

ATHEISM

Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, the Russian philosopher, said, "More than half a century ago, while I was still a child, I recall hearing a number of older people offer the following explanation for the great disasters that had befallen Russia: 'Men have forgotten God. That's why all this has happened.' Since then I have spent well-nigh 50 years working on the history of our revolution... If I were asked today to formulate as concisely as possible the main cause of the ruinous revolution that swallowed up some 60 million of our people, I could not put it more accurately than to repeat: 'Men has forgotten God. That's why all this has happened'."

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Robert Green Ingersoll (1833-1899) US lawyer & orator, was famous as an atheist & for his attacks on the Bible. His extensive library reflected his views & interests. A reporter once asked him if he would mind telling him how much his library had cost him. Ingersoll looked over the rows of shelves for a moment and then said, "These books cost me the governorship of Illinois, and maybe the presidency of the United States as well."

Clifton Fadiman ed. *The Little, Brown Book of Anecdotes*, p.300.

The worst moment for the atheist is when he is really thankful and has no one to thank.

G.K. Chesterton

BIBLE

England has two books: the Bible and Shakespeare. England made Shakespeare, but the Bible made England.

-- Victor Hugo

CHRISTIANITY

The symbol of the fish was chosen because the Greek word for it: *i-ch-th-u-s*, formed the initials of the phrase *Iesus Christos Theou Uios Soter* - "Jesus Christ, Son of God, Saviour."

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The Christian religion, when divested of the rags in which [the clergy] have enveloped it, is a religion of all others most friendly to liberty, science and the freest expansions of the human mind.

Thomas Jefferson, letter to Moses Robinson, March 23, 1801.

The belief in a God All Powerful wise and good, is so essential to the moral order of the World and to the happiness of man, that arguments which enforce it cannot be drawn from too many sources nor adapted to the different characters and capacities to be impressed with it.

James Madison

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

John Quincy Adams

Some years ago, I was invited to have coffee one morning with Konrad Adenauer before he retired as the chancellor of West Germany. When I walk in, I expected to meet a tall, stiff, formal man who might even be embarrassed if I brought up the subject of religion. After the greeting, the chancellor suddenly turned to me and said, "Mr. Graham, what is the most important thing in the world?" Before I could answer, He answered his own question. He said, "The resurrection of Jesus Christ. If Jesus Christ is alive, then there is hope for the world. If Jesus Christ is in the grave, then I don't see the slightest glimmer of hope on the horizon." Then he amazed me by saying he believed the resurrection of Jesus Christ was one of the best-attested facts of history.

-- Billy Graham

I believe in Christianity as I believe that the Sun has risen not only because I see it but because by it I see everything else.

-- C.S. Lewis

CHARACTER

Oh, how precious is time; and how guilty it makes me feel when I think I have trifled away and misimproved it, or neglected to fill each part of it with duty, to the utmost of my ability and capacity.

David Brainerd

The citizens no longer listen to good advice, for the belly has no ears.

Cato (234-140 B.C.)

The masses were like ants, which can see small objects but not large ones.

anon

There is no limit to what people can accomplish as long as they don't care who takes the credit.

S.J.

Amatus Lusitanus [a Jewish physician] exemplified the finest tradition of his profession and his people. Driven by the Inquisition from the Portugal whose Latin name he has taken, he lived passingly in Antwerp, Ferrara, and Rome, and settled in Ancona (c. 1549), where he was often to treat that same Pope Julius III who labored to destroy the Talmud. To the end of his life he was able to take oath that he had never concerned himself with compensation, had never accepted valuable presents, have served the poor without fee, and made no distinction in his practice among Christian, Jew, and Turks, and had no difficulties of time or distance to interfere with devotion to his calling.

W. Durant, *Story of Civ.* VI, pp.743-744.

A hurry of hoofs in a village street,
A shape in the moonlight, a bulk in the dark,
And beneath, from the pebbles, in passing, a spark
Struck out by a steed flying fearless and fleet:
That was all! And yet, through the gloom and the light,
The fate of a nation was riding that night;
And the spark struck out by the steed in his flight,
Kindled the land into flame with its heat. ...

So through the night rode Paul Revere;

And so through the night went his cry of alarm. ...
Through all our history, to the last,
In the hour of darkness and peril and need,
The people will waken and listen to hear
The hurrying hoof-beats of that steed,
And the midnight message of Paul Revere.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow: "Paul Revere's Ride"

Marcus Porcius Cato, in his book *Origines* (now lost) that "... to spite the aristocracy through its touted ancestors, the author named no generals in it, but lauded by name an elephant that fought well against Pyrrhus."

W. Durant, *Story of Civ.* III, p.104.

No man knows how bad he is until he has tried to be good.

C.S. Lewis

Nearly 200 years ago there were two Scottish brothers named John & David Livingstone. John had set his mind on making money and becoming wealthy, and he did. But under his name in an old edition of the Encyclopaedia Britannica John Livingstone is listed simply as "the brother of David Livingstone".

And who was David Livingstone [1813-1873]? While John had dedicated himself to make money, David had knelt and prayed. Surrendering himself to Christ, he resolved, "I will place no value on anything I have or possess unless it is in relationship to the Kingdom of God". The inscription over his burial place in Westminster Abbey reads, "For thirty years his life was spent in an unwearied effort to evangelize."

On his 59th birthday David Livingstone wrote, "My Jesus, my King, my life, my all; I again dedicate my whole self to Thee."

Billy Graham, *Breakfast with Billy Graham*.

After he was named Hegemon of the Hellenic League, many philosophers came to congratulate Alexander, but one was conspicuous by his absence: Diogenes the Cynic, an ascetic lived in a clay tub. Piqued and curious, Alexander himself visited the philosopher, who, when asked if there was anything Alexander could do for him, made the famous reply, "Don't stand between me and the sun." Alexander's courtiers jeered, but Alexander silenced them: "If I were not Alexander, I would be Diogenes."

When Sir (Frederick) Henry Royce (1863-1933) was walking through his factory in its early days, he overheard an operator say, "Oh, that 'll do", as he tossed a part into a basket. The part looked all right to the casual observer, but Henry Royce expected his workmen to use a micrometer and be satisfied with nothing less than precision accuracy. So when Mr. Royce heard that comment, he reprimanded the man, "That may do for anyone else, but it will not do for Rolls-Royce!"

The year was 1727. The place was a bookshop in Lichfield, England. A man who kept bursting into violent fits of coughing was packing books to sell in his market stall in Uttoxeter. Between coughs he asked his 18-year-old son to take the books that day. But the young man, deeply engrossed in the Latin classic he was reading, heard him but ignored the request. The stage coach

arrived, and the father stepped out into the pouring rain with his load of books to take the 20-miles ride to the market.

The father died at the end of 1731.

Fifty years later an elderly gentleman stood for hours in the pouring rain at a market stall in Uttoxeter. When the storm finally subsided, he slowly walked back to a waiting carriage and returned home. There he bowed his head and sobbed. That man was the famous literary genius Dr. Samuel Johnson (1709-1784). He was still haunted by the memory of what he did long ago.

During the War of Independence, a distinguished American general Benedict Arnold (1741-1801) turned a traitor. A poem published in October, 1780, describing the cursed Judas:

Born for a curse to virtue and Mankind,
Earth's broadest realms can't show so black a mind.
Night's sable veil your crime can never hide,
Each one's so great – they glut the historic tide.
Defunct – your memory will live
In all the glare that infamy can give.
Curses of ages will attend your name,
Traitors alone will glory in your shame.

Almighty justice sternly waits to roll
Rivers of sulphur on your traitorous soul.
Nature looks back, with conscious error sad,
On such a tainted blot that she has made,
Let Hell receive you riveted in chains,
Damn'd to the hottest of its flames.
—"an Acrostic – On Arnold"

William Wilberforce's ... tireless, lifelong crusade to end slavery within the British Empire awoke the conscience of his nation, and resulted, finally, in freedom for more than 700,000 slaves when Parliament passed an emancipation bill in 1833. His burden to end the slave trade and free the slaves was a direct result of his commitment to Jesus Christ.

His life illustrates another attribute of salt: it stings. Slave traders, along with fellow members of Parliament who benefitted financially from slavery, reacted furiously to his crusade. Lord Melbourne bitterly protested that , "Things have come to a pretty pass when religion is allowed to invade public life."

Wilberforce was attacked in the press, he was attacked physically, his family was threatened, and he was the target of attempted murder. He had to hire bodyguards to protect his family and himself. Still he continued his crusade. He stood up in the House of Commons in 1791 and declared, "Never, never will we desist till ... we extinguish every trace of this bloody traffic."

COMPASSION

In 1784 Benjamin Franklin wrote the following letter to a man named Benjamin Webb:

Dear Sir:

Your situation grieves me and I send you herewith a banknote for ten louis d'or. I do not pretend to give such a sum; I only lend it to you. When you

shall return to your country, you cannot fail of getting into some business that will in time enable you to pay all your debts.

In that case, when you meet with another honest man in similar distress, you must pay me by lending the sum to him, enjoining him to discharge the debt by a like operation when he shall be able and shall meet with such another opportunity.

I hope it may thus go through many hands before it meets with a knave that will stop its progress. This is a trick of mine for doing a deal of good with a little money. I am not rich enough to afford much in good works, and so am obliged to be cunning and make the most of a little.

With best wishes for your future prosperity,
I am your most obedient servant,
B. Franklin

Homo sum; humani nil a me alienum puto. (I am a man; I consider nothing human alien to me.)

Terence, *Heauton Timoroumenos* (Self-Tormentor)

Pity weeps & walks away;
compassion moves comes & stay.
anon

People don't care how much you know;
but they do know how much you care.
anon

CULTURE

In Roman wedding, he lift her over the threshold, presented her with the keys of the house, & put his neck with hers under a yoke to signify their common bond; hence marriage was called *coniugium* – a yoking together.

W. Durant, *Story of Civ.* III, p.69.

The [Roman] candidate appeared in person in a plain white (*candidus*) toga to emphasize the simplicity of his life and morals, & perhaps the more easily to show the scars he had won in the field.

W. Durant, *Story of Civ.* III, pp.30-31.

We are still trying to figure out why the people with the least principle draw the most interest.

S.J.

No man is a hero to his debtor.
anon

Its [religious faith] influence over the minds of women is supreme, and women are the protectors of morals. There is certainly no country in the world where the tie of marriage is respected than in America or where conjugal happiness is more highly or worthily appreciated.

Alexis de Tocqueville (1805-1859) *Democracy in America*,
vol. I, pp.314-315.

Revival must come from cultural institutions themselves. Glen Loury, a Boston University economist who is an African American and an evangelical Christian, gives a wonderful illustration. The delicate social fabric has been torn, Loury writes in an American Enterprise magazine article on welfare policies, with their perverse incentives, pulled on loose threads of the fabric and facilitated the unraveling. However, that doesn't mean pushing on those threads will reweave the fabric. It can be mended only by the character-forming institutions of civil society: family, church, and voluntary associations.

As Loury puts it, no incentive scheme works as well to inspire responsible parenting as believing parents are God's stewards for their children. No deterrent to teen pregnancy is as powerful as believing "your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit". No affirmative-action law unites the races as effectively as the conviction that "God is no respecter of persons." Real change comes from the heart –and habits of the heart are most susceptible to personal influence by those closest to us.

Chuck Colson, "The Lost Art of Association" in *Jubilee*, March, 1996.

Inglese Italianato e un diavolo incarnato. (An Italianate Englishman is a devil incarnate.)

-- Roger Ascham, tutor in Latin & Greek to Queen Elizabeth I.

The personification of a quality can never qualify as a person, for every man is an irritatingly complex contradiction, unique except when part of a crowd; and great art must portray the general through the unique.

W. Durant, *Story of Civ.* VI, p.120.

This is the true liberty, when free-born men,
Having to advice the public, may speak free,
Which he can and will, deserves high praise;
Who neither can nor will, may hold his peace;
What can be juster in a State than this?

Euripides, *The Suppliants*, quoted by John Milton, "Areopagitica" in *Complete Poems & Majore Prose*, p.716.

In Benjamin Franklin's day the street of Philadelphia were dark after sunset. Night-time pedestrians had to walk cautiously to avoid rocks and holes.

Franklin decided to set a good example for his fellow citizens by placing a lantern outside his home. As people stumbled down his street at night, they would come to that oasis of light and realize what a blessing it was. Soon after Philadelphians were putting up their own lanterns. After sunset the whole city became a place of illuminated safety.

The basic value of an economy derives not from its store of treasure, but from its capacity for production.

Sir William Petty (1623-1687)

To understand an age or a nation, we must understand its philosophy ... There is here a reciprocal causation: the circumstances of men's lives do much to determine their philosophy, but, conversely, their philosophy does much to determine their circumstances.

Bertrand Russel, *A History of Western Philosophy*, p.xiv.

I think that if we are to feel at home in the world ... we shall have to admit Asia to equality in our thoughts, not only politically, but culturally. What changes this will bring about I do not know, but I am convinced that they will be profound and of the greatest importance.

B. Russell, *Ibid.*, p.420.

Peculiarities of the present age ... It is said, to be the age of the first person singular.

Emerson's *Journal* (1827)

DEATH

Death came to Caius Octavius Augustus at Nola in the 76th year of his age (A.D. 14). To the friends at his bedside he uttered the words often used to conclude a Roman Comedy: "Since well I have played my part, clap now your hands, and with applause dismiss me from the stage."

W. Durant, *Story of Civ.* III, p.232.

The Grave is Heaven's gate,
And rich and poor around it wait.

William Blake

Thomas Hobbes (1588-1679) Approaching death, he said, "I am taking a fearful leap into the dark."

Voltaire (Francois-Marie Arou-et, 1694-1778) said, "I am abandoned by God and man! I shall go to hell!"

David Brainerd (1718-1747) American missionary said, " I am going into eternity, and it is sweet to me to think of eternity."

Michelangelo (1475-1564) Italian sculptor, painter, architect said, " I die in the faith of Jesus Christ, and in the firm hope of a better life."

Dwight L. Moody (1837-1899) said, "Earth is receding, and Heaven is opening. It is my coronation day."

To neglect, at any time, preparation for death, is to sleep on our post at a siege; to omit it in old age, is to sleep at an attack.

Samuel Johnson (1709-1784)

When sinks the soul, subdued by toil, to slumber,
Its closing eye looks up to Thee in prayer;
Sweet the repose beneath Thy wings o'er shading,
But sweeter still to wake and find Thee there.

Harriet Elizabeth Beecher Stowe (1811-1896)

DEDICATION

Sir Ernest Henry Shackleton (1874-1922) English famous South Pole explorer. In 1907, he put an advertisement on a London newspaper:

Men wanted for hazardous journey. Small wages, bitter cold, long
Month of complete darkness, constant danger. Safe return doubtful.

The response he received was overwhelming. Shackleton said: "It seemed as though all the men in Great Britain were determined to accompany me."

DESIRES

That which we desire seems the most desirable thing in the world; then, when we have got it, we want something else; 'tis ever the same thirst.

Lucretius iii, 1095, quoted by Montaigne, *Essays*, p.149.

In politics, as in love, it does not do to give one's self wholly; one should at all times give, but at no time all. Gratitude is nourished with expectation.

Will Durant, *The Story of Philosophy*, p.85

DILIGENCE

Diligence is the mother of good fortune, and idleness, its opposite, never led to good intention's goal.

Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra, 1547-1616

DISCIPLESHIP

Discipleship is not a question of our own doing; it is a matter of making room for God so that He can live in us.

J. Heinrich Arnold

DUTY

Amid the siege of Jerusalem an aged pupil of Hillel, Johanan ben Zakkai, fearful lest the carnage should destroy all teachers and transmitters of the oral tradition, escaped from the city, and set up an academy in a vineyard at Yabne, or Jamnia, near the Mediterranean coast.

W, Durant, *Story of Civ. III*, p.547.

"In Germany they [NAZI] came first for the Communists, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Communist. Then they came for the Jews, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a Jew. Then they came for the trade unionists, and I didn't speak up because I wasn't a trade unionist. Then they came for the Catholics, and I didn't speak up because I was a Protestant. Then they came for me and by that time none was left to speak up."

Martin Niemoller (1892-1984)

Before the battle of Trafalgar, Nelson on board HMS *Victory* discussed their chances with Thomas M. Hardy, his captian. Hardy said that, all things considered, he would think the capture of fourteen ships a glorious outcome. "I shall not be satisfied with anything less than twenty," replied Nelson. He then ordered the sending of his last signal: "ENGLAND EXPECTS EVERY MAN TO DO HIS DUTY."

Mortally wounded during that battle, Nelson lingered for several hours in fearful agony, but knew before he died that the English had gained a magnificent victory. Nelson said, "Now I am satisfied. Thank God, I have done my duty."

Someone wish to live within the sound of church and chapel bell. I wish to run a rescue mission within a yard of hell!

Charles Thomas Studd (1862-1931)

FAITH

Arnold Joseph Toynbee (1889-1975), English historian said: "The fundamental need of our world today is a rebirth of belief in the supernatural. If this rebirth is not forthcoming from the more progressive creators of our mechanical culture, it may come from the "backward" peoples like the native of Africa and Asia, to those who have not yet become victims of the proud materialism of the Great Powers."

Despotism may govern without faith, but Liberty cannot.

Alexis de Tocqueville (1805-1859)

FORGIVENESS

Ernest Hemingway wrote a story about a father and his teenager son. In the story, their relationship became strained, and the son ran away from home. His father began a journey in search of his rebellious son. Finally, in Madrid, Spain, in a last desperate effort to find him, the father put an ad in a local newspaper. The ad read:

"Dear Paco, meet me in front of the newspaper office at noon, all is forgiven ... I love you. Your father."

The next day at noon in front of the newspaper office, 800 "Pacos" showed up. They were all seeking forgiveness and love from their fathers.

-- Billy Graham, in *Bay area Crusade Publication*, Oct. 10, 1997.

FRIEND

A friend is the first person to come in when the whole world has gone out.

Dur Banville

A true friend is the gift of God, and He only who made hearts can unite them.

Robert South

Heaven gives friends, to bless the present scene; resumes them to prepare us for the next.

Edward Young

GLORY

The captured Indian king Porus was brought before Alexander, who asked how he wished to be treated. "Like a king," was the reply. Alexander asked if he had anything else to request. "Nothing," said Porus, "for everything is comprehended in the word 'king.'" Alexander restored Porus's lands to him.

Clifton Fadiman, ed. *The Little, Brown Book*, p.12.

GOD

The ineffable glory of the great and majestic God whom we serve calls forth from us the best efforts of our hearts, hands, and minds. The motto "EXCELLENCE IN ALL THINGS AND ALL THINGS TO HIS GLORY" summarizes the goal and the challenge of the church.

D. James Kennedy

Two things fill the mind with ever new and increasing wonder and awe—the starry heavens above me and the moral law within me.

Immanuel Kant, *Critique of Pure Reason*: "Conclusion"

Un homme avec Dieu est toujours dans la majorite.

A man with God is always in the majority.

Inscription on the Reformation Monument, Geneva, Switzerland

GODLINESS

Edward VI (1537-1553) the young British king, attended a service; he stood while the Word of God was read. He took notes during this time and later studied with great care. Through the week, he earnestly tried to apply them to his life.

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According to your holiness, so shall be your success.

Robert Murray McCheyne

Give me one hundred preachers who fear nothing but sin & desire nothing but God, & I care not a straw whether they be clergymen or laymen; they alone will shake the gates of Hell & set up the Kingdom of Heaven upon earth.

John Wesley

The French surgeon Ambroise Pare (began as a barber 's apprentice, 1517-1590) famous in the annals of medicine is his demurrer to congratulations on his success in a difficult case:

"Je le pansay, Dieu le guarit." – "I treated him, God cured him."

W. Durant, *Story of Civ. VI*, p.875.

The musical genius Johann Sebastian Bach, often at the bottom of a manuscript writes the letters INDNJC, standing for the Latin words *In Nomine Domini Nostri Jesus Christi* (In the Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ).

GOSPEL

One day, Frederick the Great, Czar of Russia, visited a prison & talked to the inmates. There were endless tales of innocence, of misunderstood motives, & of exploitation. Finally, the Czar stopped at the cell of a convict who remained silent. "Well, I suppose you are an innocent victim too?" "No, Sir, I am not," replied the man, "I am guilty & deserve my punishment."

Turning to the warden, the Czar said, "Here, release this rascal before he could corrupt all these fine innocent people here."

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As the English evangelist John Wesley (1703-1791) rode across Hounslow Heath late one night, singing a favorite hymn, he was startled by a fierce voice shouting, "halt", when a firm hand seized the horse's bridle. Then the man demanded, "Your money or your life!"

Wesley obediently emptied his pockets of the few coins they contained and invited the robber to examine his saddlebags which were filled with books. Disappointed at the result, the robber was turning away when Mr. Wesley cried, "Stop! I have something more to give you."

The robber wondering at this strange call, turned back. Then Mr. Wesley, bending down toward him, said in solemn tones, "My friend, you may live to regret this sort of a life in which you are engaged. If you ever do, I beseech you to remember this, 'The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanseth us from all sin'."

The robber hurried silently away, and the man of God rode along, praying in his heart that the word spoken might be fixed in the robber's conscience.

Years later, at the close of a Sunday evening service, the people streamed from the large building with many lingering around the doors to see the aged preacher, who was Mr. Wesley.

A stranger stepped forward and earnestly begged to speak with Mr. Wesley. What a surprise to find that this was the robber of Hounslow Heath, now a well-to-do tradesman in the city, but better still, a child of God! The words spoken that night long ago had been used of God in his conversion.

Raising the hand of Mr. Wesley to his lips, he affectionately kissed it and said in tones of deep emotion, "To you, Dear Sir, I owe it all."

"Nay, nay, my friend," replied Mr. Wesley softly, "not to me, but to the precious blood of Christ which cleanseth us from all sin."

The Russians have taken up a Western secular social philosophy, Marxism; you might equally well call Marxism a Christian heresy, a leaf torn out of the book of Christianity and treat as if it were the whole gospel.

Arnold Joseph Toynbee, *Civilisation on Trial*, p.221.

GRACE

John Newton (1725-1807) a slave trader, then parson of the church at Olney, said, "When I get to heaven I shall see three wonders there: The first wonder will be, to see many people there whom I did not expect to see; the second wonder will be to miss many people I did expect to see; and the third and greatest wonder of all, will be to find myself there."

HAPPINESS

It is God's will, not merely that we should *be* happy, but that we should *make* ourselves happy. This is the true morality.
Immanuel Kant, *Lecture at Konigsberg*

HISTORY

The best a statesman can do is to listen to the rustle of God's mantle through history and try to catch the hem of it for a few steps.
Otto von Bismarck

When the Christian religion first appeared upon earth, Providence, by Whom the world doubtless prepared for its coming, had gathered a large portion of the human race, like an immense flock, under the scepter of the Caesars.

Alexis de Tocqueville (1805-1859)

Rulers, statesman, nations are wont to be emphatically commended to the teaching which experience offers in history. But what experience and history teach is this – that peoples and governments never have learned anything from history, or acted on principles deduced from it.
(Usually quoted: "The only thing we learn from history is that we learn nothing from history.")

Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel, *Philosophy of History*: Introduction.

In 1482, Diago Gomes had commanded three caravels that made a successful voyage up the Gambia River [Africa], the realm of King Bormelli. "The quantity & quality of the Portuguese gifts, evidencing the favour of the Christian God, had a revolutionary impression on the King, he saw a benefit in this new religion."

Louis Booker Wright, *Gold, Glory, & the Gospel*, pp. 48-49.

"It is in vain, sir, to extenuate the matter. The gentleman may cry, 'Peace, peace!' but there is no peace. The war has actually begun! The next gale that sweeps from the north will bring to our ears the clash of resounding arms – our brethren are already in the field! Why stand we here idle? What is that the gentlemen wish? What would they have? Is life so dear, or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it Almighty God! I know not what course others may take. But as for me, give me liberty or give me death."

-- Patrick Henry

"I have lived, Sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth: that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? We have been assured, Sir, in the Sacred Writings that except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it. I firmly believe this..."

Benjamin Franklin, calling on framers of Constitution to pray for guidance from God, 1787.

Religion and Morality are the essential pillars of civil society.

George Washington, responding to letter fr. clergymen in Philadelphia praising his public service.

Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity,
Religion and Morality are indispensable supports.
G. Washington, *Farewell Address*, September 17, 1796.

After making a landing on the coasting of California, [Sir Francis] Drake and his man in the presence of the Indians, fell to their knees in prayer... Thus was the first gospel message brought by Protestant to the heathen of California [1578].

Louis Booker Wright, *Religion & Empire: The Alliance between Piety & Commerce in English Expansion 1558-1625*. p.16.

In general the actors in the great scenes of Renaissance exploration and discovery were romantics inspired by an intense passion for honour and glory, hungry also for material wealth which would permit the trappings and display that were the visible evidences of glory in the Renaissance. This desire for glory and wealth, combined with a zeal to serve God as well as the earthly sovereign, led to the incredible heroic that at times seemed mystically inspired.
L.B. Wright, *Gold Glory and the Gospel*, p.xiv.

A man can never step in the same river twice.
-- Heraclitus

No man can step clear of his time more than can leap over his own shadow.

Georg F. Hegel

Puritan history is the story of the attempt to unite God and man in Reformation England. Puritans believed that human beings were separated from the Lord by sin and that human happiness could be achieved only through overcoming that separation. Man and God had once been united in the Garden of Eden, and they would communicate again with the coming of the millennium. In the meantime, men must seek to reduce the distance between the ideal and the real. As individuals they should aspire towards personal salvation. And as members of communities they should attempt to create a more godly nation through personal virtue, family government, Christian labour, political morality and ecclesiastical reform.

J. William T. Youngs, "The Social Impact of Puritanism" in Geoffrey Barraclough, *The Christian World*, p.201.

The Puritans of Old and New England loved to find colourful images to describe the ideal union of God and man. Both the heavenly Lord and the human spirit were intangible and elusive, but through compelling phrases these unseen entities could be made visible and accessible. One of the finest of these word pictures was written by Thomas Shepard, a seventeenth century minister at Cambridge, Massachusetts. "As iron put into the fire seems to be nothing but fire," he said, "so Adam, beloved of God, was turned into a lump of love, to love God again."

J.W.T. youngs, *Ibid.*, p.201.

Polycarp (69-155), one of the early church fathers, was put on trial because of his faith in Christ. When the Roman proconsul told him to deny his faith, Polycarp answered, "For 86 years I have served Him, and He has done me no wrong. How can I blaspheme my King, who has saved me? I am a Christian."

The proconsul then threatened to cast him in with the wild beasts, but Polycarp answered, "Call them!" He was then warned that he will be burned at the stake. Even that failed to move him. He responded, "You threaten me with fire which burns only for a moment, but you are ignorant of the fire of eternal punishment, reserved for the ungodly."

These are Polycarp's final words: "O Father of Thy beloved and blessed Son, Jesus Christ! I bless Thee that Thou counted me worthy of this day, and of this hour, to receive my portion in the number of the martyrs, in the cup of Christ."

HOLY SPIRIT

The sap of the true vine does not flow into them as into a cup, but into living branches, where the sap becomes a source of life (John 15:5). Scripture, then, calls Christians "spiritual", because God unites His Spirit to them in this way.

Jonathan Edwards, *The Experience that Counts*, p.73.

HOPE

In 1486, the Portuguese captain & his mariners (Bartholomeu Dias, et al) fighting his way through tempest & ship wreck, rounded the southernmost point of Africa (1486). He rejoiced to find that he could now sail eastward; India lay strait ahead, & seemed almost in his grasp; but his weary men forced him to turn back. Mourning the rough seas that had broken the spirit of his men, he named the southern tip of the continent Cabo Tormentoso; but King John II, seeing India around the bend, renamed the point The Cape of Good Hope.

W. Durant, *Story of Civ.* VI, p.194.

The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult; and left untried.

-- G.K. Chesterton

One sees great things from the valley; only small things from the peak.

-- G.K. Chesterton

Hannibal [after the difficult passage of Alps] spurred on his despairing forces by pointing to them, in the distant south, the green fields & sparkling streams of Italy; that paradise, he promised them, would soon be theirs.

W. Durant, *Story of Civ.* III, p.49.

They were only boys. ...

A student at Yale College was such an enthusiastic advocate of missions that the faculty expelled him. He was David Brainerd who became a missionary to the Indians. His diary, published after his death, fell into an English shoemaker, who became a "pillar of fire". That was William Carey, who did a great missionary work in India.

A country minister in Scotland prayed earnestly one day that someone would accept Christ during the service. Someone did – but it was only a boy; that boy was Robert Moffat, pioneer missionary to South Africa. Once when he was home on furlough, a young student heard him lecture and vowed to go to Africa, too. That student was David Livingstone. Mackay read the story of David Livingstone and, inspired, went to Uganda.

A humble Scotch preacher told the story of Jesus. A young boy heard and determined to serve in a difficult place. On the way home he knelt by a brook and offered himself to God for missionary work. That boy was James

Chalmers who, over a period of 25 years, did a mighty work for God in New Guinea.

-- anon

One day, David Garrick, a famous Shakespearean actor, was attracted to a gospel meeting. He was deeply moved to see tears freely coursing down the speaker's face. Suddenly an old woman raised a withered finger at the preacher and said, "Sir, I have heard you plead five times today on various streets of this city, and five times I have seen your tears. Why do you weep?" He could not help but cry with concern over the fearful condition of the lost.

The preacher was George Whitefield.

David Garrick later said, "As I listen to Whitefield, I saw his passion and his earnestness. I knew he meant that without Christ people would die! When he came to the place where he could say nothing more, he reached up those mighty arms of his and his voice seemed almost like a thunderstorm as he yearned over the people and said, 'Oh! Oh!'" Then Garrick concluded, "I would give my handful of gold sovereigns if I could say 'Oh' like that."

George Whitefield's earnestness was used by the Holy Spirit to move his audience and bring many lost souls to Christ. Have you ever watched the seed of the Word with tears of compassion?

--anon

Alexander, setting out on his conquest of Asia, inquired into the finances of his followers. To ensure that they should not be troubled over the welfare of their dependents during their absence, he distributed crown estate and revenues among them. When he had thus disposed of nearly all the royal resources, his friend General Perdiccas asked Alexander what he had reserved for himself. "Hope," answered the king. "In that case," said Perdiccas, "we who shared in your labors will also take part in your hopes." Thereupon he refused the estate allocated to him, and several other of the king's friends did the same.

Clifton Fadiman, ed. *The Little, Brown Book of Anecdotes*. Boston: Little, Brown & Co., 1985. p.11.

INCARNATION

Man's Maker was made man that He, Ruler of the stars, might nurse at His mother's breast; that the Bread might hunger, the Fountain thirst, the Light sleep, the Way be tired on its journey; that Truth might be accused of false witnesses, the Teacher be beaten with whips, The Foundation be suspended on wood; that Strength might grow weak; that the Healer might be wounded; that Life might die.

—St. Augustine, "Reaching for the Invisible God", 136.

In the Christian story God descends to reascend. He comes down ... down to the very roots and sea-bed of the Nature he has created. But He goes down to come up again and bring the whole ruined world up with Him.

C.S. Lewis

A great empire about fourteen hundred years ago, when that capital was full of war – not a war on a front but a war in the rear, a war of turmoil and street fighting. The emperor of that empire was holding council to decide whether he should carry on the struggle or whether he should take ship and sail away to safety. At the crown council his wife, the empress, was present and spoke, and she said: "You, Justinian, can sail away if you like; the ship is at the quay and the sea is still open; but I am going to stay and see it out, because: Empire is a fine winding-sheet." I thought of this passage and my colleague,

Professor Baynes, found it for me; as I thought of the day and the circumstances in which I was writing, I decided to amend it to: "a finer winding-sheet is the Kingdom of God." – a finer because that is a winding-sheet from which there is a resurrection.

Arnold Joseph Toynbee, *Civilization on Trial*, p.225.

INTEGRITY

At a Sunday service in the Cathedral of the Assumption (1568) Philip, Metropolitan of Moscow, conspicuously refused the blessings that Ivan [Groznyi, i.e., Augustus] solicited. Thrice the Czar asked for it in vain. When his attendants demanded reason for the refusal, Philip began to list Ivan's crimes & debaucheries. "Hold thy peace," cried the Czar, "and give me thy blessings!" "My silence," answered the prelate, "lays a sin upon thy soul, and calls down thy death."

Ivan departed unblest, and for a wondering month Philip remained unhurt. Then a servitor of the Czar entered the cathedral, seized the Metropolitan, and dragged him to a prison in Tver. His fate is debated; the account accepted by the Russian Church is that he was burned alive.

W. Durant, *Story of Civ.* VI, pp.659-660.

"Farewell! A long farewell, to all my greatness!
This the state of man...
Vain pomp and glory of the world, I hate ye.
I feel my heart new opened. Oh, how wretched
Is that poor man that hangs on princes' favours!" (Wolsey)
W. Shakespeare, *Henry VIII*, III, ii, 352-367

"Had I but served my God with half the zeal
I served my king, He would not in mine age
Have me left naked to mine enemies." (Wolsey)
Ibid, 455-457.

One evening a young man at Oxford who was known to be something of a poet read one of his poems to a small group of friends in his room. The poem was greatly admired, but as they came away one of the friends, Charles, said, "I was very much interested in Alfred's poem – but it was stolen from a book."

This remark was repeated to Alfred, who was very annoyed and demanded an apology.

"Well," said Charles, "I don't often take back what I have said, but on this occasion I admit I was mistaken. When I got to my room I looked in the book from which I thought the poem was stolen – and I found it was still there."

Shortly before his death, The Duke of Burgundy was presiding over the Cabinet Council of France. A proposal was made that would violate an existing treaty but would secure important advantages for the country. Many good reasons were offered to justify this action. The Duke listened in silence. When all had spoken, he closed the conference without giving approval. Placing his hand on a copy of the original agreement, he said with firmness in his voice, "Gentlemen, we have a treaty!"

KNOWLEDGE

Some folks have such open minds they should be closed for remodeling.
-- anon

An age will come in after years when Ocean will loose the bonds of things, and an immense land will appear, and the prophet Tiphys will reveal new worlds, and Thule [Iceland?] will no longer be the end of the earth."
Seneca, *Medea*, quoted by Will Durant, *The Story of Civilization*, VI, p.364.

Diogenes, the Cynic seeing one without learning seated on a stone, remarked: "Behold, where one stone, sitteth on another!"
W. Durant, *Story of Civ.* VI, p.789.

In books, we converse with the wise, as in action with fools.

Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested.
Francis Bacon

Individual experience is always one-eyed; it takes more than one person to see anything in focus.
-- anon

He that knows not, and knows not that he knows not, he is a fool – shun him!
He that knows not, and knows that he knows not, he is simple – teach him!
He that knows, and knows not that he knows, he is asleep – wake him!
He that knows, and knows that he knows, he is a wise man – follow him!
-- Arab proverb

In the course of conversation at an American dinner party Einstein's neighbor, a young girl, asked the white-haired professor: "What are you actually by profession?" Einstein replied: "I devote myself to the study of physics." The girl looked at him in astonishment: "You mean to say you study physics at your age?" she exclaimed. "I finish mine a year ago!"

KOINONIA

It is the most obliging sight in the world to the Roman soldier to see a commander openly eating the same bread as him, or lying on a plain straw mattress, or lending a hand to dig a ditch or raise a palisade. What they admire in a leader is the willingness to share their danger and hardship, rather than the ability to win them honour and wealth, and they are more fond of officers who are prepared to make efforts alongside them than they are of those who let them take things easy... insomuch that thenceforward labourious soldiers, who did their work silently without grumbling, had the name of "Marius's mules."
Plutarch, *The Lives of the Noble Grecians and Roman*,
"Caius Marius" (155-86 B.C.) pp.334-337.

Alexander the Great was marching across the desert with a thirsty army. A soldier came up to him, knelt down, and offered him a helmet full of water. "Is there enough for ten thousand men?" asked Alexander. When the soldier shook his head, Alexander poured the water out on the ground.

Clifton Fadiman, ed. *The Little, Brown Book*, p.12.

LEADERSHIP

Dwight D. Eisenhower used to demonstrate the art of leadership in a simple but forceful way. He would place a single piece of string on a table and say, "Pull it, and it follows wherever you want it to go; But push it, and it goes nowhere."

LIFE

Who can a better fate bequeath? Death!
What is love's greatest gift to me? Inconstancy!
Wherein may lie my cure of sadness? Madness!
Miguel de Cervantes

THE GETTYSBURG ADDRESS

November 19, 1863

The battle of Gettysburg (July 1-3, 1863) is generally considered a turning point in the Civil War, although, largely as a result of Major General George G. Meade's inexcusable procrastination, Lee was not decisively defeated. Casualties were heavy, with some 7,000 killed on both sides, and almost 45,000 wounded or missing. At the dedication of the cemetery at the Gettysburg battlefield the principal oration was delivered by Edward Everett, but Lincoln's brief remarks constitute the most memorable of all American addresses.

Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting-place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate—we cannot consecrate—we cannot hallow—this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining

before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

Abraham Lincoln, *Complete Works*, ed. by John G. Nicolay & John Hay (New York, 1905) IX, pp.209-210.

To live with the sole object of avoiding evil so as not to have to repent is not enough. I used to do that – I lived for my self and I spoilt my life. -- and only now, when I am living for others – or at least trying to – only now do I realize all the happiness life holds.

Leo Tolstoy, *War & Peace*.

LITERATURE

Erasmus called *printing* the greatest of all discoveries.

Guillaume Fichet of Paris, in 1470, wrote: "There has been discovered in Germany a wonderful new method for the production of books, and those who have mastered the art are taking it from Mainz out into the world... The light of this discovery will spread from Germany to all parts of the earth."

W. Durant, *Story of Civ.* VI, p.159.

A 14th century surgeon, Henri de Mondeville wrote: "Modern authors are to the ancient like a dwarf placed upon the shoulders of a giant; he sees all that the giant sees, and farther still."

W. Durant, *Story of Civ.* VI, p. 244.

The most famous philosopher of the 14th century, William of Ockham had fled from a papal prison in Avignon, offered his service to the Emperor [Louis] saying (according to a unverified tradition), "*Tu me defendas gladio, ego te defendam calamo.*" – "Defend me with the sword, and I will defend you with the pen."

W. Durant, *Story of Civ.* VI, p.150.

"Luther's books are everywhere and in every language," wrote Erasmus in 1551; "no one would believe how widely he has moved man." The literary fertility of the Reformers transferred the preponderance of publication from southern to northern Europe, where it has remained ever since. Printing was the Reformation; Gutenberg made Luther possible.

W. Durant, *Story of Civ.* VI, p.368.

Poetry cannot be translated, and therefore it is the poets that preserve the language.

Samuel Johnson

If the translator is a good poet, he substitutes his verse for that of the original; -- I don't want his verse, I want the original; if he is a bad poet, he gives us bad verse, which is intolerable.

George Moore, Irish poet

English Puritan pastor Richard Baxter (1615-1691) wrote a book titled *A Call to the Unconverted*. It helped many people come to Jesus, including Philip Doddridge (1702-1751), who became a well-known preacher, a hymn writer, and the president of a theological seminary.

Doddridge wrote the widely-circulated book *The Rise and Progress of Religion in the Soul*. William Wilberforce (1759-1833) read it, was convicted of sin, and became a Christian statesman.

After being instrumental in pressing for the freeing of slaves, Wilberforce wrote *A practical View of Christianity*. This changed the life of Leigh Richmond, who later wrote many gospel tracts that influenced thousands to seek the Lord.

If truth be not diffused, error will be. If God and His Word are not known and received, the Devil and his works will gain the ascendancy. If the evangelical volume does not reach every hamlet, the pages of a corrupt and licentious literature will. If the power of gospel is not felt throughout the length and breadth of the land ... corruption and darkness will reign."

Daniel Webster (1782-1852)

LOVE

Do not waste time bothering about whether you love your neighbour; act as if you do. As soon as we do this, we discover one of the great secrets. When you are behaving as if you love someone, you will soon come to love him. If you injure someone you dislike, you will find yourself disliking him more. If you do him a good turn, you will find yourself disliking him less.

C.S. Lewis

MISSION

"We saw there was a gold mine in India," said Andrew Fuller in 1793, after listening to the stirring words of John Thomas, who had been pleading for India, "but it seems almost as deep as the center of the earth. 'Who will venture to go explore it?' We ask."

"I will go down," responded William Carey, "but remember that you must hold the ropes."

The following are excused from giving or going:

- . Those who believe the world is not lost and does not need a Savior;
- . Those who wish the missionaries had never come to our ancestors, and that we ourselves were still heathens;
- . Those who believe it is "every man for himself" in this world, and who with Cain, ask, "am I my brother's keeper?"
- . Those who believe they are not accountable to God for the money entrusted to them. And

. Those who are prepared to accept the final sentence: "Inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me." (Mt. 25:45)

Horace Bushnell (1802-1876)

MORALITY

All moral obligation resolves itself into the obligation of conformity to the will of God.

Charles Hodge

Men are not made religious by performing certain actions which are externally good, but they must first have righteous principles, and then they will not fail to perform virtuous actions.

Martin Luther

NATURE

Scientific measurements indicate that we are moving even when we are standing still. The surface of the earth at the equator rotates at ca. 1,000 miles per hour. The earth is orbiting the sun at ca. 67,000 miles per hour. Our solar system whirls around the center of our galaxy at 490,000 miles per hour, and it zooms along at 43,000 miles per hour in the direction of the star Vega in the constellation Lyra. But that is not all. Our Milky Way galaxy is hurtling through space at 1.3 million miles per hour.

Many years ago Sir Isaac Newton (1642-1727) made a working model of our solar system. At its centre was a large golden ball representing the sun, and revolving around it were the planets – smaller spheres attached at the ends of rods of varying lengths.

A friend who did not believe in the Biblical account of creation stopped by for a visit. Watching as Newton made the tiny planets move in their orbits, the man exclaimed, "My, what an exquisite thing! Who made it?"

Without looking up, Newton replied, "Nobody."

"Nobody?" his friend asked.

"That's right! These balls and cogs and belts and gears just happened to come together. And by chance they began revolving in their set orbits with perfect timing."

OBEDIENCE

The great masquerade of evil muddles everything. Evil appears in the form of light, as good works, as justice, or even as historical necessity, and it utterly confuses one who lives by the Bible, however, these forms of evil simply confirm its abysmal wickedness.

Who is able to withstand evil? Only he to whom the last measure is *not* his own reason, his principles, his freedom or even his conscience, but rather his readiness to sacrifice all of these: only he who is called to deeds of obedience and responsibility in faith and single-minded communion with God; only he who will let his life become nothing as answer to God's request or call.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945)

PEACE

Strife – in philosophy, religion, and politics – has certainly gained so much ground that it is impossible for us to reconcile with one another in our own strength. But it is possible to find reconciliation by means of the foundation of all things, which is God. For God does not cease to be the same

for all men irrespective of our differences, and His earth bears us all, even if we preferred to see that the ground would cleave asunder beneath our enemies.

The sun sends his rays upon us directly, paying no heed that we look askance at one another. The rose smells sweetly both to the Jew and to the Christian. And so God is God of all, and whatever he says, he says in the same manner to all that are ready to listen.

If then we look to our own rules, books, which we have made ourselves and which differ in many thousands of ways, we are irreconcilable. But if with due attention and honour we accept God's ideas regarding our lives, reconciliation is very easy.

Jan Comenius (1592-1670)

PRAXES

On leaving for the campaign [to conquer Macedonia, in 168 B.C.], Aemilius Paulus paid his classic compliment to amateur strategists: "In all public places, and in private parties, there are men who know where the armies should be put in Macedonia, what strategical positions ought to be occupied ... They not only lay down what should be done, but when anything is decided contrary to their judgment they arraign the consul as though he were being impeached ... This seriously interferes with the successful prosecution of a war ... [If anyone] feels confident that he can give me good advice, let him go with me to Macedonia... If he thinks this is too much trouble, let him not try to act as pilot while he is on land."

Levy, *History of Rome*, xlv, 22. quoted by W. Durant, *Story of Civ.* III, p.86, ff.

He [The Great Khan, Mangu] began confiding to me his creed: "We Mongols," he said, "believe that there is only one God, by whom we live & by whom we die, & for whom we have an upright heart ... For you, God give you therefore the Scriptures, & you do not keep them; He gave us diviners, we do what they tell us, and we live in peace."

Friar William of Rubruck, in D. Boorstin, *Discoverers*, p.132.

"I state it with confidence, that if your peasants – I speak not of the princes & noblemen – would travel like the Tartar princes, & be content with like provisions, they would conquer the whole world."

Friar William of Rubruck (1255), in *Ibid.*, p.133.

Man ought to know that in the theatre of human life, it is only for God and angels to be spectators.

Francis Bacon, *Advancement of Learning*, vii, 1.

William Wilberforce (1759-1833) was a great orator, a shrewd politician. At 21, he became a Member of Parliament. For a time, he went along with the social evils, thinking only of his personal ambitions. But when he was 25, he traveled to France with one of his former teachers, Isaac Milner. During this trip, Wilberforce read and studied the Bible with Milner. Before long he surrendered his life to Christ and was transformed. And he soon became known as "The authorized interpreter of the national conscience". He was the leader in the battle against slavery, which was abolished in England in 1833.

A church bulletin that contained a satirical rephrasing of Matthew 25: "I was famished and you formed a humanitarian club to discuss my hunger. ... I

was imprisoned and crept off quietly to your church to pray for my release. I was naked and debated the morality of my unseemly appearance. I was sick and you knew it, yet did nothing but thank God for your own health. I was homeless and you preached to me of the spiritual shelter of the love of God. I was lonely and you left me by myself while you went and prayed for me. You seemed so holy, so close to God; but I am still very hungry, desolate, & cold!"
The Christian Herald

The noted architect Frank Lloyd Wright (1867-1959) commented, "The physician can bury his mistakes, but the architects can only advise his clients to plant vines. So architects should go as far as possible from home to build their first buildings." ...

What we as believers build on the foundation will be tested by fire – not the fire of punishment for sin, which is hell, but the fire of judgment, which is disclosure (I Cor. 3:15). Everyone without Christ will be punished, but every Christian will be judged for his works. The fire of judgment will reveal what was God-honoring and what was not. Good doctrine and righteous living are the solid stuff that will last. Everything else will go up in flames.

Are you building for eternity?

Haddon W. Robinson

It is not the critic who counts, not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred with dust and sweat and blood ... and who, ... if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat.

Theodore Roosevelt (1858-1919, 26th President of the U.S., 1901-1909)

PRAYER

I well remember a lady in New Zealand saying that she fears to pray for revival because national revival seems to be a prelude to coming judgment.

-- L. Ravenhill

From the desire being great,
Good Lord deliver us!

-- A Moravian Prayer

What the Spirit works in us is for the sake of what He works by us.

-- Andrew Murray

Surely in the summer recess I ought to read the Scriptures an hour or two everyday, besides prayer, devotional reading, and meditation. God will prosper me better if I wait on Him. The experience of all good men shows that without constant prayer and watchfulness the life of God in the soul stagnates. Doddridge's morning and evening devotions were serious matters.

William Wilberforce

It may be laid down as an axiom, that God needs, first of all, leaders in the church who will be first in prayer, men with whom prayer is habitual and characteristic, men who know the primacy of prayer. But even more than a habit of prayer, and more than prayer being characteristic of them, church leaders are to be impregnated with prayer – men whose lives are made and molded by prayer, whose heart and life are made up of prayer. These are the

men – the only men – God can use in the furtherance of His Kingdom and the implanting of his message in the hearts of men.

Edward McKendree Bounds (1835-1913)

My soul felt a pleasing yet painful concern lest I should spend some moments without God. Oh, may I always live for God! ... I felt an ardent desire to spend every moment with God. God is unspeakably gracious to me continually. ... When I really enjoy God, I feel my desires of Him the more insatiable, and my thirstings after holiness the more unquenchable.

David Brainerd

I went to my God and prayed diligently, and received what I needed.

George Muller

SELF

The English ... are great lovers of themselves, and of everything that belong to them; they think there are no other men than themselves, and no other world but England; and whenever they see a handsome foreigner they say that "He looks like an Englishman," and that is a great pity he is not one.

G.G. Coulton, *Social Life in Britian from the Conquest to the Reformation*, quoted by W. Durant, *Story of Civ.* VI, p.111.

SIN

On the morning of December 2 guards took John Brown from his cell to where a wagon containing his casket waited; he would ride on his coffin to the gallows. He handed one of his attendants his last statement:

"I, John Brown am now quite certain that the crime of this guilty land will never be purged away; but with blood. I had as I now think: vainly flatted myself that without much bloodshed; it might be done."

Then, his work finished at last, John Brown looked around him & took in the warm, haze morning. "This is a beautiful country," he said, "I never had the pleasure of seeing it before."

SUFFERING

"When you shun to suffer, do not make others suffer..."

If a man is reported to have spoken ill of you, make no defense, but say, 'He did not know the rest of my faults, else he would not have mentioned only these'."

Epictetus, quoted by W. Durant, *Story of Civ.* III, p.493.

THANKSGIVING

How little do my countrymen know what precious blessings they are in possession of, & which no other people on earth enjoy.

Thomas Jefferson

Will Fortune never come with both hands full,
But write her fair words still in foulest letters?

She either gives a stomach and no food --
Such are the poor, in health – or else a feast
And takes away the stomach – such are the rich
That have abundance and enjoy it not.
Shakespeare, *II Henry Fourth*, IV, iv, 103-108.

The worst moment for the atheist is when he is really thankful and has no one to thank.

G.K. Chesterton

THEOLOGY

When Fredrick asked Erasmus what were Luther's chief errors, he replied, "Two: he attacked the pope in his crown and the monks in their bellies."
W. Durant, *Story of Civ.* VI, p.358.

Emperor Charles V's confessor, The Franciscan monk Jean Glapion, told Frederick's chaplain, Georg Spaltin, in private that, "The Bible is like soft wax, which every man can twist and stretch according to his pleasure."
W. Durant, *Story of Civ.* VI, p.359-360.

The Emperor Julian commented: "There is no wild beast like an angry theologian."
Carpenter, *Pagan & Christian Creeds*, quoted by W. Durant, *Story of Civ.* VI, p.207.

When the monks and theologians charged him [Erasmus] with laying the egg that Luther hatched, he answered, wryly: "Yes, but the egg I laid was a hen, whereas Luther has hatched a gamecock."
Froude, *Erasmus*, quoted by W. Durant, *Story of Civ.* VI, p.429.

"I will believe that the white object I see is black if that should be the decision of the hierarchical church," asserted Jesuit founder Ignatius Loyola. "Even if my own father were a heretic, I would gather wood to burn him," affirmed the pitiless inquisitor Pope Paul IV.
-- Merle Severy, "The World of Martin Luther", in *National Geographic*, vol. 164, No.4 (Oct. 1983), p. 460.

He [Luther] hears a nightingale sing beautifully. But the croaking of frogs in the Elbe drowns it out. "That is the way it is in the world. This Nightingale is Christ, who proclaims the Gospel. He's drowned out by the clamor of the heretics [as Luther called his Roman opponents], who shout with great might. But let these windbags come! I will grease their stilts so they'll fall."
-- Merle Severy, "The World of Martin Luther", in *National Geographic*, vol. 164, No.4 (Oct. 1983), p.455.

As far back as the end of World War II (1945) in the Pacific, U.S. General Douglas MacArthur (1880-1964) forcefully outlined the utter futility of a technological or military solution to our problems:

"The utter destructiveness of war now blots out this alternative. We have had our last chance. If we will not devise some greater and more equitable system, Armagedon will be at the door.

"The problem is basically theological and involves a spiritual recrudescence and improvement of human character that will synchronize with our almost matchless advances in science, art, literature, and all material and cultural developments of the past 2,000 years. It must be of the spirit if we are to save the flesh."

TIME

Time and chance happen to them all.(Eccl. 9:11)

There is a tide in the affairs of men
Which taken at the flood leads on to fortune;
Omitted, all the voyage of their life
Is bound in shallows and in miseries.
On such a full sea are we now afloat,
And we must take the current when it serves,
Or lose our ventures.

William Shakspeare, Julius Caesar, IV, iii, 218-224.

TRUST

On his march through Asia Minor, Alexander fell dangerously ill. His physicians were afraid to treat him because if they did not succeed, the Macedonian army would suspect them of malpractice. Only one, Philip the Acarnanian, was willing to take the risk, as he had confidence in both the king's friendship and his own drugs.

While the medicine was being prepared, Alexander received a letter from an enemy of Philip's, that accused the physician of having been bribed by the Persian king to poison his master. Alexander read the letter and slipped it under his pillow without showing it to anyone. When Philip entered the tent with the medicine, Alexander took the cup from him, at the same time handing Philip the letter. While the physician was reading it, Alexander calmly drank the contents of the cup. Horrified and indignant at the calumny, Philip threw himself down at the king's bedside, but Alexander assured him that he had complete confidence in his honor. After three days the king was well enough to appear again before his army.

Clifton Fadiman, ed. *The little, Brown Book*, p.11.

VANITY

J(ulius) Robert Oppenheimer(1904-1967), noted as director of the Los Alamos Laboratory during development of the atomic bomb (1943-1945) and as director of the Institute for Advanced Studies, Princeton (1947-1966).

During his undergraduate studies at Harvard University, Oppenheimer excelled in Latin, Greek, physics, and chemistry, published poetry, and studied Oriental philosophy. After graduating in 1925, he sailed for England to do research at the Cavendish Laboratory at the University of Cambridge, and recieved his doctorate in 1927.

In 1966, about a year before his death of throat cancer, in looking back, he saw his achievement as meaningless, and said, "I am a complete failure!"

When asked about all his achievement, he replied, " They leave on the tongue only the taste of ashes."

"I shall give you a rule by which to measure yourself and your development: in that day you will come into your own when you realize that the successful are of all men most miserable."

Seneca, quoted by W. Durant, *Story of Civ.* III, p.305.

VICTORY

August 2, 47 B.C. Caesar defeated Pharnaces at Zela, and sent to a friend in Rome the laconic report:

veni, vidi, vici. (I came, I saw, I conquered.)

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Victory at all costs, victory in spite of all terror, victory however long and hard the road may be; for without victory there is no survival.

Winston Churchill

WAR

When Kuyuk Khan proposed sending his own ambassadors back to the Pope [Innocent IV] with the two Franciscans [missionaries, 1246], Friar John demurred. "We feared they would see the dissensions & wars among us, & that it would encourage them to march against us."

Daniel Boorstin, *The Discoverers*, p.130.

WISDOM

A Thessalian brought an exceptionally beautiful horse, named Bucephalus, to the Macedonian court, offering to sell it to the King Philip. However, when the royal grooms tried to test its paces it proved wild and unmanageable. The young Alexander asked his father for permission to try his skill. Philip reluctantly agreed, saying that if the prince failed to ride Bucephalus he was to pay his father a forfeit equal to its price. Alexander walked quickly to the horse's head and turned it to face into the sun, for he had noticed that the horse's own shadow was upsetting it. He calmed it, then mounted it, and Bucephalus obediently showed off his paces.

The court, which had feared for the prince's safety, broke into loud applause. Philip was overjoyed. He kissed his son, saying, "Seek another kingdom that may be worthy of your abilities, for Macedonia is too small for you."

Clifton Fadiman, ed. *The Little, Brown Book of Anecdotes*. Boston: Little, Brown & Co., 1985. p.11.

WORD

Scientists have shown that all but the most primitive thinking is done by means of words combined to form thoughts. The more words you know, the more skillful you will be in organizing your words into thoughts and the greater will be your power to develop new ideas and to use them in your work. More ideas and greater ability to express them give you more power to attract, direct, and influence other people.

Because thinking depends so much on language, you actually improve your ability to think when you increase your command of English. Many authorities have explained why this is true. Lindsmith and Strause, psychologists at Indiana University say, "Language and thought are so closely interconnected that the later cannot exist without the former." Albert Guerard, the French-born educator wrote, "The art of thinking and the power command of language are inseparable." Sir Humphrey Davy, English scientist, wrote, "Language is not only the vehicle of thought, it is a great and efficient instrument in thinking."

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The whole aim of Newspeak is to narrow the range of thought. "In the end we shall make thoughtcrime impossible, because there will be no words in which to express it. Every concept that can ever be needed will be expressed exactly in one word, with its meaning rigidly defined and its subsidiary meanings rubbed out and forgotten."

George Orwell, *1984*, p.52

It was intended that when Newspeak had been adopted once and for all and Oldspeak forgotten, a heretical thought – that is, a thought defying from the principles of Ingsoc – should be literally unthinkable, at least as so far as thought is dependent on words.

G. Orwell, *Ibid.*, p.303.

The Senator [Robert Dole] had chided him [James Watt]: "You should know that we don't use the word 'cripple' anymore. That went out with the Dark Ages. The word is now 'handicapped' or 'disabled'."

"Senator, I never think of you as either handicapped or disabled," said James. "You are extremely capable. You just happen to have a crippled hand."

Leilani Watt, *Caught in the Conflict*, p.164.

For questioning is the peity of thinking.

Martin Heidegger

Where one cannot speak, thereon one must remain silent.

-- Ludwig Wittgenstien, *Tractatus Logico-philosophicus*, p.7.

Could someone understand the word "pain", who had never felt pain? —Is experience to teach me whether this is so or not?—And if we say "A man could not imagine pain without having sometime felt it" – how do we know? How can it be decided whether it is true?

Ludwig Wittgenstien, *Philosophical Investigation*, 104e,
trans.G.E.M.Anscombe.

A map says to you: "Read me carefully, follow me closely, doubt me not. It says, "I am the Earth in the palm of your hand. Without me, you are alone and lost." ...

While it's true that geography is more than maps, an intimacy with maps is essential to understanding global relationship.

Beryl Markham, *West With the Night*.

Language most show a man: speak I may see thee. It springs out of the most retired, and inmost parts of us, and is the image of the parent of it, the mind. No glass renders a man's form, or likeness, so true as his speech.

Ben Jonson

WORK

Ceasar counting nothing done if anything remained to do.
-- anon

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