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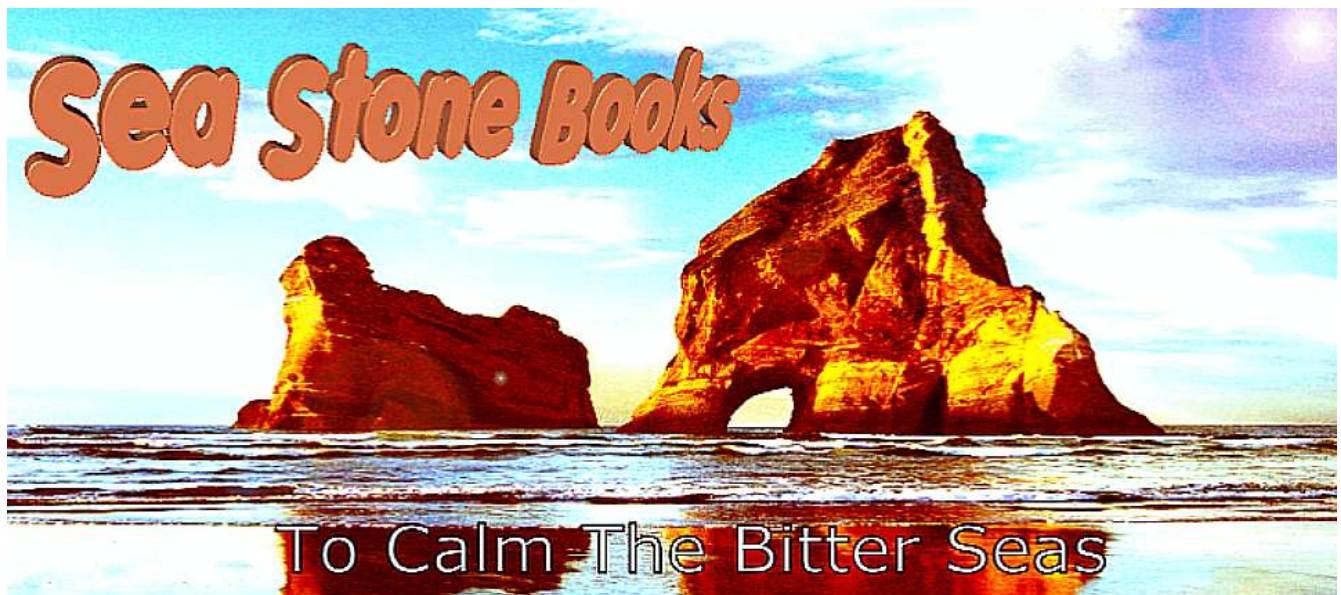
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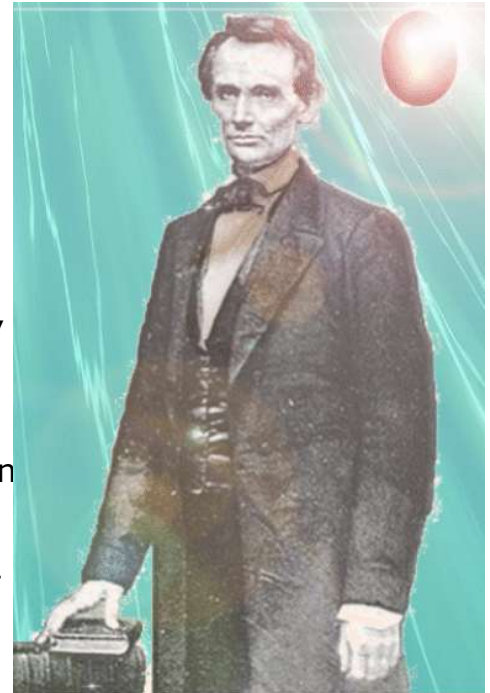
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Books serve to show a man that those original thoughts of his aren't very new at all. ~

Abraham Lincoln

Raw Wit and Wry Wisdom is a compilation of quotes from leaders, presidents, rulers, magistrates, Great minds, poor, essayists, bumper stickers, sick humorists, tired politicians and simple fools.

I have not troubled myself much about chasing down the original sources of the quotes generously attributed to our most famous or popular minds. I don't care if Benjamin Franklin was a first class thief or a first class genius; I don't care if George Washington was here fast asleep when he muttered a remark history says was first made by Tom Paine.

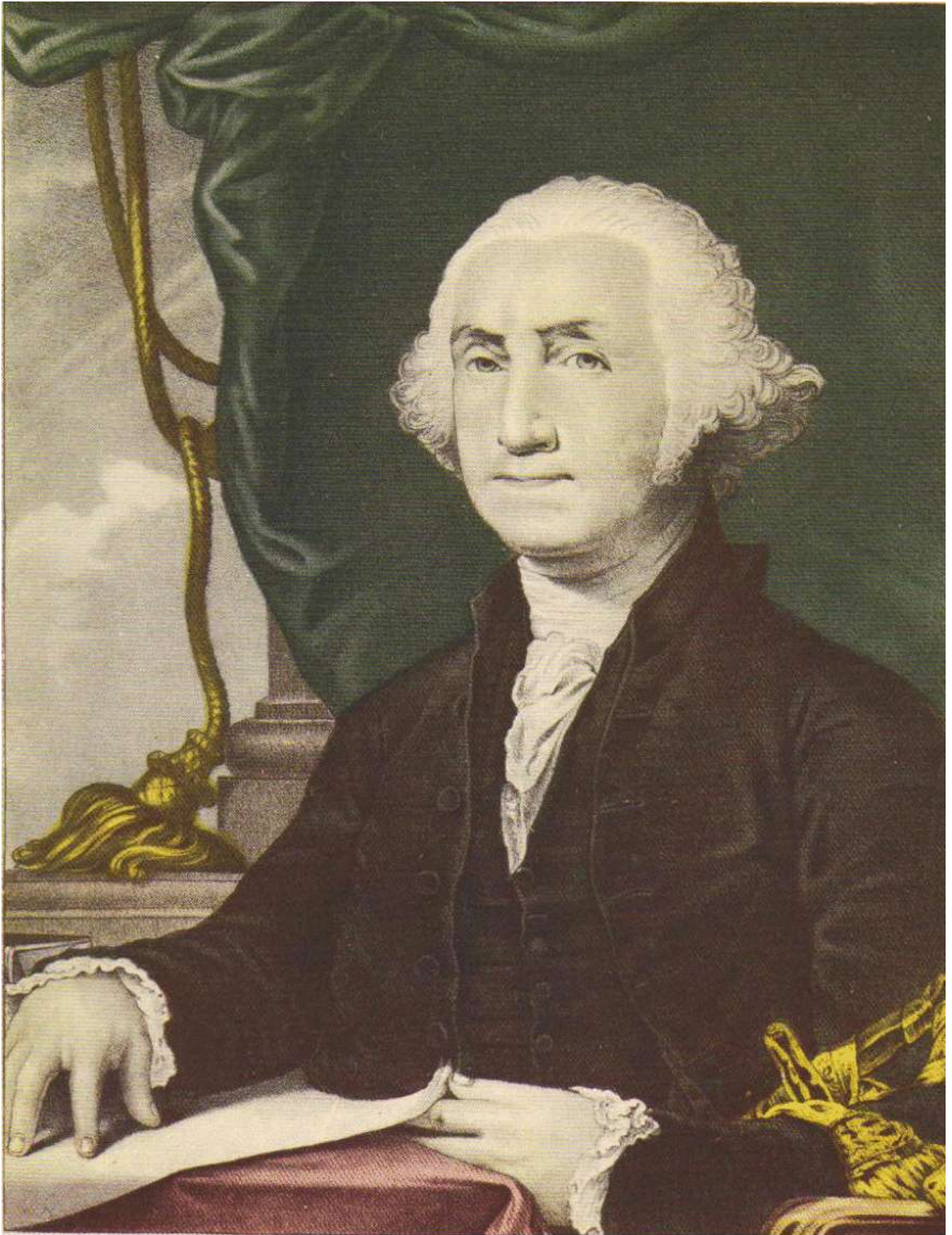


In fact, The more quotographer's research that I sift through the more certain I become that nobody never said nothing original and that everything interesting ever said was being repeated in common barroom brawls 4,000 years ago. Someone else is bound to correctly identify which barroom it was and furnish the precise date of the confrontation. Wisdom and wit are now in the Public Domain and I feel certain I am innocent of any niggling misdemeanors. Therefore, when you note unidentified mis-quotings in this book they may be requoted as-is or attributed to me if you are afraid to claim you said it yourself. Use the unarguably reliable "copy and paste" system.

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Skip anything you don't like; share any gems you do appreciate. If you would, please attribute the source to this book. Thank you.

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The Presidents

In the beginning there was a general by the name of Washington. The media criticized him so harshly while he was president that he came treacherously close to removing that freedom loaned to the press. Instead, he went home.

Robert E. Lee said later that all the best generals worked for some newspaper. But, let's get back to the quotes of our first president.

Be courteous to all, but intimate with few: and let those few be well tried before you give them your confidence. ~ George Washington.

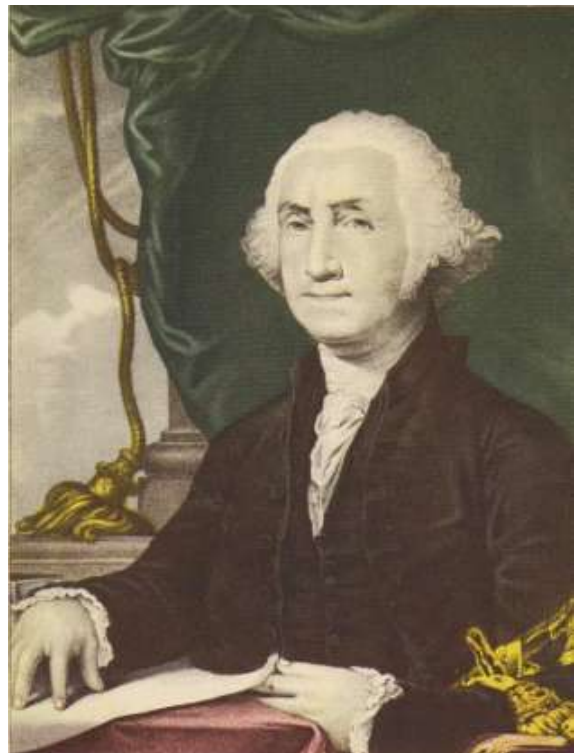
It is better to be alone than in bad company. George Washington.

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Blood running in the streets, Credit ruined, credit related strikes, unemployment, shortages of food, the wheels of government clogged, and we are descending into a valley of confusion and darkness.

Firearms are second only to the Constitution in importance; they are the peoples liberty's teeth. ~ George Washington

Such is my situation that if I were to put the bitterest curse on an enemy this side of the grave I would put him in my place. I see the impossibility of doing any essential service to the cause by continuing in command, and yet I am told that if I quit the command inevitable ruin will follow from the distractions that will ensue. In confidence I tell you that I never was in such a divided, unhappy state since I was born. George



Washington.

Truth will ultimately prevail where there is pains taken to bring it to light. ~ George Washington

The preservation of the sacred fire of liberty, and the destiny of the republican model of government, are justly considered deeply, perhaps as finally, staked on the experiment entrusted to the hands of the American people. George Washington

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It is well, I die hard, but I am not afraid to go. George Washington

And next we listen to a few platitudes given us by *John Adams*

Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other. ~ John Adams

The essence of a free government consists in an effectual control of rivalries. ~ John Adams

The happiness of society is the end of government. ~ John Adams

All the perplexities, confusion and distress in America arise, not from defects in their Constitution or Confederation, not from want of honor or virtue, so much as from the downright ignorance of the nature of coin, credit and circulation. ~ John Adams

Democracy... while it lasts is more bloody than either aristocracy or monarchy. ~ John Adams

Remember, democracy never lasts long. It soon wastes, exhausts, and murders itself. There is never a democracy that did not commit suicide. ~ John Adams

The Hebrews have done more to civilize men than any other nation. If I were an atheist, and believed blind eternal fate, I should still believe that fate had ordained the Jews to be the most essential instrument for civilizing the nations. ~ John Adams



**Let us help you keep
those smiles bright!**

**Teach them to brush
Morning, Noon and Night**

**Those Sweet Smiles
are Precious to You.**

See your dentist regularly

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Facts are stubborn things; and whatever may be our wishes, our inclinations, or the dictates of our passions, they cannot alter the state of facts and evidence. ~ John Adams

Fear is the foundation of most governments. ~ John Adams

Great is the guilt of an unnecessary war. ~ John Adams

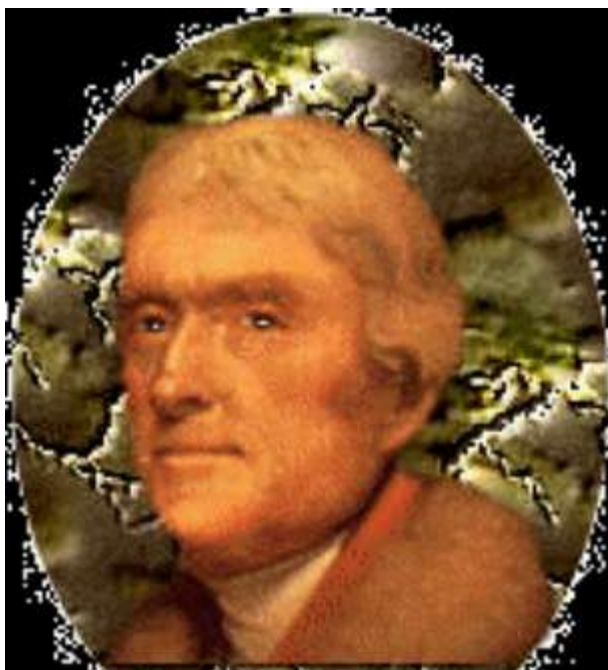
I always consider the settlement of America with reverence and wonder, as the opening of a grand scene and design in providence, for the illumination of the ignorant and the emancipation of the slavish part of mankind all over the earth. ~ John Adams

I must study politics and war that my sons may have liberty to study mathematics and philosophy. ~ John Adams

Liberty cannot be preserved without general knowledge among the people. ~ John Adams

The right of a nation to kill a tyrant in case of necessity can no more be doubted than to hang a robber, or kill a flea. ~ John Adams

When people talk of the freedom of writing, speaking or thinking I cannot choose but laugh. No such thing ever existed. No such thing now exists; but I hope it will exist. ~ John Adams



Thomas Jefferson

As the happiness of the people is the sole end of government, so the consent of the people is the only foundation of it, in reason, morality, and the natural fitness of things. Thomas Jefferson

Were we to be directed from Washington when to sow and when to reap, we should soon want bread. -- Thomas Jefferson

The man who never looks into a newspaper is better informed than he who reads them, inasmuch as he who knows nothing is nearer to the truth than he whose mind is filled with falsehoods and errors. Thomas Jefferson

The happiest moments of my life have been the few which I have passed at home in the bosom of my family. Thomas Jefferson.

I, however, place economy among the first and most important republican virtues, and public debt as the greatest of the dangers to be feared. Thomas Jefferson



All tyranny needs to gain a foothold is for people of good conscience to remain silent. Thomas Jefferson

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

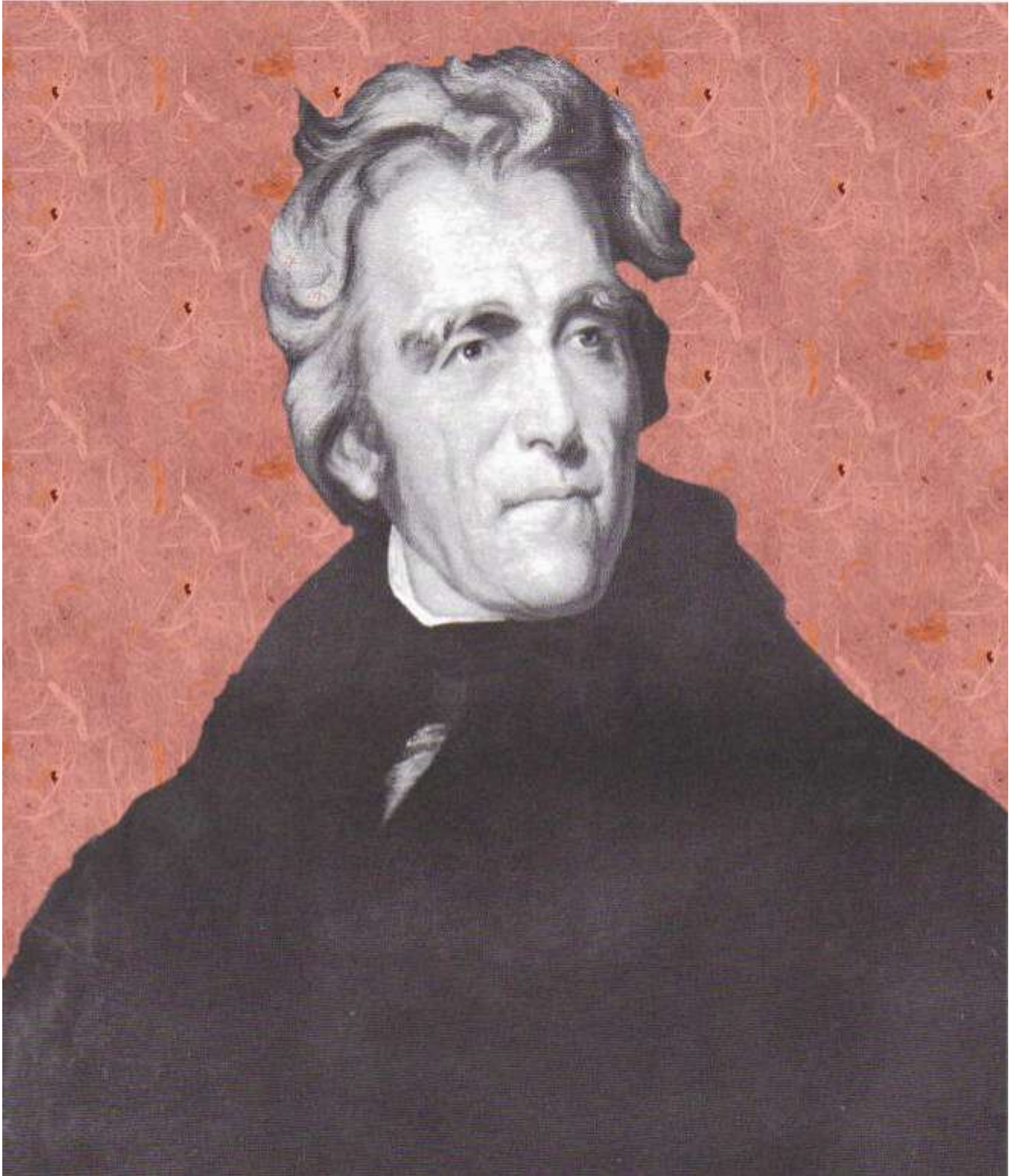
**To compel a man to subsidize with his taxes the propagation of ideas which he disbelieves and abhors is sinful and tyrannical.
-- Thomas Jefferson**

It is our duty still to endeavor to avoid war; but if it shall actually take place, no matter by whom brought on, we must defend ourselves. If our house be on fire, without inquiring whether it was fired from within or without, we must try to extinguish it. -- Thomas Jefferson

Laws that forbid the carrying of arms...disarm only those who are neither inclined nor determined to commit crimes ... Such laws make things worse for the assaulted and better for the assailants; they serve rather to encourage than to prevent homicides, for an unarmed man may be attacked with greater confidence than an armed man. -- Thomas Jefferson

James Madison wrote, "Measures are too often decided, not according to the rules of justice and the rights of the minor party, but by the superior force of an interested and overbearing majority."

If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader. John Quincy Adams



The brave man inattentive to his duty, is worth little more to his country than the coward who deserts her in the hour of danger.

Andrew Jackson

I am not a politician, but if I were, I should be a New York politician.
~ Andrew Jackson

Heaven will be no heaven to me if I do not meet my wife there.
Andrew Jackson

When Andrew Jackson, Old Hickory, died, someone asked, Will he go to Heaven? and the answer was, He will if he wants to.

Neither let us be slandered from our duty by false accusations against us, nor frightened from it by menaces of destruction to the Government nor of dungeons to ourselves. Let us have faith that right makes might and in that faith, let us, to the end, dare to do our duty as we understand it.

Abraham Lincoln

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He has the right to criticize who has the heart to help. ~ Abe Lincoln

I'm a slow walker, but I never walk back.

I will not shoot a simple-minded soldier boy who deserts, and refuse to touch a wily agitator who induces him to commit the crime.

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Success does not so much depend on external help as on self-reliance. Abraham Lincoln

Children can keep out of an idle habit before they are in it



easier than they can get out after they are in. A. Lincoln

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

No scheme of amelioration (of our ills) has the least chance of success unless and until the money ceases to be the master and becomes the servant of mankind, thus that no financial barrier is ever again interposed between man and his ability to create wealth. Abraham Lincoln

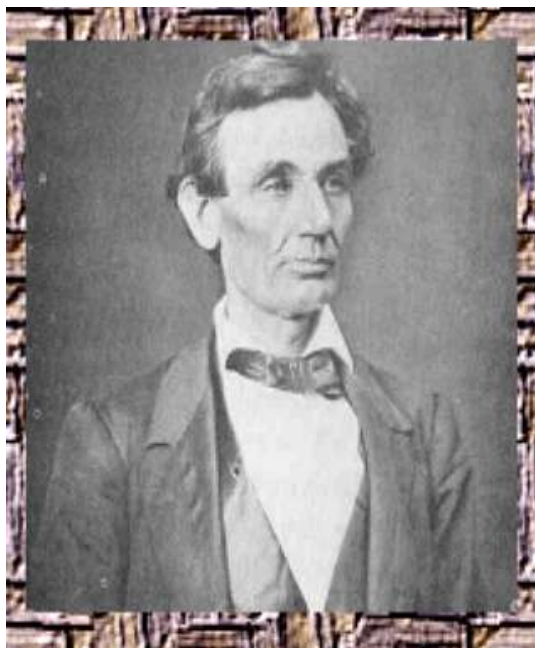


I go for all sharing the privileges of the government who assist in bearing its burdens. Abraham Lincoln

The ballot is stronger than the bullet. Abraham Lincoln

I believe that this government cannot endure permanently half slave and half free. Abraham Lincoln

Books serve to show a man that those original thoughts of his aren't very new at all. ~ Abraham Lincoln



What constitutes the bulwark of our own liberty and independence? It is not our frowning battlements, our bristling sea coasts, our army and our navy... Our reliance is in the love of liberty which God has planted in us. ~ Abraham Lincoln

It has been my experience that folks who have no vices have very few virtues. Abraham Lincoln

Things may come to those who wait, but only the things left (behind) by those who

hustle. Abraham Lincoln.

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

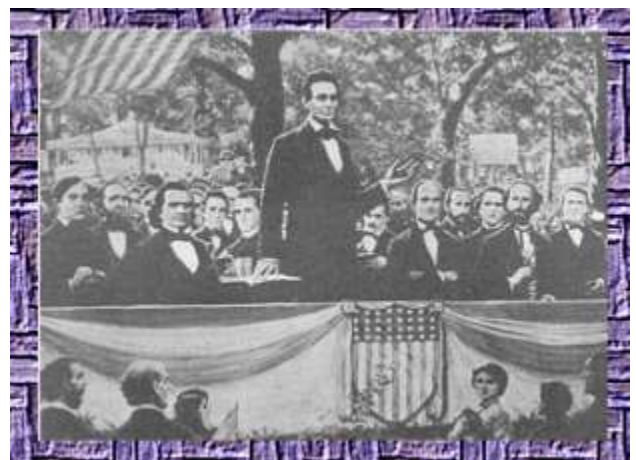
With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and for his orphans, to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations. Abraham Lincoln

I believe, if we take habitual drunkards as a class, their heads and their hearts will bear an advantageous comparison with those of any other class. There seems ever to have been a proneness in the brilliant and warm-blooded to fall into this vice.

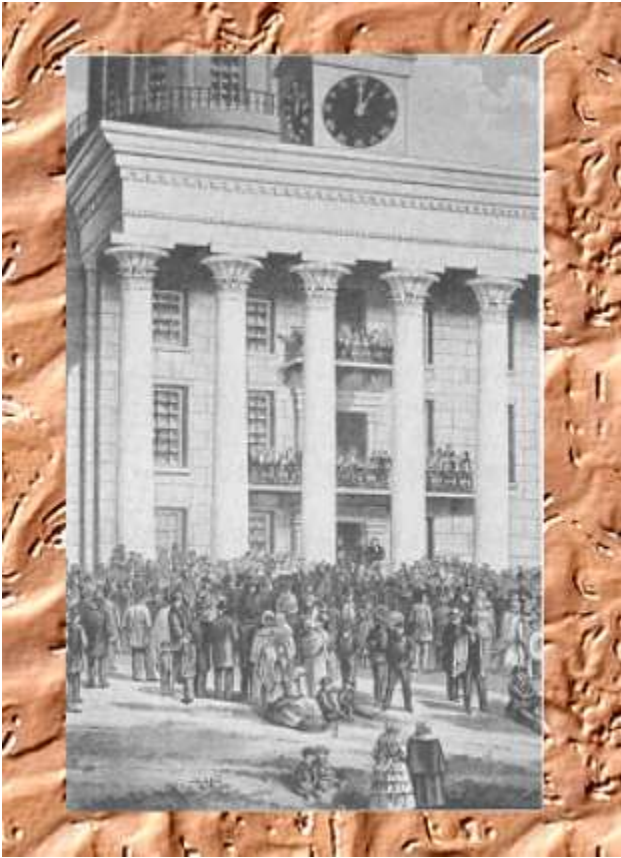
My paramount object in this struggle is to save the Union, and is not either to save or destroy slavery. If I could save the Union without freeing any slave, I would do it; and if I could do it by freeing all the slaves, I would do it; and if I could save it by freeing some and leaving others alone, I would also do that. Abraham Lincoln

This country, with its institutions, belongs to the people who inhabit it. Whenever they shall grow weary of the existing Government, they can exercise their constitutional right of amending it, or their revolutionary right to dismember or overthrow it. -- Abraham Lincoln.

"It is the eternal struggle between two principles, right and wrong, throughout the world... It is the same spirit that says 'you toil and work and earn bread, and I'll eat it.' No matter in what shape it comes, whether from the mouth of a king who seeks to bestride the people of his own nation and live by the fruit of their labor, or from one race of men as an apology for enslaving another race, it is the same tyrannical principle." Abraham Lincoln, spoken during a debate with Stephen Douglas in 1858.



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OUR present condition, achieved in a manner unprecedented in the history of nations, illustrates the American idea that governments rest upon the consent of the governed, and that it is the right of the people to alter and abolish governments whenever they become destructive to the ends for which they were established. The declared compact of the Union from which we have withdrawn was to establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity; and when in the judgment of the sovereign States now composing this Confederacy it has

been perverted from the purposes for which it was ordained, and ceased to answer the ends for which it was established, a peaceful appeal to the ballot-box declared that, so far as they were concerned, the government created by that compact should cease to exist.

In this they merely asserted the right which the Declaration of Independence of 1776 defined to be inalienable. Of the time and occasion of this exercise they as sovereigns were the final judges, each for himself. The impartial, enlightened verdict of mankind will vindicate the rectitude of our conduct; and He who knows the hearts of men will judge of the sincerity with which we labored to preserve the government of our fathers in its spirit.

The right solemnly proclaimed at the birth of the States, and which has been affirmed and reaffirmed in the bills of rights of the States subsequently admitted into the Union of 1789, undeniably recognizes in the people the power to resume the authority delegated for the purposes of government. Thus the sovereign States here represented proceeded to form this Confederacy; and it is by the abuse of language that their act has been denominated revolution.

They formed a new alliance, but within each State its government has remained. The rights of person and property have not been disturbed. The agent through whom they communicated with foreign nations is changed, but this does not necessarily interrupt their international relations. Sustained by the consciousness that the transition from the former Union to the present Confederacy has not proceeded from a disregard on our part of our just obligations or any failure to perform every constitutional duty, moved by no interest or passion to invade the rights of others, anxious to cultivate peace and commerce with all nations, if we may not hope to avoid war, we may at least expect that posterity will acquit us of having needlessly engaged in it. Doubly justified by the absence of wrong on our part, and by wanton aggression on the part of others, there can be no use to doubt the courage and patriotism of the people of the Confederate States will be found equal to any measure of defense which soon their security may require.

An agricultural people, whose chief interest is the export of a commodity required in every manufacturing country, our true policy is peace and the freest trade which our necessities will permit. It is alike our interest and that of all those to whom we would sell and from whom we would buy, that there should be the fewest practicable restrictions upon the interchange of commodities. There can be but little rivalry between ours and any manufacturing or navigating community, such as the northeastern States of the American Union. It must follow, therefore, that mutual interest would invite good-will and kind offices. If, however, passion or lust of dominion should cloud the judgment or inflame the ambition of those States, we must prepare to meet the emergency, and maintain by the final arbitrament of the sword the position which we have assumed among the nations of the earth.

We have entered upon a career of independence, and it must be inflexibly pursued through many years of controversy with our late associates of the Northern States. We have vainly endeavored to secure tranquility and obtain respect for the rights to which we were entitled. As a necessity, not a choice, we have resorted to the remedy of separation, and henceforth our energies must be directed to the conduct of our own affairs, and the perpetuity of the Confederacy which we have formed.

If a just perception of mutual interest shall permit us peaceably to pursue our separate political career, my most earnest desire will have been fulfilled. But if this be denied us, and the integrity of our territory and jurisdiction be assailed, it will but remain for us with firm resolve to appeal to arms and invoke the blessing of Providence on a just cause....

Actuated solely by a desire to preserve our own rights, and to promote our own welfare, the separation of the Confederate States has been marked by no aggression upon others, and followed by no domestic convulsion. Our industrial pursuits have received no check, the cultivation of our fields progresses as heretofore, and even should we be involved in war, there would be no considerable diminution in the production of the staples which have constitute our exports, in which the commercial world has an interest scarcely less than our own.

This common interest of producer and consumer can only be intercepted by an exterior force which should obstruct its transmission to foreign markets, a course of conduct which would be detrimental to manufacturing and commercial interests abroad.

Should reason guide the action of the government from which we have separated, a policy so detrimental to the civilized world, the Northern States included, could not be dictated by even a stronger desire to inflict injury upon us; but if it be otherwise, a terrible responsibility will rest upon it, and the suffering of millions will bear testimony to the folly and wickedness of our aggressors. In the meantime there will remain to us, besides the ordinary remedies before suggested, the well-known resources for retaliation upon the commerce of an enemy.... We have changed the constituent parts but not the system of our government.

The Constitution formed by our fathers is that of these Confederate States. In their exposition of it, and in the judicial construction it has received, we have a light which reveals its true meaning. Thus instructed as to the just interpretation of that instrument, and ever remembering that all offices are but trusts held for the people, and that delegated powers are to be strictly construed, I will hope by due

diligence in the performance of my duties, though I may disappoint your expectation, yet to retain, when retiring, something of the goodwill and confidence which will welcome my entrance into office.

It is joyous in the midst of perilous times to look around upon a people united in heart, when one purpose of high resolve animates and actuates the whole, where the sacrifices to be made are not, weighed in the balance, against honor, right, liberty, and equality. Obstacles may retard, but they cannot long prevent, the progress of a movement sanctioned by its justice and sustained by a virtuous people.

Reverently let us invoke the God of our fathers to guide and protect us in our efforts to perpetuate the principles which by his blessing they were able to vindicate, establish, and transmit to their posterity; and with a continuance of his favor, ever gratefully acknowledged, we may hopefully look forward to success, to peace, to prosperity.

Jefferson Davis, delivered at his inauguration

HOW TO VOTE

If you believe politicians would never sell your money to their friends, vote Republican.

If you believe politicians would never give your money away so they can feel generous, vote Democrat.

If you believe that half the people earning more than you do deserves more of your money than you do, vote socialist.

If you believe citizens must turn their back to the smiter before giving up their money and property, vote communist. If you believe saving money on public works is more important than public works, vote libertarian.

If you believe the Constitution should have new false teeth installed, vote Conservative.

If you believe the Constitution should have its legs cut off to the politically correct level, vote liberal.

In every battle there comes a time when both sides consider themselves beaten, then he who continues the attack wins. ~ Ulysses S. Grant

Every human being, of whatever origin, of whatever station, deserves respect. We must each respect others even as we respect ourselves.
~ U. S. Grant

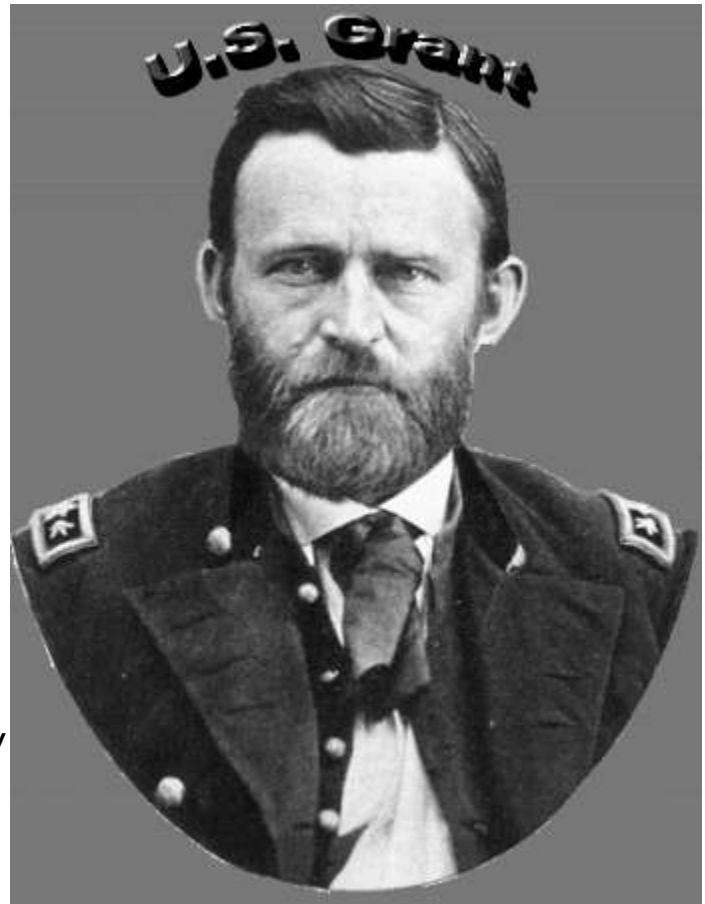
"I never held a council of war in my life. I heard what men had to say - the stream of talk at headquarters - but I made up my own mind, and from my written orders my staff got their first knowledge of what was to be done. No living man knew of plans" ~ Ulysses S. Grant

No other terms than unconditional and immediate surrender. I propose to move immediately upon your works. ~ Ulysses S. Grant

I cannot afford to quarrel with a man whom I have to command. ~ Ulysses S. Grant

Leave the matter of religion to the family altar, the church, and the private school, supported entirely by private contributions. Keep the church and state forever separate. ~ Ulysses S. Grant

I know only two tunes: One of them is 'Yankee Doodle' and the other isn't. ~ Ulysses S. Grant





ULYSSES S. GRANT
Portrait by William Cogswell.
Location: Office of the Senate Majority Leader.

I have made it a rule of my life to trust a man long after other people gave him up, but I don't see how I can ever trust any human being again. ~ Ulysses S. Grant

Hold fast to the Bible. . . . To the influence of this Book we are indebted for all the progress made in true civilization and to this we must look as our guide in the future. ~ Ulysses S. Grant

Nations, like individuals, are punished for their transgressions. ~ Ulysses S. Grant

I know no method to secure the repeal of bad or obnoxious laws so effective as their stringent execution. ~ Ulysses S. Grant

I never heard him (President Lincoln) abuse an enemy. Some of the cruel things said about President Lincoln, particularly in the North, used to pierce him to the heart; but never in my presence did he evince a revengeful disposition. ~ Ulysses S. Grant

As time passes, people, even of the South, will begin to wonder how it was possible that their ancestors ever fought for or justified institutions which acknowledged the right of property in man. ~ Ulysses S. Grant

I am not aware of ever having used a profane expletive in my life ~ Ulysses S. Grant

While a battle is raging one can see his enemy mowed down by the thousand, or the ten thousand, with great composure; but after the battle these scenes are distressing, and one is naturally disposed to do as much to alleviate the suffering of an enemy as a friend. ~ Ulysses S. Grant

Experience proves that the man who obstructs a war in which his nation is engaged, no matter whether right or wrong, occupied no enviable place in life or history. Better for him, individually, to advocate 'war, pestilence, and famine,' than to act as obstructionist to a war already begun. ~ Ulysses S. Grant

As soon as slavery fired upon the flag it was felt, we all felt, even those who did not object to slaves, that slavery must be destroyed. We felt that it was a stain to the Union that men should be bought and sold like cattle. ~ Ulysses S. Grant

Queen Isabella was so disappointed in the financial returns of her investment that she came quite close to having Columbus beheaded.

**One can almost hear her screaming down the halls of history..
"Just look at how much the shipping costs me on every a pot of gold you haul in!"**

Chester A. Arthur

Acting independently of party dogma, Chester A. Arthur, our 21st President **tried to lower tariff rates so the Government would not be constantly embarrassed by annual surpluses of revenue.**



Sensible and responsible women do not want to vote. The relative positions to be assumed by man and woman in the working out of our civilization were assigned long ago by a higher intelligence than ours. Grover Cleveland

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The lessons of paternalism ought to be unlearned and the better lesson taught that while people should patriotically and cheerfully support their Government, its functions do not include support of the people. Grover Cleveland

"A truly American sentiment recognizes the dignity of labor & the fact that honor lies in honest toil." - Grover Cleveland

Grover Cleveland remains the only President elected twice.. 4 years apart Grover Cleveland, our 22nd and 24th President, he appeared on the one-thousand dollar bill, which is no longer in circulation.

Millard Fillmore was the first president to have running water in the White House.

William McKinley, our 25th President, appeared on the five-hundred dollar bill, which is no longer in circulation. He was also the 1st president to ride in an automobile (a steam-powered Locomobile) and to campaign for office by telephone.

William McKinley wanted America to return to the gold standard; He was assassinated. Waiting to die he was the first President to be Xrayed, and also the first President to have air conditioning in the White House.



It is better to be faithful than famous. -- Theodore Roosevelt

Patriotism means to stand by the country. It does not mean to stand by the president or any other public official save exactly to the degree in which he himself stands by the country. It is patriotic to support him insofar as he recently serves the country. It is unpatriotic not to oppose him to the exact extent that by inefficiency or otherwise he fails in his duty to stand by the country.

My men (The Rough Riders) were children of the dragon's blood, and if they had no outland foe to fight and no outlet for their vigorous and daring energy, there was always the chance of their fighting one another: but the great majority, if given the chance to do hard or dangerous work, availed themselves of it with the utmost eagerness!
Theodore Roosevelt

It is unpatriotic not to tell the truth whether about the president or anyone else -- save in the rare cases where this would make known to the enemy information of military value which would otherwise be unknown to him.

I saw more than one, both among the officers and privates, burst into tears when he found he could not go (into battle). No outsider can appreciate the bitterness of the disappointment. Of course, really, those that stayed were entitled to precisely as much honor as those that went. Each man was doing his duty, and much the hardest and most disagreeable duty was to stay. Credit should go with the performance of duty, and not with what is very often the accident of glory. Theodore Roosevelt

Far better it is to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure, than to take rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy much nor suffer much, because they live in the gray twilight that knows not victory nor defeat. Theodore Roosevelt.

Speak Softly, and carry a big stick; you will go far. Theodore Roosevelt

We demand that big business give the people a square deal; in return we must insist that when anyone engaged in big business honestly endeavors to do right he shall himself be given a square deal. Theodore Roosevelt

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

I took the Canal Zone and let Congress debate, and while the debate goes on the canal does also. Theodore Roosevelt Editor's note.. the Canal was an inspiration of Abraham Lincoln

Socialism proposes no adequate substitute for the motive of enlightened selfishness that to-day is at the basis of all human labor and effort, enterprise and new activity.

The welfare of the farmer is vital to that of the whole country.

The world is not going to be saved by legislation.

Substantial progress toward better things can rarely be taken without developing new evils requiring new remedies.

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Failure to accord credit to anyone for what he may have done is a great weakness in any man.

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No tendency is quite so strong in human nature as the desire to lay down rules of conduct for other people.

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Don't write so that you can be understood, write so that you can't be misunderstood.



I do not believe in the divinity of Christ, and there are many other of the postulates of the orthodox creed to which I cannot subscribe.

And, finally, **Politics makes me sick.**

Is it not true that almost everyone elected to Washington has been trained to defend any side of an argument so well they believe it to be true? No wonder then that half of them become rich so fast it looks like an accident.

William H. Taft

We are all imperfect. We can not expect perfect government. - William Howard Taft

William Taft was the first president to own a car.
William Taft is the only president to also serve as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court (1921-1930)

Woodrow Wilson

If you want to make enemies, try to change something. - Woodrow Wilson

You are here to enrich the world and you impoverish yourself if you forget the errand. ~ Woodrow Wilson

It is just as hard to do your duty when men are sneering at you as when they are shooting at you. Woodrow Wilson

I believe in democracy because it releases the energies of every human being. Woodrow Wilson

Energy in a nation is like Sap in a tree, it rises from the bottom up. Woodrow Wilson

There is such a thing as a man being too proud to fight. There is such a thing as a nation being so right that it does not need to convince others by force that it is right. Woodrow Wilson

Leadership does not always wear the harness of compromise. Woodrow Wilson

I had rather fail in a cause that will ultimately succeed than succeed in a cause that will ultimately fail. Woodrow T. Wilson

To such a task we dedicate our lives and our fortunes, everything that we are and everything that we have, with the pride of those who know that the day has come when America is privileged to spend her blood and her might for the principles that gave her birth and the peace which she has treasured. God helping her, she can do no other.... The world must be made safe for democracy. Woodrow Wilson.

The day has come to conquer or submit. We will not submit; we will vanquish. ~ Woodrow Wilson

When men take up arms to set other men free, there is something sacred and holy in the warfare. ~ Woodrow Wilson



"Silent Cal" seems to have said much, and quite well..

I've never been hurt by something I didn't say. Calvin Coolidge

I think the American public wants a solemn ass as a President, and I think I'll go along with them. ~ Calvin Coolidge

There is no right to strike against the public safety by anybody, anywhere, anytime. Calvin Coolidge

The business of America is business. Calvin Coolidge

After order and liberty, the economy is one of the highest essentials of a free government. Calvin Coolidge

It is only when men began to worship that they begin to grow. Calvin Coolidge

The foundations of society and of our government rests on the teachings of the Bible, that it would be difficult to support them, if faith in these teachings should cease To Be practically universal in this country. Calvin Coolidge

I do not choose to run. Calvin Coolidge 1928

Press on. Nothing can take the place of persistence. Calvin Coolidge

If you see ten problems (ahead), nine will run into the ditch before they reach you. Calvin Coolidge

Little progress can be made by merely attempting to repress what is evil. Our great hope lies in developing what is good. Calvin Coolidge

Don't expect to build up the weak by pulling down the strong. Calvin Coolidge

Patriotism is easy to understand in America - it means looking out for yourself by looking out for your country. ~ Calvin Coolidge

No person was ever honored for what he received. Honor has been rewarded for what he or she gave. - Calvin Coolidge

We cannot do everything at once, but we can do something at once. - Calvin Coolidge

The foundation of our independence and our government rests upon our basic religious convictions. Calvin Coolidge

I favor the policy of economy, not because I wish to save money, but because I wish to save people. — Calvin Coolidge

Economy is the method by which we prepare today to afford the improvements of tomorrow. Calvin Coolidge

“Collecting more taxes than is absolutely necessary is legalized robbery.” - Calvin Coolidge

The most common commodity in this country is unrealized potential. - Calvin Coolidge

Never go out to meet trouble. ~ Calvin Coolidge

To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas. -- Calvin Coolidge

The foundation of our independence and our government rests upon our basic religious convictions. Calvin Coolidge

I favor the American system of enterprise, and I am opposed to any general extension of government ownership and control." Cal Coolidge

There's no greater service we can render the oppressed of the earth than to maintain inviolate the freedom of our own citizens. C Coolidge
There is no dignity quite so impressive, and no independence quite so important, as living within your means. ~ Calvin Coolidge

Herbert Hoover (31st) was the first president born west of the Mississippi. He is largely credited with not acting soon enough to contain the GREAT Depression. He's only guilty of slowly making weak



decisions in a time in America's history when vision was paramount.

Prosperity is just around the corner.- Herbert Hoover

Be patient and calm for no one can catch fish in anger. -Herbert Hoover

About the time we think we can make ends meet, somebody moves the ends. ~ Herbert Hoover

Older men declare war. But it is the youth that must fight and die.
Herbert Hoover

Blessed are the young, for they shall inherit the national debt --
Herbert Hoover

Words without actions are the assassins of idealism. - Herbert Hoover

Competition is not only the basis of protection to the consumer, but is
the incentive to progress. - Herbert Hoover

I suggest that the United Nations be reorganized without the
communist nations in it. Herbert Clark Hoover



In politics, nothing happens by accident. If it happens, you can bet it
was planned that way. ~ Franklin D. Roosevelt

**A conservative is a man with two perfectly good legs who,
however, has never learned how to walk forward. ~ Franklin
D. Roosevelt**

Here is my principle: Taxes shall be levied according to ability to pay.
That is the only American principle. ~ Franklin D. Roosevelt

**We are going to tax and tax, spend and spend, elect and elect.
-- Franklin D. Roosevelt**

If I went to work in a factory the first thing I'd do is join a union. ~ Franklin D. Roosevelt

We are a rich Nation; we can afford to pay for security and prosperity without having to sacrifice our liberties into the bargain. FDR

After 8 years of Herculean Economic Effort the Roosevelt Administration still lacked a few minor adjustments before the poor man could eat.



The only thing we have to fear is fear itself. Franklin D. Roosevelt

There is nothing I love as much as a good fight. ~ Franklin D. Roosevelt

Somoza may be a son of a bitch, but he's our son of a bitch. ~

Franklin D. Roosevelt

Let us never forget that government is ourselves and not an alien power over us. The ultimate rulers of our democracy are not a President and senators and congressmen and government officials, but the voters of this country. ~ Franklin D. Roosevelt

It is an unfortunate human failing that a full pocketbook often groans more loudly than an empty stomach. ~ Franklin D. Roosevelt

Competition has been shown to be useful up to a certain point and no further, but cooperation, which is the thing we must strive for today, begins where competition leaves off. ~ Franklin D. Roosevelt

Democracy cannot succeed unless those who express their choice are prepared to choose wisely. The real safeguard of democracy, therefore, is education. ~ Franklin D. Roosevelt

More than an end to war, we want an end to the beginning of all wars - yes, an end to this brutal, inhuman and thoroughly impractical method of settling the differences between governments. ~ Franklin D. Roosevelt

The only sure bulwark of continuing liberty is a government strong enough to protect the interests of the people, and a people strong enough and well enough informed to maintain its sovereign control over the government. ~ Franklin D. Roosevelt

Don't forget what I discovered that over ninety percent of all national deficits from 1921 to 1939 were caused by payments for past, present, and future wars. ~ Franklin D. Roosevelt

Human kindness has never weakened the stamina or softened the fiber of a free people. A nation does not have to be cruel to be tough. ~ Franklin D. Roosevelt

I ask you to judge me by the enemies I have made. ~ Franklin D. Roosevelt

Put two or three men in positions of conflicting authority. This will force them to work at loggerheads, allowing you to be the ultimate arbiter. ~ Franklin D. Roosevelt

If civilization is to survive, we must cultivate the science of human relationships - the ability of all peoples, of all kinds, to live together, in the same world at peace. ~ Franklin D. Roosevelt

No government can help the destinies of people who insist in putting sectional and class consciousness ahead of general weal. ~ Franklin D. Roosevelt

Our national determination to keep free of foreign wars and foreign entanglements cannot prevent us from feeling deep concern when ideals and principles that we have cherished are challenged. ~ Franklin D. Roosevelt

Not only our future economic soundness but the very soundness of our democratic institutions depends on the determination of our government to give employment to idle men. ~ Franklin D. Roosevelt

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." Eleanor Roosevelt.

It's a recession when your neighbor loses his job; it's a depression when you lose yours. ~ Harry S. Truman

A politician is a man who understands government. A statesman is a politician who's been dead for 15 years. -- Harry S. Truman

My choice early in life was to either be a piano-player in a whorehouse or a politician. .. there's hardly any difference. -Harry S. Truman

Whenever you have an efficient government you have a dictatorship. - Harry S. Truman

Harry S. Truman was the first president to give a speech on television.

You want a friend in Washington? Get a dog. ~ Harry S. Truman
The bravest thing Harry Truman ever did was to sign executive orders to desegregate the armed forces based on race. Why took it so long?

We must build a new world, a far better world -- one in which the eternal dignity of man is respected." ~ Harry S Truman

Its amazing what you can accomplish when you do not care who gets the credit. - Harry S. Truman

I never did give them hell. I just told the truth, and they thought it was hell. ~ Harry S Truman

If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen. Harry S. Truman

Things are more like they are now than they ever were before. Dwight D. Eisenhower

I can think of nothing more boring for the American people than to have to sit in their living rooms for a whole half hour looking at my face on their television screens.

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I like to believe that people in the long run are going to do more to promote peace than our governments. Indeed, I think that people want peace so much that one of these days governments had better get out of the way and let them have it.

In preparing for battle I have always found that plans are useless, but planning is indispensable.

Farming looks mighty easy when your plow is a pencil, and you're a thousand miles from the corn field.

A people that values its privileges above its principles soon loses both.

Don't join the book burners.

Don't think you're going to conceal faults by concealing evidence that they ever existed.

Don't be afraid to go in your (personal) library and read every book..

When you appeal to force, there's one thing you must never do - lose.

There is nothing wrong with America that the faith, love of freedom, intelligence and energy of her citizens cannot cure.

Before all else, we seek, upon our common labor as a nation, the blessings of Almighty God.

Humility must always be the portion of any man who receives acclaim earned in the blood of his followers and the sacrifices of his friends.

Hitting people over the head is assault, not leadership.

Only strength can cooperate. Weakness can only beg. Dwight D. Eisenhower

We shall return to proven ways - not because they are old, but because they are true. - Barry Goldwater, not quite a president.

John F. Kennedy

If a free society cannot help the many who are poor, it cannot save the few who are rich. John F. Kennedy

This country can not afford to be materially rich and spiritually poor. John F. Kennedy

We need men who can dream of things that never were." - John F. Kennedy

This country does not forget God or the soldier. Upon both we now depend. JFK

Ask not what your country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your country. JFK

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

Forgive your enemies, but never forget their names. ~ John F. Kennedy

Lyndon B. Johnson was the first American president to name an African American to his cabinet.

If one morning I walked across the Potomac on top of the water, the headline that afternoon would say, "President Johnson can't swim!"

Yesterday is not ours to recover, but tomorrow is ours to win or to lose. Lyndon B. Johnson

The noblest search is the search for excellence. - Lyndon B. Johnson

Being president is like being a jackass in a hailstorm. There's nothing to do but to stand there and take it.-Lyndon B. Johnson

Peace is a journey of a thousand miles and it must be taken one step at a time ~ Lyndon B. Johnson

At the desk where I sit, I have learned one great truth. The answer for all our national problems - the answer for all the problems of the world - come to a single word. That word is education. Lyndon B. Johnson Emphasis added.

While you're saving your face, you're losing your (behind). Lyndon Johnson

Richard M. Nixon

A man is not finished when he's defeated; he's finished when he quits. ~ Richard M. Nixon

Richard M. Nixon was the first president to visit all 50 states and the first president to visit China.

When the president does it, that means it's not illegal. - Richard M. Nixon

If you want to make beautiful music, you must play the black and the white notes together.- Richard M. Nixon

It is necessary for me to establish a winner image. Therefore, I have to beat somebody. Richard M. Nixon.

Scrubbing floors and emptying bedpans has as much dignity as the Presidency. -- Richard M. Nixon

The greatest honor history can bestow is that of peacemaker. Richard M. Nixon

Sure there are dishonest men in local government. But there are dishonest men in national government too. -Richard M. Nixon

Those who hate you don't win unless you hate them, and then you destroy yourself. Richard M. Nixon

The people have a right to know whether or not their president is a crook! Well, I'm not a crook! Richard M. Nixon

I was not lying. I said things that later on seemed to be untrue. Richard M. Nixon

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Gerald Ford: If the government is big enough to give you everything you want, it is big enough to take away everything you have.

I always felt that what I was doing would prepare me for the next opportunity. -- Gerald R. Ford

I know I am getting better at golf because I am hitting fewer spectators
Gerald R. Ford

James Earl "Jimmy" Carter Jr. (born October 1, 1924) is an American politician who served as the 39th President of the United States from 1977 to 1981. In 2002, he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his work with the Carter Center.

On December 12, 1952, an accident with the experimental NRX reactor at Atomic Energy of Canada's Chalk River Laboratories caused a partial meltdown resulting in millions of liters of radioactive water flooding the reactor building's basement and leaving the reactor's core ruined. Carter was ordered to Chalk River to lead a U.S. maintenance crew that joined other American and Canadian service personnel to assist in the shutdown of the reactor. The painstaking process required each team member to don protective gear and be lowered individually into the reactor for a few minutes at a time, limiting their exposure to radioactivity while they disassembled the crippled reactor. During and after his presidency, Carter said that his experience at Chalk River had shaped his views on atomic energy and led him to cease development of a neutron bomb.

On his second day in office, Carter pardoned all evaders of the Vietnam War drafts. During Carter's term as President, two new cabinet-level departments, the Department of Energy and the Department of Education, were established. He established a national energy policy that included conservation, price control, and new technology. In foreign affairs, Carter pursued the Camp David Accords, the Panama Canal Treaties, the second round of Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT II), and the return of the Panama Canal

Zone to Panama.

Carter cautioned against Hillary Clinton being picked for the vice president slot on the Obama ticket, saying "I think it would be the worst mistake that could be made. That would just accumulate the negative aspects of both candidates"

Despite being a Democrat, Carter endorsed former Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney in the Republican party 2012 Presidential primary in mid-September 2011, not because he supported Romney, but because he felt Obama's re-election bid would be strengthened in a race against Romney.

It seemed to many people that President Carter had trouble making up his mind. AFTER he lost a race against Reagan, Carter definitely had no problem making up his mind about anything – and speaking or writing his considered opinion.

America did not invent human rights. In a very real sense human rights invented America.

Human rights is the soul of our foreign policy, because human rights is the very soul of our sense of nationhood.

We become not a melting pot but a beautiful mosaic. Different people, different beliefs, different yearnings, different hopes, different dreams

We should live our lives as though Christ were coming this afternoon. Republicans are men of narrow vision, who are afraid of the future.

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We cannot be both the world's leading champion of peace and the world's leading supplier of the weapons of war.

We must adjust to changing times and still hold to unchanging principles.

You can do what you have to do, and sometimes you can do it even

better than you think you can.

Ronald Reagan

If we ever forget that we're one nation under God, then we will be a nation gone under. - Ronald Reagan

"The future doesn't belong to the faint-hearted -- it belongs to the brave," ~ Ronald Reagan

Sometimes when we reach for the stars, we fall short ~ Ronald Reagan

You won't get gun control by disarming law-abiding citizens. There's only one ...way to get real gun control: Disarm the thugs and the criminals, lock them up and if you don't actually throw away the key, at least lose it for a long time... It's a nasty truth, but those who seek to inflict harm are not fazed by gun controllers. I happen to know this from personal experience. - Ronald Reagan

Concentrated power has always been the enemy of liberty." - Ronald Reagan

I do not want to go back to the past. I want to go back to the past way of looking at the future. Ronald Reagan.

All great change in America begins at the dinner table" - Ronald Reagan

We cannot allow our children to continue falling behind. Instead, we must insist that all American students master the basics, math, science, history, reading and writing that have always formed the core of our civilized nation. What is needed, is for children to do more work and better work, and that includes homework. No learning can take place without good order in the classrooms and that means restoring good old-fashioned discipline. In too many class rooms teachers lack authority to make students take tests, hand in homework or even quiet down in class. Ronald Reagan

Of the four wars in my lifetime none came about because the U.S. was too strong. - Ronald Reagan

Here's my strategy on the Cold War: We win, they lose. Ronald Reagan

The most terrifying words in the English language are: I'm from the government and I'm here to help. Ronald Reagan.

Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it. - Ronald Reagan

Bill Clinton

Today we can declare: Government is not the problem, and government is not the solution. We, the American people, we are the solution. -- Bill Clinton

When I took office, only high energy physicists had ever heard of what is called the Worldwide Web.... Now even my cat has its own page. Bill Clinton

There is nothing wrong with America that cannot be cured by what is right with America. Bill Clinton

We have to ask the wealthiest Americans to pay their fair share again. Their incomes went up in the 1980s and their taxes went down. We can't ask the middle class to pay more; their incomes went down and their taxes went up. Bill Clinton

Barak Obama

There's new energy to harness, new jobs to be created, new schools to build, and threats to meet, alliances to repair. The road ahead will be long. Our climb will be steep. We may not get there in one year or even in one term. But, America, I have never been more hopeful than I am tonight that we will get there. I promise you, we as a people will get there. There will be setbacks and false starts. There are many who won't agree with every decision or policy I make as president. And we know the government can't solve every problem. But I will always be honest with you about the challenges we face. I will listen to you, especially when we disagree. And, above all, I will ask you to join in the work of remaking this nation, the only way it's been done in America for 221 years — block by block, brick by brick, calloused hand by calloused hand. Barack Obama

A good compromise, a good piece of legislation, is like a good sentence; or a good piece of music. Everybody can recognize it. They say, Huh. It works. It makes sense. Barack Obama

We can't be discouraged by what is. We've got to keep pushing for what ought to be, the America we ought to leave to our children ~ Barack Obama

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We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

Article I

Section 1. All legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.

Section 2. The House of Representatives shall be composed of members chosen every second year by the people of the several states, and the electors in each state shall have the qualifications requisite for electors of the most numerous branch of the state legislature.

No person shall be a Representative who shall not have attained to

the age of twenty five years, and been seven years a citizen of the United States, and who shall not, when elected, be an inhabitant of that state in which he shall be chosen.

Representatives and direct taxes shall be apportioned among the several states which may be included within this union, according to their respective numbers, which shall be determined by adding to the whole number of free persons, including those bound to service for a term of years, and excluding Indians not taxed, three fifths of all other Persons. The actual Enumeration shall be made within three years after the first meeting of the Congress of the United States, and within every subsequent term of ten years, in such manner as they shall by law direct. The number of Representatives shall not exceed one for every thirty thousand, but each state shall have at least one Representative; and until such enumeration shall be made, the state of New Hampshire shall be entitled to three, Massachusetts eight, Rhode Island and Providence Plantations one, Connecticut five, New York six, New Jersey four, Pennsylvania eight, Delaware one, Maryland six, Virginia ten, North Carolina five, South Carolina five, and Georgia three.

When vacancies happen in the Representation from any state, the executive authority thereof shall issue writs of election to fill such vacancies.

The House of Representatives shall choose their speaker and other officers; and shall have the sole power of impeachment. Section 3. The Senate of the United States shall be composed of two Senators from each state, chosen by the legislature thereof, for six years; and each Senator shall have one vote.

Immediately after they shall be assembled in consequence of the first election, they shall be divided as equally as may be into three classes. The seats of the Senators of the first class shall be vacated at the expiration of the second year, of the second class at the expiration of the fourth year, and the third class at the expiration of the sixth year, so that one third may be chosen every second year; and if vacancies happen by resignation, or otherwise, during the recess of the legislature of any state, the executive thereof may make temporary appointments until the next meeting of the legislature, which shall then fill such vacancies.

No person shall be a Senator who shall not have attained to the age of thirty years, and been nine years a citizen of the United States and

who shall not, when elected, be an inhabitant of that state for which he shall be chosen.

The Vice President of the United States shall be President of the Senate, but shall have no vote, unless they be equally divided. The Senate shall choose their other officers, and also a President pro tempore, in the absence of the Vice President, or when he shall exercise the office of President of the United States.

The Senate shall have the sole power to try all impeachments. When sitting for that purpose, they shall be on oath or affirmation. When the President of the United States is tried, the Chief Justice shall preside: And no person shall be convicted without the concurrence of two thirds of the members present.

Judgment in cases of impeachment shall not extend further than to removal from office, and disqualification to hold and enjoy any office of honor, trust or profit under the United States: but the party convicted shall nevertheless be liable and subject to indictment, trial, judgment and punishment, according to law.

Section 4. The times, places and manner of holding elections for Senators and Representatives, shall be prescribed in each state by the legislature thereof; but the Congress may at any time by law make or alter such regulations, except as to the places of choosing Senators. The Congress shall assemble at least once in every year, and such meeting shall be on the first Monday in December, unless they shall by law appoint a different day.

Section 5. Each House shall be the judge of the elections, returns and qualifications of its own members, and a majority of each shall constitute a quorum to do business; but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day, and may be authorized to compel the attendance of absent members, in such manner, and under such penalties as each House may provide.

Each House may determine the rules of its proceedings, punish its members for disorderly behavior, and, with the concurrence of two thirds, expel a member.

Each House shall keep a journal of its proceedings, and from time to time publish the same, excepting such parts as may in their judgment require secrecy; and the yeas and nays of the members of either House on any question shall, at the desire of one fifth of those present, be entered on the journal.

Neither House, during the session of Congress, shall, without the consent of the other, adjourn for more than three days, nor to any other place than that in which the two Houses shall be sitting.

Section 6. The Senators and Representatives shall receive a compensation for their services, to be ascertained by law, and paid out of the treasury of the United States. They shall in all cases, except treason, felony and breach of the peace, be privileged from arrest during their attendance at the session of their respective Houses, and in going to and returning from the same; and for any speech or debate in either House, they shall not be questioned in any other place.

No Senator or Representative shall, during the time for which he was elected, be appointed to any civil office under the authority of the United States, which shall have been created, or the emoluments whereof shall have been increased during such time: and no person holding any office under the United States, shall be a member of either House during his continuance in office.

Section 7. All bills for raising revenue shall originate in the House of Representatives; but the Senate may propose or concur with amendments as on other Bills.

Every bill which shall have passed the House of Representatives and the Senate, shall, before it become a law, be presented to the President of the United States; if he approve he shall sign it, but if not he shall return it, with his objections to that House in which it shall have originated, who shall enter the objections at large on their journal, and proceed to reconsider it. If after such reconsideration two thirds of that House shall agree to pass the bill, it shall be sent, together with the objections, to the other House, by which it shall likewise be reconsidered, and if approved by two thirds of that House, it shall become a law. But in all such cases the votes of both Houses shall be determined by yeas and nays, and the names of the persons voting for and against the bill shall be entered on the journal of each House respectively. If any bill shall not be returned by the President within ten days (Sundays excepted) after it shall have been presented to him, the same shall be a law, in like manner as if he had signed it,

unless the Congress by their adjournment prevent its return, in which case it shall not be a law.

Every order, resolution, or vote to which the concurrence of the Senate and House of Representatives may be necessary (except on a question of adjournment) shall be presented to the President of the United States; and before the same shall take effect, shall be approved by him, or being disapproved by him, shall be repassed by two thirds of the Senate and House of representatives, according to the rules and limitations prescribed in the case of a bill.

Section 8. The Congress shall have power to lay and collect taxes, duties, imposts and excises, to pay the debts and provide for the common defense and general welfare of the United States; but all duties, imposts and excises shall be uniform throughout the United States;

To borrow money on the credit of the United States;

To regulate commerce with foreign nations, and among the several states, and with the Indian tribes;

To establish a uniform rule of naturalization, and uniform laws on the subject of bankruptcies throughout the United States;

To coin money, regulate the value thereof, and of foreign coin, and fix the standard of weights and measures;

To provide for the punishment of counterfeiting the securities and current coin of the United States;

To establish post offices and post roads;

To promote the progress of science and useful arts, by securing for limited times to authors and inventors the exclusive right to their respective writings and discoveries;

To constitute tribunals inferior to the Supreme Court;

To define and punish piracies and felonies committed on the high seas, and offenses against the law of nations;

To declare war, grant letters of marque and reprisal, and make rules concerning captures on land and water;

To raise and support armies, but no appropriation of money to that use shall be for a longer term than two years;

To provide and maintain a navy;

To make rules for the government and regulation of the land and naval forces;

To provide for calling forth the militia to execute the laws of the union, suppress insurrections and repel invasions;

To provide for organizing, arming, and disciplining, the militia, and for governing such part of them as may be employed in the service of the United States, reserving to the states respectively, the appointment of the officers, and the authority of training the militia according to the discipline prescribed by Congress;

To exercise exclusive legislation in all cases whatsoever, over such District (not exceeding ten miles square) as may, by cession of particular states, and the acceptance of Congress, become the seat of the government of the United States, and to exercise like authority over all places purchased by the consent of the legislature of the state in which the same shall be, for the erection of forts, magazines, arsenals, dockyards, and other needful buildings;--And

To make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into execution the foregoing powers, and all other powers vested by this Constitution in the government of the nited States, or in any department or officer thereof.

Section 9. The migration or importation of such persons as any of the states now existing shall think proper to admit, shall not be prohibited by the Congress prior to the year one thousand eight hundred and eight, but a tax or duty may be imposed on such importation, not

exceeding ten dollars for each person.

The privilege of the writ of habeas corpus shall not be suspended, unless when in cases of rebellion or invasion the public safety may require it.

No bill of attainder or ex post facto Law shall be passed.

No capitation, or other direct, tax shall be laid, unless in proportion to the census or enumeration herein before directed to be taken.

No tax or duty shall be laid on articles exported from any state.

No preference shall be given by any regulation of commerce or revenue to the ports of one state over those of another: nor shall vessels bound to, or from, one state, be obliged to enter, clear or pay duties in another.

No money shall be drawn from the treasury, but in consequence of appropriations made by law; and a regular statement and account of receipts and expenditures of all public money shall be published from time to time.

No title of nobility shall be granted by the United States: and no person holding any office of profit or trust under them, shall, without the consent of the Congress, accept of any present, emolument, office, or title, of any kind whatever, from any king, prince, or foreign state.

Section 10. No state shall enter into any treaty, alliance, or confederation; grant letters of marque and reprisal; coin money; emit bills of credit; make anything but gold and silver coin a tender in payment of debts; pass any bill of attainder, ex post facto law, or law impairing the obligation of contracts, or grant any title of nobility.

No state shall, without the consent of the Congress, lay any imposts or duties on imports or exports, except what may be absolutely necessary for executing it's inspection laws: and the net produce of all duties and imposts, laid by any state on imports or exports, shall be

for the use of the treasury of the United States; and all such laws shall be subject to the revision and control of the Congress.

No state shall, without the consent of Congress, lay any duty of tonnage, keep troops, or ships of war in time of peace, enter into any agreement or compact with another state, or with a foreign power, or engage in war, unless actually invaded, or in such imminent danger as will not admit of delay.

Article II

Section 1. The executive power shall be vested in a President of the United States of America. He shall hold his office during the term of four years, and, together with the Vice President, chosen for the same term, be elected, as follows:

Each state shall appoint, in such manner as the Legislature thereof may direct, a number of electors, equal to the whole number of Senators and Representatives to which the State may be entitled in the Congress: but no Senator or Representative, or person holding an office of trust or profit under the United States, shall be appointed an elector.

The electors shall meet in their respective states, and vote by ballot for two persons, of whom one at least shall not be an inhabitant of the same state with themselves. And they shall make a list of all the persons voted for, and of the number of votes for each; which list they shall sign and certify, and transmit sealed to the seat of the government of the United States, directed to the President of the Senate. The President of the Senate shall, in the presence of the Senate and House of Representatives, open all the certificates, and the votes shall then be counted. The person having the greatest number of votes shall be the President, if such number be a majority of the whole number of electors appointed; and if there be more than one who have such majority, and have an equal number of votes, then the House of Representatives shall immediately choose by ballot one of them for President; and if no person have a majority, then from the five highest on the list the said House shall in like manner choose the President. But in choosing the President, the votes shall be

taken by States, the representation from each state having one vote; A quorum for this purpose shall consist of a member or members from two thirds of the states, and a majority of all the states shall be necessary to a choice. In every case, after the choice of the President, the person having the greatest number of votes of the electors shall be the Vice President. But if there should remain two or more who have equal votes, the Senate shall choose from them by ballot the Vice President.

The Congress may determine the time of choosing the electors, and the day on which they shall give their votes; which day shall be the same throughout the United States.

No person except a natural born citizen, or a citizen of the United States, at the time of the adoption of this Constitution, shall be eligible to the office of President; neither shall any person be eligible to that office who shall not have attained to the age of thirty five years, and been fourteen Years a resident within the United States.

In case of the removal of the President from office, or of his death, resignation, or inability to discharge the powers and duties of the said office, the same shall devolve on the Vice President, and the Congress may by law provide for the case of removal, death, resignation or inability, both of the President and Vice President, declaring what officer shall then act as President, and such officer shall act accordingly, until the disability be removed, or a President shall be elected.

The President shall, at stated times, receive for his services, a compensation, which shall neither be increased nor diminished during the period for which he shall have been elected, and he shall not receive within that period any other emolument from the United States, or any of them.

Before he enter on the execution of his office, he shall take the following oath or affirmation:--"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States."

Section 2. The President shall be commander in chief of the Army and Navy of the United States, and of the militia of the several states, when called into the actual service of the United States; he may require the opinion, in writing, of the principal officer in each of the executive departments, upon any subject relating to the duties of their respective offices, and he shall have power to grant reprieves and pardons for offenses against the United States, except in cases of impeachment.

He shall have power, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to make treaties, provided two thirds of the Senators present concur; and he shall nominate, and by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint ambassadors, other public ministers and consuls, judges of the Supreme Court, and all other officers of the United States, whose appointments are not herein otherwise provided for, and which shall be established by law: but the Congress may by law vest the appointment of such inferior officers, as they think proper, in the President alone, in the courts of law, or in the heads of departments.

The President shall have power to fill up all vacancies that may happen during the recess of the Senate, by granting commissions which shall expire at the end of their next session.

Section 3. He shall from time to time give to the Congress information of the state of the union, and recommend to their consideration such measures as he shall judge necessary and expedient; he may, on extraordinary occasions, convene both Houses, or either of them, and in case of disagreement between them, with respect to the time of adjournment, he may adjourn them to such time as he shall think proper; he shall receive ambassadors and other public ministers; he shall take care that the laws be faithfully executed, and shall commission all the officers of the United States.

Section 4. The President, Vice President and all civil officers of the United States, shall be removed from office on impeachment for, and conviction of, treason, bribery, or other high crimes and misdemeanors.

Article III

Section 1. The judicial power of the United States, shall be vested in one Supreme Court, and in such inferior courts as the Congress may from time to time ordain and establish. The judges, both of the supreme and inferior courts, shall hold their offices during good behavior, and shall, at stated times, receive for their services, a compensation, which shall not be diminished during their continuance in office.

Section 2. The judicial power shall extend to all cases, in law and equity, arising under this Constitution, the laws of the United States, and treaties made, or which shall be made, under their authority; --to all cases affecting ambassadors, other public ministers and consuls; --to all cases of admiralty and maritime jurisdiction; --to controversies to which the United States shall be a party; --to controversies between two or more states; --between a state and citizens of another state; --between citizens of different states; --between citizens of the same state claiming lands under grants of different states, and between a state, or the citizens thereof, and foreign states, citizens or subjects.

In all cases affecting ambassadors, other public ministers and consuls, and those in which a state shall be party, the Supreme Court shall have original jurisdiction. In all the other cases before mentioned, the Supreme Court shall have appellate jurisdiction, both as to law and fact, with such exceptions, and under such regulations as the Congress shall make.

The trial of all crimes, except in cases of impeachment, shall be by jury; and such trial shall be held in the state where the said crimes shall have been committed; but when not committed within any state, the trial shall be at such place or places as the Congress may by law have directed.

Section 3. Treason against the United States, shall consist only in levying war against them, or in adhering to their enemies, giving them aid and comfort. No person shall be convicted of treason unless on the testimony of two witnesses to the same overt act, or on

confession in open court.

The Congress shall have power to declare the punishment of treason, but no attainder of treason shall work corruption of blood, or forfeiture except during the life of the person attainted.

Article IV

Section 1. Full faith and credit shall be given in each state to the public acts, records, and judicial proceedings of every other state. And the Congress may by general laws prescribe the manner in which such acts, records, and proceedings shall be proved, and the effect thereof.

Section 2. The citizens of each state shall be entitled to all privileges and immunities of citizens in the several states.

A person charged in any state with treason, felony, or other crime, who shall flee from justice, and be found in another state, shall on demand of the executive authority of the state from which he fled, be delivered up, to be removed to the state having jurisdiction of the crime.

No person held to service or labor in one state, under the laws thereof, escaping into another, shall, in consequence of any law or regulation therein, be discharged from such service or labor, but shall be delivered up on claim of the party to whom such service or labor may be due.

Section 3. New states may be admitted by the Congress into this union; but no new states shall be formed or erected within the jurisdiction of any other state; nor any state be formed by the junction of two or more states, or parts of states, without the consent of the legislatures of the states concerned as well as of the Congress.

The Congress shall have power to dispose of and make all needful rules and regulations respecting the territory or other property belonging to the United States; and nothing in this Constitution shall be so construed as to prejudice any claims of the United States, or of any particular state.

Section 4. The United States shall guarantee to every state in this union a republican form of government, and shall protect each of them against invasion; and on application of the legislature, or of the executive (when the legislature cannot be convened) against domestic violence.

Article V

The Congress, whenever two thirds of both houses shall deem it necessary, shall propose amendments to this Constitution, or, on the application of the legislatures of two thirds of the several states, shall call a convention for proposing amendments, which, in either case, shall be valid to all intents and purposes, as part of this Constitution, when ratified by the legislatures of three fourths of the several states, or by conventions in three fourths thereof, as the one or the other mode of ratification may be proposed by the Congress; provided that no amendment which may be made prior to the year one thousand eight hundred and eight shall in any manner affect the first and fourth clauses in the ninth section of the first article; and that no state, without its consent, shall be deprived of its equal suffrage in the Senate.

Article VI

All debts contracted and engagements entered into, before the adoption of this Constitution, shall be as valid against the United States under this Constitution, as under the Confederation.

This Constitution, and the laws of the United States which shall be made in pursuance thereof; and all treaties made, or which shall be made, under the authority of the United States, shall be the supreme law of the land; and the judges in every state shall be bound thereby, anything in the Constitution or laws of any State to the contrary notwithstanding.

The Senators and Representatives before mentioned, and the members of the several state legislatures, and all executive and judicial officers, both of the United States and of the several states,

shall be bound by oath or affirmation, to support this Constitution; but no religious test shall ever be required as a qualification to any office or public trust under the United States.

Article VII

The ratification of the conventions of nine states, shall be sufficient for the establishment of this Constitution between the states so ratifying the same.

Done in convention by the unanimous consent of the states present the seventeenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven and of the independence of the United States of America the twelfth.

In witness whereof We have hereunto subscribed our Names,

G. Washington-Presidt. (sic) and deputy from Virginia

New Hampshire: John Langdon, Nicholas Gilman

Massachusetts: Nathaniel Gorham, Rufus King

Connecticut: Wm: Saml. Johnson, Roger Sherman

New York: Alexander Hamilton

New Jersey: Wil: Livingston, David Brearly, Wm. Paterson, Jona: Dayton

Pennsylvania: B. Franklin, Thomas Mifflin, Robt. Morris, Geo. Clymer, Thos. FitzSimons, Jared Ingersoll, James Wilson, Gouv Morris

Delaware: Geo: Read, Gunning Bedford jun, John Dickinson, Richard Bassett, Jaco: Broom

Maryland: James McHenry, Dan of St Thos. Jenifer, Danl Carroll

Virginia: John Blair--, James Madison Jr.

North Carolina: Wm. Blount, Richd. Dobbs Spaight, Hu Williamson

South Carolina: J. Rutledge, Charles Cotesworth Pinckney, Charles Pinckney, Pierce Butler

Georgia: William Few, Abr Baldwin

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We, the people of the Confederate States, each state acting in its sovereign and independent character, in order to form a permanent federal government, establish justice, insure domestic tranquillity, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity—invoking the favor and guidance of Almighty God—do ordain and establish this constitution for the Confederate States of America.

ARTICLE I.

Section 1.

All legislative powers herein delegated shall be vested in a Congress of the Confederate States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.

Section 2.

1. The House of Representatives shall be composed of members chosen every second year by the people of the several states; and the electors in each state shall be citizens of the Confederate States, and have the qualifications requisite for electors of the most numerous branch of the State Legislature; but no person of foreign birth, not a citizen of the Confederate States, shall be allowed to vote for any officer, civil or political, State or Federal.

2. No person shall be a Representative, who shall not have attained the age of twenty-five years, and be a citizen of the Confederate States, and who shall not, when elected, be an inhabitant of that state in which he shall be chosen.

3. Representatives and Direct Taxes shall be apportioned among the several states, which may be included within this Confederacy, according to their respective numbers, which shall be determined by adding to the whole number of free persons, including those bound to service for a term of years, and excluding Indians not taxed, threefifths of all slaves. The actual enumeration shall be made within three years after the first meeting of the Congress of the Confederate States, and within every subsequent term of ten years, in such manner as they shall, by law, direct. The number of Representatives shall not exceed one for every fifty thousand, but each state shall have at least one Representative; and until such enumeration shall be made, the state of South Carolina shall be entitled to choose six—the state of Georgia ten—the state of Alabama nine—the state of Florida two—the state of Mississippi seven—the state of Louisiana six, and the state of Texas six.

4. When vacancies happen in the representation from any state, the Executive authority thereof shall issue writs of election to fill such vacancies.

5. The House of Representatives shall choose their speaker and other officers; and shall have the sole power of impeachment; except that any judicial or other federal officer, resident and acting solely within

the limits of any state, may be impeached by a vote of two-thirds of both branches of the Legislature thereof.

Section 3.

1. The Senate of the Confederate States shall be composed of two Senators from each state, chosen for six years by the legislature thereof, at the regular session next immediately preceding the commencement of the term of service; and each Senator shall have one vote.

2. Immediately after they shall be assembled, in consequence of the first election, they shall be divided as equally as may be into three classes. The seats of the Senators of the first class shall be vacated at the expiration of the second year; of the second class at the expiration of the fourth year; and of the third class at the expiration of the sixth year; so that one-third may be chosen every second year; and if vacancies happen by resignation, or otherwise, during the recess of the legislature of any state, the executive thereof may make temporary appointments until the next meeting of the legislature, which shall then fill such vacancies.

3. No person shall be a Senator who shall not have attained the age of thirty years, and be a citizen of the Confederate States; and who shall not, when elected, be an inhabitant of the state for which he shall be chosen.

4. The Vice-President of the Confederate States shall be President of the Senate, but shall have no vote, unless they be equally divided.

5. The Senate shall choose their other officers; and also a President pro tempore in the absence of the Vice President, or when he shall exercise the office of President of the Confederate States.

6. The Senate shall have the sole power to try all impeachments. When sitting for that purpose, they shall be on oath or affirmation. When the President of the Confederate States is tried, the Chief Justice shall preside; and no person shall be convicted without the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present.

7. Judgment in cases of impeachment shall not extend further than to removal from office, and disqualification to hold any office of honor, trust or profit, under the Confederate States; but the party convicted shall, nevertheless, be liable and subject to indictment, trial, judgment and punishment according to law.

Section 4.

1. The times, places and manner of holding elections for Senators and

Representatives, shall be prescribed in each state by the legislature thereof, subject to the provisions of this Constitution; but the Congress may, at any time, by law, make or alter such regulations, except as to the times and places of choosing Senators.

2. The Congress shall assemble at least once in every year; and such meeting shall be on the first Monday in December, unless they shall, by law, appoint a different day.

Section 5.

1. Each House shall be the judge of the elections, returns, and qualifications of its own members, and a majority of each shall constitute a quorum to do business; but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day, and may be authorized to compel the attendance of absent members, in such manner and under such penalties as each House may provide.

2. Each number, expel a member.

3. Each House shall keep a journal of its proceedings, and from time to time publish the same, excepting such parts as may in their judgment require secrecy; and the yeas and nays of the members of either House, on any question, shall, at the desire of one-fifth of those present, be entered on the journal.

4. Neither House, during the session of Congress, shall, without the consent of the other, adjourn for more than three days, nor to any other place than that in which the two Houses shall be sitting.

Section 6.

1. The Senators and Representatives shall receive a compensation for their services, to be ascertained by law, and paid out of the treasury of the Confederate States. They shall, in all cases, except treason, felony, and breach of the peace, be privileged from arrest during their attendance at the session of their respective Houses, and in going to and returning from the same; and for any speech or debate in either House, they shall not be questioned in any other place.

2. No Senator or Representative shall, during the time for which he was elected, be appointed to any civil office under the authority of the Confederate States, which shall have been created, or the emoluments whereof shall have been increased during such time; and no person holding any office under the Confederate States shall be a member of either House during his continuance in office. But Congress may, by law, grant to the principal officer in each of the Executive Departments a seat upon the floor of either House, with the

privilege of discussing any measures appertaining to his department.
Section 7.

1. All bills for raising revenue shall originate in the House of Representatives; but the Senate may propose or concur with amendments as on other bills.

2. Every bill which shall have passed both Houses, shall, before it becomes a law, be presented to the President of the Confederate States; if he approve, he shall sign it; but if not, he shall return it with his objections to that House in which it shall have originated, who shall enter the objections at large on their journal, and proceed to reconsider it. If, after such reconsideration, two-thirds of that House shall agree to pass the bill, it shall be sent, together with the objections, to the other House, by which it shall likewise be reconsidered, and if approved by two-thirds of that House, it shall become a law. But in all such cases, the votes of both Houses shall be determined by yeas and nays, and the names of the persons voting for and against the bill shall be entered on the journal of each House respectively. If any bill shall not be returned by the President within ten days (Sundays excepted) after it shall have been presented to him, the same shall be a law, in like manner as if he had signed it, unless the Congress, by their adjournment, prevent its return; in which case it shall not be a law. The President may approve any appropriation and disapprove any other appropriation in the same bill. In such case he shall, in signing the bill, designate the appropriations disapproved; and shall return a copy of such appropriations, with his objections, to the House in which the bill shall have originated; and the same proceedings shall then be had as in case of other bills disapproved by the President.

3. Every order, resolution, or vote, to which the concurrence of both Houses may be necessary (except on a question of adjournment) shall be presented to the President of the Confederate States; and before the same shall take effect, shall be approved by him; or being disapproved by him, shall be re-passed by two-thirds of both Houses according to the rules and limitations prescribed in case of a bill.

Section 8.

The Congress shall have power—

1. To lay and collect taxes, duties, imposts, and excises, for revenue necessary to pay the debts, provide for the common defence, and carry on the government of the Confederate States; but no bounties

shall be granted from the treasury; nor shall any duties or taxes on importations from foreign nations be laid to promote or foster any branch of industry; and all duties, imposts, and excises shall be uniform throughout the Confederate States:

2. To borrow money on the credit of the Confederate States:

3. To regulate commerce with foreign nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian tribes; but neither this, nor any other clause contained in the constitution, shall ever be construed to delegate the power to Congress to appropriate money for any internal improvement intended to facilitate commerce; except for the purpose of furnishing lights, beacons, and buoys, and other aids to navigation upon the coasts, and the improvement of harbors and the removing of obstructions in river navigation, in all which cases, such duties shall be laid on the navigation facilitated thereby, as may be necessary to pay the costs and expenses thereof:

4. To establish uniform laws of naturalization, and uniform laws on the subject of bankruptcies, throughout the Confederate States; but no law of Congress shall discharge any debt contracted before the passage of the same:

5. To coin money, regulate the value thereof and of foreign coin, and fix the standard of weights and measures:

6. To provide for the punishment of counterfeiting the securities and current coin of the Confederate States:

7. To establish post offices and post routes; but the expenses of the Post office Department, after the first day of March in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and sixty-three, shall be paid out of its own revenues:

8. To promote the progress of science and useful arts, by securing for limited times to authors and inventors the exclusive right to their respective writings and discoveries:

9. To constitute tribunals inferior to the Supreme Court:

10. To define and punish piracies and felonies committed on the high seas, and offenses against the law of nations:

11. To declare war, grant letters of marque and reprisal, and make rules concerning captures on land and water:

12. To raise and support armies; but no appropriation of money to that use shall be for a longer term than two years:

13. To provide and maintain a navy:

14. To make rules for the government and regulation of the land and

naval forces:

15. To provide for calling forth the militia to execute the laws of the Confederate States, suppress insurrections, and repel invasions:

16. To provide for organizing, arming, and disciplining the militia, and for governing such part of them as may be employed in the service of the Confederate States; reserving to the States, respectively, the appointment of the officers, and the authority of training the militia according to the discipline prescribed by Congress:

17. To exercise exclusive legislation, in all cases whatsoever, over such district (not exceeding ten miles square) as may, by cession of one or more States and the acceptance of Congress, become the seat of the Government of the Confederate States; and to exercise like authority over all places purchased by the consent of the legislature of the State in which the same shall be, for the erection of forts, magazines, arsenals, dockyards, and other needful buildings; and

18. To make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into execution the foregoing powers, and all other powers vested by this Constitution in the government of the Confederate States, or in any department or officer thereof.

Section 9.

1. The importation of negroes of the African race from any foreign country, other than the slaveholding States or Territories of the United States of America, is hereby forbidden; and Congress is required to pass such laws as shall effectually prevent the same.

2. Congress shall also have power to prohibit the introduction of slaves from any State not a member of, or Territory not belonging to, this Confederacy.

3. The privilege of the writ of habeas corpus shall not be suspended, unless when in cases of rebellion or invasion the public safety may require it.

4. No bill of attainder, ex post facto law, or law denying or impairing the right of property in negro slaves shall be passed.

5. No capitation or other direct tax shall be laid, unless in proportion to the census or enumeration hereinbefore directed to be taken.

6. No tax or duty shall be laid on articles exported from any State, except by a vote of two-thirds of both Houses.

7. No preference shall be given by any regulation of commerce or revenue to the ports of one State over those of another.

8. No money shall be drawn from the treasury, but in consequence of

appropriations made by law; and a regular statement and account of the receipts and expenditures of all public money shall be published from time to time.

9. Congress shall appropriate no money from the treasury except by a vote of two-thirds of both Houses, taken by yeas and nays, unless it be asked and estimated for by some one of the heads of Department, and submitted to Congress by the President; or for the purpose of paying its own expenses and contingencies; or for the payment of claims against the Confederate States, the justice of which shall have been judicially declared by a tribunal for the investigation of claims against the government, which it is hereby made the duty of Congress to establish.

10. All bills appropriating money shall specify in federal currency the exact amount of each appropriation and the purposes for which it is made; and Congress shall grant no extra compensation to any public contractor, officer, agent or servant, after such contract shall have been made or such service rendered.

11. No title of nobility shall be granted by the Confederate States; and no person holding any office of profit or trust under them, shall, without the consent of the Congress, accept of any present, emolument, office or title of any kind whatever from any king, prince or foreign State.

12. Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble and petition the government for a redress of grievances.

13. A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.

14. No soldier shall, in time of peace, be quartered in any house without the consent of the owner; nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

15. The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated; and no warrants shall issue but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

16. No person shall be held to answer for a capital or otherwise

infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a grand jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the militia, when in actual service, in time of war or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor be compelled, in any criminal case, to be a witness against himself; nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.

RELIGION

I have been privileged to know some of the ablest men on earth—men of many faiths, many professions, many accomplishments, in nearly 150 countries. But I've never known a man who knew enough so that I was willing to trust him with my everlasting life. Richard L. Evans

He is a bold man who calls anything a trifle. ~ Andrew Carnegie
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Sometimes the gods themselves forget the answers to their own riddles. Edwin L. Arnold
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It is only when men beg(i)n to worship that they begin to grow. ~ Calvin Coolidge

The highest worship of God is service to man ~ Martin Luther

A silly idea is current that good people do not know what temptation means. This is an obvious lie. Only those who try to resist temptation know how strong it is. After all, you find out the strength of the German army by fighting it, not by lying down. A man who gives in to temptation after five minutes simply does not know what it would have been like an hour

later. ~ C. S. Lewis

I'm glad at the way it came out, but at the conversion moment, what I heard was God saying-Put down your gun & we'll talk ~ CS Lewis

No one becomes a saint in his sleep. Sterling W. Sill.

None but fools trifle with the souls of men. Joseph Smith

Whatever is holy to the heart of man, remains also holy in every religion. [Hans Christian Andersen](#)

Those people who will not be governed by God will be ruled by tyrants. ~ William Penn

I have a new philosophy. I'm only going to dread one day at a time. - Charles M. Schulz

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You must acquire the habits and skills of managing a small amount of sin before you can handle a large amount.

The man who walks with God is in good company. Get into partnership with Him, but don't try to be the leading member of the firm. ~ [Cole Younger](#).

It is all too easy to fall into the trap of praying once and complaining for a year when the answer to our request doesn't appear immediately.

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May we never be discouraged in doing those daily tasks that God has ordained to be the common lot of man. Howard W. Hunter

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The two most important days in your life are the day you were born, and the day you figure out why ~ Mark Twain

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Most people get their religious education from reading greeting cards. Leif Enger

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How little people know who think that holiness is dull. When one meets the real thing, it is irresistible ` C.S. LEWIS

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Bumper stickers are the only part of the Bible I have ever understood.

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When science is learned in love, and its powers are wielded by love, they will appear the supplements and continuations of the material creation. ~ Emerson

The greatest man in history was the poorest ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed. Paul, KJV

This life makes no logical sense unless we think in terms of the eternities. James E. Faust

Reverence invites revelation -- Boyd K. Packer

A perfect body is not required to achieve a divine destiny. Russell M. Nelson

Prayer is a key to wisdom, virtue and humility. Russell M. Nelson

It is not enough to be good. We must be good for something.

Gordon B. Hinckley

It is much easier to repent of sins we have committed than to repent of those we intend to commit.. Josh Billings

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We don't discover humility by thinking less *of* ourselves; we discover humility by thinking less *about* ourselves. ~ Dieter F. Uchtdorf

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Sometimes we get weary and whine because God has not heard our

petition. But the real problem is we haven't been listening to God's answer.
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Any attribute you openly brag about you can count on losing or having tested.

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FAITH is not a free gift. God is not responsible for the faith we lack or the faith we refuse to use. ~ Lin Stone

Discipline isn't what you do to a child, it's what you do for him.

Keith Willsey

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Your child is just 1 click away from immoral disaster.

You Can't Miss It!

Matt. 7: 13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:

Consider this, your work might be like Ruth's, not to bear fruit for 16 generations.

Miracles do still happen today. Maybe the Red Sea hasn't parted for me lately, but the housing market has opened up.

**We don't need more faith to move mountains;
we need less laziness to get on with the job.**

Man is often helpless but never hopeless.

We were chained down in the middle of the road by our sins, but Jesus set us free by paying for our sins so that we could walk the road that leads to perfection.

Those that hark the tune that Satan is piping down soon will dance in the devil's embrace and waltz with him into the flames they have fanned.

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A religion which requires persecution (of others) to sustain it is of the devil's propagation. Hosea Ballou

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I have now disposed of all my property to my family. There is one thing more I wish I could give them, and that is the Christian religion. If they had that, and I had not given them one shilling, they would have been rich, and if they had not that, and I had given them all the world, they would be poor." ~ Patrick Henry -- The New Dictionary of Thoughts

You can safely assume you've created God in your own image when it turns out that God hates all the same people you ~ Anne Lamott

They were guilty of turning religion into ritual. ~ Robert Millet
Beautify your gardens, your houses, your farms; beautify the city. This will make us happy, and produce plenty. The earth is a good earth, the elements are good if we will use them for our own benefit, in truth and righteousness. Then let us be content, and go to with our mights to make ourselves healthy, wealthy, and beautiful, and preserve ourselves in the best possible manner, and live just as long as we can, and do all the good we can. Brigham Young.

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Children of men! the unseen Power, whose eye
For ever doth accompany mankind
Hath looked on no religion scornfully
That men did ever find.
Which has not taught weak wills how much they can?
Which has not fall'n in the dry heart like rain?
Which has not cried to sunk, self-weary man,
Thou must be born again. ~ attributed to Andrew Carnegie

Andrew said of his father: he was "not much of a man of the world, but a man all over for heaven."

True repentance always involves reform. Hosea Ballou

Gratitude is the fairest blossom which springs from the soul; and the heart of man knoweth of none more fragrant. Hosea Ballou

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If ingratitude be numbered among the serious sins, then gratitude takes its place among the noblest of virtues. ~ Thomas S. Monson

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There are no successful sinners. Harold B. Lee

In this fearful age it is not enough to be happy and prosperous and secure yourselves. You must have a message to proclaim to others, and a fundamental outlook on life; and this special something must vibrate with relevance to all conditions of men. Charles Malik

While Americans throw Religion out of schools, Russians want it back.
Cal Thomas, Los Angeles Times.

Man makes religion, religion does not make man. ~ Karl Marx

I am a traditional Jew, and I observe the Biblical dietary laws. I suspect most of you assume I go around all day saying to myself, boy would I love to eat pork chops, but that mean old God won't let me. Not so. The fact is I go around all day saying: isn't it incredible? There are five billion people on this planet and God cares what I have for lunch. -- Rabbi Harold S. Kushner. (bold was NOT present in original.

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When Jesus said, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father in Heaven is perfect." he meant it. Therefore, have the courage to be perfect. People usually describe "perfect" only by its negative attributes -- isn't a drunk, isn't a coward, doesn't tell lies, etc.; God is perfect and, yes, he has all those sterling negative qualities, but his most important attributes are all positive -- forgiving, loving, wise, wonderful, etc.. ~ Lin Stone

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Why is it better to be reborn early than late?

1. With each passing minute we become more case-hardened in our sins.

2. Living in the Light of Christ is the most wonderful way of living on earth

3. We never know how far ahead "too late" is until it is too late.

4. By starting now we will be light years ahead of those who decide they will repent "after having a little more fun."

5. When Jesus said, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father in Heaven is perfect." he meant it and if we intend to get there we'd better start right now.

It is a great mistake to test a prophet by his prophecies. Prophets may be looking into the future, into the past, afar off, or right where we stand because they look for answers and truth. The real test of a prophet is do we know God's voice well enough to know it when we hear one of his prophets telling us what we need to hear? ~ Lin Stone

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"Now there are those among us who are trying to serve the Lord without offending the devil." Marion G. Romney

Part of the reason why evil is possible is because it is made to be profitable. Richard L. Evans

Satan insisted that his plan could save everyone; he didn't tell anyone that if his plan were used that no one would be worth saving.

A virtue to be admired is a virtue to be acquired.

Gordon B. Hinckley

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Myths and legends are innumerable while the rites and ordinances found throughout the world are surprisingly few and uniform, making it quite apparent that it is the stories that are invented—the rites are always there. ~ Hugh B. Nibley

It is sad to think how many of those telling points (from scientific discoveries) that turned some of our best students away from the gospel have turned out to be dead wrong! ~ Hugh B. Nibley

How prudently most men creep into nameless graves, while now and then one or two forget themselves into immortality. Wendell Phillips

The restored gospel of Jesus Christ is a way of life. It is not for Sunday only. Dieter F. Uchtdorf

It is easier to keep the commandments 100% of the time than it is to keep the commandments 98% of the time. Clayton M. Christiansen

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Marriages can die from a lack of spiritual nourishment. James E. Faust.

Kindness is the essence of greatness. Joseph B. Wirthlin

Physical strength can never permanently withstand the impact of spiritual force. ~ Franklin D. Roosevelt

Whoever seeks to set one religion against another seeks to destroy all religion. ~ Franklin D. Roosevelt

There are only two forces in the world, the sword and the spirit. In the long run the sword will always be conquered by the spirit. ~ Napoleon Bonaparte

A man cannot become an atheist merely by wishing it. ~ Napoleon Bonaparte

All religions have been made by men. ~ Napoleon Bonaparte

No argument in the world carries the hatred that a religious prejudice does. Will Rogers

If I had to choose a religion, the sun as the universal giver of life would be my god. ~ Napoleon Bonaparte

Religion is excellent stuff for keeping common people quiet. ~ Napoleon Bonaparte

Religion is what keeps the poor from murdering the rich. ~ Napoleon Bonaparte

Sharing the gospel is very much like sharing directions to the road to happiness.

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Friends and strangers ask what makes me think the gospel is true. My friends and many of the strangers are looking for help, to these I offer suggestions. There are also strangers - and even friends - that are meanly determined to break my faith and destroy my confidence; to these I am often prompted to say, "How I know isn't important. The real crisis is this - Why don't **YOU** know?"

The road you are traveling is long and rocky. It leads only to dark, empty pockets of bitterness and despair. When you finally realize the bitterness of betrayal, and curse yourself for having chased an empty bag there will come a tollgate and a gatekeeper in that road who asks in saddened voice - Why **DON'T** you know?

There are so many witnesses around you, so many promptings to return to where you went astray so that you could take the right turn and start off again, knowing that the gospel is true for it truly does have all the answers to all the right questions in life.

God expects you to know the right answer at each diverging fork in the road. If God expects it of you then you were born with that divine spark in you that does know the answer, before the question is even framed for trembling lips to speak. You can snuff out that spark with contemptuous pride, or you can fan it into a warm and nourishing flame. Why don't you know how? WHY, aren't you at least happy?

It is not enough to preach the gospel. One must also live the gospel.
Quentin L Cook

[I am convinced that missionary work is not easy because salvation is not a cheap experience. Jeffrey R Holland.](#)

When you run from temptation, don't leave a forwarding address or new telephone number. Jeffrey R. Holland

Missionary work is not just one of the 88 KEYS on the piano; it is a major chord compelling melody that needs to be played continuously throughout our lives if we are to remain in harmony with our

commitment to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Quentin L. Cook.

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The price of peace is righteousness. Men and Nations may loudly proclaim 'peace, peace,' but there shall be no peace until individuals nurture in those souls those principles of personal purity, integrity, and character which foster the development of peace. Peace cannot be imposed. It must come from the lives and hearts of men. There is no other way. ~ Ezra Taft Benson

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When it came time to part, Abraham gave Lot the choice of which way to go; he knew that God would bless him even in dry and parched places. Lot looked out and chose for himself that portion that was lush and green; he coveted the easier way to go.

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Making fun of born-again Christians is like hunting dairy cows with a high powered rifle and scope. ~ P. J. O'Rourke

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The "Psychic Friends Network" went out of business... didn't they see it coming?
~ Ed Dyson

Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other. ~ John Adams
The Hebrews have done more to civilize men than any other nation. If I were an atheist, and believed blind eternal fate, I should still believe that fate had ordained the Jews to be the most essential instrument for civilizing the nations. ~ John Adams

I always consider the settlement of America with reverence and wonder, as the opening of a grand scene and design in providence, for the illumination of the ignorant and the emancipation of the slavish part of mankind all over the earth. ~ John Adams

Heaven will be no heaven to me if I do not meet my wife there. ~ Andrew Jackson

I do not believe in the divinity of Christ, and there are many other of the postulates of the orthodox creed to which I cannot subscribe. William H. Taft

It is only when men began to worship that they begin to grow. Calvin Coolidge

The foundations of society and of our government rests on the teachings of the Bible, that it would be difficult to support them, if faith in these teachings should cease To Be practically universal in this country. Calvin Coolidge

The foundation of our independence and our government rests upon our basic religious convictions. Calvin Coolidge

Parchment will fail, the sword will fail, it is only the spiritual nature of man that can be triumphant. Calvin Coolidge

To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas. -- Calvin Coolidge

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If we ever forget that we're one nation under God, then we will be a nation gone under. - Ronald Reagan

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Leave the matter of religion to the family altar, the church, and the private school, supported entirely by private contributions. Keep the church and state forever separate. ~ Ulysses S. Grant

Hold fast to the Bible. . . . To the influence of this Book we are indebted for all the progress made in true civilization and to this we must look as our guide in the future. ~ Ulysses S. Grant

Nations, like individuals, are punished for their transgressions. ~ Ulysses S. Grant

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Our scientific power has outrun our spiritual power. We have guided missiles and misguided men." - Martin Luther King

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While the laughter of joy is in full harmony with our deeper life, the laughter of amusement should be kept apart from it. The danger is too great of thus learning to look at solemn things in a spirit of mockery, and to seek in them opportunities for exercising wit. ~ Lewis Carroll

Human kindness has never weakened the stamina or softened the fiber of a free people. A nation does not have to be cruel to be tough. ~ Franklin D. Roosevelt

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It used to be that God required a tithe and the poor were taken care of by letting them labor for their own welfare as Ruth did. But wise and pompous philosophers said a King and a Government could take better care of us. Today the poor have their livings handed to them and they riot for more; big business begs for handouts and politicians lurch into power on promises of what they will do for your neighbor with the money you earned.

Losing our way is easy when our daily decisions do not match our eternal destination.

Every time the news goes out that God is Dead, there are a thousand people pop up declaring they are smart enough to lead us astray.

People talk about how you should forgive. Forgive those who have wronged you, or wronged themselves, or wronged others, and they speak of it as if it is some easy task. But, the truth is, it's hard to forgive. It may be one of the most difficult of kindnesses that we are able to bestow upon another person. Because forgiveness isn't something that just happens. It isn't just, "yes, I accept your apology". It's more like -- "I have found the capability somewhere within the deepest regions of my being to look past your faults and wrongdoings and to trust you again". And that sort of trust doesn't rebuild itself overnight. ~ Lynli Johnson

Ah, the family. The mechanism by which children are taught to obey authority.

The first thing divine interventionists promote that would take over the government is death of family leadership. God is dead, religion is the opium of the people, etc.. and then their people starve and the dead are stacked up like cordwood. Do we really want anarchy to rain down blood and horror on our streets? God says, "Come and I will teach you." Governments say, "Come and I will fleece you."

Are all fathers as good as Father Knows Best? No. and I admit that John Walton And Ward Cleaver are other figments of the imagination. But let us review those shows where fathers did strive and remember they were not destined to be guides for the fathers and mothers of their day but to become guides for the children of that day to emulate when they became parents. Even as they learn to adjust to reality, the desire for perfection shall creep forward another inch at a time.

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God give me strength to face a fact though it slay me. ~ Thomas Huxley

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Time marches on, but time calls the cadence. ~ Thomas S. Monson

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There is no oath that can bind a woman's tongue ~ Henry Rider Haggard

It is Better to Weep With the Wise Than to Sleep With the Fools

Burma Shave

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Nine-tenths of the talk of Evolutionists is sheer nonsense, not founded on observation and wholly unsupported by facts. This museum is full of proofs of the utter falsity of their views. Dr. Etheridge

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You cannot do a kindness too soon because you never know how soon will be too late. ~ Emerson

If anyone really believed in evolution they would leave the air conditioner behind, step into the desert outside and EVOLVE. ~ Lin Stone

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With all my devotion to the Union and the feeling of loyalty and duty of an American citizen, I have not been able to raise my hand against my relatives, my children, my home. I have therefore resigned my commission in the Army. ~ Robert Edward Lee

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How could I shoot 120 men from Maine? I could never go home? ~ Chamberlain

People live for the dream in their hearts. And I have yet to know anyone who has not some secret dream, some hope, however dim, some storied wall to look at in the dusk, some painted window leading to the soul. ~ Zane Grey

Shortcuts are always attractive. But they are rarely effective. ~ Jim Daniels

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I hate the idea of causes, and if I had to choose between betraying my country and betraying my friend, I hope I should have the guts to betray my country. ~ E. M. Forster

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I have to pay my workers enough so they can buy the cars they make. Henry Ford

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All honest work is sacred.

It is much too easy to be so busy we can't accomplish anything.

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integrity is not naïveté. What is naive is to suppose that we are not accountable to God. ~ D. Todd Christofferson

Milestones can turn into mill stones and both be as slick as wet river rocks beneath our feet.

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Human beings are the only creatures on earth that allow their children to come back home. ~ Bill Cosby

I desire that every laborer in my realm should be able to put a fowl in the pot on Sundays. ~ King Henry IV, France

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Wisdom begins with acknowledging the intricate importance of the simple basics.

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The way to spell LOVE is: T I M E.

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When there is no rest for the weary the power of prayer can give us rest between heartbeats. Living in half time the hours simply fade away.

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If a taste of sin and stupidity would really help you live better we would gladly dunk you three times in the cesspool of sin and yank you out only when the filth had done its dirty work on your soul.

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It is through selfless service that we are refined for a righteous fate.

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In wartime, truth is so precious that she should always be attended by a bodyguard of lies. ~ Winston Churchill

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You are deader than you think. ~Wilbur Schramm

Anything they can get you addicted to they can raise the price on. Freedom must always also consist of evading the addictions.

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Great Parenting is not a popularity contest. Tina Johnson

American companies may have beautiful plants in Mexico, but it is now known that their workers live in cardboard boxes. ~ Richard Gephardt

Once upon a time the Ancient Egyptians were ridiculed in our schools

for making sure their hair and fingernail clippings were carefully guarded until they could be disposed of properly, as if there were some hidden code in them that could be used to their detriment. Today it is openly preached that DNA codes are present even in our saliva and can be collected from hair follicles found on personal brushes. It will be realized and admitted that the Native Americans in the United States had a better, cleaner, happier civilization than the Euroamericans that invaded their societies and destroyed them under the standard that Natives were only ignorant savages.

Have you ever read a scientific definition of love? You never will. Why? Because a man does not know what love is until he gets into it, and then he is not scientific until he gets out again. William Jennings Bryan

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Decide that you want it more than you are afraid of it. ~ Bill Cosby

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FEAR is a can of worms that you think is a basket of writhing rattle snakes!

Life is full of difficulties, some minor and others of a more serious nature. There seems to be an unending supply of challenges for one and all. Our problem is that we often expect instantaneous solutions to such challenges, forgetting that frequently the heavenly virtue of patience is required. Thomas S. Monson.

While the media is entitled to its own opinion, it is not entitled to its own facts. ~ Jim Tunney, professional speaker.

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It isn't that they can't see the solution. It is that they can't see the problem. — G.K. Chesterton

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Perhaps the most valuable result of all education is the ability to make yourself do the very thing you have to do when it ought to be done, whether you like it or not. Aldous Huxley

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You can learn more about human nature by reading the Bible than you can by living in New York. William Lyon Phelps

Preparation removes fear. L. Tom Perry

*There is one Bad Problem With The Learned --
They know too much and they don't know how to
get around it. ~ Lin Stone*

POLITICS

The compact which exists between the North and the South is a covenant with death and an agreement with hell. William Lloyd Garrison

"A slave is one who waits for someone else to free him." - Rosellen Brown

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If winds and tides are favorable, all is well; if not, all is wrong.

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The godlike power to do, the godlike aim to know. ~ Whittier.

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We search the world for truth; we cull The good, the pure, the beautiful, From graven stone and written scroll, From all the flower-fields of the soul: And, weary seekers of the best, We come back laden from our quest, to find that all the sages said Is in the BOOK our mother read. Whittier.

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Until they get too old to care, ballpark idols prefer sportscasters that validate their greatness. ~ Lin Stone

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There are only two ways of telling the complete truth--anonymously

and posthumorously.

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Here's to the crazy ones, the misfits, the rebels, the troublemakers, the round pegs in the square holes... the ones who see things differently -- they're not fond of rules... You can quote them, disagree with them, glorify or vilify them, but the only thing you can't do is ignore them because they change things... they push the human race forward, and while some may see them as the crazy ones, we see genius, because the ones who are crazy enough to think that they can change the world, are the ones who do." Steve Jobs - Apple

A lie can travel halfway around the world before the truth gets its boots on. ~ Winston Churchill

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Work is an antidote for anxiety, an ointment for sorrow and a door to possibility.

Consider the postage stamp: its usefulness consists in the ability to stick to one thing till it gets there. Josh Billings

"The time will and must come, when honesty will receive its reward, and when the people of this nation will be brought to a sense of their duty, and will pause and reflect how much it cost us to redeem ourselves from the government of one man." David Crockett

No one becomes a saint in his sleep. Sterling W. Sill.

ART. X of New Hampshire State Constitution: Government being instituted for the common benefit; protection, and security of the whole community, and not for the private interest or emolument of any one man, family, or class of men; therefore, whenever the ends of government are perverted and public liberty manifestly endangered, and all other means of redress are ineffectual, the

people of right ought and may to reform the old, or establish a new government. The doctrine of non-resistance against arbitrary power and oppression is absurd, slavish, and destructive of the good and happiness of mankind.

Who ordained that the few should have the land (of Britain) as a prerequisite; who made 10,000 people owners of the soil and the rest of us trespassers in the land of our birth? -- David Lloyd George

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In tough economic times, people care a lot more about the money they're spending. Drew Patterson

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The Best of Fools Can't Count their chickens cackling around their feet. It always seems that one head is missing, or maybe one is missing a head? Oh, this is just too confusing to be dealt with. Peter Morici is a professor at the University of Maryland and a former chief economist at the U.S. International Trade Commission. He argues that Hurricane Sandy may prove to be an economic boon, writing: "Disasters can give the ailing construction sector a boost, and unleash smart reinvestment that actually improves stricken areas and the lives of those that survive intact. Ultimately, Americans, as they always seem to do, will emerge stronger in the wake of disaster and rebuild better — making a brighter future in the face of tragedy." Has Peter ever laid his red pencil down and cleaned up after a series of natural tragedies? Does Peter also believe war makes us rich? I have a solution. Let him walk through any major Veteran's hospital to bring comfort where it has rubbed bare.

"Uncle Joe Stalin" the ersatz friend of FDR said, "America will make the rope with which to hang themselves." He also said something to the tune that America would lend him the money to buy the rope. He wasn't far off the mark: Russia received 100 million tons of woolen and cotton goods, plus 15 million pairs of prime leather boots, 4 million rubber tires and tubes, 375,000 trucks, 11,000 freight cars, 15,000 airplanes, 7,000 tanks, and 2,000 locomotives. Uncle Joe is said to also have requested a few million condoms and specified they must be 18 inches long. FDR is said to have had the goods shipped in boxes stamped with the words, SIZE, MEDIUM. It was a nice chuckle

among wealthy friends.

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There is hope for the future because God has a sense of humor and we are funny to God. ~ Bill Cosby

Yes, I know of Bill's end and his death. I also know a lot of famous presidents whose lives were lived tragically amiss from the wise thoughts they proclaimed.

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When Henry Ward Beecher was asked how it was that he could accomplish so much more than other men, he replied: "I don't do more, but less, than other people. They do all their work three times over: once in anticipation, once in actuality, once in rumination. I do mine in actuality alone, doing it once instead of three times."

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Always speak the truth, think before you speak, and write it down afterwards. ~ Lewis Carroll

Just In Case, Just in case.

Man has achieved the setting of moral right above brute force ~ Georges Clemenceau

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Dreamers are a cheap commodity that can be bought for a penny per pound and have change left over. Visionaries however are priceless. ~ Lin Stone

Might is taking its stand beside right to accomplish the greatest revolution in the history of mankind ~ Georges Clemenceau

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Learning is not attained by chance, it must be sought for with ardor and diligence. - Abigail Adams

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Many a man would have been a success had he connected his fragmentary efforts.

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Spasmodic, disconnected attempts, without concentration, uncontrolled by any fixed idea, will never bring success. It is continuity of purpose alone that achieves results.

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Imagination will often carry us to worlds that never were. But without it we go nowhere. - Carl Sagan

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There are many things a son cherishes more highly than the inheritance of great riches, and foremost is the heritage of a good name. ~ Everett T. Tomlinson

One cannot be fair or just to his enemies unless he can first get their

*Failure is only the opportunity to begin again,
more intelligently. ~ Henry Ford*

points of view. ~ Everett T. Tomlinson

HAPPINESS

Fine Quotes

For Fine Tuning Our Soul

Being Irish, he had an abiding sense of tragedy, which sustained him through temporary periods of joy. - William Butler Yeats

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Tomorrow I could lose everything, but somehow I'm not afraid. ~ Dusko Condic

It's a small world, but I wouldn't want to to paint it. ~ Ed Dyson

The blind quest for cash is a fool's errand. ~ Tim Ferriss

In winter why do we try to keep the house as warm as it was in summer when we complained about the heat? ~ Ed Dyson

There is little success where there is little laughter. ~ Andrew Carnegie

Recent research reveals we are happiest in those moments when we forget to measure how happy we are. ~ Lin Stone

Fools will try to pretend they are enthusiastic by grinning while they are staring disaster in the face. "Believe my lips, not the terror you see in my eyes. ~ Lin Stone

I looked up his family tree to discover why the sap was still running.
~ Lin Stone

There is no way to satisfy the man who has it all, and wants more. ~
Lin Stone

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

People will choose unhappiness over uncertainty. ~ Tim Ferriss
<http://bit.ly/persdev>

Never regret. If it's good, it's wonderful. If it's bad, it's experience.-
Victoria Holt

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Happiness isn't something you experience; it's something you
remember. Oscar Levant

I hope she'll be a fool -- that's the best thing a girl can be in this
world, a beautiful little fool. F. Scott Fitzgerald (The Great Gatsby)

It's my world, I guess I can have some say in its construction. ~
Willard Marsh

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Quality is even more important to poor people than it is to rich
people; but they can't afford quality even if they can recognize it. Lin
Stone

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The things a boy wants to do just because they are the bad thing to
do are the worst temptations he will ever face. ~ Lin Stone

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We demand a recount so we also will have the opportunity to vote
twice and thus even up the score in the Electoral College football
game.

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Grief is the price we pay for love. Queen Elizabeth II

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Ex-Voters bemoan the fact that their votes don't count. Why did they expect their one piddling vote to change what 84,000 other people voted twice to get?

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We have a dollar left. we can buy a yellow rose for Texas or make a down payment on a yacht. ~ Willard Marsh

If at first you don't succeed, think how many people you've made happy. ~H. Duane Black

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You can't believe in ghosts all night if you want to make hay in the sunshine. ~ Lin Stone

The smartest decision I ever made happened at the age of 6 when I decided to walk away from the temptation to grab a buzzard by the wings and keep it from flying away. I've never regretted that decision. Oh, how happy my little life was when I quit while I was still ahead. ~ Lin Stone

You cannot add to the peace and good will of the world if you fail to create an atmosphere of harmony and love right where you live.?

~Thomas Dreier

A timid, fearful people cannot do their work well and they cannot do God's work at all. ~ Howard W. Hunter

Happiness makes up in height for what it lacks in length. Robert Frost

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Encouragement is the most important ingredient in any relationship.

~ Norman Jones

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

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If you make up your mind not to be happy there's no reason why you shouldn't have a fairly good time. Edith Wharton

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Just cause you got the monkey off your back doesn't mean the circus has left town. - George Carlin

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Fear is the only true enemy, born of ignorance and the parent of anger and hate. - Edward Albert

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The world is a dangerous place to live, not because of the the people who are evil, but because of the people who don't do anything about it. ~ Einstein

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It is in fact nothing short of a miracle that modern methods of instruction have not yet strangled the holy curiosity of inquiry. It is a very grave mistake to think that enjoyment of seeing and searching can be promoted by means of coercion and a sense of duty. Einstein

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Believe in your dreams and they MIGHT come true. Believe in YOURSELF and they will come true. ~ Cathi Roberts

History repeats itself even when you know what's coming.

We are like islands in the sea, separate on the surface but connected in the deep... - William James

If all you know is what you see with your natural eyes and what you hear with your natural ears, then you will not know very much. ~ Boyd K Packer

When a man is surprised to find he's human it's time to quit! ~ Will F. Jenkins

Nothing can bring you peace but yourself; nothing can bring you peace but the triumph of principles. ~ Emerson

For every minute you are angry you lose sixty seconds of happiness. - Ralph Waldo Emerson

Little minds have little worries, big minds have no time for worries. - Ralph Waldo Emerson

The ornament of a house is the friends who frequent it. - Ralph Waldo

Emerson

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A room without books is like a body without a soul. - Cicero

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It is astonishing how many men lack this power of 'holding on' until they reach the goal. They can make a sudden dash, but they lack grit. They are easily discouraged. They get on as long as everything goes smoothly, but when there is friction they lose heart. They depend on stronger personalities for their spirit and strength. They lack independence or originality. They only dare to do what others do. They do not step boldly from the crowd and act fearlessly. ~ Dr. Theodore Cuyler.

*The only difference between a tax man and a taxidermist is that the taxidermist leaves the skin. Mark Twain.

The biggest nightmare of any elected politician is an educated voter ~ Tina Johnson.

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When US votes foolishly we cannot legitimately complain about the fools we find wallowing in the Washington hog troughs.

Change just happens. Change for the better is a full-time job. Adlai E. Stevenson

A politician is a statesman who approaches every question with an open mouth. Adlai E. Stevenson

It's hard to lead a cavalry charge if you think you look funny on a horse. Adlai E. Stevenson

A hungry man is not a free man. Adlai E. Stevenson

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As soon as any man says of the affairs of state, What does it matter to me? the state may be given up as lost. ~ John F. Kennedy, personal diary.

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Hitler's originality lay in his realization that effective revolutions, in

modern conditions, are carried out with, and not against, the power of the state: The correct order of events was first to secure access to that power and then begin his revolution. Hitler never abandoned the cloak of legality; he recognized the enormous psychological value of having the law on his side. Instead, he turned the law inside out and made illegality legal. (the historian) Alan Bullock

Time makes more converts than reason. ~ Thomas Paine

Anyone who does not give a damn about this country's laws does not give a damn about this country. ~ Lin Stone

The mystery of government is not how Washington works but how to make it stop. ~ P. J. O'Rourke

America wasn't founded so that we could all be better. America was founded so we could all be anything we damned well pleased. ~ P. J. O'Rourke

Every government is a parliament of whores. The trouble is, in a democracy, the whores are us. ~ P. J. O'Rourke

If government were a product, selling it would be illegal. ~ P. J. O'Rourke

The Democrats are the party that says government will make you smarter, taller, richer, and remove the crabgrass on your lawn. The Republicans are the party that says government doesn't work and then they get elected and prove it. ~ P. J. O'Rourke

In our brief national history we have shot four of our presidents, worried five of them to death, impeached one and hounded another out of office. And when all else fails, we hold an election and assassinate their character. ~ P. J. O'Rourke

The Clinton administration launched an attack on people in Texas because those people were religious nuts with guns. Hell, this country was founded by religious nuts with guns. Who does Bill Clinton think

stepped ashore on Plymouth Rock? ~ P. J. O'Rourke

When buying and selling are controlled by legislation, the first things to be bought and sold are legislators. ~ P. J. O'Rourke

The good news is that, according to the Obama administration, the rich will pay for everything. The bad news is that, according to the Obama administration, you're rich. ~ P. J. O'Rourke

I come from a state that raises corn and cotton and cockleburs and Democrats, and frothy eloquence neither convinces nor satisfies me. I'm from Missouri; you've got to show me. William Duncan Vandiver, 1899 at a naval banquet in Philadelphia.

I enjoy reading words of wisdom especially those our leaders of today seem to forget about. Norman Jones.

We are the people who run this country. We are the deciders. And every single day, every single one of us needs to step outside and take some action to help stop this war. Raise hell. Think of something to make the ridiculous look ridiculous. Molly Ivins, syndicated columnist

I realize that there are certain limitations placed upon the right of free speech. I may not be able to say all I think, but I am not going to say anything I do not think. Eugene V. Debs

What constitutes the bulwark of our own liberty and independence? It is not our frowning battlements, our bristling sea coasts, our army and our navy... Our reliance is in the love of liberty which God has planted in us. ~ Abraham Lincoln

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Martyrdom is the only way a man can become famous without ability. -- George Bernard Shaw

"I believe there is something out there watching us. I believe it's the government." Woody Allen

These are the worst of days, a time when telling the truth is labeled "derogatory." Anon.

In this world a man must be either anvil or hammer.
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

I'd rather be the hammer than the anvil. Erwin Rommel

"You name them. I'll shoot them." George Patton, to Eisenhower.

Soldiers generally win battles; generals get credit for them. ~
Napoleon Bonaparte

The art of policing is, in order to punish less often, to punish more severely. ~ Napoleon Bonaparte

Men are more easily governed through their vices than through their virtues. ~ Napoleon Bonaparte

In politics stupidity is not a handicap. ~ Napoleon Bonaparte

If they want peace, nations should avoid the pin-pricks that precede cannon shots. ~ Napoleon Bonaparte

He who fears being conquered is sure of defeat. ~ Napoleon Bonaparte

A revolution is an idea which has found its bayonets. ~ Napoleon Bonaparte

The people to fear are not those who disagree with you, but those who disagree with you and are too cowardly to let you know. ~
Napoleon Bonaparte

Four hostile newspapers are more to be feared than a thousand bayonets. ~ Napoleon Bonaparte

He who knows how to flatter also knows how to slander. ~ Napoleon Bonaparte

Ten people who speak make more noise than ten thousand who are silent. ~ Napoleon Bonaparte

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He who is silent is forgotten;
he who does not advance falls back;
he who stops is overwhelmed, distanced, crushed;
he who ceases to become greater, becomes smaller;
he who leaves off gives up;
the stationary is the beginning of the end.
it precedes death;
to live is to achieve, to will without ceasing.

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Be thou a hero; let thy might Tramp on eternal snows its way, And through the ebon walls of night, hew down a passage unto day. ~ Park Benjamin.

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We saw what happened in New Orleans when people waited for the government to help. Bill Cosby

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In my country we go to prison first and then become President. ~ Mandela

To compel a man to subsidize with his taxes the propagation of ideas which he disbelieves and abhors is sinful and tyrannical. -- Thomas Jefferson

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There is no chance, no destiny, no fate, Can circumvent, or hinder, or control The firm resolve of a determined soul. Gifts count for nothing; will alone is great; All things give way before it soon or late. What obstacle can stay the mighty force of the sea seeking river in its course, Or cause the ascending orb of day to wait?

Each well-born soul must win what it deserves. Let the fool prate of luck. The fortunate is he whose earnest purpose never swerves, whose slightest action or inaction serves the one great aim. ~ Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

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There are three kinds of people in the world. The wills, the won'ts, and the can'ts. The first accomplish everything; the second oppose everything; the third fail in everything."

"The time will and must come, when honesty will receive its reward, and when the people of this nation will be brought to a sense of their duty, and will pause and reflect how much it cost us to redeem ourselves from the government of one man." David Crockett

It's hard to out do Santa Claus when it comes to giving out presents. Especially if he has your credit card. ~ Elmer Goetz

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Stimulate the Economy, Not the Government ~ Mitt Romney

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Money does not just disappear out of nothing. ~ Lin Stone

Paul Krugman wrote in his New York Times column titled "Reckonings; **After the Horror**" that as **"ghastly as it may seem to say this, the terror attack — like the original day of infamy, which brought an end to the Great Depression — could even do some economic good."** He explained that **rebuilding the destruction would stimulate the economy through business investment and job creation.**

Another economist who can't count and believes War and devastation will make our citizens grow wealthy. This philosophy has been disputed countless times by men of intellect far greater than mine.

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The man who never looks into a newspaper is better informed than he who reads them, inasmuch as he who knows nothing is nearer to the truth than he whose mind is filled with falsehoods and errors. ~

Thomas Jefferson

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We demand that big business give the people a square deal; in return we must insist that when anyone engaged in big business honestly endeavors to do right he shall himself be given a square deal. ~ Theodore Roosevelt

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Most notable of the economic mistakes in the Bush administration complained about by citizens was the lackadaisical enforcement of immigration laws. Deliberate avoidance of these laws flooded states with illegal immigrants who worked for low wages and squandered away jobs needed by legal citizens. ~ Dr. Norman Jones author of Main Street Vs. Wall Street.

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We can have democracy in this country or we can have great wealth concentrated in the hands of a few, but we can't have both. ~ United States Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis

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The problem with being pious in politics is that piety has a way of backfiring – and causing people to snicker at you. ~ Jim Hightower

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Yes, going back to the original Constitution is the right road to travel, but I'd be satisfied with a compromise with stopping off on the road back at the first day of Teddy Roosevelt's term in office ~ Lin Stone

We had a muzzled press during the war, and now we've got free speech. It seems like one's as bad as the other. ~ Mary Roberts Rinehart

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Were we to be directed from Washington when to sow and when to reap, we should soon want bread. -- Thomas Jefferson

The government needs to find better ways to spend its time and our money. Mike McLean, Richfield Minn.

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Legislation is the opposite of liberty. R J Harris

War is the continuation of politics by other means. ~ Clausewitz

The compact which exists between the North and the South is a covenant with death and an agreement with hell. William Lloyd Garrison

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Some nation must lead the world out of the black night of war into the light of that day when "swords shall be beaten into plow-shares." Why not make that honour ours? Some day--why not now?--the nations will learn that enduring peace cannot be built upon fear--that good-will does not grow upon the stalk of violence. Some day the nations will place their trust in love, the weapon for which there is no shield; in love, that suffereth long and is kind; in love, that is not easily provoked, that beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things; in love, which, though despised as weakness by the worshippers of Mars, abideth when all else fails. ~ William Jennings Bryan

One country, one constitution, one destiny. Daniel Webster

We were told to vote for change we could believe in and found we had elected people who wanted to change what we believed. Jackie Cushman

War is not the best way of settling differences; however, it is the only way of preventing their being settled for you. G.K. Chesterton

Loyalty runs deep and lasts forever in spite of others, and sometimes even in spite of what we do. Cole Younger, the Confederate outlaw who turned his life around and paid his debt to society.



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"He's mad that trusts in the tameness of a wolf." Shakespeare

Liberal doctrines are less scientifically provable than the story of Noah's Ark. [Ann Coulter](#).

We've got a duty to die and get out of the way with all of our machines and artificial hearts and everything else like that and let the other society, our kids, build a reasonable life. Richard Lamm.

Where we once had a few big rules, now we need an encyclopedia of little rules. Chesterson.

The main thing that endears the United Nations to member governments, and so enables it to survive, is its proven capacity to fail. You can safely appeal to the United Nations in the comfortable certainty that it will let you down. Conor Cruise O'Brien

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.. the Officer Corp has nothing but distain for Obama the man, but enormous respect for Obama the C-i-C.. ~ John Potts

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Women should not be allowed to serve in the military. They are too vicious. Ann Coulter.

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The military is just one big soup line for losers -- ~ gordon1776

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When school children start paying union dues, that's when I'll start representing the interests of school children. Albert Shanker.

You can't get rid of poverty by giving people money. -- P.J O'Rourke

I have no further use for America. I wouldn't go back there if Jesus Christ was President. Charlie Chaplin

I would rather have a nod from an American, than a snuff-box from an emperor. Lord Byron

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.
Gilbert K. Chesterton

In the beginning of a change, the Patriot is a scarce man, Brave,
Hated, and Scorned. When his cause succeeds however, the timid join
him, For then it costs nothing to be a Patriot. -- Mark Twain

Once upon a time, government budgets were balanced, our money
was sound, the streets were safe, and taxes imposed by all levels of
government took less than 10% of our income. -- Harry Browne

Most people, sometime in their lives, stumble across truth. Most jump
up, brush themselves off, and hurry on about their business as if
nothing had happened. -- Sir Winston Churchill

To disarm the people (is) the best and most effectual way to enslave
them... -- George Mason

The stoical scheme of supplying our wants by lopping off our desires,
is like cutting off our feet when we want shoes. -- Jonathan Swift

We are not abandoning our convictions, our philosophy or traditions,
nor do we urge anyone to abandon theirs. -- Mikhail Gorbachev

If we can't legislate what goes on in the bedroom, why can't I hide
money from the IRS under my mattress? Ann Coulter.

Humans have rights under any and all conditions. [KATHY KASTEN](#)

"If we accept that a mother can kill even her own child, how can we
tell other people not to kill each other? ... Any country that accepts
abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to
get what they want." Mother Teresa.

If you wish to avoid foreign collision, you had better abandon the
ocean. Henry Clay

The arts of power and its minions are the same in all countries. It marks its victim, denounces it, and excites the public odium and the public hatred, to conceal its own abuses and encroachments. Henry Clay.

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Freedom is a fragile frame and is never more than one generation away from extinction. It is not ours by inheritance; it must be fought for and defended constantly by each generation, for it comes only once to a people. Those who have known freedom and then lost it have never known it again.

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The preservation of the sacred fire of liberty, and the destiny of the republican model of government, are justly considered deeply, perhaps as finally, staked on the experiment entrusted to the hands of the American people. George Washington

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The liberties of our country, the freedom of our civil self constitution, are worth defending at all hazards; and it is our duty to defend them against all attacks. Samuel Adams

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If ye love wealth greater than liberty, the tranquility of servitude greater than the animating contest for freedom, go home from us in peace. We seek not your counsel, nor your arms. Crouch down and lick the hand that feeds you; May your chains set lightly upon you, and may posterity forget that ye were our countrymen. -- Samuel Adams

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God grants liberty only to those who love it, and are always ready to guard and defend it. Daniel Webster

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I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country. Nathan Hale.

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If America lived up to its heritage, its greatness would last forever." J.T. Hale

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If you don't work you won't eat. Capt. John Smith

Patrick Henry

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We are not weak, if we make proper use of those means which the God of nature hath placed in our power.. The battle, sir, is not to the strong alone; it is to the vigilant, the active, the brave. -- Patrick Henry

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The only thing necessary for evil to flourish is for good men to do nothing. Edmund Burke

By a continuing process of inflation, governments can confiscate, secretly and unobserved, an important part of the wealth of their citizens. ~ Lenin

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Democracy must be something more than two wolves and a sheep voting on what to have for dinner. James Bovard.

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Nobody ever died for apple pie.

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My opponent believes he is a wit. His voting record is only half right too.

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Government should provide services that will best facilitate our individual and collective prosperity and freedom. Jesse Ventura

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One more speech in the halls of Congress like that last one and my opponent will never deliver pizza in this state again.

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Pharmaceutical companies now have more registered lobbyists than there are congressmen. Peter Jennings



The majority in electing our office holders may be less than a quarter of our eligible population. That raises a question as to whether we qualify as a democracy at all. Walker Cronkite

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When you look at politicians today, you don't see profiles in courage. You see profiles in discouragement. Dan Rather

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Hell, I never vote for anybody, I always vote against. ~ W. C. Fields

Honest people have rights too. ~ Emiliano Zapata

Prosperous farmers mean more employment, more prosperity for the workers and the business men of every industrial area in the whole country. ~ Franklin D. Roosevelt

"A slave is one who waits for someone else to free him." - Rosellen Brown

Thank God we still live in a free country, even if we don't like the political game that is played. ~ Zelma Leker Myers

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Louisa Alcott earned two hundred thousand dollars by her pen way back when a half penny bought a big fistful of candy. Yet, when she was first dreaming of her power, her father handed her a manuscript one day that had been rejected by Mr. Fields, editor of the "Atlantic," with the message: "Tell Louisa to stick to her teaching; she can never succeed as a writer."

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When the Spanish fire on San Juan Hill became almost unbearable, some of the Rough Riders began to swear. Colonel Wood, with the wisdom of a good leader, called out, amid the whistle of the Mauser bullets: "Don't swear—fight!"

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In a skirmish at Salamanca, while the enemy's guns were pouring shot into his regiment, Sir William Napier's men became disobedient. He paused to flog four of the ringleaders under fire. The men yielded at once, and then marched three miles under a heavy cannonade as coolly as if it were an army in review.

Say what we will of genius, specialized in a hundred callings, yet the fact remains that no amount of genius has ever availed upon the earth unless enforced by will power to overcome the obstacles that hedge about every one who would rise above the circumstances in which he was born, or become greater than his calling. Was not Virgil the son of a porter, Horace of a shopkeeper, Demosthenes of a cutler, Milton of a money scrivener, Shakespeare of a wool stapler, and Cromwell of a brewer?

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Of course the banks must pay the money back to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. You do want hungry politicians to be fed, don't you?

Audubon after years of forest life had two hundred of his priceless drawings destroyed by mice. "A poignant flame," he relates, "pierced my brain like an arrow of fire, and for several weeks I was prostrated with fever. At length physical and moral strength awoke within me. Again I took my gun, my game-bag, my portfolio, and my pencils, and plunged once more into the depths of the forests."

Sometimes, when he makes a speech, I think he had his ears pierced too deep.

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ART. X of New Hampshire State Constitution: Government being instituted for the common benefit; protection, and security of the whole community, and not for the private interest or emolument of any one man, family, or class of men; therefore, whenever the ends of government are perverted and public liberty manifestly endangered, and all other means of redress are ineffectual, the people of right ought and may to reform the old, or establish a new government. The doctrine of non-resistance against arbitrary power and oppression is absurd, slavish, and destructive of the good and happiness of mankind.

Who ordained that the few should have the land (of Britain) as a prerequisite; who made 10,000 people owners of the soil and the rest of us trespassers in the land of our birth? -- David Lloyd George
We cannot defend freedom abroad while deserting it at home. Edward R. Murrow

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A democracy can recover quickly from physical or economic disaster, but when it's moral convictions weaken it becomes easy prey for the demagogue and charlatan. Tyranny and oppression then become the order of the day. J. William Fulbright

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The government has no real money of its own. To get cash, it must take it from others either by outright theft (conquest) or legalized theft (taxes). Every dollar it takes from people is one less dollar these same people have to spend on stuff they like (heating, food and rent, perhaps?). As a result, the best gum'mint can hope to achieve with high taxes is a horizontal net of zeroes.

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There is always more misery among the lower classes than there is humanity in the higher classes. Victor Hugo

We have met the enemy and he is us. Pogo

Tyranny begins when law can be bought. Dr. Norman Jones, author of Main Street Vs. Wall Street.

Winners don't have good attitudes because they win, they win because they have good attitudes. Dr. Jim Tunney

Criticism works better with those doing well already. Dr. Norman Jones

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A life without confrontation is meaningless. Socrates

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Trillions of dollars have been spent since Pres. Johnson declared war on poverty more than 40 years ago, and poverty rates are largely unchanged. Michael Tanner

That which the media doesn't report politicians can ignore. ~ Dr. Norman Jones

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The great divide in our country is not between Republicans and Democrats or liberals and conservatives. It is between those on the inside of government and the rest of us. United States Senator. Peter Fitzgerald - R-IL

Let us never forget that government is ourselves and not an alien power over us. The ultimate rulers of our democracy are not a President and senators and congressmen and government officials, but the voters of this country. ~ Franklin D. Roosevelt

Put two or three men in positions of conflicting authority. This will force them to work at loggerheads, allowing you to be the ultimate arbiter. ~ Franklin D. Roosevelt

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A politician is a man who understands government. A statesman is a politician who's been dead for 15 years. -- Harry S. Truman

You want a friend in Washington? Get a dog. ~ Harry S. Truman

(General Grant's) imperturbability is amazing. I am in doubt whether to call it greatness or stupidity. ~ James A. Garfield

Grant is not a retreating man. Gentlemen, the Army of the Potomac has a head. ~ Robert E. Lee

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Grapple them to thy soul with hooks of steel ~ Shakespeare

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What a thing the friendship is, world without end. ~ Browning

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When nobody around you seems to measure up, it's time to check your yardstick. - Bill Lemley

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Fear is that little darkroom where negatives are developed. - Michael Pritchard

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If you only do what you know you can do- you never do very much.""

Tom Krause

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True friendship is like sound health, the value of it is seldom known until it be lost. C. C. Colton

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We have everything in common with America nowadays, except, of course, language. ~ Oscar Wilde

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Business Maxims
That Make All The Difference

If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous, he will not bite you. That is the principal difference between a man and a dog. Mark Twain

"Most businesses are trying to hit a home run every day in a new ball park." Jay L. Abraham.

"If there was anything the human race had a sufficiency of, a sufficiency and a surfeit, it was books," ~ Joseph Mitchell, writer for The New Yorker.

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Budgets depend on dependable income, and that's not so dependable anymore. Thom Forbes

A consultant is an ordinary person a long way from home. ~ Ed Dyson

An ounce of loyalty is worth a pound of cleverness. ~ Elbert Hubbard

If men will not act for themselves, what will they do when the benefit of their effort is for all? ~ Elbert Hubbard

I wish others to live their lives, too, up to their highest, fullest and best. To that end I pray that I may never meddle, dictate, interfere, give advice that is not wanted, nor assist when my services are not needed. If I can help people I'll do it by giving them a chance to help themselves; and if I can uplift or inspire, let it be by example, inference and suggestion, rather than by injunction and dictation.

That is to say, I desire to be Radiant—to Radiate Life. ~ Elbert Hubbard

If you work for a man, in Heaven's name work for him. If he pays wages that supply you your bread and butter, work for him, speak well of him, think well of him, and stand by him, and stand by the institution he represents. I think if I worked for a man, I would work for him. I would not work for him a part of his time, but all of his time. I would give an undivided service or none. If put to the pinch, an ounce of loyalty is worth a pound of cleverness. If you must vilify, condemn, and eternally disparage, why, resign your position, and when you are outside, damn to your heart's content. But, I pray you, so long as you are a part of an institution, do not condemn it. Not that you will injure the institution—not that—but when you disparage the concern of which you are a part, you disparage yourself. And don't

forget—"I forgot" won't do in business. ~ Elbert Hubbard

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I was destined for mountains of success, but I let a few excuses get the better of me in the first 40 years. ~ Lin Stone

The society which scorns excellence in plumbing because plumbing is a humble activity, and tolerates shoddiness in philosophy because philosophy is an exalted activity, will have neither good plumbing nor good philosophy. Neither its pipes nor its theories will hold water. -- John W(illiam) Gardner

Once a new technology rolls over you, if you're not part of the steamroller, you're part of the road. -- Stewart Brand

In the business world, the rearview mirror is always clearer than the windshield. ~ Warren Buffett

"If past history was all there was to the game, the richest people would be librarians. ~ Warren Buffett

He went where only the lemmings will follow. anon.

If the grass looks greener on the other side of the fence, you can rest assured that the water bill is higher over there too. Bishop T.D Jakes

Trouble looks back, worry looks ahead, faith looks up! anon.

The refund policy of Deepo.info is patiently explained. "I hate people that get a delivery and then expect a refund... my pet peeve You are for sure not welcome around here anymore..."

"Free people don't `exhaust' resources. They create them." Malcolm S. Forbes Jr.

Eighty percent of the human resources department is transactional government compliance and vendor management. Brian Fayak

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We should distrust any enterprise that requires new clothes. -- Henry David Thoreau

The best thing I ever did for poor people is to not become one of them. J. Paul Getty

"Quality is never an accident; it is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, intelligent direction and skillful execution; it represents the wise choice of many alternatives." Willa A. Foster

When you show the value of your product you won't have to defend its price. [Jim Meisenheimer](#)

"There will always be a place for good quality content that stands out from the crowd." [Steve Pavlina](#).

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In times of success it's the gentle hand and the delicate touch that keeps our sights aimed straight. [Lin Stone](#)

The only way to stay ahead is to do the things you need to before you need to. Lin Stone

"That's not short-term thinking. That's naive thinking." Jay L. Abraham.

Earth-shattering revelations aren't what they used to be ~ [Nicole Dean](#)

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Failure is more frequently from want of energy than from want of capital. [Daniel Webster](#)

What is valuable is not new. What is new is not valuable. Daniel Webster

Energy has always been the basis of cultural complexity and it always will be. The past clarifies potential paths to the future. One often discussed path is cultural and economic simplicity and lower energy costs. This could come about through the "crash" that many fear -- a genuine collapse over a period of one or two generations, with much violence, starvation, and loss of population.

The alternative is the "soft landing" that many people hope for - a voluntary change to solar energy and green fuels, energy-conserving technologies, and less overall consumption. This is a utopian alternative that, as suggested above, will come about only if severe, prolonged hardship in industrial nations makes it attractive, and if economic growth and consumerism can be removed from the realm of ideology. [Joseph A. Tainter](#)

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The best men as men, and the best workmen, are not walking the streets looking for work. ~ Andrew Carnegie [The Fascinating Autobiography of Andrew Carnegie](#). This is easily the most wonderful experience I have ever tried. I have read every word and appreciated every sentence in this book.

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The nation that has the best home market, especially if products are standardized, as ours are, can soon outsell the foreign producer. ~ Andrew Carnegie

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The losses men encounter during a business life which seriously embarrass them are rarely in their own business, but in enterprises of which the investor is not master ~ Andrew Carnegie

There is one great difference between the American working-man and the foreigner. The American is a man ~ Andrew Carnegie

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the true road to preëminent success in any line is to make yourself master in that line ~ Andrew Carnegie

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It is essential to permanent success that a house should obtain a reputation for being governed by what is fair rather than what is merely legal. ~ Andrew Carnegie

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Stock gambling and honorable business are incompatible. ~ Andrew Carnegie

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Speculation is a parasite feeding upon values, creating none. ~ Andrew Carnegie

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No expenditure returned such dividends as the friendship of our workmen. ~ Andrew Carnegie

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I believe that higher wages to men who respect their employers and are happy and contented are a good investment, yielding, indeed, big dividends. ~ Andrew Carnegie

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It is for the interest of the employer that his men shall make good earnings and have steady work. ~ Andrew Carnegie

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High wages are well enough, but they are not to be compared with steady employment. ~ Andrew Carnegie

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It is not capital we need to guard, but helpless labor. ~ Andrew Carnegie

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I am certain that disputes about wages do not account for one half the disagreements between capital and labor. ~ Andrew Carnegie

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If it be asked which man of our age, or even of the past ages, has risen from the lowest to the highest, the answer must be Booker Washington. He rose from slavery to the leadership of his people—a modern Moses and Joshua combined, leading his people both onward and upward. ~ Andrew Carnegie

I have noticed that the people who are late are often so much jollier than the people who have to wait for them. ~ E.V. Lucas

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You cannot lift prejudice from the public eye by presenting facts.

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These Truths We Hope

Are Self-Evident

America is headed for disaster, if you don't believe it, just look at what has happened to all the other nations where the citizens no longer think. We must train ourselves to think responsibly, first for the good of our nation, and then as a balance for the folks on either side of us that would mark their ballots with the word, "**DUH!**" -- if it was on there.

Freedom is a responsibility, not a privilege.

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Don't believe in what politicians promise late in the campaign; That is when they will lie the most about what they intend to do.

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Congress gets elected on the beautiful promises made to the American voter. It gets re-elected on beautiful alibis.

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In every presidential campaign you hear the sweet words that sweeps candidates into power. But after the Oval Office is achieved all you hear is a pitiful wail for compromise -- and patience.

Compromise? In politics that's where we agree to take one step backward and they agree to take 2 steps forward.

Patience? "Patience" might as well mean "FORGET IT!"

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What is this nonsense tune that tinkles along on the same broken key -- **"My vote doesn't count?"**

Did they really expect that casting their one, single vote would sway the entire nation to suddenly have good sense? That is not the way a good Republic works.

From to-day a new order of things begins. ` Goethe

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"What luck for rulers that men do not think." Adolf Hitler

Even as we celebrate these historic landslide victories, let us remember that the only reason we have won is that, this year, all the fools were on our side.

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The Frenchman may fight for the glory of France, the Englishman fall upon bared swords for his monarch, and the German march off to Moscow on the whim of his latest brand of Kaiser, but, unless you count our draftees, Americans fight for the freedom of mankind.

Congress keeps pretending to tear bread out of Goldman Sachs mouth to show its support for American investors. They would save us some real money if Congress just stayed at home and cleaned up its own kitchen where this mess of dotage got cooked up.

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It is irresolution that is worse than rashness. He that shoots may sometimes hit the mark; but he that shoots not at all can never hit it. Irresolution is like an ague; it shakes not this nor that limb, but all the body is at once in a fit. The man who is forever twisting and turning, backing and filling, hesitating and dawdling, shuffling and parleying, weighing and balancing, splitting hairs over non-essentials, listening to every new motive which presents itself, will never accomplish anything. But the positive man, the decided man, is a power in the world, and stands for something; you can measure him, and estimate the work that his energy will accomplish. ~ Feltham

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Opportunity is coy, is swift, is gone, before the slow, the unobservant, the indolent, or the careless can seize her. Vigilance in watching opportunity, tact and daring in seizing upon opportunity; force and persistence in crowding opportunity to its utmost of possible achievement; these are the martial virtues which must command success. ~ Phelps.

*The best men are not those who have waited for chances, but who have taken them; besieged the chance; conquered the chance; and made chance the servitor. , " ~ Chapin

Is it not possible to classify successes and failures by their various degrees of will-power? A man who can resolve vigorously upon a course of action, and turns neither to the right nor to the left, though a paradise tempt him, who keeps his eyes upon the goal, whatever distracts him, is sure of success.

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Not every vessel that sails from Tarshish will bring back the gold of Ophir. But shall it therefore rot in the harbor? No! Give its sails to the wind!

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Conscious power exists within the mind of every one. Sometimes its existence is unrealized, but it is there. It is there to be developed and brought forth, like the culture of that obstinate but beautiful flower, the orchid. ~ Mellès.

To allow it to remain dormant is to place one's self in obscurity, to trample on one's ambition, to smother one's faculties. To develop it is to individualize all that is best within you, and give it to the world. It is by an absolute knowledge of yourself, the proper estimate of your own value."

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Those who have accomplished great things in the world have been, as a rule, bold, aggressive, and self-confident. They dared to step out from the crowd, and act in an original way. Sir, they were not afraid to be generals.

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He who waits for certainty never wins.

*"The law of the soul is eternal endeavor,
That bears the man onward and upward forever."

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A man can be too confiding in others, but never too confident in himself.

Never admit defeat or poverty. Stoutly assert your divine right to hold your head up and look the world in the face; step bravely to the front whatever opposes, and the world will make way for you. No one will insist upon your rights while you yourself doubt that you have any. Believe you were made for the place you fill. Put forth your whole energies. Be awake, electrify yourself; go forth to the task. A young man once said to his employer, "Don't give me an easy job. I want to handle heavy boxes, shoulder great loads. I would like to lift a big mountain and throw it into the sea,"--and he stretched out two brawny arms, while his honest eyes danced and his whole being glowed with conscious strength.

CHARLES ROBERT DARWIN, English Naturalist.

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Government got us into this financial mess by never making more than the minimum payment on the National Debt ~ Lin Stone

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It is wonderful how even the apparent casualties of life seem to bow to a spirit that will not bow to them, and yield to assist a design, after having in vain attempted to frustrate it.

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We have grown weary of pompous words when we must pay so dearly for each failure of performance. ~ Georges Clemenceau

The British War Office (May 28, 1917) said that including those already serving in French or British armies there shortly would be 100,000 American soldiers on French soil. Within a year the number was to exceed 1,000,000 and hundreds of thousands more were to follow. No such numbers or speed in transporting troops 3,500 miles had ever been known before. ~ Everett T. Tomlinson

Hardship will be your lot but trust in God will give you comfort. Temptation will befall you but the teaching of our Saviour will give you strength. Let your valor as a soldier and your conduct as a man be an inspiration to your comrades and an honor to your country. ~ [General Pershing](#)

We do not want war if we can honestly avoid it, but we must not hesitate to make war if the cause of civilization and progress demands it. ~ General Pershing

Germany can be beaten; Germany must be beaten; Germany will be beaten. ~ General Pershing

All socialism involves slavery. ~ Herbert Spencer

An argument fatal to the communist theory, is suggested by the fact, that a desire for property is one of the elements of our nature. ~

Herbert Spencer

How often misused words generate misleading thoughts. ~ Herbert Spencer

Old forms of government finally grow so oppressive that they must be thrown off even at the risk of reigns of terror. ~ Herbert Spencer

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Society exists for the benefit of its members, not the members for the benefit of society. ~ Herbert Spencer

The Republican form of government is the highest form of government: but because of this it requires the highest type of human nature, a type nowhere at present existing. ~ Herbert Spencer

QUOTES

About Courage

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There is no terror in a bang, only in the anticipation of it. Alfred Hitchcock

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Sir, you know courage is reckoned the greatest of all virtues, because, unless a man has that virtue, he has no security for preserving any other. ~ Samuel Johnson

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An utterly fearless man is a far more dangerous comrade than a coward. — Moby-Dick by Herman Melville

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It is just as hard to do your duty when men are sneering at you as when they are shooting at you. Woodrow Wilson

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Damn the torpedoes! Captain Drayton, go ahead! David Glasgow Farragut

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Let us cross over the river and rest under the shade of the trees. Stonewall Jackson

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Courage is what lets you stick around long enough to see why you are too scared to run.

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Some people have a tendency to drop the success they so richly deserve from life and business. Just before everything clicks into place, the victory cup falls from their lips. Because they don't know how to marshal the edge to act, they freeze helplessly in place. "Am I afraid to act -- or is some wisdom greater than mine telling me not to act?"

After all, you DO NOT WANT to be rushed into something it will take you years, sometimes even a lifetime, to pay it back. The only way to tell your courage is not in question is to know you are brave enough and would be brave enough to act.

For me the fear of being afraid was the driving force for all the foolish and even stupid things I did for nearly 40 years. Was I afraid to jump off that cliff? I had to jump off to see if I was. It was a long ways to the bottom of some of those cliffs. Bone-crushing results did little to make me happy. "If only I knew that I wasn't afraid!"

When you are confident of your own ability to act when the time truly IS right then you can evaluate the opportunity freely and fairly.

Then came the day I was taking my mother up a mountain trail. She was right in front of me when suddenly a grizzly bear roared into view. I grabbed Mama with both hands and set her behind me while she was still just beginning to scream.

"RUN!" I told her, then I lunged towards the grizzly bear, armed with nothing but my bare hands.

The bear was startled and confused by the target switch. It backed up, then left. Ever afterwards I never once worried about my courage.

Finding a friendly grizzly bear is not a good way to find out if you are brave. But there are easier ways for you to build your confidence and remove those trials by conscience that could be robbing you of the success you really deserve.

If you're plagued with:

- Not knowing what the meaning is behind fear
- Not understanding even what might be frightening you
- Not knowing how to move boldly forward when your heart tells you it is a lost cause

then it's time to go prove your courage to yourself.

You see, Fear may come in numerous forms and it's crucial to comprehend that it is a good thing in most circumstances to act with caution, but you will miss out on a great deal of wonderful living if you let your can of worms explode into a basket overflowing with something unhealthy, unpredictable and uncontrollable. And the worst part? The more you blame yourself, the harder it is to CHANGE!

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Many of our worst fears are rooted in delusions- confused, unresolved ways of viewing ourselves and the world around us. If we learn to automatically take control, to relax in the face of fear, and dismember the situation until you see it exactly as it really is.. Then you can push your dwindling fears aside and deal with the trivial matters of your life from a power base sharper than a two edged sword.

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I have lived with rotten foundations because of fear, and I have experienced that wild exuberance of success when I took control of the fears in my life -- at the right time.

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I never thought much of a lion tamer's courage. Inside the cage he is at least safe from people. George Bernard Shaw

Turn up the lights.

I don't want to go home in the dark. O. Henry

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If you want to conquer fear, don't sit home in the dark. Lin Stone

No one is so brave that he is not disturbed by something unexpected.

~ Caesar

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"The future doesn't belong to the faint-hearted --
it belongs to the brave," ~ Ronald Reagan

Sometimes when we reach for the stars, we fall short ~ Ronald
Reagan

There is no journey upon this earth that a man may not make if he
sets his heart to it. There is nothing that he cannot do, there are no
mountains he may not climb, there are no deserts he cannot cross. ~
H. Rider Haggard

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We are not weak, if we make proper use of those means which the
God of nature hath placed in our power... The battle, sir, is not to the
strong alone; it is to the vigilant, the active, the brave. -- Patrick
Henry

Don't let it end like this.

Tell them I said something. ~ Pancho Villa

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The thinner the ice the more anxious is everyone to see whether it
will bear. Josh Billings

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Let the tent be struck. last words of Robert E. Lee

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Let us therefore brace ourselves to our duties, and so bear ourselves
that if the British Empire and Common Wealth last for a thousand
years, men will still say, This was their finest hour. ~ Winston
Churchill

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Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to
so few. ~ Winston Churchill

The timid man calls himself "cautious,"
the sordid man "thrifty."

Syrus Publilius

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Nothing beats an idealist who can face facts. ~ Lester del Rey

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Those who once pander to tyranny are never free from it. ~ Conrad Richter

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This may look like a mess but actually it is evidence of a superior intellect in the act of primal organization. Please come back next week.

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The truly great among us are those who are the salt of the earth, the strength of the world and the backbone of their nation. Bless the man that sees what is to be done and springs forward eagerly to do them.

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"What luck for rulers that men do not think."

[Adolf Hitler](#)

Hitler's originality lay in his realization that effective revolutions, in modern conditions, are carried out with, and not against, the power of the state: The correct order of events was first to secure access to that power and then begin his revolution. Hitler never abandoned the cloak of legality; he recognized the enormous psychological value of having the law on his side. Instead, he turned the law inside out and made illegality legal. (the historian) Alan Bullock

**Time makes more converts
than reason.**

[Thomas Paine](#)

I come from a state that raises corn and cotton and cockleburs and Democrats, and frothy eloquence neither convinces nor satisfies me. I'm from Missouri; you've got to show me. William Duncan Vandiver, 1899 at a naval banquet in Philadelphia.

I enjoy reading words of wisdom especially those our leaders of today seem to forget about.

Norman Jones.

Be not the first by which the new is tried, nor yet the last to lay the old aside. anon

We are the people who run this country. We are the deciders. And every single day, every single one of us needs to step outside and take some action to help stop this war. Raise hell. Think of something to make the ridiculous look ridiculous. Molly Ivins, syndicated columnist

I realize that there are certain limitations placed upon the right of free speech. I may not be able to say all I think, but I am not going to say anything I do not think. Eugene V. Debs

Martyrdom is the only way a man can become famous without ability.
-- George Bernard Shaw

"I believe there is something out there watching us.

"I believe it's the government." Woody Allen

Small minds talk about famous people. Mediocre minds talk about famous events. Great minds talk about ideas that will never be forgotten. I can't remember who said that.

People with goals succeed because they know where they're going.
Earl Nightingale

What would chairs look like if our knees buckled the other way?

These are the worst of days, a time when telling the truth is labeled "derogatory." Anon.

In this world a man must be either anvil or hammer.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

I'd rather be the hammer than the anvil. ~ Erwin Rommel

**"You name them. I'll shoot them."
George Patton, to Eisenhower.**

**No life is of much value and every death is but a little loss.
Clarence Darrow.**

It is sad to think how many of those telling points (from scientific discoveries) that turned some of our best students away from the gospel have turned out to be dead wrong! Hugh B. Nibley

In every presidential campaign you hear the sweet words that sweeps candidates into power. But after the Oval Office is achieved all you hear is a cry for compromise -- and patience. [Lin Stone](#)

The government needs to find better ways to spend its time and our money. Mike McLean, Richfield Minn.

Energy and Persistence Conquer All Things Benjamin Franklin

I am not the type who wants to go back to nature. I am the type who wants to go back to the hotel. Fran Lebowitz

PATRIOTISM

War is not the best way of settling differences; however, it is the only way of preventing their being settled for you. G.K. Chesterton

"He's mad that trusts in the tameness of a wolf." Shakespeare

Liberal doctrines are less scientifically provable than the story of Noah's Ark. [Ann Coulter.](#)

We've got a duty to die and get out of the way with all of our machines and artificial hearts and everything else like that and let the other society, our kids, build a reasonable life. Richard Lamm.

Where we once had a few big rules, now we need an encyclopedia of little rules. Chesterson.

The main thing that endears the United Nations to member governments, and so enables it to survive, is its proven capacity to fail. You can safely appeal to the United Nations in the comfortable certainty that it will let you down. Conor Cruise O'Brien

Women should not be allowed to serve in the military. They are too vicious. Ann Coulter.

When school children start paying union dues, that's when I'll start representing the interests of school children. Albert Shanker.

You can't get rid of poverty by giving people money. -- P.J O'Rourke

I have no further use for America. I wouldn't go back there if Jesus Christ was President. Charlie Chaplin

I would rather have a nod from an American, than a snuff-box from an emperor. Lord Byron

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.

Gilbert K. Chesterton

In the beginning of a change, the Patriot is a scarce man, Brave, Hated, and Scorned. When his cause succeeds however, the timid join him, For then it costs nothing to be a Patriot. -- Mark Twain

Once upon a time, government budgets were balanced, our money was sound, the streets were safe, and taxes imposed by all levels of government took less than 10% of our income. -- Harry Browne

Most people, sometime in their lives, stumble across truth. Most jump up, brush themselves off, and hurry on about their business as if nothing had happened. -- Sir Winston Churchill

To disarm the people (is) the best and most effectual way to enslave them... -- George Mason

The stoical scheme of supplying our wants by lopping off our desires, is like cutting off our feet when we want shoes. -- Jonathan Swift

We are not abandoning our convictions, our philosophy or traditions, nor do we urge anyone to abandon theirs. -- Mikhail Gorbachev

If we can't legislate what goes on in the bedroom, why can't I hide money from the IRS under my mattress? Ann Coulter.

Humans have rights under any and all conditions. [KATHY KASTEN](#)

"If we accept that a mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill each other? ... Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what they want." Mother Teresa.

If you wish to avoid foreign collision, you had better abandon the ocean. Henry Clay

Marriages can die from a lack of spiritual nourishment. James E. Faust.

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The arts of power and its minions are the same in all countries. It marks its victim, denounces it, and excites the public odium and the public hatred, to conceal its own abuses and encroachments. Henry Clay.

Bumper Stickers

You Can Hang Your Hat On

Be careful, son. What you don't know can kid you.

You can trust me, I'm a volunteer dentist!!

Towering genius disdains a beaten path. It seeks regions hitherto unexplored. So too do fools. That is the only way the world can tell them apart.

This is the Lost and Found Department? Have you seen an old man that looks like he's hunting for his wife?

When your money is all gone you only have 3 options. Beg, borrow and steal. Work is not an option for real men.

It is impossible to argue with anyone who isn't neurotic, or wrong!

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Well, here's our car and the key still works, so we know the bank hasn't been here yet.

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One inadvertent glance from him turned my dog ever after into a pessimist about human nature.

I'm so old that our "WATER FEATURES" were still called DUCK PONDS when I was plumb grown.

Keep both eyes on him. He may look harmless, but he's SNEAKY! and he's waiting for the last pinch.

One thing every writer needs occasionally is a good quote just to prove s/he can still afford to read bumper stickers.

Lin Stone

My theory of evolution is that Darwin was adopted. ~ Ed Dyson

We'll jump off that bridge when we come to it. Lawrence Block.

"He'll doublecross that bridge when he comes to it." Oscar Levant

If a clock is hungry does it go back four seconds? ~ Ed Dyson

I am not stupid. Everyone else is just smarter than me. ~ Ed Dyson

I'm not laughing at you, I'm laughing with you...you're just not laughing yet. ~ Ed Dyson

What should you do if you see an endangered animal eating an endangered plant? ~ Ed Dyson

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Children are geniuses at keeping the secrets that eat them alive. ~ Carol O'Connell

I have a choice to make, but do I get to choose what that choice will make? The older I get the more old choices I discover that need repenting of before I can bury them. Oh, if only I had known then how important my choices were going to be. ~ Lin Stone

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Anger is an acid that can do more harm to the vessel in which it is stored than to anything on which it is poured. ~

MarkTwain

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People who throw kisses are hopelessly lazy. Bob Hope

No one party can fool all of the people all of the time; that's why we have two parties. Bob Hope

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Am I saying that you don't know God since your beliefs don't agree with mine? Yes.

Just because you have a right to be wrong doesn't mean your right isn't wrong. In fact, let's face it, even if you agree with everything I say; you're still wrong.

Perfect Health is the slowest possible rate at which one can die. ~ John Hart

Bow Ties should be reserved for the collars of tiny dogs hatched from peanut shells. ~ Carol O'Connell

Procrastination is the art of keeping up with yesterday. Don Marquis

A dollar saved is a quarter earned. Oscar Levant

There is bound to be a certain amount of trouble in running any country. If you are president all the trouble happens to you but if you are a tyrant you can arrange things so that most of the trouble happens to other people. Don Marquis

Lead us not into more temptation and deliver us from getting caught off base about yesterday's main event. Matthew 6: 13

There is a lot of difference in pioneering for gold and pioneering for spinach. Will Rogers

All I know is just what I read in the papers. Will Rogers
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She looked just like a fireplug with a bright red wig clamped on sideways.
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Sheila and curbs are intimately acquainted.
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Even the most inept nurses are professionally adept at making patients believe there is something important being done for them somewhere else, far away.
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You never realize how short a month is until you start paying alimony. ~ John Barrymore
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ACCIDENTS! If you don't do something about them they just seem to happen.
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In my country we go to prison first and then become President. ~ Mandela
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You never want your enemy to know how smart you are.

If nothing ever sticks to TEFLON, how do they make TEFLON stick to the frying pan? ~ Ed Dyson

He is so insensitive that he just doesn't care any more.

If you become too open-minded your brains will fall out.

Forgive your enemies and they may let you breathe again.
When an elevator is overloaded with convicts, who is
criminally responsible?

Will be back in 2 hours; gone out to search the world for a
life that doesn't suck.

**It only takes 10 minutes for the shrink to slap a label on your
forehead; but it costs your insurance company 10 grand
before he cuts you in on the secret.**

I felt righteous and stupid at the same time. It's remarkable
how often those two feelings show up together. ~ Lawrence
Block

The clutter you see clattering my desk is the sign of a genius
in the throes of organizing my work station according to
Makeshift Management Procedures. Please come back next
week for the final results.

I am NOT devious! You just got confused by trying to read my
mind from a tottering angle

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My doctor said I was sick, he said I was a sick man in a
perfectly healthy body. He might be right; I did let him run
all those tests he charged me for. ~

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The only thing worse than a psychiatrist is a doctor that
thinks he is smart enough to practice psychiatry without
studying. "Doc, not even a psychiatrist teaching doctors how
to be psychiatrists is smart enough to practice psychiatry."

When a mechanic can not find what's wrong with his patient
his reputation shrivels until he is judged incompetent. When
a medical doctor can't find the problem s/he soon becomes a
specialist demanding top consultant fees for running more
tests.

Obesity is usually caused by the habit of eating everything on your plate. When psychiatrists realized that mothers would take the blame for causing that habit, family services were invented and no psychiatrist has gone hungry since then.

I have a choice to make. But have I got a choice what choice I make? ~ Lawrence Block

My garage only hires mechanics trained to practice alternative medicine; Mine uses acupuncture to repair tires.

The man who goes farthest in life usually has an Energizer Bunny beneath the hood.

In Africa last week a man broke into a home and slaughtered the helpless family. Millions of Africans declared him a hero. Yes, they declared Africa was on the brink of a brilliant take off. I ask you, can a people with hearts set on black deeds like this ever be permitted to participate in our modern warfare activities?

The clerk came over and said, Sir, you look confused." so I said. "I've been practicing that look for 10 years." He looked quite colnfused when he left me.

Everything I read just goes in one eye and out the other.

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The pool was so crowded today that I had to dive in 3 times before I hit the water.

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After wars, enemies trade? Why the hell did we buy the war when credit was on the way? ~ Lin Stone

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My bookkeeper is a ledger on his own time.

I know that there are people who do not love their fellow man, and I hate people like that! ~ Ed Dyson

I've become addicted to therapy and no one knows how to treat me. Ed Dyson

Laziness is only the art of resting before you get tired. Ed Dyson

This project is so important, we can't even let things that are more important interfere with it. Ed Dyson

Whoever said nothing is impossible never tried to slam a revolving door shut.

If you have 24 odds and ends on a table, and 23 fall off, what do you have left, an odd or an end?

I never apologize. I'm sorry, but that's just the way I am. Ed Dyson

Latest survey shows that 3 out of 4 people make up 75% of the world's population.

Ed Dyson: Stop being so stupid... it's my turn.

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Ed Dyson: There ought to be a better way to start the day than by getting up in the morning.

Ed Dyson: Everyone is entitled to my opinion.

I don't believe reincarnation is very successful; I had this same job last time.

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The trouble with being punctual is that nobody's there to appreciate it. -Franklin P. Jones

She ran away from home 3 years ago and nobody missed her; they thought she was still in the bathroom.

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Children are crucial to family life; without them we'd never get the telly programmed right.

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Why is it that every time a witness volunteers to tell the truth that some lawyer objects?

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The issue of whether Freemasons have secrets or not is a closely guarded secret.

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Postal workers are asking for another holiday this year so they can catch up on their emails.

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A lot of things have happened to us since we went to school here together. Some of you went on to become lawyers, politicians, stockbrokers or accountants, while the rest of us went on to become useful members of society.

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Isn't it wonderful to get together like this every 25 years to see who is coming apart?

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When I was young I used to think wealth and power would make me happy; and I was right. ~ Gahan Wilson

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His ancestors were so short his family tree is a stump.

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The biggest thing wrong with referees is that they don't care much who wins.

A woman drove me to drink and I didn't even have the decency to thank her. ~ W. C. Fields

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What's the use of being Irish if the world doesn't break your heart? - John Fitzgerald Kennedy

We are bound to lose Ireland in consequence of years of cruelty, stupidity and misgovernment and I would rather lose her as a friend than as a foe. - William E. Gladstone

God invented whiskey to keep the Irish from ruling the world. - Ed McMahon

Being Irish, he had an abiding sense of tragedy, which sustained him

through temporary periods of joy. - William Butler Yeats

If one could only teach the English how to talk, and the Irish how to listen, society here would be quite civilized. ~ Oscar Wilde

Only Irish coffee provides in a single glass all four essential food groups: alcohol, caffeine, sugar, and fat.- Alex Levine

You can't kiss an Irish girl unexpectedly. You can only kiss her sooner than she thought you would.

I showed my appreciation of my native land in the usual Irish way by getting out of it as soon as I possibly could. - George Bernard Shaw
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An Irishman needs three things: silence, cunning and exile. - James Joyce

Put an Irishman on the spit and you can always get another Irishman to turn him. - George Bernard Shaw

If you are lucky enough to be Irish, you're lucky enough. - Grace Boyle

In order to find his equal, an Irishman is forced to talk to God. - Stephen Braveheart

The Irish are not in a conspiracy to cheat the world by false representations of the merits of their countrymen. No, Sir, the Irish are a fair people; -- they never speak well of one another. - Samuel Johnson

The English are not happy unless they are miserable, the Irish are not at peace unless they are at war, and the Scots are not at home unless they are abroad. - George Orwell

Get down on your knees and thank God you're still on your feet.

You'll never plough a field by turning it over in your mind.

No two people ever lit a fire without disagreeing.

A good diplomat must always think twice before he says nothing.

Put a beggar on a horse and he'll ride it to hell.

May neighbours respect you,
Trouble neglect you,
The angels protect you,
And heaven accept you.

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Love is life's end, but never ending. Love is life's wealth, never spent, but ever spending. Love's life's reward, rewarded in rewarding. ~ Herbert Spencer

We have bad news for you John. The bridesmaid just brought 3 more aspirins for Joan and this is her second trip.

I never married; I didn't like the hours. ~ Angela Colley

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If any of you have arrived late for the wedding let me bring you up to speed; in this corner we have the bridegroom's family and over there and staring this way we have --

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It's always a relief to wake up in a wedding scene and realize it isn't yours.

Money is a lot like cow manure. If you spread it around, it can do a lot of good, but if you pile it up in one place, it stinks like hell. ~ Clint W. Murchison

Money makes you feel better even if you don't like the stuff. Joe Louis.

Everything you do, it's always got a price tag on it." ~ Lawrence Block

The worker becomes all the poorer the more wealth he produces, the more his production increases in power and range. The worker becomes an ever cheaper commodity the more commodities he creates. With the increasing value of the world of things proceeds in direct proportion to the devaluation of the world of men. Labour produces not only commodities; it produces itself and the worker as a commodity -- and does so in the proportion in which it produces commodities generally. ~ **Karl Marx**
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Quality is more important to poor people than it is to rich people; but they can't afford quality even if they could recognize it. **Lin Stone**

Avoiding this monetary predicament takes maturity and planning. I can only help you with the planning; See your mother about the maturity.

When your money is all gone you only have 3 options. Beg, borrow and steal. Work is not an option.

Put not your trust in money, but put your money in trust. Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr.

You will never own anything you didn't pay for. ~ Ernest Haycox

A penny saved is a penny earned. ~ Ben Franklin

And now, I am dying beyond my means.. ~ Oscar Wilde

If we the people jumped from 1913 to 2011 overnight then heads would roll in the streets for months, but since the damage to our coin of the realm has been done incrementally our heads just wag in pity at anybody that can't understand the natural change in the price of our small change. ~ **Lin Stone**

Think of Giving not as a duty but as a Privilege. **John D. Rockefeller Jr.**
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"Money is better than poverty, if only for financial reasons." Woody

Allen

If you want to make a lot of money without working your best bet is buying lottery tickets and crossing your fingers. [Greg Hughes](#)

Wisdom says to have a year's supply of food and be free of debt. Most of us have a year's supply of debt and our pantries are free of food. Thomas S. Monson.

In the arsenal of revolution, inflation is the perfect weapon. W.B. Vennard

Let me issue and control a nation's money and I care not who writes its laws. Amschel Meyer Rothschild

Rich people admire other successful people; poor people resent them
~T Harv Eker

Governments do not govern, but merely control the machinery of government, being themselves controlled by the hidden hand.

Disraeli

In tough economic times, people care a lot more about the money they're spending. Drew Patterson

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It is better to lean into the stiff wind of opportunity than to hunker down and do nothing. ~ Gordon B. Hinckley

In a depression we couldn't buy groceries because we had no money. In a recession we had better buy more groceries before the price goes up again. In a repression you hide your gold in a hole in the ground and hope nobody was watching.

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If inflation gets any worse the cops caught stealing apples will be facing Grand Larceny charges.

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Money, being so important these days, reaches us full blown with the urge to spend it before our find out we have it.

Nobody needs a vacation during a recession; they are already broke enough.

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The Viet Cong gave me a better room than this and I didn't have to pay for it.

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O earth that blooms and birds that sing, O stars that shine when all is dark! In type and symbol thou dost bring The Life Divine, and bid us hark, That we may catch the chant sublime, And, rising, pass the bounds of time; So shall we win the goal divine, Our immortality. ~ Carrol Norton.

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A \$3.00 bill saved now is a \$3.00 bill I can spend later. That's almost as good as spending a \$2 bill twice.

What's he trying to say?

He says he's saving your money for a rainy year.

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He inherited his father's talent for drinking on an empty wallet.

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He's the only man in the state with a handicap tag because he's hard of spending.

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Insanity must run in his family; his children keep wiring him for money.

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I believe that the science of chemistry alone almost proves the existence of an intelligent creator. ~ Thomas Alva Edison

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"I intend to live forever. So far, so good." -Steven Wright

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When one's expectations are reduced to zero, one really appreciates everything one does have. -Stephen Hawking

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A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds. - Francis Bacon

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I never would have found true happiness if I hadn't walked away from the misery. ~ Cathi L. Roberts

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"No great discovery was ever made without a bold guess." - Sir Isaac Newton

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Outside of a dog, a book is man's best friend. Inside of a dog it's too dark to read. - Groucho Marx

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**Intellectuals solve problems;
geniuses prevent them.**

Albert Einstein

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Good old Global Warming is the "culprit of choice" for any disaster impinging our society today.

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Being rich hasn't changed him a bit; he still has the first million dollars he embezzled.

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I didn't lose near as much at the races last week; I didn't go.

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In dealing with the IRS what you do isn't important, it is what you call it. ~ William Hazlett Upson

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The great Gaels of Ireland are the men that God made mad. For all their wars are merry, and all their songs are sad. - G.K. Chesterton

After wars, enemies trade? Why did we go into debt to finance 4 years of war when cash was on the way?

War was dreamed up by the criminally insane.

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**Times Are So Tough
You Can't Even Feel Safe
In A Job You *Hate!***

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The men that get to work on time keep complaining about the day being too long until quitting time.

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I'm telling you, if he went to work for the undertaker people would quit dying.

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I didn't apply for this job until my wife told me that having a good relationship at home took a lot of work.

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He never pays a dollar in wages until he has memorized the serial number.

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Our boss is the only man in the state issued a handicap tag because he's hard of spending.

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65 is that age when you've acquired enough experience to lose your job.

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Money can't buy happiness unless you put 2 paychecks together.

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He was homeless, but the only reason he couldn't get a job was because he was a victim of hire education.

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Don't judge me by the covers you see on the books I read in the office when I'm supposed to be working.

The right thing to do never requires any subterfuge. It is always simple and direct.

intrigue always falls under its own weight. ~ Calvin Coolidge

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The Constitution is the sole source and guaranty of national freedom."

~ Calvin Coolidge

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"I sometimes wish that people would put a little more emphasis on the observance of the law than they do upon its enforcement." -C Coolidge

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I favor the American system of enterprise, and I am opposed to any general extension of government ownership and control." Cal Coolidge

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There's no greater service we can render the oppressed of the earth

than to maintain inviolate the freedom of our own citizens. C Coolidge
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The collection of taxes which do not beyond reasonable doubt
contribute to the public welfare, is a species of legalized larceny,
Calvin Coolidge
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"Why should we call ourselves men, unless it be to succeed in
everything everywhere?" asked Mirabeau.
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There is no dignity quite so impressive, and no independence quite so
important, as living within your means. ~ Calvin Coolidge
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Most people spend more time and energy going around problems than
in trying to solve them. ~ Henry Ford
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If kids can be made to go to school
then schools can be made safe for the kids at school
SUCCESS

Rule For Success #1
You can win without being nice
But you can't be nice without winning.
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BLACK
is the most beautiful color in the rainbow
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Compromise is where
you agree to take one step back and
they agree to take two steps forward.

The best thing you can do for the economy is quit being one of the
poor people that can't do a thing about it.

Anything you do twice should only have to be redone once.
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When you save time you make money.
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Failure usually happens about the same time you decide to quit
slowing down for the curves.
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The only thing that counts in this life is what you do after you can do no more.

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Theories have a habit of falling apart when experience uses them for punching bags.

Obedience to our law is the price of the freedom we give.

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The Little Things in life are bigger than they look.

Remember this smoking hot political advice for success seeping upward from Washington corridors:

Keep your eyes peeled

your chin up

your nose down

your back braced

your neck bowed

your nose to the grindstone

your foot on the brake

your elbow in the grease

and your finger in the till.

Art isn't art just because the artist died penniless; nor is it art just because some "expert" has declared it to be good — or bad. Expert Opinions come and go, rise and fall, dry up and fall apart with the fickles of fate. The common man knows that just because art is old doesn't mean it's gold. The common woman knows that the only real test of art comes from hanging it in the kitchen; if it evokes a feeling that helps you roll out better biscuits -- then it's art.

Don't pet the sweaty stuff.

One of the best blessings Heavenly Father gave us was room for improvement.

The older I get the less I accomplish; seems like life gets in the way

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Like it or not, poverty is usually a self-inflicted wound, and most of us are using shot guns to do it.

Poverty is hereditary

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Theodore Roosevelt was praised for pushed the Rough Riders up the slope of San Juan Hill. He scoffed at the idea. "I had to run like a cyclone to stay ahead of them and keep from being run over."

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"Go on, sir, go on. The difficulties you meet with will resolve themselves as you advance. Proceed; and light will dawn, and shine with increasing clearness on your path." D'Alembert

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Liberals struggle forever with this insane desire to be known as wonderful people. While I admire their ambition I still wish they'd quit stealing my money to finance their good intentions.

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You can believe this or not, if you don't want to.

The general that chases two armies catches hell.

Man searches for facts to substantiate what he told his neighbors last week.

With the right facts you can make a better decision than anyone that won't look at the facts.

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No plan ever goes exactly right but if you don't plan ahead then you won't know what to do when nothing goes right.

Anything we have will always be more useful than every thing we haven't and there is a corollary to that as well.. anything we need will always cost more than anything we want.

I have found it to be universally true that there are only three kinds of lucky people in the world; them that don't know it can't be done, them that know it can, and them that reads the instructions first.

Hate always comes first; the excuse comes next, somewhere down the line

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As a young man I was determined to be rich. Therefore I went out searching for gold, silver and lead. I found mica instead and I found almost enough of it to rub my nose in.

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Happiness is the brightest condition of those who are beautiful. It works the other way too. Be happy, if you want to be beautiful.

The future is uncertain, but you can certainly plan ahead for most of the things that ruin most of the people around you.

I don't like being stupid, but sometimes it is forced upon me.

Over in Iraq, most accidents in an intersection happen when 2 drivers are aiming for the same tourist; The excuse is, they just want Americans to feel at home.

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This house is crowded so full that we don't have room for junk any more.

There is a place, nobody knows where, but everyone knows that the bread also rises there.

Give yourself a real lift.

Our American dollar bills were once known as PAPER MONEY and everybody laughed when they got some. Now they are known as funny money, and nobody is laughing.

Before Franklin D. Roosevelt introduced the 1935 series, our one dollar bills were worth real money because they were backed up three ways:

by gold,

by silver

and by copper.

Today our funny looking little one dollar bills are backed up only by accident.

America has nothing to fear except one more Democrat in Washington.

No road is long when shared with a friend driving a Jeep.

My cane has 4 tips for more traction so we have christened it Mock-4.

Kites that decide to follow the wind are soon plunged on a collision course with disaster.

Having Courage has little to do with being Stupid.

If I will just listen to someone long enough they are sure to confess.

All I ever wanted out of life was to change the whole world so everyone thought I was wonderful.

I shut up. I listen. I try to laugh in all the right places; no wonder I'm so successful.

Any time you hear a chortled chuckle and the words, "My doctor won't let me do THAT." you can know of a surety you are listening to a damn fool.

The one thing that makes any job easier is knowing where to start. If you have that gift then you can turn a pitiful handful of midwits (capable of producing only mediocre results) into an army of first class generals that think they are doing it all on their own.

Sometimes if it wasn't for the magical powers of procrastination I couldn't make it through the whole day without working.

Trusting in Government progress will not stop a molehill from getting too big to handle.

That's a hot potato no matter how you mash it.

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The only shortcut to success

is doing it right the first time.

Always Pick Up Your Change

Optimists that are seldom right about anything

are happier than pessimists

that are never wrong about anything.

The mouth of man can acquire a taste for just about anything, but it is hard to compete with the taste of old memories.

Here is the greatest truth known to man of maintaining solid, financial health: You either set money aside before the lean years come, or you will hock your soul to the devil when they arrive.

I go down any road until I hit a stop sign or get shot at.

If you don't starve yourself to death every once in a

while you'll never start eating what's good for you.

That's my theory! And you are welcome to it.

I can keep my priorities straight without any problem at all. It's those little, inefficient, non-effective habits that keep me spinning in my tracks.

There are convicts in prisons that other hands built for them so well they can't get away. Working so hard you forget you have a family is a prison you build for yourself, and after a while you can't get away. If you keep building you will find yourself in spirit prison and there is NO escape from there until the end of eternity.

The only thing spiritual that was ever settled by debate was "How many angels can dance on the head of a pin." And, I don't remember what number was finally decided on in that debate.

Hitler stayed in office by killing anyone that said he was wrong.

Finally, there was only one bullet left.

He finally got a job, Setting goals for people who need to be whipped to get enough get up to go.

I'm probably the only man in America that got traded in for a stray cat.

Hush you huskies. Hush!

When you go home from a stroke you can expect one of two reactions from any of your family or friends...

One is: Let's put him in a cradle so we can rock him to sleep if he stirs..

and the other is: He hasn't stumbled in the last ten minutes so let's give him a short pole and see if he can balance a live alligator on his shoulders while crossing over Niagara Falls on a tightrope.

Friends from either extreme can get you killed, but if all my other choices are limited to these 2 then I prefer to try earning my place among the latter bunch.

**The only thing certain
about the laws of probability
is that they really do work --
about nine times out of ten.**

~ Lin Stone

Just take a little bit to see if you like it a whole lot.

When you want to be heard, you have got to speak up. The only way to get a better deal is to ask for it. One gets what one wants based solely on the ability to persuade others, and that takes negotiation, not luck.

I have endured every temptation on earth except adulation. I am praying that temptation will come next.

You can't call yourself a real politician until you can charm the skin off a blind rattle snake.

Let's face facts here. **Knowing what you are doing wrong is almost as good as knowing what you should be doing right.**

Remember this! #1, you're going to be wrong sometimes.
#2, Even when you are 100% right,
Cutting you down to their size
will make some people feel taller.

It isn't until the body realizes it has a brain that it becomes capable of
reaching some of its true potentials.

Travel stories have always been popular because travel writers
instinctively know that telling the truth does not pay well.

Of course there are easy answers to every question.

The problem is:

answers are seldom the solution.

I would have been a thousand miles farther on down this road if I had
just been smart enough to skip the short cuts some of my so-called
friends told me about.

The only time a man is willing to accept something less is before he
gets it.

We can't be brave until we know what we are running away from.

A wise man never tries to pretend
he is any smarter than I think he is.

Great Brains are of little use

When Brute Force is already knocking on the door.

One Man With A Tank is a majority.

He who hesitates for a minute
is lost for an hour.

I'm old now, with bones that won't bend and medical needs that

won't wait.

Ten seconds of anger can pack thirty years of sorrow into your life.

Preparation is the primary principle of Participation.

There is a time to be big, and a time to belittle.

Out of the last 1016 times that I had a 50/50 chance of getting it right on the first try, I got it wrong 1016 times! Is anyone else **keeping score** out there?

When there are only two choices, right or wrong, I usually get it wrong four times in a row, sometimes more. But, if I ever do get it right, you won't shake me off it no matter how many other choices you give me.

It takes me so long to get it right that I remember it wrong."

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If exercising is so great why did all them athletes retire at 30 when I could keep working until I was 75?

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**I wouldn't let a cat be treated at that hospital,
much less a dog.**

As an ally against the sea of bitterness I was swimming through, he was a good millstone to put around my neck.

It is impossible to give a grain of truth to anyone possessing a ton of knowledge.

The Lord has resisted so many temptations to make me rich that I can only conclude he's doing it on purpose.

I've known James through 27 years of thick and thin. I've known him when he was rich; I've known him when he was poor: Rich is better. For use in your speeches, substitute your prime name for James.

You know you have joined the ranks of the world's wealthy when you start throwing food away just because it is rotten.

The best thing Bill Clinton did for America was prove that the media was not, and is not, public opinion incarnate. In those early days of his run for the Presidency, after the press had built him up as big as they were going to and when they did their best to shove him aside, Bill Clinton smiled indulgently and proved indisputably you could ignore the media and still be elected President.

Dan Quayle's sojourn in national politics proves just how vicious and relentless the media can be.

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There comes a time in every man's life when just being able to soak up some sunlight seems like a major accomplishment.

The Key to a Healthy Life is to:
Exercise Regularly and Take Long Vacations

The world today may be slimy with hypocrisy, but no man is justified in killing lions to feed dogs. ~ Cole Younger

The law is simply an interpretation of the Ten Commandments, nothing more, nothing less. All law is founded upon Scripture, and Scripture, in form of religion or law, rules the universe.

The infidel who ridicules religion is forced to respect the law, which in reality is religion itself.

War is a terrible thing, and leads men sometimes out of the common avenues of life. Without reference to myself, men of this land, let me tell you emphatically, dispassionately, and absolutely that war makes savages of men, and dethrones them from reason. It is too often sugarcoated with the word "patriotism" to make it bearable and men call it "National honor."

"Every dog that dies has some friend to shed a tear, but when that man dies there will be universal rejoicing." Cole Younger, speaking of a certain banker.

The outlaw is like a big black bird, from which every passerby feels licensed to pluck a handful of feathers. The man who chooses the career of outlawry is either a natural fool or an innocent madman. Come with me to the prison, where for a quarter of a century I have occupied a lonely cell. When the door swings in on you there, the world does not hear your muffled wail. There is little to inspire mirth in prison.

For a man who has lived close to the heart of nature, in the forest, in the saddle, to imprison him is like caging a wild bird. And yet imprisonment has brought out the excellencies of many men. I have learned many things in the lonely hours there. I have learned that hope is a divinity; I have learned that a surplus of determination conquers every weakness; I have learned that you cannot mate a white dove to a blackbird; I have learned that vengeance is for God and not for man; I have learned that there are some things better than a picture on a church window; I have learned that the American people, and especially the good people of Minnesota, do not strip a fallen foe; I have learned that whoever says "there is no God" is a fool; I have learned that politics is often mere traffic, and statesmanship trickery; I have learned that the honor of the republic is put upon the plains and battled for; I have learned that the English language is too often used to deceive the commonwealth of labor; I have learned that the man who prides himself on getting on the wrong side of every public issue is as pernicious an enemy to the country as the man who openly fires upon the flag; and I have seen mute sufferings of men in prison which no human pen can portray. Experience has taught me that there is no true liberty apart from law. Law is a boundary line, a wall of protection, circumscribing the field in which liberty may have her freest exercise. Beyond the boundary line, freedom must surrender her rights, and change her name to "penalty for transgression." The law is no enemy, but the friend of liberty. The world and the planets move by law. Disregarding the law by which they move, they would become wanderers in the bleak darkness forever.

The human mind in its normal condition moves and works by law. When self-will, blinded by passion or lust, enters her realm, and breaks her protecting laws, mind then loses her sweet liberty of

action, and becomes a transgressor. Chaos usurps the throne of liberty, and mind becomes at enmity with law.

Your locomotive with her following load of life and treasure is safe while she keeps the rails, but, suppose that with an insane desire for a larger liberty, she left the rails and struck out for herself a new pathway, ruin, chaos and death would strew her course. And again let me impress the fact upon you. Law is one of humanity's valiant friends. It is the safeguard of the highest personal and national liberties. The French revolution furnishes a standing illustration of society without law.

There are times when I think the American people are not patriotic enough. Some think patriotism is necessary only in time of war, but I say to you it is more necessary in time of peace.

When the safety of the country is threatened, and the flag insulted, we are urged on by national pride to repel the enemy, but in time of peace selfish interests take the greater hold of us, and retard us in our duty to country.

Nowhere is patriotism needed more than at the ballot-box. There the two great contestants are country and self, and unless the spirit of patriotism guides the vote our country is sure to lose. To be faithful citizens we must be honest in our politics. The political star which guides us should be love for our country and our country's laws.

Patriotism, side by side with Christianity, I would have to go down to future generations, for wherever the church is destroyed you are making room for asylums and prisons. With the martyred Garfield, I, too, believe that our great national danger is not from without.

It may be presumptuous in me (AN OUTLAW) to proffer so many suggestions to you who have been living in a world from which I have been exiled for twenty-five years. I may have formed a wrong conception of some things, but you will be charitable enough to forgive my errors.

I hope to be of some assistance to mankind and will dedicate my future life to unmask every wrong in my power and aid civilization to rise against further persecution. I want to be the drum-major of a peace brigade, who would rather have the good will of his fellow creatures than shoulder straps from any corporate power.

One of the lessons impressed upon me by my life experience is the power of that which we call personal influence, the power of one mind or character over another.

Society is an aggregate of units. The units are related. No one lives or acts alone, independently of another. Personal influence plays its part in the relations we sustain to each other.

Emerson said.. You send your boy to school to be educated, but the education that he gets is largely from the other boys." It is a kind of education that he will remember longer and have a greater influence upon his character and career in life than the instructions he gets from the teacher.

You send your boy to school to be educated, but the education that he gets is largely from the other boys." It is a kind of education that he will remember longer and have a greater influence upon his character and career in life than the instructions he gets from the teacher coal beds. God has filled the mountain with gems fit to deck the brows of science, eloquence and art. He has furnished earth to produce for all the requirements of man. He has provided man himself with an intellect to fathom and develop the mysteries of His handiwork. Now He commands that mortal man shall do the rest, and what a generous command it is! And do you still say this is the world that owes you a living?

And now, with your permission, I will close with a bit of verse from Reno, the famous poet-scout. His lines are the embodiment of human nature as it should be, and to me they are a sort of creed. He says:
I never like to see a man a-wrestling with the dumps,
'Cause in the game of life he doesn't always catch the trumps,
But I can always cotton to a free-and-easy cuss
As takes his dose and thanks the Lord it wasn't any wuss.
There ain't no use of swearin' and cussin' at your luck,
'Cause you can't correct your troubles more than you can drown a duck.

Remember that when beneath the load your suffering head is bowed
That God will sprinkle sunshine in the trail of every cloud.

If you should see a fellow man with trouble's flag unfurled,
And lookin' like he didn't have a friend in all the world,
Go up and slap him on the back and holler, "How'd you do?"
And grasp his hand so warm he'll know he has a friend in you,
An' ask him what's a-hurtin' him, and laugh his cares away,
An' tell him that the darkest hour is just before the day.
Don't talk in graveyard palaver, but say it right out loud,

That God will sprinkle sunshine in the trail of every cloud.
This world at best is but a hash of pleasures and of pain;
Some days are bright and sunny, and some are sloshed with rain;
An' that's jes' how it ought to be, so when the clouds roll by
We'll know jes' how to 'preciate the bright and smilin' sky.
So learn to take things as they come, and don't sweat at the pores
Because the Lord's opinion doesn't coincide with yours;
But always keep rememberin', when cares your path enshroud,
That God has lots of sunshine to spill behind the cloud.

~ Cole Younger

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Destruction does not create wealth. After a disaster he billions of dollars that will be earned by people in the building industry and their suppliers will surely create jobs and income for those people. But rebuilding diverts resources from other possible uses. Natural or man-made disasters always destroy wealth. Were that not the case, mankind could achieve unimaginable wealth through wars, arson, riots and other calamities. ~ Walter E. Williams

The Golden Rule of

Political Statesmanship

The Nasty Pakistani Perpetrators

The United States has a history of galloping to the rescue of downtrodden democracies. Great Britain and Russia was at the top of the list. Last Sunday US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton wrote a new page in American history by accusing some unidentified government officials in Pakistan of harboring Osama bin Laden and Mullah Omar.

"I believe somewhere in this government are people who know where Osama bin Laden and al-Qaida and where Mullah Omar and the leadership of the Taliban are." Exactly how deep they are and how long they have lasted was still being sorted out, Clinton said.

Pentagon officials suggest Faisal Shahzad was a "lone wolf" in the New York bombing but Hillary Clinton isn't having any of that nonsense. She insists that Faisal had connections to Pakistan-based terrorist groups inside Pakistan and by golly- Pakistan had better pony up some evidence to support her denunciation or there's no telling where this diatribe will take US.

"We cannot tolerate having people encouraged, directed, trained and sent from Pakistan to attack us."

Clinton added "that this is a threat we share...we have a common enemy...there is no time to waste...go as fast and hard as we can."

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Isn't that "bailout language?" ..there is no time to waste ... dish out the loot as fast and hard as we can ..

And, if they can't?

Clinton said "...there would be very severe consequences."

When asked what she meant, exactly, Clinton responded with a clear warning for the world: "I think I will let that speak for itself."

There is only one way to see how Pakistan will react to this challenge, and it never fails to work: Just imagine that you can put the shoe on the other foot. Here we go.

Step 1: The president of Pakistan wakes up from a bad dream one morning and tells his cabinet.. "I dreamed that the United States is consorting with India to move our borders west.

Cabinet > That sounds serious. What is Obama doing?

President > Oh, it may not be him, you know. Maybe it is someone 2 or 3 levels down, maybe even 7 or 8 levels down but I believe there is someone over there that doesn't want us to succeed.

Cabinet > What can we do to stop this sneaky maneuvering?

President > We'll insist that Obama finds this pocket of resistance and sends us the perpetrators so we can punish them. They ought to be glad to do this for us, we face a common enemy.

Cabinet > Uh, which enemy is that?

President of Pakistan > I think I will let that speak for itself. Dust off the red carpets, those perpetrators should be arriving soon.

Cabinet > What if Obama refuses to cooperate?

President > There would be very severe consequences.

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Now we can identify Clinton's political savvy. It is just like the Golden Rule. "Do unto US as we would have U do."

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Only one man in a hundred is a leader of men.

The other 999 are trying their best to catch up with some woman.

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Don't just keep the Faith, Share It.
The Hardest Part
of any Sale
Begins when the merchandise
is delivered.

The only thing worse than being criticised is finding out nobody cared
how many mistakes you made.

Even when I joke about money I'm dead serious.

People who won't work when they are children Grow Up To Be Kids
who won't work either.

The trouble with this world is most people do more good by accident
than they do on purpose.

It is IMPOSSIBLE to argue with anyone who isn't Neurotic or wrong!

You can rip off some of the people Most of the time. But sooner or
later All of the People will insist on letting someone else do it to them.

William Wordsworth encouraged us to: "Come forth into the light of
things; let nature be your teacher."

Do you live in the city, far from the gleaming woods that can teach
you so much? Find the park nearest you. Pack a lunch and go spend
the whole day communing with nature. Be sure to bring a blanket
and plenty of reading material to bury your nose inside.

Sign in the window. This store is so broke we hardly ever have more
than \$50 left in the store after the sun sets. ... Then right beside that
sign is another sign saying: "Now looking for full and part time help:
All applicants must be able to pass the expert markmanship test and
be able to demonstrate a reasonably fast draw."

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Listen boss. I've been working all week on the last 10 minute job you
gave me. From now on I won't accept any work assignment less than

15 minutes long.



Please choose only three or four answers. **Is this thing going to**

- hug you,
- bite you,
- stab you,
- suck you dry
- or hiss at you

from a dark corner?

Ink spots are used by psychiatrists precisely because they are prejudiced.

Psychiatry is the art of making you dream up dark, sick thoughts, then making you feel guilty about the dark, sick thoughts you dreamed up so they can prescribe a power pill to pop that coincidentally costs a fortune, and invite you back next week for the next session, -- if you can live with yourself long enough to make the appointment.

Think about the ink blots they use for a second. Look at a dozen of them and how would you describe them?

- 1.They are black
- 2.Dark
- 3.Evil
- 4.Shadowy
- 5.Fuzzy
- 6.Strange

You're right. Now,
Let me ask you this,
Do any of these descriptions make you
raise your voice in gladsome song?

Let me ask you another question. When ad writers want you to crave their brand of whiskey do they show you wretched drunks staggering around in dark, dangerous alleys? Do they show a man in a 73 hour beard desperately shaking the bottle to get the last drop while a naked child tugs at his arm, whining for a morsel of stale bread?

NO! Of Course Not!

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You are right. They are smart enough to show you a wonderful party with the lights shining down on gleaming, smiling blondes, with these sweet, sexy people dancing to erotic music that is playing softly from somewhere in the wealthy, cultured background.

They aren't playing fair, are they?

No, they are pulling out all the stops So you are proud to be paying government excise taxes on THEIR brand of whiskey.

Psychiatrists have studied enough psychology to know a little bit of color can even make bad things look good, but then, psychiatrists don't want you to feel good, **they want you to feel threatened,**

That's where they make their money, and convince you to set up recurring appointments with PayPal --

That's why they use those **DARK, SUGGESTIVE INK BLOTS!**

They know all too well that when they can make you *worry* about

what's hiding under your bed,
or in your closet,
or behind the shower curtains,
and where you are stepping next
that you are open to spooky *SUBLIMINAL SUGGESTIONS.*

Most people go see a psychiatrist first with just a little problem -- and

before a single month has gone by they have improved so much they can't even take a shower by themselves unless they have popped a puny little \$64.00 pill the psychiatrist insists is going to help them -- someday, soon.

Psychiatrists have to work hard to keep patients Eager to pay any price they ask, just to get rid of the bad images that a visit to their drab, faceless office provokes in the first place.

If they *wanted* to play fair,
they would at least use **a few bright colors**
and say, "What joyful scene do these blots remind you of?"

"Why, Doc, suddenly they look like cute
little Easter bunny rabbits having the
time of their lives! I remember one
wonderful Easter when,,

**"Wait, WAIT!
I gave you the wrong blot..."**

Yeah Doc.

This ink blot is not prejudiced like **your black** ink blots are -- is it?

There is always a moral to my stories; here is the moral for this one:
If you are ever crazy enough to consult a psychiatrist, take your own
ink blots and ask her what **he** sees.

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WAR WILL MAKE US RICH!

THE BODY BAGS

As the war clouds gather round us again the **War Will Make Us Rich** theory of economics rears its ugly head in the bars and even in some business circles once more. Even state and national historians have insisted the theory is true that war will save our economy and in some magical way boost the supply of bucks bumping around in our pockets as we "SPEND OUR WAY out of a depression."

Now I know you are a professor of economics and so good with figures that the President lets you count his little gold bricks every night. Unfortunately, Not even the alleged purchase of 30,000 body bags keeps the new advocates of the War-is-Wonderful and will make us rich theory from fervently contemplating the burst of prosperity this new war will bring to us.

According to the War-is-Wonderful and will make us rich theory so prevalent among some drooling politicians and certain other barflies: as the body bags fill up with the mangled youth of our nation, each parent can know that every child so sacrificed was a hero worth a sack full of gold bullion to the economy.

Does that make sense to you? I wonder, Were we richer every time a cargo ship went down? Were we richer for removing the healthiest workers from the job market and paying them to stand at attention in harm's way with money our government rolled off the hot presses?

If this theory is true then, at the end of World War I we should have got down on our knees and thanked the Germans for making us richer. Instead the allies insisted on imposing the harsh reparations that are said by these same barflies to have fueled Hitler's rise to power and precipitated World War II.

In World War II Germany pounded England without mercy. Was England richer because of it? Or was Churchill right when he said there was nothing but beer cans left to throw at the German invaders when they arrived because there were no pounds left in England's Royal Treasury?

Were we made richer because the Japanese destroyed our Pacific fleet and we had to replace it, along with the trained men who were killed in that savage attack?

When German cities and tanks and munitions were destroyed by the allies did we make that economy soar? Did the Viet Nam war prosper us – or [since they won the war, with Jane's help.. Did we ever pay Janey Girl as much as she was worth?] Did the first Gulf War enrich us? We have been told the attack on the World Trade Center was an act of war perpetrated by terrorists, so when it collapsed did a huge mound of gold magically rise from the shes and pour into our coffers? Has anything at all come from the War on Terror?

I submit that only a few friends of the Government got rich on any of these wonderful ventures, that only a few (lucky) workers received enhanced wages, and that the rest of US tightened our belts and suffered the consequences because there was a war on. In fine I completely reject the War-is-Wonderful and will make us rich theory. Not even the Women's March on our nation's capital raised a thin shilling and they were smashing windows, shattering the school bus windshields and, of course, wholesale looting. And burning police cars. When I saw what those Liberal Ladies were doing, I chucked my voter registration in the nearest trash can. If there is a way to do it, I vote for Liberal Ladies be conscripted in the Marines forthwith

It is common practice for the Government to blame the mean old oil companies for gouging the American Public with rising gas prices -- and it works -- kind of like Hitler staying in power by blaming the Jews for cornering the supply of money. In these modern days the focus has shifted to blaming the Arabs for charging too much for a barrel of oil. But actually, the underlying reason for these tragic increases is because believing the War-is-Wonderful and will make us rich theory is bleeding US to death.

Blame the oil companies, blame the Arabs, blame the terrorists, blame anybody you want to for thwarting the economic power of this War-is-Wonderful theory, but the fact remains that even after all these wonderful wars, our country is now poor, not rich. A dollar won't even buy a nickel candy bar any more. We owe Communist China more money than any other nation on earth. American tourists traveling abroad are discovering that the American dollar is now viewed more and more regularly with suspicion, and often accepted only with genuine reluctance.

You see this theory about war making us rich posted in state owned museums, you read it alluded to in many speeches and political writing, and you hear it praised in bars and taverns all across the land: is there any sense at all contained in the War-is-Wonderful and will make us rich theory? Well, ask yourself these simple questions: Can you get a drought to end by pouring your last gallon of water down a rat hole?

Can you put more bread on the table by burning off half the wheat in the field? You know as well as I do the answer to all these questions is a resounding NO!

If any of these questions could be answered with an affirmative YES there could only be three variables that make war profitable.

1. killing off our young people.
2. scrapping our military equipment –

3. spending our money hand over fist.

I'll examine these one by one to see if any of them have a chance of working. First, Does war pay because we kill off our young people?

If so, then why send them off to some dirty, filthy, **unhealthy** foreign country to do them in? It would be much simpler to just line all our High School football players up on the streets during every Fourth of July celebration -- with the richest kids right out there in front since they are worth more -- and have our mayors direct the police to mow them down with brand new machine guns.

You don't think this will do it, huh?

Okay, Does war pay because we scrap our equipment in a war?

If so, then let's roll all of it into the ocean and make it do a David Crockett "SKOW" as it goes down. Maybe if we auction off the film rights to Hollywood we can even get paid twice. That might do the trick, don't you think so? No?

Well, Does war pay because we spend our money with reckless abandon?

If that is true, we don't have to waste it on killing and destruction that could make us enemies... Instead, let's pay the mothers of this great nation for raising bright children.

For each child producing straight A-s pay the mother (or guardian) \$20,000.00 per year.

For each child producing nothing less than a B, pay the mother \$15,000.00
And, for each child producing nothing less than a C, pay the mother \$10,000.00

Wouldn't that be a hoot? Instead of crying because they have lost a child in some crummy, jerkwater country, there would be tears of joy because their child had applied a few brains to the chalkboard!

You know, that idea might work, at that!

How can anyone with a brain in their head believe wars ever produce anything besides indebtedness, death and destruction? When the war is over and that illusion of loose gold quits spinning, we invariably still have to pay for the war because we have nothing but Tricky Dick gold left to shore up our ravaged treasury with.

Killing off the youth of this planet does not improve anyone's economy. Just since the year 1900 CE. we have killed off over 100 million people. Let those

who believe in the theory that War Will Make Us Rich, count up the carnage of wars past and explain -- in simple English -- where the **replacement funds** for the money we rolled off the hot presses came from.

Perhaps some college professor teaching the Government that war can make us rich can explain these particular figures: In 1914 our national debt was \$2,912,499,269.16 By 1919 our national debt was \$27,390,970,113.12 Remember too that from then, right up to this very day we are still paying benefits to some of the veterans who came home from that war. Add it ALL up, professor. Tell us: How much prosperity did that Great War bring to us?

On November 7, 2016, debt held by the public was \$14.3 trillion or about 76% of the previous 12 months of GDP.^{[5][6][7][8]} **Intragovernmental holdings** stood at \$5.4 trillion, giving a combined total gross national debt of \$19.8 trillion or about 106% of the previous 12 months of GDP.^[7] \$6.2 trillion or approximately 45% of the debt held by the public was owned by foreign investors, the largest of which were **China** and **Japan** at about \$1.25 trillion for China and \$1.15 trillion for Japan

It's a fact of nature, an immutable law, if you will; Destruction does not breed wealth either in its progress, or in its wake. Nor does it matter if it erupts from the loins of our political lions or from killer hurricane winds.

It never has. It never will.

In July of 2008 Foreclosure Filings Soared 121 Percent over 2007. 220,000 homes were lost to bank repossessions in the second quarter alone. That is nearly triple the number from the same period in 2007.

Back in 1939 our national debt was only \$40,439,532,411.11 By 1945 our national debt was \$258,682,187,409.93 and again, we had not yet begun to pay off our debts to the veterans who fought and bled to finish our war.

War made us Rich?
Get real!

Although only 148 soldiers were killed and 467 soldiers wounded in the first Gulf War, **ten years later we have almost two out of every five Gulf War Veterans on disability. Tell me, What kind of wealth has that little war created for US?**

On top of that, we are still paying for World War I
We are still paying for World War II
We are still paying for Korea
And, we are still paying for VietNam
Do I need to go on populating this list?
Well, yes. We need to mention the Spanish American war is still costing us money.

But, The Fact is, NONE of these Wars made us Rich:

Since 1952 the international reserve position of the U.S. has fallen from 50% of the world's total to **a mere 3% of that total** - - In spite of all our wars and fighting that was going to make us rich, that means we have created a **94% drop in our net worth-bucket.**

In short, there is no basis in fact of any kind for the **War Will Make US Rich** theory -- Perhaps we want to believe it is true because of some racial superstition that the old law of sacrifice is working some kind of subtle magic. You may remember it.

In biblical times hundreds of infants were sacrificed on the altars of Baal in order to improve the economy. If we pursue the theory that filling up X number of body bags with the pride of our nation will make us rich, are we any wiser now than they were then?

Don't doubt for a moment that I'm a born-again pacifist. I was in the front line when the truce terminated in Korea, and I volunteered to be on the firing line when Kennedy showed the Russians that our youth were downright eager for them to cross that line and start something.

However, if another war is ever forced upon us by an enemy -- let our anger at the cost help us to respond in sharp, decisive, furious

strength, to fight our battles on principles of righteousness, with our eyes open, knowing all the while that it is costing us money, time, and lives.

I beg of you, don't ever welcome war because of some secret hope that our financial coffers will be filled by those bags of silver spilling their guts out over our great nation.

It won't happen.

War is Hell.

War does not make money;

War COSTS money. It is that plain. It is that simple. Consequently,

**NO war will EVER make us rich;
it won't even make us richer.**

The Truth Is,

War COSTS US money.

Thanksgiving Day

Proclamation

Inasmuch as we know that nations, like individuals, are subjected to the punishments and chastisements in this world, may we not justly fear that the awful calamity of Civil War that now desolates our land may be but a punishment inflicted upon us for our presumptuous sins to the needful end of our national reformation as a whole people.

We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven. We have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God.

We have forgotten the gracious hand that preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us and we have vainly imagined in the deceitfulness of our hearts that all of these blessings were provided by some superior wisdom or virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God who made us.

It behooves us then, to humble ourselves before the offended power to confess our national sins and pray for clemency and forgiveness.

The Declaration of Independence

In Congress, July 4, 1776,

THE UNANIMOUS DECLARATION OF THE THIRTEEN UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the Powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

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.

That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.

Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shown, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed.

But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security. Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world. He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.

He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.

He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people. He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within. He has endeavoured to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws of Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands. He has obstructed the Administration of

Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary powers. He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries. He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harass our People, and eat out their substance. He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the Consent of our legislatures.

He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil power.

He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation: For quartering large bodies of armed troops among us: For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from Punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States:

For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world:

For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent:

For depriving us in many cases, of the benefits of Trial by Jury:

For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences:

For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies:

For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments:

For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever. He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us.

He has plundered our seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the Lives of our people.

He is at this time transporting large armies of foreign mercenaries to compleat the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty & perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation. He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands. He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.

In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince, whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.

Nor have We been wanting in attention to our British brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to

the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the Protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.

JOHN HANCOCK, President

Attested, CHARLES THOMSON, Secretary

New Hampshire

JOSIAH BARTLETT

WILLIAM WHIPPLE

MATTHEW THORNTON

Massachusetts-Bay

SAMUEL ADAMS

JOHN ADAMS

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JOHN HART
ABRAHAM CLARK

Of these 56 signers of the Declaration:

- **5 were captured by the British and tortured before they died,**
- **12 had their homes sacked and looted, occupied by the enemy or burned --from Rhode Island to Charleston.**
- **2 of them lost their sons in the Army;**
- **1 had two sons captured.**
- **9 of the 56 died in the War.**

Fun In The Sun

Civilization is now cluttered with baby sitters that think they are doctors and doctors who think their patients are little baby millionaires.

The Spaniards Searching for the Seven Cities of Cibola did not come on a mission to tell the inhabitants thereof how lucky they were to live in cities of gold. NO; they crossed International borders determined to strip those cities of their gold and take it home with them so they could put it to good use. **Are we any better?**

Larry Ecohawk tells us that just one tribe that had over 80,000 members before the U.S. Waged an unrelenting war of extermination. Only 600 lived to sing the mournful event around a lonely campfire.

But what goes around, comes around. Those victors began to accept and even endorse all the vanquished views and mode of governance with alarming regularity.

Let every child study the Constitution that made us a nation. Let every child pore through the history books and remember that

greatness is not a privilege but a responsibility.

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If we as a nation now shun the very precepts that once made us great we can only expect to be on the receiving end of destiny.

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To be a success, stand as a digital peer, an anchored bulwark for greatness.

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No one came to this earth destined to fail. Even those who fail constantly can put on the **breaks** and **brake** the pattern of failure.

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Quit being frightened of slithering shadows. Look for new opportunities to be as bold as a roaring lion!

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Successful living is learning to triumph over your temptations.

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Family Fractures don't have to be the end of everything unless a chip off the old block loses the car.

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The only way our nation shall be sanctified is by standing firmly righteous.

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Our government declares it shall do nothing until positive their proposed course is politically perfect; college professors insist there is no right left in the world, and scientists assure us that all of life started from an accidental stroke of voltage.

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Oklahoma's Taco Mayo was founded in 1978; my step-son taught the originator how to play paper football. It now keeps 15,000 employees working in Oklahoma alone. It provides \$250,000 in charity support, \$200,000 for college grants and easily stands high in the top 400 chain restaurants of America. It sure makes you wonder how big I would have become if I had let Brad teach me how to play paper football.

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If you think health care is expensive now you just wait until it is free. The hardest thing about raising bird seed for a living is keeping the birds out of the crop until we get it sold.

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Sarah. Have I told you lately that it's a good thing I love you?

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Hospital Fare: First they fed me dead squash and a hamburger that had once seen a better day. When I complained they gave me morphine so I couldn't tell the difference.

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The reason there are two senators for each state is so that one can be the designated driver., Jay Leno, US comedian & television host

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The best way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing. ~ Walt Disney

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Friend, you can trust anything I say because my only desire in life is to straighten you out.

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If I agreed with you about anything we'd both be wrong.

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I'm sorry my wife couldn't be with me today, she was up all night with a sick book.

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A clear conscience is the sure sign of a bad memory.

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Gun control is stupid. What we need is idiot control.

*

When in doubt about your answer, always mumble.

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Worrying almost works perfectly! 90% of the things I have worried about have never happened.

*

You can't fool me. If winning isn't everything why do they keep score?

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Shoot for the moon and if you miss you will still be among the stars.
~ Les Brown

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I envy people who drink. At least they have something to blame everything on., Oscar Levant

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Until you value yourself, your life is a blank check filled in by friends that have a charming way with the zeros.



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One of the key problems today is that politics is such a disgrace, good people don't go into government. ~ Donald Trump

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The best way to get a promotion is to think just like the boss.

*

The entire economy of the Western world is built on things that cause cancer., From the 1985 movie "Bliss"

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You know it's a dirty movie when China rejects it.

*

A bargain is something you don't need, set at a price you can't resist.

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We live in an age when pizza gets to your home before the police.,
Jeff Marder

*

The intermediate stage between socialism and capitalism is alcoholism., Norman Brenner

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I can think of nothing less pleasurable than a life devoted to
pleasure., John D. Rockefeller, US oil industrialist & philanthropist

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The work goes on, the cause endures, the hope still lives and the
dreams shall never die.', 'Edward Kennedy

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The ability to delude yourself may be an important survival tool. Jane
Wagner

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Fleas can be taught nearly everything that a Congressman can. ~
Mark Twain

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An honest politician is one who, when he is bought, will stay bought.
~ Simon Cameron, US financier & politician

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A good listener is a good talker with a sore throat.', 'Katharine
Whitehorn

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Historians are like deaf people who go on answering questions that no
one has asked them. ~ Leo Tolstoy, Russian mystic & novelist

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We seem to have a compulsion these days to bury time capsules in
order to give those people living in the next century or so some idea
of what we are like. I have prepared one of my own. I have placed
some rather large samples of dynamite, gunpowder, and nitroglycerin.
My time capsule is set to go off in the year 3000. It will show them
what we are really like. ~ Alfred Hitchcock, British movie director

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**You cannot change the circumstances, the times or the
seasons, or how many little birdies fly right into the whistling,
whirling wind machines.**

The best thing about the good old days was that we were young then,

and if I remember right, I think maybe our memories worked better back then too.

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It is never too late to be who you might have been. George Eliot

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If you kick a dead horse long enough you won't have to bury it

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In all that you do, go the extra mild.

The End

The Coagulator, Lin Stone, has been writing professionally for 30 years now. Well over a thousand articles have been published, 27 were feature stories, In addition to conventionally published material, his 38 electronic books, dozens of web sites, dozens of publicity releases were turned out. He has ghostwritten 4 books as well – plus he helped polish 7 books and pushed them through to publication.

In this collection.

All the photos in this edition were furnished by Sea Stone Books, and have been retouched by Lin Stone.

Lin also engineered the cover graphic.

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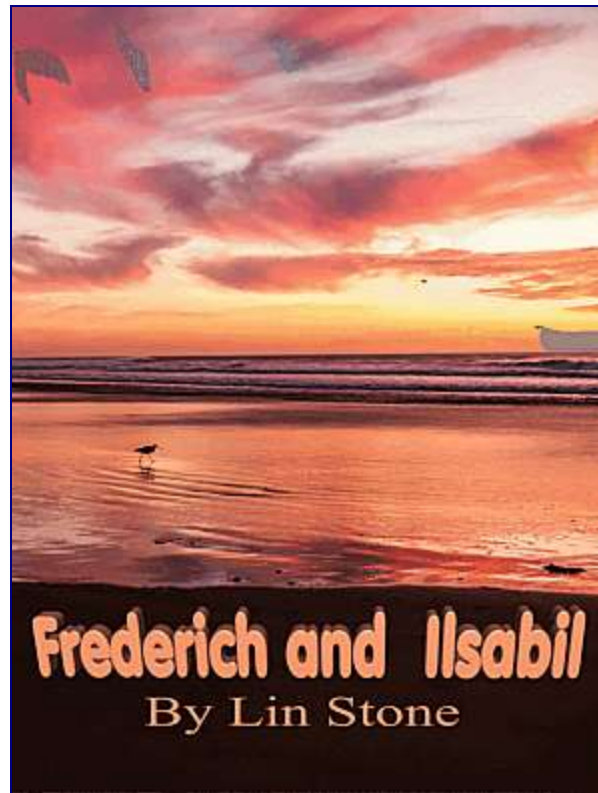
Quotations can be found here.

I want to suggest the ([Public Enemy #1 or](#)) John Dillinger and friends, then, Woodland Nymph . The writing is crisp and clear; the plot is fresh, unique and exciting. It has lingered long in my memory as a cherished friend.

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Once upon a time a brown rattletrap VW Beetle said: “ATTENTION, Car Thieves! This car has already be stolen.”

Then there was a Cadillac that said, “CAUTION: I slow down for tailgaters.”



Greed Can Get The Best Of Even A Humble Fisherman's Wife

The Second Book published for Dawn Foss is called *Christmas Love*.

It's a wonderful, fully illustrated Christmas book for the whole family that promotes love of God, love of family, and love of community. It brings a practical application to the original Christmas story. Visit the link for more information, and to purchase a paperback or eBook today! <http://www.tatepublishing.com/bookstore/book.php?w=978-1-62902-057-0>

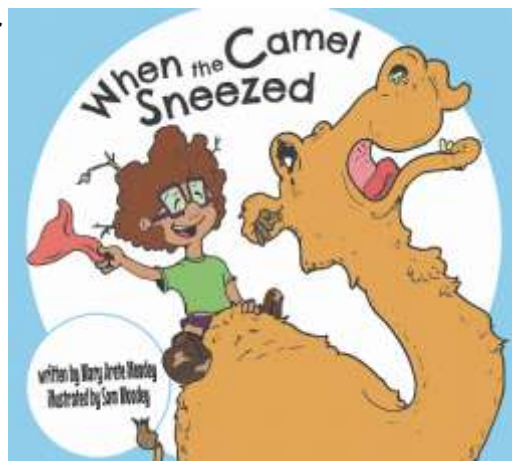
Hello! My name is Dawn Foss, and I'm an inspirational Christian author/singer/songwriter. I am on a mission to bring wholesome books and music to young people, as well as adults. My first book I wrote in 2012 and it's called, "I Will Stand." It's a book of commitment to do what is right. It's an interactive book with 20 main points such as, I will stand for forgiveness, I will stand for meekness, courage, joy, forgiveness, righteousness, purity, and so on. It's a great book for personal devotions or group study. Each chapter has Bible verses to meditate on, as well as a self assessment and a challenge. It's a great tool to bring families closer together and get some difficult conversations started.

Christmas Love is a great book that brings a practical application to the original Christmas story. It promotes love of God, love of family, and love of community. It features in the beginning of the book several community helpers such as a local police officer, fireman, dentist, doctor, teacher, youth pastor, nurse, pregnancy center leader, etc. and how they show Christ's love to others in the work that they do. It's a great book to bring out every year and remember the true meaning of Christmas: giving as He gave. It features an audio book, and ends with one of my songs, "Christmas Love."

After a great Ahh Choo, Zara flies through the air to reclaim her chair from a zoo fanfare; but, not until she sets aside her fears and discovers how making one friend can flourish into a community where everyone has a seat.

If it is a whimsical and rhythmic adventure you are after, take heart. When the Camel Sneezed will take you on the hike of your life! Magical Art forms the background of Every page. Every page dances with rhymes and rthmn to have your children giggling right through to the last page.

Even hours later they may be so delighted with the mesmerical, musical art they will try them oon for size.



Crazy Zoo is a wonderful book in many ways. It introduces kids to many new animals. The introduction on each animal is useful to learn a bit more about each one. Apart from that, kids are given a peek into daily zoo life. The story line connects all the zoo animals and birds together. Bridget's characterization is quite appealing. She is allowed to wander around in the park, listening to the chatter of parrots, and passing gossip to those who are curious to know more. It makes a lovely story for read aloud sessions.

Jane Finch is working on a new book, Do You Believe in Miracles? Jane is an accomplished author with books for adults as well as books for our youth. Several of them have won awards for her writing. This will be a book which recounts personal testimonies of life-changing miracles. The purpose of the book is to encourage believers and to inspire and stir the hearts of unbelievers. If you know of anyone who would like to contribute their story to the book please ask them to contact me on finchlark@googlemail.com

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