

Phil's Maxims – part 2

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Nicotine: nature's joke on humanity.

Anyone who announces the truth usually is telling a lie.

Inside every kernel of truth is a mystery lurking.

The truth is as elastic as a dried out rubber band, and as brittle too.

Those who purport the truth tend to be noisy.

Is there any human artifact more grotesque than a sprawling city?

A pain in the butt is nature's warning.

You can't have a mother without a father.

If you can't explain it to a ten-year-old, it ain't worth explaining.

Better to study history than make history.

What this country needs is a good make over.

Be careful of who you honor.

We're all background extras in the theater known as life.

A complaint is no good without someone willing to listen.

Speaking out is better than keeping it in.

If you have something to say, make sure you can say it.

Talking to oneself makes for the most interesting conversations.

Never listen to the third person when the first person is around.

The sweet fragrance of a rose is nature's most wonderful gift.

Anyone who pays taxes has earned the right of citizenship.

It's not who you vote for but how much you contribute.

If a two-parent family is better than a one-parent family, then shouldn't a three-parent family be even better?

Who ever heard of a putative mother?

Those who lurk in the dark tend to trip over their feet.

Cheating is in the eye of the loser.

For the writer, it is more important to be read than admired.

Applaud the performers, not the production crew.

Collecting money is not the same as earning money.

A good show will induce relaxation.

The best entertainment is to be found at home.

A paying customer is what commerce is about.

Those who thank the boss know not what they are doing.

Today it's their ass; tomorrow, yours.

It's better to kiss off then kiss up.

Kissing up makes tired lips.

Never kiss a lady with overly moist lips.

Never do business with a talking bird.

To lose one's mind brings one closer to the truth.

If you sign it, you own it.

Denial is nature's way of blocking the truth.

The truth shall set you free – and drive you to despair.

When you face the truth you face your worst accuser – you.

An invitation is a polite way of saying that my time is more valuable than yours.

Reaching out can get one's hand slapped.

Those who join the team have to play by their rules.

If you want to make your own rules, then put together your own team.

Never get too friendly with the boss.

A stitch in time prevents a nasty tear.

Most drinkers are not thirsty.

Salvation comes in many forms.

Salvation comes unexpectedly.

A hurt feeling is nothing compared to a slap in the face.

Humiliation can be most humbling.

Everyone has their match.

We're all human, aren't we?

A good sneeze can clear the mind.

A silent thought can generate a lot of noise.

Hunger can transform the vilest morsels into a veritable feast.

Avoiding hunger is a full-time occupation.

Listening is hard to do.

A good lecture will induce a trance-like state akin to sleep.

Privacy is a thing of the past.

Believe what you want but don't try to pass it off as fact.

Sometimes the nicest thing one can do is scratch another's back.

If you want to feed someone lies, you better believe it to be the truth.

Self-deceit is part of life.

If you don't deceive yourself, then life can be tough.

Being in the crowd is not the same as being part of the crowd.

When you stop and think about it, how many real friends do you have?

A friend is someone with whom you can talk, provided that they do the talking.

Facts have a funny way of ruining everything.

Sometimes what passes for beauty is downright ugly.

Beauty is in the eye of the publicist.

An odor is a hard thing to contain.

Life is full of smells.

To depart can be such a relief.

To fail once is no shame; to fail repeatedly is pathological.

Before decrying the athlete, try doing what they do.

Traveling is work.

Travel light.

Don't ask for things that someone can't provide.

Fix it yourself.

Don't count it, use it!

The big city is a big mess.

From space, the earth looks like one big ant colony.

Weightlessness is unnatural.

If you don't believe in hypnosis, then go to a movie and observe the audience.

It's easy to confuse image with substance.

Recreational sex is like recreational drugs: an exercise in self-deception.

Be careful who you befriend.

Sloppiness is the antithesis of pretentiousness.

Why tell the truth when a lie may be just as convenient?

It's bad to tell a lie; it's worse to reveal a painful truth.

Let those who dare, tell a plain-looking woman that she is not beautiful.

Looking is not the same as touching.

Humans and diamonds both are carbon based.

Drinking ethyl alcohol is like filling a car with gasoline: both produce heat but corrode the engine.

We're all actors.

If the world is a stage, then what is the universe?

Everything is in a state of flux.

What is beyond the universe?

Infinity is perfection.

A world without conflict would mean a world without history.

Civilization is one aspect of nature.

It is natural for humans to form societies.

Everyone makes mistakes but few are willing to admit them.

Constant vigilance is tiring,

A wall is a two-way obstacle.

Every wall has its weak points.

Home sweet home is a matter of opinion.

A shot in the dark usually hits something.

Home is where you live.

A sports fan is a believer.

Without the truth there can be no lie.

Alcohol brings out the fool.

Do not underestimate the importance of the fork.

Physical needs cannot be denied.

Companionship revolves around food.

Even enemies have to stop to eat.

An offer of food is a sure sign of friendship.

Never take eating for granted.

To be clothed is to be human.

Clothing may not make the person but it sure can say who you are.

What's mine is mine.

There is give and take, with the emphasis on the take.

The most succinct symbol of modern-day society is the cigarette butt.

For the cigarette smoker, life revolves around the cigarette.

Some people live from paycheck to paycheck; others live from cigarette to cigarette.

Why do I always wind up downwind from a cigarette smoker?

For the cigarette smoker the final drag is a dreadful moment.

A cigarette butt can be a nuisance.

The connection between sports and alcohol is self-evident.

If one wants to carouse with hordes of drunks, don't go to a bar, go to a baseball game.

Baseball parks are the biggest fast-food joints in the world.

If you like it, you got to pay for it.

Payment on demand means just that.

If you can't hit the breaking pitch, you better step away from the plate.

Once the contract is signed, the deal is done.

Keep your options open.

Let those who care show it.

Talk is cheap, except in therapy.

A drunk's laughter is an unmistakable sound.

High heels are a mystery to men.

There's nothing wrong with showing off provided you have something worth showing.

If you flaunt it, it better be good.

Making a movie is like going through life – it's all an act.

Before professing one's love, make sure to sober up.

For goodness sake, stop texting while you're drunk.

Drink and call at your own peril.

The sleep from exhaustion is the sweetest sleep of all.

Humans can live anywhere if they want to.

Open your eyes and witness the truth.

Noise and silence both can be disturbing.

Bankruptcy is legalized welching.

One's credit rating means nothing, if one does not borrow.

An uncollected debt is like a festering sore.

Lend money at your own peril.

Indignation is just another word for self-righteousness.

It's hard to understand someone else if your own thoughts are muddled.

Most things are situational; a few preplanned.

The question of choice presupposes the existence of free will.

Food, clothing and shelter alone are not enough.

The personal touch always wins out.

Being in love can be a big nuisance.

First think it and then do it.

Why wait when the time is now?

The feeling is real.

Standards of morality transcend cultural differences.

With humans, there are no absolutes, only approximations.

To fling a cigarette butt says it all.

A pile of cigarette butts is an indictment of modern civilization.

What's more important: the cigarette or the butt?

Don't forget that cigarette smoking benefits the ashtray industry.

If people stopped smoking cigarettes, then what would become of all the ashtray manufacturers?

The butt can is an essential feature of modern day society.

Is it wrong to teach a dog to smoke?

If people can smoke, then why not dogs too?

One day, the world will create a super cigarette long enough to reach the moon.

One day, the accumulated weight of all the discarded cigarette butts around the world may throw the earth out of its orbit.

Instead of people smoking individually, why not have smoking inhalation stations?

There was a time when medical doctors endorsed cigarette smoking.

A good smoke, a good drink and a good laugh: does it get any better than that?

Black coffee, a pack of cigarettes and a fifth of scotch: what else does anyone need?

One can only marvel at how some people can drive and smoke at the same time.

When you take away someone's cigarettes, you have crossed the line.

People will tolerate just about any indignity except one: loss of their cigarettes.

Don't mess with someone's cigarettes.

The joy of cigarette smoking is a personal experience.

To the cigarette smoker, the nonsmoker must seem to lead a very bland life.

One day, someone will market tobacco pie.

