

## **More Words of Wisdom – 2017, part 2**

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**Acting out is learned behavior.**

**Acting out is conditioned behavior.**

**You're special, if only to yourself.**

**After death comes the clean-up.**

**Gone and forgotten.**

**Here today, gone forever.**

**We are all replaceable.**

**Nature is cyclical.**

**Nature is self-renewing.**

**It is a challenge not to be cynical.**

**Salvation is conditional.**

**Everything comes at a price.**

**Life is more than a cliché.**

**The futility of existence.**

**The hassles end with death.**

**You will be missed for ten seconds.**

**You leave and the world goes on.**

**You may change but routines stay the same.**

**Socialization begins at the moment of birth.**

**All human behavior is learned.**

**The human is a born actor.**

**We mimic others.**

**The world is an amazing place.**

**Life is full of challenges.**

**The universe is a big place.**

**Every human activity has a down side.**

**To be proficient, practice.**

**To achieve perfection is to be divine.**

**Absolute perfection is a concept.**

**Keep the candle burning.**

**Respect life, but acknowledge death.**

**Every human act has a meaning.**

**More time doing, less time thinking.**

**Sometimes we trip over our own thoughts.**

**Imagination is limitless.**

**Breathing is work.**

**The more we build, the more we destroy.**

**The past has no substance.**

**The future is an open book with blank pages.**

**It is easier to pull than push.**

**Understand what I eat; understand who I am.**

**Diet is a function of culture.**

**Objectives change.**

**Who really cares?**

**Externals mask internals.**

**A driving rain dampens the spirit.**

**Angry talk leads to angry actions.**

**A scowl is never a good sign.**

**Temporary is a relative term.**

**Wishful thinking sometimes comes true.**

**Situations have a way of spiraling out of control.**

**Survival is the number one goal.**

**Create and dispose: the cycle of life.**

**All are disposable.**

**Nature is about recycling.**

**We all get recycled.**

**Death is a hard pill to swallow.**

**Nobody really wants to die.**

**Death happens.**

**A little baby will one day grow old.**

**No one ages gracefully.**

**The young spurn the old.**

**Write your own obituary.**

**The grave stone is but a marker.**

**To be buried is to be forgotten.**

**It is natural to be forgotten.**

**We leave behind so much junk.**

**After death, the big sweep.**

**There is realization, not salvation.**

**Divine thought cannot be fathomed.**

**There is a higher power which defies understanding.**

**All is not coincidence.**

**Life is like an endless jigsaw puzzle.**

**Merciful today; merciless tomorrow.**

**People are labile.**

**Money buys things.**

**Money is a tool.**

**Money is a necessity.**

**Those who deplore money don't have it.**

**Acquisition is natural to the human.**

**Even street people have possessions.**

**We are what we possess.**

**A big house gathers lots of dust.**

**Don't expect too much from others.**

**Everyone is trying to get by.**

**Loneliness and aloneness are two different things.**

**Absolute social isolation is an impossibility.**

**Death releases us from debt.**

**Resentments fester.**

**Letting go comes at a price.**

**People are so prideful.**

**Happiness is transitory.**

**Animals have dignity.**

**Who cannot but admire a bird in flight?**

**Never try to get into someone's mind.**

**Mental processes defy explanation.**

**History shapes minds.**

**Your personal history is unique.**

**You are special.**

**No one can never fully understand you.**

**Don't expect to be understood.**

**Showing up someone is a hostile act.**

**Forgiving is easier said than done.**

**Who are you to forgive anyone?**

**Forgiveness is divine.**

**A platitude is not a solution.**

**Slogans appeal to emotion.**

**The human is an emotional creature.**

**Human emotions shape human personality.**

**Emotions are synonymous with life.**

**To be emotional is to be healthy.**

**Emotion drives creativity.**

**Lack of emotion is inhuman.**

**Even animals have emotions.**

**Don't be ashamed of your feelings.**

**It is okay to want.**

**It is okay be angry.**

**When told to shut up, shut up.**

**Don't talk if you have nothing to say.**

**Envy is a social construct.**

**Envy is a human trait.**

**Bad behavior has consequence.**

**Society is built on cooperation.**

**Judge not by one's demeanor.**

**History is not a predictor of future behavior.**

**A fine looking lady will one day grow old.**

**Beauty is fleeting.**

**To know someone, watch what they eat.**

**Friendships happen spontaneously.**

**Friendship is a natural condition.**

**Keep your mind active.**

**Keep on thinking.**

**To help another is to help yourself.**

**To be helpful can be a most satisfying experience.**

**Reach out to someone.**

**Surprise someone with your concern.**

**Winning is relative.**

**Winning comes at a cost.**

**When you win, others lose.**

**Nobody likes to lose.**

**Beware of the person with the big smile.**

**A slight gesture sometimes speaks volumes.**

**You will know it when it happens.**

**People want to improve themselves.**

**There are certain universal principles.**

**Never bluff unless prepared to act.**

**An empty bluff can have dire consequences.**

**Be careful not to provoke others.**

**Judge by results, not intentions.**

**To travel is to flee.**

**Personality development has nothing to do with venue.**

**Comfort is important.**

**Standard of living is a relative term.**

**Truth is elusive.**

**Delay is avoidance.**

**No success without adequate preparation.**

**Have something to offer.**

**Weighed down with possessions.**

**Life is a series of bargains.**

**Control is elusive.**

**Groups vie for control.**

**Taking blame is a bitter pill.**

**With power comes responsibility.**

**Flee from those who wish to leverage.**

**To leverage means to obstruct.**

**Deal making is a form of corruption.**

**Deal making is selling out.**

**Principles are always compromised.**

**Judge not a person based on documents.**

**You cannot question a document.**

**Documentary evidence is open to interpretation.**

**Know the source of the document.**

**Go beyond the scapegoat.**

**The scapegoat is a victim.**

**The truth lies in those in who do the scapegoating.**

**Never accept full blame.**

**With leadership comes responsibility.**

**Leaders are made, not born.**

**Money buys leadership.**

**Power is never absolute.**

**Everyone is accountable.**

**The playwright knows.**

All fiction is based on life.

One novel is equal to thirty history books.

Do not "pund-it," do it.

The future is now.

To lead is to follow.

To follow is to have faith.

Faith is hope.

Hope drives us on.

Who can live without hope?

Be your own role model.

We all perform great deeds.

Art transcends politics.

Keep your pride to yourself.

Let others praise you.

Refrain from self-praise.

Lead by example.

The anger of the masses.

We are all part of the mass.

No one is separate from the mass.

You only think you know.

Nothing is for certain.

Predictions are mere probabilities.

Bet on the long shot.

**A horse race is pure theater.**

**The race horse is an athlete.**

**A horse race is a microcosm of life.**

**There are winners and losers.**

**Winning is fun.**

**Never expect to win.**

**Hate and love are two sides of the same coin.**

**The act committed cannot be undone.**

**Listen to the dog bark.**

**Inside the dog is the wolf.**

**An essay just scratches the surface.**

**The deeper the thought, the darker the conclusions.**

**If you think it, write it.**

**If you write it, own it.**

**There is a higher moral law.**

**All laws can be changed.**

**Law is a human construct.**

**The law of the jungle is a misnomer.**

**The laws of nature are human projections.**

**Nature itself is amoral.**

**Why steal when you can borrow?**

**For every crime there is a victim.**

**There is no such thing as a victimless crime.**

**Selling favors is a form of graft.**

**Let the jury do the judging.**

**Refrain from making judgment until all the facts are in.**

**Know your biases.**

**It is okay to get angry.**

**Harbor resentments at your own peril.**

**People do succeed.**

**People have a right to fail.**

**Formal education is complete by age ten.**

**Learning is a continual process.**

**Learning is a natural act.**

**Society controls what we learn.**

**Do not abuse your authority.**

**Keep you relationships cordial but distant.**

**The true artist is never understood.**

**The true artist questions everything.**

**Freedom of speech is not completely free.**

**Beware of those who speak too loudly.**

**Your feet hurt because you use them.**

**You have feet, be glad.**

**The human body breaks down.**

**Eventually we all decompensate.**

**From dust to dust: true words.**

**A brain is not a computer.**

**The operations of the brain are a mystery.**

**Without a brain, there is nothing.**

**At death, we lose all our rights.**

**At death, you join eternity.**

**Physical death is permanent.**

**The body dies, the spirit moves on.**

**What drives an organism to live if not the spirit?**

**True religion requires no priest.**

**Pray in private.**

**Do not impose your faith on others.**

**Everyone has the right not to believe.**

**Do not tamper with a person's faith.**

**Render unto government what you may owe.**

**Do not fight the tax collector.**

**There is no shame in claiming a lawful deduction.**

**Without taxes there is no society.**

**Pay up or get out.**

**Pay your rightful dues.**

**When in love life becomes sweet.**

**There is no feeling more powerful than love.**

**When in love self-control is lost.**

**Love is a form of insanity.**

**Without love life is just existence.**

**Love is addictive.**

**Love is life itself.**

**Even the simplest tasks can go awry.**

**Take someone for granted and end a friendship.**

**Do not judge humans based on labels.**

**Make a negative into a positive.**

**Subcultures exist in our midst.**

**Anger is not the same as acting-out.**

**Anger is fuel for change.**

**Anger is a primal force.**

**Control and channel anger.**

**Bringing people together brings risks.**

**Go not to the place where you are not honored.**

**Find that place where you can thrive.**

**Find that place where your genius can emerge.**

**If you agree to meet, then meet.**

**Never say one thing then do another.**

**If your needs are not being met, leave.**

**If you are bothered, leave.**

**If you are being ignored, leave.**

**Make your own party.**

**Be your own boss.**

**Make your own rules.**

**Listen to yourself.**

**Trust in yourself.**

**Be clear as to the source of your resentments.**

**You are your own worst enemy.**

**You are your own best friend.**

**If you cannot enjoy your own life, then who will?**

**Without sorrow there can be no true joy.**

**Out of defeat, renewal.**

**Stupidity is rampant, yet people do brilliant things.**

**The subjective always defeats the objective.**