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- 2017-07-14 What can we say about our Universe? It is conscious, self-aware, continuously changing. How can we say this? Because *we* have all those qualities and we are part of our Universe. Everything is made of stardust, including us.
- 2016-10-20 As I grow to understand life less and less, I learn to love it more and more. *Jules Renard*
- 2016-09-16 Can true humility and compassion exist in our words and eyes unless we know we too are capable of any act? *Francis of Assisi*
- 2016-06-18 “If voting made any difference they wouldn’t let us do it.” *Mark Twain*
- 2016-03-19 The atheist and the theist are like two people in a canoe paddling in opposite directions and going in a circle. Neither can conclusively prove their position. Both reject the *experience* of the other. One may have encountered IT (perhaps not), while the other may not have ever had a transcendental experience. To both I say: *So what! J. J. Anderson*
- 2016-02-11 Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest. *Mark Twain*
- 2016-01-05 You are all perfect diamonds and cannot hide your brilliance. So, stop trying! *J. J. Anderson*
- 2015-11-29 Love sometimes wants to do us a great favor: hold us upside down and shake all the nonsense out. *Hafiz*
- 2015-10-21 No man’s life, liberty, or property is safe while the legislature is in session. *Mark Twain*
- 2015-07-04 “O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I’m constrained to be!”
Robert Robinson (1735-1790)
- 2015-06-04 What this country needs is more unemployed politicians.
Edward Langley, Artist (1928-1995)
- 2015-03-28 Wa-kon’da,
here needy he stands,
and I am he. *Omaha Tribal Prayer*

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- 2015-03-09 The trouble with the world is that the stupid are cocksure and the intelligent are full of doubt. *Bertrand Russell*
- 2015-02-09 Time is too slow for those who wait, too swift for those who fear, too long for those who grieve, too short for those who rejoice, but for those who love, time is eternity. *Henry Van Dyke*
- 2015-01-07 It is closer to you than your breath; it is the source of all that is yet it has no name. *J. J. Anderson*
- 2014-12-24 “. . . and it was always said of him, that he knew how to keep Christmas well, if any man alive possessed the knowledge.” *Said of Ebenezer Scrooge*
- 2014-11-21 In love’s service only wounded soldiers can serve. *Thornton Wilder*
- 2014-10-17 Grace saw me through yesterday; I will count on it again today. *J. J. Anderson*
- 2014-09-15 Adversity is the state in which man mostly easily becomes acquainted with himself, being especially free of admirers then. *Samuel Johnson*
- 2014-07-31 The writer who loses his self-doubt, who gives way as he grows old to a sudden euphoria, to prolixity, should stop writing immediately: the time has come for him to lay aside his pen. *Sidonie Gabrielle Colette*
- 2014-06-23 A kindly deed is most kindly done in secret wrought and seen of none. *Author Unknown*
- 2014-05-23 No thought, no reflection, no analysis, no cultivation, no intention; let it settle itself. *Tilopa*
- 2014-04-21 It is easier to understand a nation by listening to its music than by learning its language. *Anonymous*
- 2014-02-04 To promote inner peace: Forgive everyone everything every day.
(Don’t forget to include yourself!) *J. J. Anderson*
- 2013-12-20 The perfect man has no self; the spiritual man has no achievement; the sage has no name. *Chuang Tzu*
- 2013-11-08 ¹⁰ . . . from prophet to priest every one deals falsely. ¹¹ They have healed the wound of my people lightly, saying, ‘Peace, peace,’ when there is no peace. *Jeremiah, Chapter 8*

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- 2013-10-04 Our subconscious minds have no sense of humor, play no jokes and cannot tell the difference between reality and an imagined thought or image. What we continually think about eventually will manifest in our lives. [Sidney Madwed](#)
- 2013-08-18 We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience. *Pierre Teilhard de Chardin*
- 2013-07-07 In my many years I have come to a conclusion that one useless man is a shame, two is a law firm, and three or more is a congress. *John Adams*
- 2012-05-24 Gray hairs are signs of wisdom if you hold your tongue, speak and they are but hairs, as in the young. *Philo of Alexandria (20 BCE – 50 CE)*
- 2013-0-4-05 Somebody once said that Washington was a city of Northern charm and Southern efficiency. *John Fitzgerald Kennedy*
- 2013-03-02 Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. [Luke 6:38](#)
- 2012-01-21 A man who carries a cat by the tail learns something he can learn in no other way. *Mark Twain*
- 2012-12-23 I have made this letter longer than usual, because I lack the time to make it short. *Blaise Pascal*
- 2012-12-17 Peace is possible—it begins with each of us. On the way, there may be setbacks—absorb them; there may be pain and wounds—endure them; there may be those who despair, having lost hope—lift them up. Weep if you must but persevere through your tears. Peace is possible: Just be among those relentlessly choosing Love. *J. J. Anderson*
- 2012-10-23 To my friend the skeptic: If I am right that consciousness survives the end of physical life, then only one of us will be surprised after our deaths. If you are right that consciousness does *not* survive the end of physical life, *no one* will be surprised! *J. J. Anderson*
- 2012-09-24 Life hold two mysteries for me: the first is women, the second is everything else. *J. J. Anderson*
- [Mystery solved!](#)
- 2012-08-25 As a poet there is only one political duty, and that is to defend one's language against corruption. When it is corrupted, people lose faith in what they hear and this leads to violence. *W. H. Auden*
- 2012-07-19 There is nothing in a caterpillar that tells you it's going to be a butterfly.

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Richard Buckminster Fuller

- 2012-06-11 Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony. *Mohandas Gandhi*
- 2012-02-26 When some passion or effect is described in a natural style, we find within ourselves the truth of what we hear, without knowing it was there.
Blaise Pascal
- 2012-01-20 There are two kinds of people in the world: those who divide the world into two kinds of people and those who don't. *Humorist Robert Benchley*
- 2011-12-19 Nonresistance, nonjudgment, and nonattachment are the three aspects of true freedom and enlightened living. *Eckhart Tolle*
- 2011-11-14 A loving person lives in a loving world. A hostile person lives in a hostile world: everyone you meet is your mirror. *Ken Keyes Jr., 1921-1995*
- 2011-10-07 Censorship, like charity, should begin at home; but unlike charity, it should end there. *Clare Booth Luce, 1903-1987*
- 2011-07-30 In nature, there are neither rewards nor punishments; there are consequences. *Robert Ingersoll, 1833-1899*
- 2011-07-15 The lovers of God have no religion but God alone. *Mowlana Jalaluddin Rumi, 13th century mystic and poet*
- 2011-07-01 The subject of religion, a subject on which I have ever been most scrupulously reserved, I have considered it as a matter between every man and his maker, in which no other, & far less the public had a right to intermeddle. *Thomas Jefferson, May 31, 1813*
- 2011-06-15 Music begins to atrophy when it departs too far from dance . . . poetry begins to atrophy when it gets too far from music. *Anonymous*
- 2011-06-05 Life is the art of drawing sufficient conclusions from insufficient premises. *Samuel Butler 1835-1902*
- 2011-05-20 Grace is our experience of Love's presence; there is always grace for Love is ever present. *J. J. Anderson*
- 2011-05-16 Only tell others what is of importance to them. Only ask of them what you need to know. Think aloud only with those to whom this means something. *Dag Hammarskjöld*

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- 2011-04-29 Reasons are hostages: it's better not to give them but if you do be prepared to see them utterly destroyed. *J. J. Anderson*
- 2011-04-23 Every individual or national degeneration is immediately revealed by a directly proportional degradation in language. *Joseph-Marie de Maistre*
- 2011-04-17 As for style of writing, if one has anything to say, it drops from him simply and directly, as a stone falls to the ground. *Henry David Thoreau*
- 2011-04-10 Every truth passes through three stages before it is recognized. In the first, it is ridiculed, in the second it is opposed, in the third it is regarded as self-evident. *Arthur Schopenhauer*
- 2011-04-02 It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it. *Aristotle*
- 2011-03-26 Nobody has ever measured, not even poets, how much the heart can hold. *Zelda Fitzgerald*
- 2011-03-16 Not one of us knows what affect his life produces, and what he gives to others; that is hidden from us and must remain so, though we are often allowed to see some little fraction of it, so that we may not lose courage. The way in which power works is a mystery. *Albert Schweitzer*
- 2011-03-06 It may be hard for an egg to turn into a bird: it would be a jolly sight harder for it to learn to fly while remaining an egg. We are like eggs at present. And you cannot go on indefinitely being just an ordinary, decent egg. We must be hatched or go bad. *C. S. Lewis*
- 2011-02-24 *When it is time for stillness, stillness; in the time of companionship, companionship; at the place of effort, effort. Everything at its time and its place.* [*Naqshbandi Saying*](#)

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There lies before us, if we choose, continued progress in happiness, knowledge, and wisdom. Shall we, instead, choose death, because we cannot forget our quarrels? We appeal, as human beings, to human beings: Remember your humanity and forget the rest. *Albert Einstein's last signed statement, issued with Bertrand Russell, April 11, 1955, one week before Einstein's death.*

The mainspring of scientific thought is not an external goal toward which one must strive, but the pleasure of thinking. *Albert Einstein*

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He drew a circle that shut me out—
Heretic, rebel, thing to flout.
But Love and I had the wit to win,
We drew a circle that took him in!

Edwin Markham

The face is the mirror of the mind, and eyes without speaking confess the secrets of the heart. *St. Jerome (c. 342-420)*

2010-12-15 One does not need buildings, money, power, or status to practice the Art of Peace. Heaven is right where you are standing, and that is the place to practice peace. *Morihei Ueshiba, Founder of Aikido*

Don't talk unless you can improve the silence. *Vermont Proverb*

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