

PHIL'S MAXIMS

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Gratitude is a rare commodity.

Playing a fool is different than being a fool.

Negotiations are just a prelude to war.

Partisan politics is the ultimate sellout.

Anything can happen, and usually does.

Living a lie is a way to survive.

Give people a chance to act out, and they will.

A strong police force is our only protection against anarchy.

Public demonstrations are a sign of political weakness.

Those with power are often silent.

Change is slow to come, but when it happens, it happens fast.

Law and order are more than just words.

Acting out is a form of honest communication.

Those who never argue are truly insane.

Insanity is a question of perspective.

Create something new, create new problems.

When a woman wants a man, she will literally do anything to please him.

Never try to buy a woman's friendship.

Trying to buy a woman's love is a waste of time and money.

If a woman wants a man, she'll make him dinner.

If a woman is interested in having sex with a man, she will let him know.

Circumstances change, people stay the same.

Nasty people are capable of acts of kindness.

The rich man owns a building; the poor man owns a bed. Who is happier?

People play games, what else is new?

The boss will always assign more work.

The worker always wants more money.

A capitalist never makes enough profit.

Some people will argue even over a penny.

Relatives, we have no choice in the manner.

Singles' dances are a waste of money.

A socially desperate man is indeed pathetic.

Never accept blame for anything.

All workers are exploited.

No one is bigger than the system.

Lawyers, doctors and social workers are symptoms of a dysfunctional society.

New York City Board of Education is the most expensive babysitter in the world.

When a woman demurs from drinking on a date, she is sending the man a signal.

Men can be vicious, but women can be cruel.

A child always prefers the mother.

A father can never be a mother.

One can ask who the father is, but never who is the mother.

We all came from a womb.

When a woman prepares dinner for a man, it's not because she is hungry.

Racism is rampant.

People are more divided now than ever before.

Partisan politics reflects the deep divisions in the United States.

People have rights, but the government has rights too.

Always show respect for the police.

Movies are the most influential form of mass entertainment.

People at times are impulsive.

People are angry.

Material wealth may guarantee comfort but not happiness.

Loneliness is a matter of choice.

Every woman wants to be a mother, even when they don't have children.

Hardheadedness is a common trait.

Some people just aren't that smart.

History is whatever you think it is.

Historical evidence is always open to interpretation.

All historical assertions, no matter how outrageous, should be subject to critical evaluation.

A service economy favors the female.

A manufacturing economy favors the male.

Unemployment essentially is a male problem.

Generally, women are easier to manage than men at the workplace.

Why hire a man when there is woman available who can do the job?

For the black person, racism is more than just an academic subject.

In a racially diverse world in which ethnic diversity is recognized as a fact, racial profiling is inevitable.

Put a white manic-depressive man into a black man's body and he becomes a chronic schizophrenic.

Psychiatric diagnosis is more an art than a science.

Who can disprove a delusion?

People often accept an allegation as fact.

Justice does win out, but only occasionally.

The individual has rights, but they're not automatically enforced.

A terrorist for some are considered soldiers and heroes by others.

The Jews are the most oppressed people in history.

The Palestinians have a case, but the Israelis have a case too.

All history is the story of conflict.

Rome was corrupt, decadent, depraved, hated and despised – and lasted a thousand years.

Never send troops when you can drop bombs.

Always try to get others to fight for you.

Workers are treated like pieces of furniture to be used and then discarded.

The Arabs and the West were once allies.

Do not underestimate Russia.

Everyone should learn about the Open Door policy.

Without NATO, war would again break out in Europe.

Be careful with Russia.

In a dispute, understand your opponent.

A telephone brush off can end a friendship.

When a person wants to talk, they will talk.

If a person wants to get together, let them visit you.

No woman will leave a man, for any reason, if she loves him.

Never criticize a woman's appearance.

Nobody knows what is going on in somebody's head.

Never shake hands with anybody unless they want to shake hands with you.

Women show off what they have to attract a man.

A woman who looks at her watch while on a date is sending a strong signal.

A woman who declines to drink while on a date is sending a strong signal.

If a woman takes a liking to a man, don't ask her why.

If a woman caters to a man, she is doing it for a reason.

9/11/01 – a day of tragedy.

If you are feeling sad, start writing.

The best way to end an argument – stop talking.

Money corrupts, but having no money corrupts more.

If it isn't one thing, it's something else.

Having money brings big problems but having no money brings bigger problems.

He who has money may not be happy, but he who does not have money is indeed sad.

Happiness is a state of mind.

A modest woman is a beautiful woman.

Those who denigrate the value of money usually have full pockets.

A politician will do or say anything to get a vote.

Do not expect thanks for acts of kindness.

Kindness is often mistaken for weakness.

Listen closely to those who profess to be your enemy.

Confusion is in the mind of the beholder.

A pretty lady may also be smart.

Every household has at least one TV, most two or more, yet few people admit to watching television.

Here today, soon after forgotten.

Paperwork is what makes the world go 'round.

To a bureaucrat, a chair is a throne, a desk is a mantel, and an office is a kingdom.

Take away the pen, and a bureaucrat is powerless.

Use black ink, not blue ink.

Making a precise psychiatric diagnosis is like trying to hit a moving target with a spear from 300 feet away.

Every project involves a degree of guesswork.

Luck of the draw.

When a woman hugs a man, she is being polite.

Politeness is just another social convention.

Criticize the politician, never the office.

Redeem your debts and make new friends.

The concept of a national debt is meaningless to the average person.

Never join the military because you need a job.

A true warrior is not a mercenary.

Never fight a war you cannot win.

Some do all the work while others take the credit.

An angry outburst, followed by long periods of calmness, keeps people guessing.

Never respond to a request made through a third party.

Second-hand information goes by another name: news.

Don't expect people to do more than they can.

Constant irritability is a symptom of deep emotional turmoil.

Never openly defy your boss.

Complaining is fine as long as it's done in a non-threatening manner.

Street entertainers usually are quite talented.

When motivated solely by money, consider doing something else.

The moment you accept money to perform a service, your independence is lost.

In the workplace, the employer will always dominate.

We are all replaceable.

Conservative attire is associated with emotional stability.

Humility is a luxury for the rich.

The average person is forced to be humble.

True humility is sublime.

For the rich and powerful, humility is a sham.

A clever worker will never defy his supervisor.

A clever worker will always request permission.

Taking initiative is fine as long as it's done with your supervisor's approval.

Be thankful for having your own office.

A private office is a worker's kingdom.

A good bedside manner and a deferential attitude make for a good physician.

Do not confuse humility with deference.

One can be deferential without being humble.

For a woman sex is a means, for the man, it is an end.

Never be a line worker when one can be a supervisor.

A supervisor working on the line is still a supervisor.

Once you are a supervisor then always a supervisor.

When your supervisor smiles at you, you're doing something right.

When your supervisor frowns at you, trouble is on the way.

When your supervisor expresses displeasure with you, show up to work, keep silent, maintain a deferential attitude, and hope for the best.

Know your chain of command.

Always give credit to your supervisor.

Defer to your supervisor.

Know your place in an organization.

Never give up an office, except for a better office.

A man wants companionship; a woman wants security.

Never attract negative attention to yourself.

Say something nice – it cannot hurt.

Pornography is an industry.

The sex act is just that – an act.

The pornography actor is first and foremost a performer.

Sexual intercourse is more than just a physical act.

Loose fitting clothing is better than tight.

Just because you can't judge a book by its cover does not mean that you can't judge the cover.

A good politician will never deny having made a mistake.

Your vote counts only if you cast it.

Never put organization ahead of people.

Never turn away workers who are mobilized for action.

A good labor activist must never act like a bureaucrat.

The labor movement encompasses all labor organizations.

The struggle between capital and labor is permanent.

A good business person will never berate a customer.

Yelling and screaming attracts attention.

Never recommend visiting a place you have not visited yourself.

A touched-up photograph is a distortion of reality.

It never hurts to wear a tie at work.

Beware of the person who constantly smiles.

A good worker is a diligent worker.

Construction workers are heroes.

Don't just say it, do it.

If a woman declines to join the man for a drink, then the man will probably be drinking alone.

Never berate a person who offers to buy you food.

You don't know who your friends are until you need one.

Laugh at your own jokes even if nobody else does.

Whoever understands your sense of humor understands you.

Timing is everything until you run out of time.

Hard work is to be avoided if possible.

Every object in nature has a story.

Always bestow praise, when deserved.

Without a labor contract, the worker is truly a wage slave.

A free lunch may not really be free.

True gratitude is a rare commodity.

Creativity is like a waterfall – once it starts flowing nothing can stop it.

An artist creates first and foremost for self-satisfaction, not to satisfy others.

An artist must be true to thy self.

Creativity cannot be taught.

Regarding creativity, there are no rules.

Within every person there is the seed of creativity ready to germinate.

Any artist who cannot bear criticism has no business being an artist.

Any artist who craves praise is an artist without integrity.

A poem may be as short as a single letter or as long as the path to the stars.

The question of whether there is life after death implies that there is life before birth.

Laughter is a form of defiance.

The past is gone, the future has not yet happened, the present is but a moment.

A friend is someone you can talk with without formality.

A woman who berates a man is an unhappy woman indeed.

Accommodation is a form of survival.

An astute person is aware of one's mortality.

Eventually we all die.

Death is irreversible; ask anyone interred.

The newborn baby is humanity in its purest form.

The similarities between human and ape gives cause for thought.

An angry written word makes no noise.

The roasted chicken was once a living creature.

Expediency is a form of cop-out.

Politics is divisive.

Advice is a form of manipulation.

A woman will show off whatever she thinks will attract a man.

A woman with good looks has a distinct advantage.

For a woman, appearance is everything.

A child will always run to the mother.

Politeness is a form of deceit.

If armies were composed of women, there would be no more wars.

Contentment is a copout.

A hurricane is like an angry woman, beautiful to behold but impossible to control.

Never play the fool with a woman.

The man who jilts a woman does so at his own peril.

Let the pen be your guide.

Listen to your intuition, but never succumb to it.

If you push, expect to be pushed back.

Beware of the critic, they have a hidden agenda.

A fair-weather friend is worse than having no friend at all.

Never judge a person by their appearance but rather by their actions.

The lecture is the worst way of imparting knowledge.

What's music to your ears is mere noise to mine.

People can be annoying, and amusing.

The free-market economy is a fiction.

The politician who expresses candid views will not be long in office.

A gaseous stomach means an unsettled mind.

The universe is infinite.

Speak for yourself, not for somebody else.

Never explain what somebody else has said, especially in their presence.

The capitalist system workers are dispensable.

Historically the capitalist system utilizes the least expensive labor.

One day almost all doctors and lawyers could be females.

As long as labor is considered an expense, then the cost of labor will continue to be depressed.

All laborers are replaceable.

Don't do as I say, do as I do.

Speak your mind – silently.

Say the right thing, even if you don't mean it.

People lavish care on their pet animals while humans live on the street and suffer.

There are two sides to every conflict.

Before fighting a war, identify the enemy.

Buffoonery is a mask for anger.

Insecurity is a sign of weakness.

Hypocrisy is a part of the human condition.

All great empires eventually collapse.

Building walls is an act of supreme folly.

The immigrant of today is the citizen of tomorrow.

Second-guessing is supremely annoying.

Technology changes while people stay the same.

Never take by force what you can purchase for cash.

There is no such thing as a free lunch; somebody always pays.

A big meal can produce an upset stomach.

If you have the money, spend it but don't squander it.

Stone masons and steel workers are truly heroic.

Work is the source of all wealth.

Workers are never paid their full due.

Never go into a burning building unless properly equipped.

People can be really nasty, or sometimes very nice.

Water is better than soda.

Tea is better than coffee.

People come and go while organizations remain.

Change is inevitable and irreversible.

Practical work has therapeutic value.

Freedom is an illusion; options are never unlimited.

Think what you want but watch what you say.

Religious belief is a private matter.

Profanity undermines morale.

Think like an eagle but fly like a pigeon.

The Great Wall of China, Hadrian's Wall, the Maginot Line, the Siegfried Line: all relics of futility.

Never trifle with a court order.

Cigarettes – just say no.

When traveling in a vehicle, always use a seatbelt.

Historical events are open to different interpretations.

The Hittites, the Huns, the ancient Romans, the ancient Greeks, the Babylonians, the Philistines, the Soviet Union – where are they now?

Words once said can never be taken back.

A sincere apology deserves respect but cannot undo a wrong.

Once gone, soon forgotten.

Beautiful sunsets often go unnoticed.

Speak for yourself, never for others.

Life is unpredictable.

Innocence lost can never be recovered.

Irritability is not the same as anger.

Anger is a catalyst for change.

Beware of those who speak in slogans.

No love is as strong as your first love.

Health care is more than just a mere commodity.

Everyone deplores war, yet warfare is endemic.

One can be alone in the middle of a crowd.

Never take for granted what can easily be lost.

Never presume that you are understood.

Speak plainly.

Language can clarify or confuse.

Confusion can be frustrating.

Never forget that the elderly too were once young.

Never forget that an old person was once a baby.

Age is more than just a number.

Health care workers are truly heroic.

Never take a labor contract for granted.

Time is relentless.

Time is unforgiving.

Time brooks no opposition.

Time once passed can never be recovered.

Time is the ultimate constant.

The essence of life is to stay busy.

Time is like a train that never stops.

Beware of the glib remark.

Being a worker is terrible until one is out of work.

Tax breaks are for suckers.

Pay your taxes.

The low interest loan is too good to be true.

Owning a home is not the same as having cash.

Paying off the interest on a loan is like trying to fill a big hole with a tiny spoon.

Don't complain when the bills come due.

Paperwork is a form of mental torture.

A condominium is not a factory.

We are conditioned to work.

A labor contract represents a victory for the worker.

Treat workers well and productivity will skyrocket.

Privatization is a sham.

Never drive away a customer.

Personal debt is to be avoided.

A beautiful woman can render a man speechless.

Never confuse psychobabble with psychology.

Once a person labels himself, he is lost.

Two opinions mean conflict.

Don't force it if it's not meant to be.

What's true to others may not be true to you.

Truth is in the eye of the beholder.

When a doctor refers a patient for a second opinion, hold on to your hat!

Friendship is open to abuse.

Offers of friendship can be interpreted as a sign of weakness.

To befriend one is not the same as being a friend.

A companion is not necessarily a friend.

Emotions are often a function of hormones.

If you want a good grade, never upstage the professor.

To get laid often means becoming intimate with a stranger.

Chasing after anyone is a form of insanity.

Life is like a circus with performances abounding.

Death, like birth, is out of our control.

There is no stopping death.

If it happens, it was meant to be.

The woman spreading her legs is an unmistakable gesture.

Sexual arousal is hard to ignore.

Who knows what happened in the past?

Keep your brain active.

There's a time for learning and a time for doing.

Giving advice is bad enough; taking advice even worse.

Decide then do.

To better appreciate your place in the universe, look at a photograph of people taken 100 years ago and consider that they, like you, were once alive.

Never take a writer too seriously.

Everything is interconnected.

Whores have feelings too.

What woman does not feel at least some contempt for men?

There's nothing in the tank.

As they say, the well is dry.

Don't depend on people who have nothing to offer.

The way to write a story is to ... write the story.

When writing, forget the rules.

Write whatever you want.

Think it then write it.

Once uttered, the spoken word cannot be retrieved.

Writing is an art.

If you think gibberish then write gibberish.

There was a time when books did not exist.

The dangling modifier is the writer's curse.

The comma can be a friend or an enemy, depending on how you treat it.

To write is to reveal your soul to the world.

Writing is a natural act.

One can squander huge sums of money on questionable projects yet squabble over trifles.

Food, friends and laughter: the spice of life.

That people manage to procreate is a miracle.

Where there are people there is noise.

Manmade sounds can be harsh.

Avoid the singer who warbles.

The simpler the tune, the more pleasant it sounds to the ear.

Even today, most work is drudgery.

To be a parent is to be heroic.

Never tease anyone.

Mutual respect is more than a cliché.

To be ignorant by choice is tragic.

Anonymity provides a false security.

Fame means exposure.

To publish means taking a risk.

If it bears your mark, it's yours.

Be careful what you say because somebody may believe you.

The total expanse of the universe is beyond human comprehension.

From time to time, step back, relax and do a reality check.

Without faith one can live; without hope one merely exists.

Some chains are invisible.

Time is relentless.

Nothing stops time.

The clock is always ticking.

A small act of kindness can save a life.

Never tamper with someone's defenses.

Never confuse companionship with friendship.

To abuse a true friend is a sure sign of moral and mental decay.

To abuse another's generosity, extended in good faith, is depraved.

Education is about more than earning a diploma.

There is a life force.

People are full of surprises.

Within all of us is the hero.

Things happen for reasons that are inexplicable.

Love strikes without warning.

Loud talk is a facade.

People laugh for many reasons.

Talk is cheap until it's time to pay the phone bill.

Dreams are the portal to the subconscious.

Our minds are cluttered with thoughts.

Harboring a grudge is like scratching a wound – the wound stays open.

A hero today can be a heel tomorrow.

Buying love can be expensive.

Better to go down swinging than to be called out on strikes.

A quiet demeanor will diffuse most conflicts.

There are no degrees of love.

Bridging a gap is not the same as closing a gap.

Every bridge eventually crumbles.

The creative process manifests itself in infinite ways.

Love defies reason.

Never let yourself be suckered into an argument if you can avoid it.

Beware of those who provoke arguments.

Style trumps substance.

It's not what you say but how you say it.

A president must appear and act presidential.

Mudslinging is a distraction.

If you can't take the flak, then don't run for the office.

Mudslinging is a sign of political weakness.

The record speaks for itself.

Facts are open to interpretation.

The political process is supposed to be messy.

When Congress's approval rating is low, that means the system is working.

Separation of power means diffusion of power.

Diffusion of power is the surest way to avoid tyranny.

Partisanship is part of the political process.

Where partisanship ends, tyranny begins.

Free speech must never be abridged.

Beware of those who want to limit free speech.

The open exchange of idea is the cornerstone of democracy.

Never underestimate the resiliency of the American people.

A public debt is not the same as a private debt.

What sovereign does not borrow?

Beware of those who sound the alarm over the public debt.

Reducing the cost of government is easier said than done.

The purpose of government is to deliver services to the public.

The people and the government are one and the same.

Influence peddling is an insidious form of corruption.

Politics affects everyone.

One cannot be divorced from politics.

The judiciary is political too.

**There are two sounds not found in nature: the clanking of metal
and the noise from a fission explosion.**

In theater it is the story that counts; everything else is window-dressing.

A good actor is firstly a storyteller.

A good actor becomes the character.

A good play can be performed anywhere.

The street is a stage.

Any room that contains people is a theater.

A theater is not a home.

Don't confuse theater with life.

Theater is make-believe made to seem real.

Drama contrived is hokey.

Think it, write it.

Friends come and go.

The playwright is like a god, always creating.

Everything depends on the script.

Sets, costumes, and music are mere distractions.

A king in rags is still a king.

When the audience is quiet, the play has worked

When the audience is restless, then it's time to rewrite.

What is gibberish to one is coherent to another.

Tastes vary.

A leading lady with talent is like a priceless jewel.

Any actor can play any role if they use their imagination.

Without the script there is no play.

Try staging a play without a script.

Reality television is life unrehearsed.

Actors must be able to show emotion.

Props are a contrivance.

Emoting requires no props.

There is drama everywhere.

Never give up on your dreams.

If you want it, go for it.

Know your part.

Creativity has nothing to do with collaboration.

Creativity is an individual process.

Collaboration involves compromise.

True artist remain faithful to their works.

To pander to the audience is artistic fraud.

A president cannot afford to indulge in partisanship.

A real leader is a lightning rod for criticism.

A real leader must be able to take criticism without flinching.

A real leader cannot afford to be argumentative.

Leadership inspires confidence.

Leadership means maintaining self-control.

Leadership means avoiding petty arguments.

Mudslinging is part of the political process.

Negative campaigning can yield positive results.

Nature calls.

A true leader is never combative.

Glibness wins elections.

Credibility is everything.

Modesty is becoming to a woman.

Those who flaunt should expect attention.

Spending is easy.

Money saved is money at rest.

To deny oneself a well-earned pleasure is silly.

Every person is a philosopher.

Beware of the person with a bland smile.

Those who bicker waste time.

If you think anybody cares, think again.

Addictions are nature's way of tweaking our noses.

From afar everything looks good.

Nature is perfection.

Nothing lasts forever except nothing.

Comedy is tragedy turned inside out.

Laughter can turn into tears.

Just remember that everyone has a family.

Animals have feelings too.

Never underestimate the medicinal powers of booze.

If you're going to act corporate, then dress corporate.

Woe to the man who makes a woman weep.

Go beyond the statistics.

Facts are subject to interpretation.

People want answers, not platitudes.

A nervous laugh says it all.

A good catchphrase can launch a career.

The challenger need not act dignified.

Do not confuse beauty with virtue.

Never tell a woman how to manage her body.

Technology changes, human nature doesn't.

Speed is relative.

Time is absolute.

Righteous indignation is pretentious.

Major cities are like a sputtering machines that never shut off.

Some things are more important than others.

In every big city something always goes wrong.

We have an eighteenth century form of government trying to solve twenty-first century problems.

Change the rules, change the results.

Without massive federal and state aid, our urban areas would have ceased functioning long ago.

In your dealings with people, beware of hidden agendas.

Stupidity comes in different packages.

Deterrence has its own risks.

Every holiday is bogus.

True prayer is that which is done in silence.

Humans were given the ability to produce alcohol for a reason.

All gun owners need to reassess their priorities.

We live in a culture that glorifies violence.

Politics is involved in everything.

Ageing is nature's joke on people.

The problem with Christmas is not its message, but its application.

A religion that baffles will soon have empty pulpits.

Successful organizations are inclusive.

A religious symbol is like a trademark.

Abrasive behavior is a function of society.

Hurt feelings are part of the human condition.

Sometimes young women tend to cackle.

Living to collect is not a bad reason for living.

Packaging is important.

Image is often confused with reality.

If age is just a number, then why do we count the years?

Old people know nothing – ask any youngster.

Young people are clueless, except they don't know it because they're clueless.

Annoyances abound.

If it can go wrong, it will go wrong.

The structure of society is invariably imperfect.

No matter what we do, we never get it completely right.

Imperfection is inherent in all human endeavors.

Never underestimate the negative effects of ingratitude.

Hypocrisy abounds.

Everything else being equal, simplicity will win out.

Cheap does not necessarily mean shoddy

Social institutions must change with the times.

The larger the city: the larger the problems.

Building major league baseball stadiums while closing major medical facilities is an anomaly.

Never tell the director how to direct.

Put the “we” before the “me” and life will be good.

When a woman says she'll call, she's already left a message.

Things out of our control must be recognized as such.

Understanding something is not the same as tolerating something.

Anyone who thinks they are in control are suffering from the malady called arrogance.

Reading is like traveling: it's tolerable in small doses.

A train ride can be fun as long as the train stays on track.

Better to be absent than to show up late.

Do not confuse a manager with a player.

The threat of rain is sometimes more threatening than the actual rain.

When they say they will call, delete their number.

If you say you will call, then call.

When a man tells a woman he likes her, he better mean it.

When a woman tells a man she likes him, that is something not be ignored.

Never punish the wife for the husband's transgressions.

A woman with young children must always be protected.

It's important to know that someone cares.

Never touch someone else's child or pet without permission.

Call once, call twice, and then stop calling.

Being a surrogate parent can be rough.

Never try to take the place of someone's parent.

If anyone doubts whether race horses like to come in first, just go to any race track and watch the horses run.

Beauty and intelligence are not necessarily inclusive.

Never gamble while under the influence.

Gambling without an understanding of mathematics is like venturing into a deep, dark pit without a flashlight.

When gambling, hedge your bets.

When gambling, stay within your budget.

What is a long shot for one is a sure thing for another.

Pari-mutuel betting is the purest form of democracy.

When wagering at the track, remember that man's best friend is a dog, not a horse.

Never trifle with a horse.

There is no animal more regal-looking than the thoroughbred race horse.

Longshots do win.

A bet once made cannot be undone.

Sometimes a small investment can yield huge dividends.

Never brag about winning a bet.

Keep your finances in order.

Live within your means.

Pay your bills.

Stay true to your commitments.

Friends, like life itself, come and go.

The only person you can truly rely on is yourself.

Don't expect too much from others.

Hope for the best but don't expect it.

The winner today is a loser tomorrow.

Count your winnings in private.

History is a form of storytelling.

With the passage of time, fiction and fact overlap.

It takes a lot of courage to admit a wrongdoing.

Never call someone who does not want to talk.

Good listening takes practice.

Never presume that your message has been heard, and if heard, understood.

Back-to-back home runs make for an exciting baseball game.

The called third strike is the ultimate indignation in sports.

With success come problems.

Sometimes it seems that the only purpose for living is to fill in time.

Exchanging thoughts can be risky.

Conflict is inherent in all social activity.

An agreement is reached but not without cost.

Compromise is a sham.

Proliferation of information does not necessarily produce a higher level of knowledge.

The cynic understands the world; the romantic reshapes it.

Big monsters are big targets.

Shooting a rifle can produce a sore shoulder.

It is easier to speak than to listen.

Everyone wants to be heard.

A dictator never rules alone.

Talent alone can get you just so far.

Change the rules; change the game.

Rules change, people stay the same.

Grab the moment while the feeling is strong.

If you want a friend, first look unto yourself.

A friendly smile attracts attention.

A deck of cards is fraught with possibilities.

A person who pulls a royal flush either is cheating or is in cahoots with Lady Luck.

Flashy is fleeting, modesty enduring.

Killing an animal for sport is an act of supreme arrogance.

Do not forget that the human species is part of the animal kingdom.

Traveling is a form of work: ask any commuter.

Most education occurs outside of school.

Trying to renovate a city is like repainting a dilapidated building – it is all cosmetic.

In today's urban setting the more things are fixed the more they break down.

To know a people, live with them.

If there are natural born leaders then there must be natural born followers.

Life is cyclical.

No matter what, life goes on.

A society reveals itself through the contents of its garbage.

Don't play with sharks.

Watch your checkbook.

Nothing manmade is fully leak proof.

We are creatures of habit.

A 120-pound jockey riding atop a 1,000-pound horse running at a full gallop is an act of supreme skill and courage.

A champion horse is worthy of respect.

Working for the government has its advantages.

An elected official is not the same as a civil servant.

Making plans is like tossing the dice.

Life is one big roulette wheel with the table always turning.

Projecting into the future is pure speculation.

Entertainment is a form of distraction.

Every alcoholic should know the chemistry of alcohol.

Any team that trades away its best player gets what it deserves.

Never take the fans for granted.

Fans are fickle.

Mutual respect is easier said than practiced.

Fame means risking exposure.

Companionship is not the same as friendship.

Friendships come and go.

The big city is like a beehive – noisy, brash and impersonal.

Industries change; the system stays the same.

Someone always does the heavy lifting.

Take care of yourself as best you can.

People may mean what they say, but may not know what they are saying.

Life is like a rocket ship – a sudden take off, a high trajectory, and a final landing.

It's easy to get hung up on trifles.

People crave entertainment.

Find out what they want then give it to them.

It's not where you've been but rather what you have done.

