Phil's Maxims – part 3 by Phillip W. Weiss

Why look for trouble when trouble is everywhere? Eat, drink and be merry is not a slogan, it is a warning. The Titanic was sinking while the musicians performed. Auschwitz had its own orchestra. After the party comes the clean-up. The open casting call is a humbling experience. Freedom is a concept. Let someone else take the risk. Better to settle for a portion than to lose the whole. Avoid becoming a part of somebody else's plan. Let them follow you, not you them. It is lonely in the crowd. Do what comes naturally. Insist but do so politely. Demand at your own peril. There is organization in disorganization. If you're going to do it, do it right. Is it luck or destiny? Give it time. If you want to be a boss, start your own company. The entrepreneur is a self-employed worker. Democracy has its flaws.

The straight line is a contrivance.

To understand an imaginary number requires a certain amount of imagination.

The petit-bourgeois is not so petty.

Not all corporations make money.

Cultures either evolve or disappear.

We are all human, but racial differences are a fact.

Humans are evolving.

Before filing a complaint, first get your facts straight.

Stay sober.

Intoxication is an expensive and dangerous indulgence.

Read Ecclesiastes.

If you believe you are important, then grab hold because are you in for a big surprise.

Never thank the boss for issuing a directive.

Being oblivious to politics is like living in a fool's paradise.

In the concentration camp the inmates were their own worst enemies.

Those in charge will find others to do their bidding.

Every living thing has a consciousness.

When traveling we become cargo.

Nothing gets done without paperwork.

Keep your papers in order.

Never travel without valid identification.

If you need to travel, travel lightly.

All things made by humans will eventually crumble.

Promote yourself, not others.

Wait your turn.

Honor your obligations.

Do not take on someone else's obligations.

Don't presume to be a parent if you are not.

Don't act so smart.

Act only as smart as you need to act.

Don't look up when you have to look down.

Remember: no one asked you to be born.

In and out: the nature of life.

Good things happen.

Those who show sincere compassion are heroic.

To hold a baby takes a lot of courage.

Acting like a parent is not the same as being a parent.

Having money can be fun.

A court order is more than just a piece of paper.

The purpose of a court is to adjudicate, not to comfort.

Don't trifle with the law.

Sometimes the most anyone can do for someone is to leave them alone.

Sooner or later everything gets worked out.

Humble yourself before the magistrate.

No one can resist the power of the law.

All calculations require an understanding of math.

1 may be a lonely number but it is better than being a 0.

It is better to be the independent variable than the dependent variable.