More of Phil's Maxims

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It's not where you are, it's where you're at.

Buying an old building is like buying an old car: both need a lot of work.

Not every old building should be preserved.

Market value is not the same as assessed value.

What is an asset to one is a liability to another.

Know your customer.

The ten-percent who own ninety-percent of the wealth is today's nobility.

The market caters to those with money.

Today, class differences are defined strictly by income.

Restoring a dilapidated structure is like trying to fix up an old car: the results are cosmetic.

Everything else being equal, old structures should be demolished.

To make way for the new is natural but to preserve the old futile.

What is an antique to one is junk to another.

The LP record disk is a collectible to one and a dust collector to another.

To party is to act out.

The rich are today's royalty.

Royalty used to be bestowed; now it is bought.

The only difference between the rich and the poor is money.

Don't gamble with other people's money.

Money is fleet of foot.

Booze, cigarettes and black coffee: what a life.

When consuming an alcoholic beverage, keep in mind that you are consuming a fuel.

Nostalgia sells to those who are fixed to the past.

Better to just say no than to offer excuses.

An old house has seen better days.

All properties depreciate.

Exchange value is not the same as intrinsic worth.

Asking for information reveals much about the asker.

When constructing a building, brick is preferable to wood.

There's always a sucker out there willing to depart with their money.

Those willing to invest should be given consideration.

Nothing is for free.

Everything has a price.

Price has nothing to do with value.

Shortages are often manufactured.

Economic freedom is available to those who can afford it.

Monopoly capitalism is a non-sequitur.

The open market is open to those with money; otherwise it is closed.

If you want to own it, then buy it.

Capital is fluid; people are not.

Never tell a person what to buy.

For some, democracy is offensive.

Politics and religion are forever intertwined.

Cultural diversity means political conflict.

A political caucus is divisive.

Without a broad consensus among its members, a political party will fail.

Attracting attention is not the same as attracting support.

Losing means that maybe you were in the wrong race.

Do what is right for you.

Be modest in your attire.

When hungry: eat without fanfare.

When amused, laugh heartily.

When sad, cry real tears.

When depressed, be quiet.

Avoid confrontations with lawful authority.