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paremiography or paroemiography

PRONUNCIATION:

(puh-ree-mee-AH-gruh-fee) 

MEANING:

noun:


1. The writing or collecting of proverbs.
2. A collection of proverbs.

ETYMOLOGY:

From Latin paroemia (proverb), from Greek paroimia (proverb) + -graphy (writing). Earliest documented use: 1818.

polyhistor

PRONUNCIATION:

(pol-ee-HIS-tuhr) 

MEANING:

noun: A person of great or wide learning. Also polyhistorian.

cacoethes

PRONUNCIATION:


(kak-oh/uh-WEE-theez) 

MEANING:

noun: An irresistible urge to do something, especially something inadvisable.

bibliophagist

PRONUNCIATION:


(bib-lee-AH-fuh-jist) 

MEANING:

noun: One who loves to read books; a bookworm.

eunoia

PRONUNCIATION:

(yoo-NOY-uh) 

MEANING:

noun:

1. A feeling of goodwill.
2. A state of good mental health.

ETYMOLOGY:


From Greek eunoia (well mind), from eu (well, good) + noos (mind, spirit).

NOTES:

Eunoia is the shortest word in English with all five vowels.

apanthropy

PRONUNCIATION:

(ap-UHN-thruh-pee) 

MEANING:

noun: A desire to be away from people; a love of solitude.

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Never let your sense of morals get in the way of doing what's right.	Isaac Asimov, scientist and writer (2 Jan 1920-1992)
Still round the corner there may wait, / a new road or a secret gate.	J.R.R. Tolkien, novelist and philologist (3 Jan 1892-1973)
The only person who is educated is the one who has learned how to learn... and change.	Carl Rogers, psychologist (8 Jan 1902-1987)
I tore myself away from the safe comfort of certainties through my love for truth -- and truth rewarded me.	Simone de Beauvoir, author and philosopher (9 Jan 1908-1986)
All government -- indeed, every human benefit and enjoyment, every virtue and every prudent act -- is founded on compromise and barter.	Lord Acton (John Emerich Edward Dalberg-Acton), historian (10 Jan 1834-1902)
People's memories are maybe the fuel they burn to stay alive.	Haruki Murakami, writer (b. 12 Jan 1949)
To move freely you must be deeply rooted.	Bella Lewitzky, dancer (13 Jan 1916-2004)
Nonviolence means avoiding not only external physical violence but also internal violence of spirit. You not only refuse to shoot a man, but you refuse to hate him.	Martin Luther King, Jr., civil-rights leader (15 Jan 1929-1968)
If I knew of something that could serve my nation but would ruin another, I would not propose it to my prince, for I am first a man and only then a Frenchman ... because I am necessarily a man, and only accidentally am I French.	Montesquieu, philosopher, lawyer, and writer (18 Jan 1689-1755)
On stage, I make love to 25,000 different people, then I go home alone.	Janis Joplin, singer-songwriter (19 Jan 1943-1970)
The shepherd always tries to persuade the sheep that their interests and his own are the same.	Stendhal (Marie-Henri Beyle), novelist (23 Jan 1783-1842)
I learned compassion from being discriminated against. Everything bad that's ever happened to me has taught me compassion.	Ellen DeGeneres, comedian (b. 26 Jan 1958)

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That community is already in the process of dissolution where each man begins to eye his neighbor as a possible enemy, where nonconformity with the accepted creed, political as well as religious, is a mark of disaffection; where denunciation, without specification or backing, takes the place of evidence; where orthodoxy chokes freedom of dissent; where faith in the eventual supremacy of reason has become so timid that we dare not enter our convictions in the open lists, to win or lose.	Learned Hand, jurist (27 Jan 1872-1961)
May your trails be crooked, winding, lonesome, dangerous, leading to the most amazing view. May your mountains rise into and above the clouds.	Edward Abbey, naturalist and author (29 Jan 1927-1989)
Kindness in ourselves is the honey that blunts the sting of unkindness in another.	Walter Savage Landor (30 Jan 1775-1864)
Do not be too quick to assume your enemy is a savage just because he is your enemy. Perhaps he is your enemy because he thinks you are a savage. Or perhaps he is afraid of you because he feels that you are afraid of him. And perhaps if he believed you are capable of loving him he would no longer be your enemy.	Thomas Merton, monk, writer (31 Jan 1915-1968)
When you turn the corner And you run into yourself Then you know that you have turned All the corners that are left.	Langston Hughes, poet and novelist (1 Feb 1902-1967)
Mistakes are the portals of discovery.	James Joyce, novelist (2 Feb 1882-1941)
Everybody knows if you are too careful you are so occupied in being careful that you are sure to stumble over something.	Gertrude Stein, novelist, poet, and playwright (3 Feb 1874-1946)
All progress has resulted from people who took unpopular positions.	Adlai Stevenson, governor, ambassador (5 Feb 1900-1965)
A man who works with his hands is a laborer; a man who works with his hands and his brain is a craftsman; but a man who works with his hands and his brain and his heart is an artist.	Louis Nizer, lawyer (6 Feb 1902-1994)
I find it difficult to feel responsible for the suffering of others. That's why I find war so hard to bear. It's the same with animals: I feel the less harm I do, the lighter my heart. I love a light heart. And when I know I'm causing suffering, I feel the heaviness of it. It's a physical pain. So it's self-interest that I don't want to cause harm.	Alice Walker, author (b. 9 Feb 1944)

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The crucial disadvantage of aggression, competitiveness, and skepticism as national characteristics is that these qualities cannot be turned off at five o'clock.	Margaret Halsey, novelist (13 Feb 1910-1997)
I have known a vast quantity of nonsense talked about bad men not looking you in the face. Don't trust that conventional idea. Dishonesty will stare honesty out of countenance, any day in the week, if there is anything to be got by it.	Charles Dickens, novelist (7 Feb 1812-1870)
I believe that the first test of a truly great man is his humility. I do not mean by humility, doubt of his own powers. But really great men have a curious feeling that the greatness is not in them, but through them. And they see something divine in every other man and are endlessly, foolishly, incredibly merciful.	John Ruskin, author, art critic, and social reformer (8 Feb 1819-1900)
I see too plainly custom forms us all. Our thoughts, our morals, our most fixed belief, are consequences of our place of birth.	Aaron Hill, dramatist and writer (10 Feb 1685-1750)
Politics, as a practice, whatever its professions, has always been the systematic organization of hatreds.	Henry Adams, historian and teacher (16 Feb 1838-1918)
Recently, I was asked if I was going to fire an employee who made a mistake that cost the company \$600,000. No, I replied, I just spent \$600,000 training him. Why would I want somebody to hire his experience?	Thomas J. Watson, Chairman and CEO of IBM (17 Feb 1874-1956)
Jokes of the proper kind, properly told, can do more to enlighten questions of politics, philosophy, and literature than any number of dull arguments.	Isaac Asimov, scientist and writer (1920-1992)
The little I know, I owe to my ignorance.	Sacha Guitry, actor, director, screenwriter, and playwright (21 Feb 1885-1957)
Every man feels instinctively that all the beautiful sentiments in the world weigh less than a single lovely action.	James Russell Lowell, poet, editor, and diplomat (22 Feb 1819-1891)
The theory of democratic government is not that the will of the people is always right, but rather that normal human beings of average intelligence will, if given a chance, learn the right and best course by bitter experience.	W.E.B. Du Bois, educator, civil rights activist, and writer (23 Feb 1868-1963)
Come, live in my heart and pay no rent.	Samuel Lover, songwriter, composer, novelist, and artist (24 Feb 1797-1868)
Talk not of wasted affection; affection never was wasted.	Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, poet (27 Feb 1807-1882)

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What is the opposite of two? A lonely me, a lonely you.	Richard Wilbur, poet and translator (1 Mar 1921-2017)
The souls of emperors and cobblers are cast in the same mold. The same reason that makes us wrangle with a neighbor creates a war between princes.	Michel de Montaigne, essayist (28 Feb 1533-1592)
One does not advance the swimming abilities of ducks by throwing the eggs in the water.	Multatuli (pen name of Eduard Douwes Dekker), novelist (2 Mar 1820-1887)
When one door closes another door opens; but we so often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door, that we do not see the ones which open for us.	Alexander Graham Bell, inventor (3 Mar 1847-1922)
Scratch a pessimist and you find often a defender of privilege.	William Beveridge, economist and reformer (5 Mar 1879-1963)
Beauty is the purgation of superfluities.	Michelangelo Buonarroti, sculptor, painter, architect, and poet (6 Mar 1475-1564)
Don't ask me who's influenced me. A lion is made up of the lambs he's digested, and I've been reading all my life.	Giorgos Seferis, writer, diplomat, Nobel laureate (13 Mar 1900-1971)
The fetters imposed on liberty at home have ever been forged out of the weapons provided for defence against real, pretended, or imaginary dangers from abroad.	James Madison, 4th US president (16 Mar 1751-1836)
When an individual is protesting society's refusal to acknowledge his dignity as a human being, his very act of protest confers dignity on him.	Bayard Rustin, civil rights activist (17 Mar 1912-1987)
Understanding a person does not mean condoning; it only means that one does not accuse him as if one were God or a judge placed above him.	Erich Fromm, psychoanalyst and author (23 Mar 1900-1980)
When two opposite points of view are expressed with equal intensity, the truth does not necessarily lie exactly halfway between them. It is possible for one side to be simply wrong.	Richard Dawkins, biologist and author (b. 26 Mar 1941)
One may have a blazing hearth in one's soul, and yet no one ever comes to sit by it.	Vincent van Gogh, painter (30 Mar 1853-1890)
Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.	Leo Buscaglia, author, speaker and professor (31 Mar 1924-1998)
A neurosis is a secret that you don't know you're keeping.	Kenneth Tynan, critic and writer (2 Apr 1927-1980)

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Love is never lost. If not reciprocated, it will flow back and soften and purify the heart.	Washington Irving, writer (3 Apr 1783-1859)
We allow our ignorance to prevail upon us and make us think we can survive alone, alone in patches, alone in groups, alone in races, even alone in genders.	Maya Angelou, poet (4 Apr 1928-2014)
Diversity is being invited to the party; inclusion is being asked to dance.	Verna Myers, author and speaker (b. 5 Apr 1960)
You've got to have something to eat and a little love in your life before you can hold still for any damn body's sermon on how to behave.	Billie Holiday, jazz singer and songwriter (7 Apr 1915-1959)
A man has to live with himself, and he should see to it that he always has good company.	Charles Evans Hughes, jurist (11 Apr 1862-1948)
Who are we but the stories we tell ourselves, about ourselves, and believe?	Scott Turow, author and lawyer (b. 12 Apr 1949)
Protesting is an act of love. It is born of a deeply held conviction that the world can be a better, kinder place. Saying "no" to injustice is the ultimate declaration of hope.	Amy Goodman, investigative journalist, columnist, and author (b. 13 Apr 1957)
Civilizations in decline are consistently characterised by a tendency towards standardization and uniformity.	Arnold Toynbee, historian (14 Apr 1889-1975)
Love is an act of endless forgiveness, a tender look which becomes a habit.	Peter Ustinov, actor, writer and director (16 Apr 1921-2004)
You can only protect your liberties in this world by protecting the other man's freedom. You can only be free if I am free.	Clarence Darrow, lawyer and author (18 Apr 1857-1938)
There is a beauty in discovery. There is mathematics in music, a kinship of science and poetry in the description of nature, and exquisite form in a molecule. Attempts to place different disciplines in different camps are revealed as artificial in the face of the unity of knowledge. All literate men are sustained by the philosopher, the historian, the political analyst, the economist, the scientist, the poet, the artisan, and the musician.	Glenn T. Seaborg, scientist, Nobel laureate (19 Apr 1912-1999)
Oh, the comfort -- the inexpressible comfort of feeling safe with a person -- having neither to weigh thoughts nor measure words, but pouring them all right out, just as they are, chaff and grain together, certain that a faithful hand will take and sift them, keep what is worth keeping, and with the breath of kindness blow the rest away.	Dinah Maria Mulock Craik, poet and novelist (20 Apr 1826-1887)

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So act that your principle of action might safely be made a law for the whole world.	Immanuel Kant, philosopher (21 Apr 1724-1804)
Most truths are so naked that people feel sorry for them and cover them up, at least a little bit.	Edward R. Murrow, journalist (25 Apr 1908-1965)
I don't know why we are here, but I'm pretty sure that it is not in order to enjoy ourselves.	Ludwig Wittgenstein, philosopher (26 Apr 1889-1951)
If any man seeks for greatness, let him forget greatness and ask for truth, and he will find both.	Horace Mann, educational reformer (4 May 1796-1859)
There are three ingredients to the good life; learning, earning, and yearning.	Christopher Morley, writer (5 May 1890-1957)
No two persons ever read the same book.	Edmund Wilson, critic (8 May 1895-1972)
Simplicity is prerequisite for reliability.	Edsger W. Dijkstra, computer scientist (11 May 1930-2002)
Knowing trees, I understand the meaning of patience. Knowing grass, I can appreciate persistence.	Hal Borland, author and journalist (14 May 1900-1978)
I feel fairly certain that my hatred harms me more than the people whom I hate.	Max Frisch, architect, playwright, and novelist (15 May 1911-1991)
As a general truth, communities prosper and flourish, or droop and decline, in just the degree that they practise or neglect to practise the primary duties of justice and humanity.	William Henry Seward, Secretary of State, Governor, and Senator (16 May 1801-1872)
Most creativity is a transition from one context into another where things are more surprising. There's an element of surprise, and especially in science, there is often laughter that goes along with the 'Aha'. Art also has this element. Our job is to remind us that there are more contexts than the one that we're in -- the one that we think is reality.	Alan Kay, computer scientist (b. 17 May 1940)
No man treats a motorcar as foolishly as he treats another human being. When the car will not go, he does not attribute its annoying behavior to sin; he does not say, "You are a wicked motorcar, and I shall not give you any more petrol until you go." He attempts to find out what is wrong and to set it right. An analogous way of treating human beings is, however, considered to be contrary to the truths of our holy religion.	Bertrand Russell, philosopher, mathematician, author, Nobel laureate (18 May 1872-1970)
The thing that makes you exceptional, if you are at all, is inevitably that which must also make you lonely.	Lorraine Hansberry, playwright and painter (19 May 1930-1965)
If you have knowledge, let others light their candles in it.	Margaret Fuller, author (23 May 1810-1850)

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After you have exhausted what there is in business, politics, conviviality, and so on -- have found that none of these finally satisfy, or permanently wear -- what remains? Nature remains.	Walt Whitman, poet (31 May 1819-1892)
There is a price to pay for speaking the truth. There is a bigger price for living a lie.	Cornel West, author and philosopher (b. 2 Jun 1953)
We're all a little weird. And life is a little weird. And when we find someone whose weirdness is compatible with ours, we join up with them and fall into mutually satisfying weirdness -- and call it love - true love. -	Robert Fulghum, author (b. 4 Jun 1937)
Words ought to be a little wild, for they are the assault of thoughts on the unthinking.	John Maynard Keynes, economist (5 Jun 1883-1946)
There are two kinds of fools: One says, "This is old, therefore it is good"; the other says, "This is new, therefore it is better."	William R. Inge, clergyman, scholar, and author (6 Jun 1860-1954)
There is always something to do. There are hungry people to feed, naked people to clothe, sick people to comfort and make well. And while I don't expect you to save the world, I do think it's not asking too much for you to love those with whom you sleep, share the happiness of those whom you call friend, engage those among you who are visionary, and remove from your life those who offer you depression, despair, and disrespect.	Nikki Giovanni, poet and professor (b. 7 Jun 1943)
A great book should leave you with many experiences, and slightly exhausted at the end. You live several lives while reading it.	William Styron, novelist (11 Jun 1925-2006)
No one has ever become poor by giving.	Anne Frank, Holocaust diarist (12 Jun 1929-1945)
The bitterest tears shed over graves are for words left unsaid and deeds left undone.	Harriet Beecher Stowe, abolitionist and novelist (14 Jun 1811-1896)
There are only two kinds of men: the righteous who believe themselves sinners; the sinners who believe themselves righteous.	Blaise Pascal, philosopher and mathematician (19 Jun 1623-1662)
Since when do we have to agree with people to defend them from injustice?	Lillian Hellman, playwright (20 Jun 1905-1984)
This book (All Quiet on the Western Front) is to be neither an accusation nor a confession, and least of all an adventure, for death is not an adventure to those who stand face to face with it. It will try simply to tell of a generation of men who, even though they may have escaped shells, were destroyed by the war.	Erich Maria Remarque, novelist (22 Jun 1898-1970)

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What the Caterpillar calls the end of the world, the Master calls a butterfly.	Richard Bach, writer (b. 23 Jun 1936)
I believe the greatest gift I can conceive of having from anyone is to be seen, heard, understood, and touched by them. The greatest gift I can give is to see, hear, understand, and touch another person.	Virginia Satir, psychotherapist and author (26 Jun 1916-1988)
There is no greater fallacy than the belief that aims and purposes are one thing, while methods and tactics are another.	Emma Goldman, social activist (27 Jun 1869-1940)
If you want to build a ship, don't drum up people together to collect wood and don't assign them tasks and work, but rather teach them to long for the endless immensity of the sea.	Antoine de Saint-Exupery, author and aviator (29 Jun 1900-1944)
We must dissent from the fear, the hatred, and the mistrust. We must dissent from a nation that buried its head in the sand waiting in vain for the needs of its poor, its elderly, and its sick to disappear and just blow away. We must dissent from a government that has left its young without jobs, education, or hope. We must dissent from the poverty of vision and timeless absence of moral leadership. We must dissent, because America can do better, because America has no choice but to do better.	Thurgood Marshall, US Supreme Court Justice (2 Jul 1908-1993)
We are healed of a suffering only by expressing it to the full.	Marcel Proust, novelist (10 Jul 1871-1922)
The influence of each human being on others in this life is a kind of immortality.	John Quincy Adams, 6th president of the US (11 Jul 1767-1848)
Everything you've learned in school as "obvious" becomes less and less obvious as you begin to study the universe. For example, there are no solids in the universe. There's not even a suggestion of a solid. There are no absolute continuums. There are no surfaces. There are no straight lines.	R. Buckminster Fuller, engineer, designer, and architect (12 Jul 1895-1983)
Every student needs someone who says, simply, "You mean something. You count."	Tony Kushner, playwright (b. 16 Jul 1956)
There are stars whose radiance is visible on Earth though they have long been extinct. There are people whose brilliance continues to light the world though they are no longer among the living. These lights are particularly bright when the night is dark. They light the way for humankind.	Hannah Senesh, poet, playwright, and paratrooper (17 Jul 1921-1944)
There is nothing like returning to a place that remains unchanged to find the ways in which you yourself have altered.	Nelson Mandela, activist, South African president, Nobel laureate (18 Jul 1918-2013)

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The man who has begun to live more seriously within begins to live more simply without.	Ernest Hemingway, author, journalist, Nobel laureate (21 Jul 1899-1961)
There are two kinds of truth: the truth that lights the way and the truth that warms the heart. The first of these is science, and the second is art. Neither is independent of the other or more important than the other. Without art, science would be as useless as a pair of high forceps in the hands of a plumber. Without science, art would become a crude mess of folklore and emotional quackery. The truth of art keeps science from becoming inhuman, and the truth of science keeps art from becoming ridiculous.	Raymond Thornton Chandler, writer (23 Jul 1888-1959)
Courage is the price that life exacts for granting peace. The soul that knows it not, knows no release from little things.	Amelia Earhart, aviator (24 Jul 1897-1937)
There are no chaste minds. Minds copulate wherever they meet.	Eric Hoffer, philosopher and author (25 Jul 1902-1983)
In any free society, the conflict between social conformity and individual liberty is permanent, unresolvable, and necessary.	Kathleen Norris, novelist and columnist (27 Jul 1880-1966)
We are social creatures to the inmost centre of our being. The notion that one can begin anything at all from scratch, free from the past, or unindebted to others, could not conceivably be more wrong.	Karl Popper, philosopher and professor (28 Jul 1902-1994)
The man who is denied the opportunity of taking decisions of importance begins to regard as important the decisions he is allowed to take.	C. Northcote Parkinson, author and historian (1909-1993)
Of all the preposterous assumptions of humanity over humanity, nothing exceeds most of the criticisms made on the habits of the poor by the well-housed, well-warmed, and well-fed.	Herman Melville, novelist and poet (1 Aug 1819-1891)
You think your pains and heartbreaks are unprecedented in the history of the world, but then you read. It was books that taught me that the things that tormented me were the very things that connected me with all the people who were alive, or who have ever been alive.	James Baldwin, writer (2 Aug 1924-1987)
The world is changed not by the self-regarding, but by men and women prepared to make fools of themselves.	P.D. James, novelist (3 Aug 1920-2014)
The perfection of a clock is not to go fast, but to be accurate.	Luc de Clapiers, marquis de Vauvenargues, moralist and essayist (6 Aug 1715-1747)

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No amount of belief makes something a fact.	James Randi, magician and skeptic (b. 7 Aug 1928)
The principal goal of education in the schools should be creating men and women who are capable of doing new things, not simply repeating what other generations have done; men and women who are creative, inventive, and discoverers, who can be critical and verify, and not accept, everything they are offered.	Jean Piaget, psychologist (9 Aug 1896-1980)
Monsters remain human beings. In fact, to reduce them to a subhuman level is to exonerate them of their acts of terrorism and mass murder -- just as animals are not deemed morally responsible for killing. Insisting on the humanity of terrorists is, in fact, critical to maintaining their profound responsibility for the evil they commit. And, if they are human, then they must necessarily not be treated in an inhuman fashion. You cannot lower the moral baseline of a terrorist to the subhuman without betraying a fundamental value.	Andrew Sullivan, writer (b. 10 Aug 1963)
Solitude, though it may be silent as light, is like light, the mightiest of agencies; for solitude is essential to man. All men come into this world alone; all leave it alone.	Thomas De Quincey, writer (15 Aug 1785-1859)
Life cannot be classified in terms of a simple neurological ladder, with human beings at the top; it is more accurate to talk of different forms of intelligence, each with its strengths and weaknesses. This point was well demonstrated in the minutes before last December's tsunami, when tourists grabbed their digital cameras and ran after the ebbing surf, and all the 'dumb' animals made for the hills.	-B.R. Myers, author (b. 21 Aug 1963)
Love is like quicksilver in the hand. Leave the fingers open and it stays. Clutch it, and it darts away.	Dorothy Parker, author (22 Aug 1893-1967)
The world is changed by your example, not your opinion.	-Paulo Coelho, novelist (b. 24 Aug 1947)
Bullets cannot be recalled. They cannot be uninvented. But they can be taken out of the gun.	Martin Amis, novelist (25 Aug 1949-2023)

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The decent moderation of today will be the least of human things tomorrow. At the time of the Spanish Inquisition, the opinion of good sense and of the good medium was certainly that people ought not to burn too large a number of heretics; extreme and unreasonable opinion obviously demanded that they should burn none at all. -	Maurice Maeterlinck, poet, dramatist, and Nobel laureate (29 Aug 1862-1949)
When wealth is passed off as merit, bad luck is seen as bad character. This is how ideologues justify punishing the sick and the poor. But poverty is neither a crime nor a character flaw. Stigmatize those who let people die, not those who struggle to live.	Sarah Kendzior, journalist and author (b. 1 Sep 1978)
When people are fanatically dedicated to political or religious faiths or any other kind of dogmas or goals, it's always because these dogmas or goals are in doubt.	Robert M. Pirsig, author and philosopher (6 Sep 1928-2017)
We offer great rewards to a man who can tame a tiger, admire those who can train horses, monkeys, and elephants, and praise to the skies the author of some modest work. Yet we neglect women who have spent years and years nourishing and educating children.	Francois Poulain, author, philosopher, and priest (?? Jul 1647-1723)
It is a curious thought, but it is only when you see people looking ridiculous that you realize just how much you love them.	Agatha Christie, author (15 Sep 1890-1976)
This is what power really is: the privilege of ignoring anything you might find distasteful.	Oksana Zabuzhko, writer (b. 19 Sep 1960)
Amateurs sit and wait for inspiration, the rest of us just get up and go to work.	Stephen King, novelist (b. 21 Sep 1947)
Learning is acquired by reading books; but the much more necessary learning, the knowledge of the world, is only to be acquired by reading man, and studying all the various editions of them.	Lord Chesterfield, statesman and writer (22 Sep 1694-1773)
The Hollow Men: Between the idea / And the reality / Between the motion / And the act / Falls the shadow.	T.S. Eliot, poet (26 Sep 1888-1965)
There is always more goodness in the world than there appears to be, because goodness is of its very nature modest and retiring.	Evelyn Beatrice Hall, biographer (28 Sep 1868-1956)
Civilization is the encouragement of differences.	Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi (2 Oct 1869-1948)
Which of us is not forever a stranger and alone?	Thomas Wolfe, novelist (3 Oct 1900-1938)

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It's good to have money and the things that money can buy, but it's good, too, to check up once in a while and make sure that you haven't lost the things that money can't buy.	George H. Lorimer, editor (6 Oct 1867-1937)
Besides the noble art of getting things done, there is the noble art of leaving things undone. The wisdom of life consists in the elimination of nonessentials.	Lin Yutang, writer and translator (10 Oct 1895-1976)
The higher we soar the smaller we appear to those who cannot fly.	Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche, philosopher (15 Oct 1844-1900)
Remember, we all stumble, every one of us. That's why it's a comfort to go hand in hand.	Emily Kimbrough, author and broadcaster (23 Oct 1899-1989)
Inspiration does not come like a bolt, nor is it kinetic, energetic striving, but it comes into us slowly and quietly and all the time, though we must regularly and every day give it a little chance to start flowing, prime it with a little solitude and idleness.	Brenda Ueland, journalist, editor, and writer (24 Oct 1891-1985)
For me, words are a form of action, capable of influencing change.	Ingrid Bengis, writer and teacher (1944-2017)
Fatalism is the lazy man's way of accepting the inevitable.	Natalie Clifford Barney, poet, playwright, and novelist (31 Oct 1876-1972)
The sons of torture victims make good terrorists.	Andre Malraux, novelist, adventurer, art historian, and statesman (3 Nov 1901-1976)
There is no great invention, from fire to flying, which has not been hailed as an insult to some god.	J.B.S. Haldane, scientist (5 Nov 1892-1964)
In science it often happens that scientists say, "You know that's a really good argument; my position is mistaken," and then they would actually change their minds and you never hear that old view from them again. They really do it. It doesn't happen as often as it should, because scientists are human and change is sometimes painful. But it happens every day. I cannot recall the last time something like that happened in politics or religion. -	Carl Sagan, astronomer and writer (9 Nov 1934-1996)
Everybody, soon or late, sits down to a banquet of consequences.	Robert Louis Stevenson, novelist, essayist, and poet (13 Nov 1850-1894)
The spectacle of what is called religion, or at any rate organised religion, in India and elsewhere, has filled me with horror and I have frequently condemned it and wished to make a clean sweep of it. Almost always it seemed to stand for blind belief and reaction, dogma and bigotry, superstition, exploitation and the preservation of vested interests.	Jawaharlal Nehru, freedom fighter and the first Prime Minister of India (14 Nov 1889-1964)

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Labels are for the things men make, not for men. The most primitive man is too complex to be labeled.	Rex Stout, novelist (1 Dec 1886-1975)
Science does correct itself and that's the reason why science is such a glorious thing for our species.	Nigel Calder, science writer (2 Dec 1931-2014)
I realize that patriotism is not enough. I must have no hatred or bitterness towards anyone.	Edith Cavell, nurse and humanitarian (4 Dec 1865-1915)
If we don't believe in freedom of expression for people we despise, we don't believe in it at all.	Noam Chomsky, linguistics professor and political activist (b. 7 Dec 1928)
The real index of civilization is when people are kinder than they need to be.	Louis de Bernieres, novelist (b. 8 Dec 1954)
You only have power over people as long as you don't take everything away from them. But when you've robbed a man of everything, he's no longer in your power -- he's free again.	Alexander Solzhenitsyn, novelist, Nobel laureate (11 Dec 1918-2008)
The most potent weapon in the hands of the oppressor is the mind of the oppressed.	Steve Biko, anti-apartheid activist (18 Dec 1946-1977)
If we would have new knowledge, we must get us a whole world of new questions.	Susanne Langer, philosopher (20 Dec 1895-1985)
You have not converted a man because you have silenced him.	John Morley, statesman and writer (24 Dec 1838-1923)
If I have ever made any valuable discoveries, it has been owing more to patient observation than to any other reason.	Isaac Newton, physicist, mathematician, and philosopher (25 Dec 1642-1727)
I don't want to be a great leader; I want to be a man who goes around with a little oil can and when he sees a breakdown, offers his help. To me, the man who does that is greater than any holy man in saffron-colored robes. The mechanic with the oilcan: that is my ideal in life.	Baba Amte, social worker and activist (26 Dec 1914-2008)
In the case of good books, the point is not how many of them you can get through, but rather how many can get through to you. -	Mortimer J. Adler, philosopher, educator, and author (28 Dec 1902-2001)
The love of one's country is a splendid thing. But why should love stop at the border? -	Pablo Casals, cellist, conductor, and composer (29 Dec 1876-1973)
The only way human beings can win a war is to prevent it. -	George Marshall, US Army Chief, Secretary of State, Secretary of Defense, Nobel laureate (31 Dec 1880-1959)
I am a kind of paranoiac in reverse. I suspect people of plotting to make me happy. -	J.D. Salinger, writer (1 Jan 1919-2010)