitfulness and the greatest enjoyment from life is to live dangerously!

* Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche

If one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams and endeavors to live the life he imagined, he will meet with a success unexpected in common hours.

* Henry David Thoreau

During the first period of a man’s life, the danger is not to take the risk.

* Soran Kierkegaard

Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can become great.

* Mark Twain

Risk! Risk anything! Care no more for the opinion of others. Do the hardest thing on earth for you. Act for yourself. Face the truth.

* Katherine Mansfield

When work is pleasure, life is joy! When work is duty, life is slavery.

* Maxim Gorky

What you do speak so loud that I cannot hear what you say.

* Ralph Waldo Emerson

To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often.

* Cardinal John Henry Newman

Who is not satisfied with himself will grow; who is not so sure of his own correctness will learn many things.

* Palestinian maxim

He who asks of life nothing but the improvement of his own nature… is less liable than anyone else to miss and waste life.

* General Henri Frederic Amiel

Human beings, by changing the inner attitudes of their minds, can change

the outer aspects of their lives.

* William James

We must always change, renew, rejuvenate, ourselves; otherwise we harden.

* Juliann Wolfgang von Goethe

I realized the problem was me and nobody could change me except myself.

* John Petworth

When a man assumes a public trust, he should consider himself as public property.

* Thomas Jefferson

We do not remember days; we remember moments.

* Cesare Pavese, *The Burning Brand* (Walker)

Perfectionism is the enemy of creation, as extreme self-solicitude is the enemy of well-being.

* John Updike, *Odd Jobs* (Knopf)

If you can’t feed a hundred people, then feed just one.

* Mother Teresa

I sometimes give myself admirable advice, but I am incapable of taking it.

* Mary Wortley Montagu

A great book should leave you with many experiences and slightly exhausted at the end. You live several lives while reading it.

* William Styron, quoted by Malcolm Crowley in *Writers at Work* (Viking Penguin)

To err is human; to admit; superhuman.

* Doug Larson, United Feature Syndicate

You may be disappointed if you fail, but you are doomed if you don’t try.

* Beverly Sills

There is nothing so habit-forming as money.

* Don Marquis, quoted by Edward Anthony in *O Rare Don Marquis: A Biography* (Doubleday)

A modest man is usually admired- if people ever hear of him.

* Ed Howe

Curiosity will conquer fear even more than bravery will.

* James Stephens

I am patient with stupidity but not with those who are proud of it.

* Edith Sitwell

Parents can plant magic in a child’s mind through certain words spoken with some thrilling quality of voice, some uplift of the heart and spirit.

* Robert MacNeil, *Wordstruck* (Viking Penguin)

Governing a large country is like frying a small fish. You spoil it with too much poking.

* Lao-tze

In the coldest February, as in every other month in every other year, the best thing to in this world is each other.

* Linda Ellerbee, *Move On: Adventures in the Real World* (Putnam)

Not all of us have to possess earthshaking talent. Just common sense and love will do.

* Myrtle Auvil, quoted by Norman Julian in Morgantown, W.Va., *Dominion Post*

When you are a mother, you are never really alone in your thoughts. A mother always has to think twice, once for herself and once for her child.

* Sophie Loren, *Women and Beauty* (Aurum, London)

One never realizes how much and how little he knows until he starts talking.

* Louis L’Amour, *Bendigo Shafer* (Bantam)

Humor is laughing at what you haven’t got when you ought to have it.

* Langston Hughes

The pioneers cleared the forests from Jamestown to the Mississippi with fewer tools than are stored in the typical modern garage.

* Dwayne Laws in *Good Reading*

Wise are those who learn the bottom line doesn’t always have to be their top priority.

* William Arthur Ward

One of the advantages of pure congregational singing is that you can join in whether you have a voice or not. The disadvantage is that your neighbor can do the same.

* Charles Dudley Warner

Smooth seas do not make skillful sailors.

* African proverb

None are so empty as those who are full of themselves.

* Benjamin Whichcote

Determine that the thing can and shall be done, and then we shall find the way.

* Abraham Lincoln

Everyone wants to live at the expense of the state. They forget that the state wants to live at the expense of everyone.

* Frederic Bastiat

October is crisp days and cool nights, a time to curl up around the dancing flames and sink into a good book.

* John Sinor in San Diego *Union-Tribune*

In the end, the poem is not a thing we see; it is, rather, a light by which we may see- and what we see is life.

* Robert Penn Warren

Man is the only kind of varmint sets his own trap, baits it, then steps in it.

* John Steinbeck, *Sweet Thursday* (Viking Penguin)

It is better to be approximately right than precisely wrong.

* Warren Buffeett, quoted by Linda Grant in *U.S. News & World Report*

One isn’t born one’s self. One is born with a mass of expectations, a mass of other people’s ideas- and you have to work through it all.

* V.S. Naipaul, quoted by Mel Gussow in New York *Times Book Review*

Paper work is the embalming fluid of bureaucracy, maintaining an appearance of life where none exists.

* Robert J. Meltzer

One of the oldest human needs is having someone to wonder where you are when you don’t come home at night.

* Margaret Mead

Justice may be blind, but she has very sophisticated listening devices.

* Edgar Argo in *Funny Times*

If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion.

* Dalai Lama

Nations like to drive their rulers out, but they object when strangers do it for them.

* Jeannine Baticle, *Goya, Painter of Terrible Splendor* (Abrams)

To base thought only on speech is to try nailing whispers to the wall. Writing freezes thought and offers it up for inspection.

* Jack Rosenthal in New York *Times Magazine*

Let freedom reign. The sun never set on so glorious a human achievement.

* Nelson Mandela