Eivind Mork’s quotation book
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1 Foreword

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The quotations in this book has been collected during too many browsing hours on different websites. I have just assumed that all quotations are authentic without any investigation. In this version there are 244 quotations of 125 persons/characters.

This is an english version with all quotations in Norwegian left out. On my website http://heim.ifi.uio.no/~eivindm you can find the latest version of this book in both a “complete” and an “English only” version.

For the convenience of finding quotations, I have sorted all quotations both on the name of the author (or character name in the case of a movie character) and categories. One quotation can be present in more than one category (or maybe none). A name written in emphasis like this; Dirty Harry, means that this is a character and not a living person.

Have fun!
Eivind Mork

It is a good thing for an uneducated man to read books of quotations.

– Sir Winston Churchill
2 Quotations by author/character

Adams, Douglas

A common mistake that people make when trying to design something completely foolproof is to underestimate the ingenuity of complete fools.

I don’t believe it. Prove it to me and I still won’t believe it.

I love deadlines. I love the whooshing sound they make as they fly by.

In the beginning the Universe was created. This has made a lot of people very angry and been widely regarded as a bad move.

He hoped and prayed that there wasn’t an afterlife. Then he realized there was a contradiction involved here and merely hoped that there wasn’t an afterlife.

It is a mistake to think you can solve any major problems just with potatoes.

It is no coincidence that in no known language does the phrase ‘As pretty as an Airport’ appear.

The ships hung in the sky in much the same way that bricks don’t.

Nothing travels faster than the speed of light with the possible exception of bad news, which obeys its own special laws.

The major difference between a thing that might go wrong and a thing that cannot possibly go wrong is that when a thing that cannot possibly go wrong goes wrong it usually turns out to be impossible to get at or repair.

Space is big. You just won’t believe how vastly, hugely, mind-bogglingly big it is. I mean, you may think it’s a long way down the road to the drug store, but that’s just peanuts to space.
There are of course many problems connected with life, of which some of the most popular are - Why are people born? Why do they die? Why do they spend so much of the intervening time wearing digital watches?

Flying is learning how to throw yourself at the ground and miss.

I’m spending a year dead for tax reasons.

If it looks like a duck, and quacks like a duck, we have at least to consider the possibility that we have a small aquatic bird of the family anatidae on our hands.

That young girl is one of the least benightedly unintelligent organic life forms it has been my profound lack of pleasure not to be able to avoid meeting.

Arthur Dent, The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy: Ah, this is obviously some strange usage of the word ‘safe’ that I wasn’t previously aware of.

With a rubber duck, one’s never alone

It takes an awful long time to not write a book

Adlai E. Stevenson Jr

My definition of a free society is a society where it is safe to be unpopular

Allen, Woody

I tended to place my wife under a pedestal.

How can I believe in God when just last week I got my tongue caught in the roller of an electric typewriter?

I am at two with nature.

I can’t listen to that much Wagner. I start getting the urge to conquer Poland.
I’m astounded by people who want to ‘know’ the universe when it’s hard enough to find your way around Chinatown.

If only God would give me some clear sign! Like making a large deposit in my name in a Swiss bank.

It is impossible to travel faster than the speed of light, and certainly not desirable, as one’s hat keeps blowing off.

Most of the time I don’t have much fun. The rest of the time I don’t have any fun at all.

There are worse things in life than death. Have you ever spent an evening with an insurance salesman?

What if everything is an illusion and nothing exists? In that case, I definitely overpaid for my carpet.

I will not eat oysters. I want my food dead. Not sick, not dying, dead.

Basically my wife was immature. I’d be at home in the bath and she’d come in and sink my boats.

I am thankful for laughter, except when milk comes out of my nose.

Astor, Nancy

One reason I don’t drink is that I want to know when I am having a good time

Atkinson, John

If you don’t run your own life, somebody else will.

Benchley, Robert

Anyone can do any amount of work provided it isn’t the work he is supposed to be doing at the moment.
Bierce, Ambrose

War is God’s way of teaching Americans geography

Egotist: a person more interested in himself than in me.

The covers of this book are too far apart.

Bismarck, Otto Von

When a man says he approves of something in principle, it means he hasn’t the slightest intention of putting it into practice.

Be polite; write diplomatically; even in a declaration of war one observes the rules of politeness.

The secret of politics? Make a good treaty with Russia.

Never believe anything in politics until it has been officially denied.

Blake, William

It is easier to forgive an enemy than to forgive a friend.

Bohr, Niels

An expert is a person who has made all the mistakes that can be made in a very narrow field.

We all agree that your theory is crazy, but is it crazy enough?

Bonaparte, Napoleon

Never interrupt your enemy when he is making a mistake.

Borenstein, Nathaniel

The most likely way for the world to be destroyed, most experts agree, is by accident. That’s where we come in; we’re computer professionals. We cause accidents.
Braun, Wernher von

Research is what I’m doing when I don’t know what I’m doing.

Brisbane, Arthur

A good friend can tell you what is the matter with you in a minute. He may not seem such a good friend after telling.

Brown, Hobart

Money doesn’t always bring happiness. People with ten million dollars are no happier than people with nine million dollars.

Buchwald, Art

I worship the quicksand he walks in.

Bush, George W.

Our country puts $1 billion a year up to help feed the hungry. And we’re by far the most generous nation in the world when it comes to that, and I’m proud to report that. This isn’t a contest of who’s the most generous. I’m just telling you as an aside. We’re generous. We shouldn’t be bragging about it. But we are. We’re very generous.

See, free nations are peaceful nations. Free nations don’t attack each other. Free nations don’t develop weapons of mass destruction.

I stand by all the misstatements that I’ve made.

A low voter turnout is an indication of fewer people going to the polls.

For NASA, space is still a high priority.

[It’s] time for the human race to enter the solar system.
The Senate needs to leave enough money in the proposed budget to not only reduce all marginal rates, but to eliminate the death tax, so that people who build up assets are able to transfer them from one generation to the next, regardless of a person’s race.

I do think we need for a troop to be able to house his family. That’s an important part of building morale in the military.

I have said that the sanction regime is like Swiss cheese - that meant that they weren’t very effective.

Home is important. It’s important to have a home.

We’re concerned about AIDS inside our White House - make no mistake about it.

I think anybody who doesn’t think I’m smart enough to handle the job is underestimating.

I think we agree, the past is over.

It’s clearly a budget. It’s got a lot of numbers in it.

Cage, John

College: two hundred people reading same book. An obvious mistake. Two hundred people can read two hundred books.

Cantor, Eddie

He hasn’t an enemy in the world - but all his friends hate him.

Capone, Al

You can get more with a kind word and a gun than you can with a kind word alone.

Carey, Mariah
About hunger:
I mean I’d love to be skinny like that but not with all those flies and death and stuff.

Chomsky, Noam

If the Nuremberg laws were applied, then every post-war American president would have been hanged

Churchill, Sir Winston

War is a catalogue of blunders

It has been said that democracy is the worst form of government except all the others that have been tried.

Success is the ability to go from one failure to another with no loss of enthusiasm.

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Speech in November 1942:
Now this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning.

MacDonald has the gift of compressing the largest amount of words into the smallest amount of thoughts.

If heaven is going to be full of people like Hardie, well, the Almighty can have them to himself.

The best argument against democracy is a five minute talk with the average voter.

Churchill being accused by Lady Astor of being drunk:
Yes Madame, I am drunk but you are ugly and tomorrow I’ll be sober.

I am ready to meet my maker, but whether my maker is prepared for the great ordeal of meeting me is another matter.
The length of this document defends it well against the risk of its being read.

There are a terrible lot of lies going around the world, and the worst of it is half of them are true.

A lie gets halfway around the world before the truth has a chance to get its pants on.

The Americans will always do the right thing... After they’ve exhausted all the alternatives.

My most brilliant achievement was my ability to be able to persuade my wife to marry me.

Clancy, Tom

The difference between fiction and reality? Fiction has to make sense.

Clarke, Arthur C.

It has yet to be proven that intelligence has any survival value

Cobb, Irvin S.

I’ve just learned about his illness. Let’s hope it’s nothing trivial.

Cray, Seymour

Supercomputers vs. clusters:
If you were plowing a field, which would you rather use? Two strong oxen or 1024 chickens?

Crowe, Russel

I’d move to Los Angeles if Australia and New Zealand were swallowed up by a huge tidal wave, if there was a bubonic plague in Europe, and if the continent of Africa disappeared from some Martian attack.
Dandemis

Do not condemn the judgment of another because it differs from your own. You may both be wrong.

Dangerfield, Rodney

I told my psychiatrist that everyone hates me. He said I was being ridiculous - everyone hasn't met me yet

Day, Clarence S.

If you don't go to other men's funerals, they won't go to yours

Dijkstra, Edsgar

Computer Science is no more about computers than astronomy is about telescopes.

The use of COBOL cripples the mind; its teaching should, therefore, be regarded as a criminal offense.

Dirty Harry

So many assholes, so few bullets

Disney, Walt

It’s kind of fun to do the impossible.

Douglas, Norman

Education is a state-controlled manufactory of echoes.

Duell, Charles

A Commissioner at the U.S. Office of Patents, 1899: Everything that can be invented has been invented.

Edison, Thomas Alva

I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work.
Einstein, Albert

I know not with what weapons World War III will be fought, but World War IV will be fought with sticks and stones.

Do not worry about your difficulties in Mathematics. I can assure you mine are still greater.

Only two things are infinite, the universe and human stupidity, and I’m not sure about the former.

The release of atomic energy has not created a new problem. It has merely made more urgent the necessity of solving an existing one.

Science without religion is lame, religion without science is blind.

If the facts don’t fit the theory, change the facts.

Insanity: doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.

If A is success in life, then A equals x plus y plus z. Work is x; y is play; and z is keeping your mouth shut.

Gravitation cannot be held responsible for falling in love.

Eisenhower, Dwight D.

An intellectual is a man who takes more words than necessary to tell more than he knows.

Farming looks mighty easy when your plow is a pencil, and you’re a thousand miles from the corn field.

What counts is not necessarily the size of the dog in the fight - it’s the size of the fight in the dog.

Feynman, Richard
I was born not knowing and have had only a little time to change that here and there

Ford, Henry

Whether you think that you can, or that you can’t, you are usually right.

Money doesn’t change men, it merely unmasks them. If a man is naturally selfish or arrogant or greedy, the money brings that out, that’s all.

Franklin, Benjamin

Genius without education is like silver in the mine.

Three may keep a secret, if two of them are dead.

Fyllingsnes, Endre

Redaktør Endre Fyllingsnes i Misjonstidende til Journalisten: Det er litt demotiverende at vi mister lesere på den måten, men samtidig er det vanskelig å argumentere mot at en blind eller død person skal fortsette å lese bladet

Gandhi, Mahatma

Be the change you wish to see in the world.

Gardner, Ed

Opera is when a guy gets stabbed in the back and, instead of bleeding, he sings.

Gaulle, Charles de

The graveyards are full of indispensable men.

Goering, Hermann
Naturally the common people don’t want war. But after all, it is the leaders of the country who determine policy, and it is always a simple matter to drag the people along, whether it is a democracy, or a fascist dictatorship, or a parliament or a communist dictatorship. All you have to do is to tell them that they are being attacked, and denounce the pacifists for lack of patriotism and exposing the country to danger. It works the same in any country.

Goldwyn, Samuel

I don’t want any yes-men around me. I want everybody to tell me the truth even if it costs them their jobs.

Gretzky, Wayne

You miss 100% of the shots you never take.

Hadas, Moses

Moses Hadas in a book review:
This book fills a much-needed gap.

Hitler, Adolf

The great masses of the people... will more easily fall victims to a great lie than to a small one.

What luck for rulers that men do not think.

Holmes, Oliver Wendell

The right to swing my fist ends where the other man’s nose begins.

Holmes, Sherlock

Once you eliminate the impossible, whatever remains, no matter how improbable, must be the truth.

Isaksen, Torbjørn Røe
Unge Høyre-leder Torbjørn Røe Isaksen blåser ut mot SV-lederens manglende oppdatering:
*Det skjer omtrent like mye på SV-leder Kristin Halvorsens blogg som på Vår Frelsers Gravlund*

**Jobs, Steve**

*My girlfriend always laughs during sex – no matter what she’s reading.*

**Johnsen, Grethe**

*Dagsrevy-sjef Grethe Johnsen skryter av nyopussesde lokaler.: or første gang får seerne se underlivet til Jon Gelius og Nina Owing.*

**Jones, Thomas**

*Friends may come and go, but enemies accumulate.*

**Jung, Carl Gustav**

*Show me a sane man and I will cure him for you.*

**Kennedy, John. F**

*Forgive your enemies, but never forget their names.*

*The great French Marshall Lyautey once asked his gardener to plant a tree. The gardener objected that the tree was slow growing and would not reach maturity for 100 years. The Marshall replied, 'In that case, there is no time to lose; plant it this afternoon!'*

*The time to repair the roof is when the sun is shining.*

*When we got into office, the thing that surprised me the most was that things were as bad as we’d been saying they were.*

**King, Martin Luther**
In the End, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends.

Kurti, Nicholas

It is a sad reflection that we know better the temperature inside the stars than inside a soufflé

Lappos, Nick

If you’re in a fair fight, you didn’t plan it properly.

Lee, Robert E.

It is well that war is so terrible, else we should grow too fond of it.

Lenin

A lie told often enough becomes the truth.

Leno, Jay

Here’s something to think about: How come you never see a headline like ‘Psychic Wins Lottery’?

Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he will eat for a lifetime. Teach a man to create an artificial shortage of fish and he will eat steak.

Letterman, David

Everyone has a purpose in life. Perhaps yours is watching television.

Traffic signals in New York are just rough guidelines.

USA Today has come out with a new survey - apparently, three out of every four people make up 75% of the population.

Fine art and pizza delivery, what we do falls neatly in between!
MacArthur, Douglas

*You are remembered for the rules you break.*

*Old soldiers never die; they just fade away.*

Marx, Groucho

*Military intelligence is a contradiction in terms*

McCarthy, Eugene

*It is dangerous for a national candidate to say things that people might remember.*

Mencken, H. L.

*For every human problem, there is a neat, simple solution; and it is always wrong*

Milligan, Spike

*Money can’t buy friends, but it can get you a better class of enemy.*

Milne, A. A.

*One of the advantages of being disorderly is that one is constantly making exciting discoveries*

Mizner, Wilson

*Copy from one, it’s plagiarism; copy from two, it’s research.*

Moltke, Helmuth von

*No plan survives contact with the enemy.*

Mother Teresa
I know God will not give me anything I can’t handle. I just wish that He didn’t trust me so much.

Munro, H. H.

He is one of those people who would be enormously improved by death.

A little inaccuracy sometimes saves a ton of explanation.

NTB

Antall asylsøkere er kraftig halvert første halvår

Neumann, Johann von

In mathematics you don’t understand things. You just get used to them.

Nietzsche, Friedrich

Woman was God’s second mistake.

O’Connor, Flannery

There’s many a bestseller that could have been prevented by a good teacher.

Olsen, Ken

The president of Digital Equipment, 1977: There is no reason for any individual to have a computer in his home.

Orwell, George

We sleep safely in our beds because rough men stand ready in the night to visit violence on those who would do us harm.

The quickest way of ending a war is to lose it.
Patton, George S

*It’s foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died. Rather we should thank God that such men lived.*

*The object of war is not to die for your country, but to make the other bastard die for his*

*A good battle plan that you act on today can be better than a perfect one tomorrow*

*Never tell people how to do things. Tell them what to do and they will surprise you with their ingenuity*

*A good plan violently executed right now is far better than a perfect plan executed next week.*

*If everyone is thinking alike, someone isn’t thinking.*

*Lead me, follow me, or get out of my way.*

*May God have mercy upon my enemies, because I won’t.*

Peter, Laurence J.

*Speak when you are angry and you will make the best speech you’ll ever regret.*

Pitt, Brad

*Reporters ask me what I feel China should do about Tibet. Who cares what I think China should do? I’m a fucking actor. Basically, I’m a grown man who puts on makeup.*

Plato

*Good people do not need laws to tell them to act responsibly, while bad people will find a way around the laws.*

Puller, Lewis B. "Chester"
We’re surrounded. That simplifies the problem.

All right, they’re on our left, they’re on our right, they’re in front of us, they’re behind us...they can’t get away this time

Ravitch, Diane

The person who knows "how" will always have a job. The person who know "why" will always be his boss.

Rogers, Will

You can’t say that civilization don’t advance, for in every war they kill you a new way.

Live in such a way that you would not be ashamed to sell your parrot to the town gossip

Rooney, Mickey

Always get married early in the morning. That way, if it doesn’t work out, you haven’t wasted a whole day.

Rudner, Rita

When I meet a man I ask myself, 'Is this the man I want my children to spend their weekends with?'

Russel, Bertrand

Mathematics may be defined as the subject in which we never know what we are talking about, nor whether what we are saying is true.

Russel, Bertrand Arthur William

War does not determine who is right - only who is left

Sagan, Carl

If you want to make an apple pie from scratch, you must first create the universe.
Sartre, Jean-Paul

*Three o’clock is always too late or too early for anything you want to do.*

Schulz, Charles M.

*No problem is so formidable that you can’t walk away from it.*

Seinfeld, Jerry

*It’s amazing that the amount of news that happens in the world every day always just exactly fits the newspaper.*

Shaw, George Bernard

*Do not try to live forever. You will not succeed*

*The power of accurate observation is frequently called cynicism by those who don’t have it.*

Simpson, Bart

*Aren’t we forgetting the true meaning of Christmas? You know, the birth of Santa.*

Simpson, Homer

*I’m normally not a praying man, but if you’re up there, please save me Superman.*

*How is education supposed to make me feel smarter? Besides, every time I learn something new, it pushes some old stuff out of my brain. Remember when I took that home winemaking course, and I forgot how to drive?*

*If something goes wrong at the plant, blame the guy who can’t speak English.*
Dear Lord: The gods have been good to me. For the first time in my life, everything is absolutely perfect just the way it is. So here’s the deal: You freeze everything the way it is, and I won’t ask for anything more. If that is OK, please give me absolutely no sign. ... OK, deal. In gratitude, I present you this offering of cookies and milk. If you want me to eat them for you, give me no sign. ... Thy will be done.

I want to share something with you: The three little sentences that will get you through life. Number 1: Cover for me. Number 2: Oh, good idea, Boss! Number 3: It was like that when I got here.

In this house, we obey the laws of thermodynamics!

Skinner, B. F.

Education is what survives when what has been learned has been forgotten

Snepscheut, Jan L.A. van de

In theory, there is no difference between theory and practice. But, in practice, there is.

Spears, Britney

I get to go to lots of overseas places, like Canada.

Stalin, Josef

Death solves all problems - No man - No problem

The death of one man is a tragedy. The death of one million is a statistic

A sincere diplomat is like dry water or wooden iron.

Stephanopolous, George

Clinton aide George Stephanopolous speaking on Larry King Live:
The President has kept all of the promises he intended to keep.
Stephens, James

Sleep is an excellent way of listening to an opera.

Stravinsky, Igor

Too many pieces of music finish too long after the end.

Stroustrup, Bjarne

C makes it easy to shoot yourself in the foot; C++ makes it harder, but when you do, it blows away your whole leg.

Taylor, George

Colonel George Taylor, Commander of the 16th Infantry - Omaha beach, 6 June 1944:
There are only two kinds of people on this beach; the dead and those about to die. So let's get the hell out'a here

Thatcher, Margaret

No-one would remember the Good Samaritan if he had only had good intentions. He had money as well.

Twain, Mark

Wagner’s music is better than it sounds.

Clothes make the man. Naked people have little or no influence on society.

I didn’t attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying that I approved of it

Unknown

Anyone who uses the phrase ‘easy as taking candy from a baby’ has never tried taking candy from a baby.

I cannot help but notice that there is no problem between us that cannot be solved by your departure.
A nuclear war can ruin your whole day

Ventura, Ace

If I'm not back in five minutes.. wait longer.

Voltaire

I have never made but one prayer to God, a very short one: 'O Lord, make my enemies ridiculous.' And God granted it.

Anything that is too stupid to be spoken is sung.

In this country we find it pays to shoot an admiral from time to time to encourage the others

Wadsworth, Charles

By the time a man realizes that maybe his father was right, he usually has a son who thinks he's wrong.

Warnick, Andrew

The pen may be stronger than the sword... but I'd rather have a sword in a dark alley

Watson, Thomas

I think there is a world market for maybe five computers.

West, Mae

I generally avoid temptation, unless I can't resist it.

Wilde, Oscar

A man cannot be too careful in the choice of his enemies.

Always forgive your enemies; nothing annoys them so much.

The pure and simple truth is rarely pure and never simple.
I am not young enough to know everything.

Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, whenever they go.

Williams, Robin

God gave men both a penis and a brain, but unfortunately not enough blood supply to run both at the same time.

Wright, Frank Lloyd

I'm all in favor of keeping dangerous weapons out of the hands of fools. Let's start with typewriters.

Wright, Steven

Black holes are where God divided by zero.

Youngman, Henry

My Grandmother is over eighty and still doesn't need glasses.
Drinks right out of the bottle

Zappa, Frank

Communism doesn't work because people like to own stuff

unknown

I have not lost my mind - it's backed up on disk somewhere

If you ask 3 beekeepers the same question, you will get 5 different answers
3 Quotations by category

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Anger

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Art

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– David Letterman

Bad formulations

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– Britney Spears
About hunger:

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– Mariah Carey

*See, free nations are peaceful nations. Free nations don’t attack each other. Free nations don’t develop weapons of mass destruction.*

– George W. Bush

*I stand by all the misstatements that I’ve made.*

– George W. Bush

*For NASA, space is still a high priority.*

– George W. Bush

*[It’s]* time for the human race to enter the solar system.

– George W. Bush

*The Senate needs to leave enough money in the proposed budget to not only reduce all marginal rates, but to eliminate the death tax, so that people who build up assets are able to transfer them from one generation to the next, regardless of a person’s race.*

– George W. Bush
I do think we need for a troop to be able to house his family. That’s an important part of building morale in the military.

– George W. Bush

I have said that the sanction regime is like Swiss cheese - that meant that they weren’t very effective.

– George W. Bush

Home is important. It’s important to have a home.

– George W. Bush

We’re concerned about AIDS inside our White House - make no mistake about it.

– George W. Bush

I think anybody who doesn’t think I’m smart enough to handle the job is underestimating.

– George W. Bush

I think we agree, the past is over.

– George W. Bush

It’s clearly a budget. It’s got a lot of numbers in it.

– George W. Bush
Clinton aide George Stephanopolous speaking on Larry King Live:
*The President has kept all of the promises he intended to keep.*

– George Stephanopolous

*Antall asylsøkere er kraftig halvert første halvår*

– NTB

Dagsrevy-sjef Grethe Johnsen skryter av nyoppussede lokaler.:
*or første gang får seerne se underlivet til Jon Gelius og Nina Owing.*

– Grethe Johnsen

**Beauty**

*It is no coincidence that in no known language does the phrase 'As pretty as an Airport' appear.*

– Douglas Adams

**Beekeeping**

*If you ask 3 beekeepers the same question, you will get 5 different answers*

– unknown

**Big tasks**

Speech in November 1942:
*Now this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning.*

– Sir Winston Churchill
Anyone who uses the phrase ‘easy as taking candy from a baby’ has never tried taking candy from a baby.

– Unknown

Computers

Computer Science is no more about computers than astronomy is about telescopes.

– Edsger Dijkstra

The president of Digital Equipment, 1977:
There is no reason for any individual to have a computer in his home.

– Ken Olsen

The most likely way for the world to be destroyed, most experts agree, is by accident. That’s where we come in; we’re computer professionals. We cause accidents.

– Nathaniel Borenstein

Unknown author, Popular Mechanics, March 1949:
Where a calculator on the ENIAC is equipped with 18,000 vacuum tubes and weighs 30 tons, computers in the future may have only 1,000 vacuum tubes and perhaps weigh 1.5 tons.

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The use of COBOL cripples the mind; its teaching should, therefore, be regarded as a criminal offense.

– Edsger Dijkstra
C makes it easy to shoot yourself in the foot; C++ makes it harder, but when you do, it blows away your whole leg.

– Bjarne Stroustrup

I think there is a world market for maybe five computers.

– Thomas Watson

Supercomputers vs. clusters:
If you were plowing a field, which would you rather use? Two strong oxen or 1024 chickens?

– Seymour Cray

Convincing

You can get more with a kind word and a gun than you can with a kind word alone.

– Al Capone

Cynicism

The power of accurate observation is frequently called cynicism by those who don’t have it.

– George Bernard Shaw

Danger and safety

Arthur Dent, The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy:
Ah, this is obviously some strange usage of the word ‘safe’ that I wasn’t previously aware of.

– Douglas Adams
Dressing and clothes

Clothes make the man. Naked people have little or no influence on society.

– Mark Twain

Drinking

My Grandmother is over eighty and still doesn’t need glasses.
Drinks right out of the bottle

– Henry Youngman

One reason I don’t drink is that I want to know when I am having a good time

– Nancy Astor

Education and Learning

Education is what survives when what has been learned has been forgotten

– B. F. Skinner

Education is a state-controlled manufactory of echoes.

– Norman Douglas

Do not worry about your difficulties in Mathematics. I can assure you mine are still greater.

– Albert Einstein
*Insanity: doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.*

– Albert Einstein

*It is a good thing for an uneducated man to read books of quotations.*

– Sir Winston Churchill

*An intellectual is a man who takes more words than necessary to tell more than he knows.*

– Dwight D. Eisenhower

*Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he will eat for a lifetime. Teach a man to create an artificial shortage of fish and he will eat steak.*

– Jay Leno

*There’s many a bestseller that could have been prevented by a good teacher.*

– Flannery O’Connor

*College: two hundred people reading same book. An obvious mistake. Two hundred people can read two hundred books.*

– John Cage

*Genius without education is like silver in the mine.*

– Benjamin Franklin
Chinese Proverb:
He who asks is a fool for five minutes, but he who does not ask remains a fool forever

I was born not knowing and have had only a little time to change that here and there

– Richard Feynman

Egoism
Egotist: a person more interested in himself than in me.

– Ambrose Bierce

Enemies
Never interrupt your enemy when he is making a mistake.

– Napoleon Bonaparte

He hasn’t an enemy in the world - but all his friends hate him.

– Eddie Cantor

Forgive your enemies, but never forget their names.

– John. F Kennedy

A man cannot be too careful in the choice of his enemies.

– Oscar Wilde
Always forgive your enemies; nothing annoys them so much.

- Oscar Wilde

Money can’t buy friends, but it can get you a better class of enemy.

- Spike Milligan

Friends may come and go, but enemies accumulate.

- Thomas Jones

I have never made but one prayer to God, a very short one: ’O Lord, make my enemies ridiculous.’ And God granted it.

- Voltaire

That young girl is one of the least benightedly unintelligent organic life forms it has been my profound lack of pleasure not to be able to avoid meeting.

- Douglas Adams

In the End, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends.

- Martin Luther King

He is one of those people who would be enormously improved by death.

- H. H. Munro
I’ve just learned about his illness. Let’s hope it’s nothing trivial.

– Irvin S. Cobb

I worship the quicksand he walks in.

– Art Buchwald

I cannot help but notice that there is no problem between us that cannot be solved by your departure.

– Unknown

May God have mercy upon my enemies, because I won’t.

– George S Patton

I told my psychiatrist that everyone hates me. He said I was being ridiculous - everyone hasn’t met me yet

– Rodney Dangerfield

Flying

Flying is learning how to throw yourself at the ground and miss.

– Douglas Adams

Food

Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he will eat for a lifetime. Teach a man to create an artificial shortage of fish and he will eat steak.

– Jay Leno
I will not eat oysters. I want my food dead. Not sick, not dying, dead.

– Woody Allen

It is a sad reflection that we know better the temperature inside the stars than inside a soufflé

– Nicholas Kurti

Forgiving

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– William Blake

Friendship

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– Spike Milligan

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– William Blake
A good friend can tell you what is the matter with you in a minute. He may not seem such a good friend after telling.

– Arthur Brisbane

With a rubber duck, one’s never alone

– Douglas Adams

Geography

I get to go to lots of overseas places, like Canada.

– Britney Spears

War is God’s way of teaching Americans geography

– Ambrose Bierce

I’d move to Los Angeles if Australia and New Zealand were swallowed up by a huge tidal wave, if there was a bubonic plague in Europe, and if the continent of Africa disappeared from some Martian attack.

– Russel Crowe

Happiness and Laughter

Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, whenever they go.

– Oscar Wilde

Most of the time I don’t have much fun. The rest of the time I don’t have any fun at all.

– Woody Allen
I am thankful for laughter, except when milk comes out of my nose.

– Woody Allen

Money doesn’t always bring happiness. People with ten million dollars are no happier than people with nine million dollars.

– Hobart Brown

Inaccuracy

A little inaccuracy sometimes saves a ton of explanation.

– H. H. Munro

Insanity

Insanity: doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.

– Albert Einstein

I have not lost my mind - it’s backed up on disk somewhere

– unknown

Intelligence

It has yet to be proven that intelligence has any survival value

– Arthur C. Clarke

Law and Order

If the Nuremberg laws were applied, then every post-war American president would have been hanged

– Noam Chomsky
Good people do not need laws to tell them to act responsibly, while bad people will find a way around the laws.

– Plato

Traffic signals in New York are just rough guidelines.

– David Letterman

The right to swing my fist ends where the other man’s nose begins.

– Oliver Wendell Holmes

Leadership

What luck for rulers that men do not think.

– Adolf Hitler

Lead me, follow me, or get out of my way.

– George S Patton

The person who knows "how" will always have a job. The person who know "why" will always be his boss.

– Diane Ravitch

Lies

The great masses of the people... will more easily fall victims to a great lie than to a small one.

– Adolf Hitler
A lie told often enough becomes the truth.

– Lenin

Life and Death

Death solves all problems - No man - No problem

– Josef Stalin

The death of one man is a tragedy. The death of one million is a statistic

– Josef Stalin

It’s foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died. Rather we should thank God that such men lived.

– George S Patton

The object of war is not to die for your country, but to make the other bastard die for his

– George S Patton

Do not try to live forever. You will not succeed

– George Bernard Shaw

If you don’t run your own life, somebody else will.

– John Atkinson
There are of course many problems connected with life, of which some of the most popular are - Why are people born? Why do they die? Why do they spend so much of the intervening time wearing digital watches?

– Douglas Adams

I’m spending a year dead for tax reasons.

– Douglas Adams

He is one of those people who would be enormously improved by death.

– H. H. Munro

The graveyards are full of indispensable men.

– Charles de Gaulle

There are worse things in life than death. Have you ever spent an evening with an insurance salesman?

– Woody Allen

I am ready to meet my maker, but whether my maker is prepared for the great ordeal of meeting me is another matter.

– Sir Winston Churchill

Old soldiers never die; they just fade away.

– Douglas MacArthur
I didn’t attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying that I approved of it

– Mark Twain

If you don’t go to other men’s funerals, they won’t go to yours

– Clarence S. Day

Love and Relationship

My girlfriend always laughs during sex – no matter what she’s reading.

– Steve Jobs

Always get married early in the morning. That way, if it doesn’t work out, you haven’t wasted a whole day.

– Mickey Rooney

When I meet a man I ask myself, ‘Is this the man I want my children to spend their weekends with?’

– Rita Rudner

I tended to place my wife under a pedestal.

– Woody Allen

Gravitation cannot be held responsible for falling in love.

– Albert Einstein
My most brilliant achievement was my ability to be able to persuade my wife to marry me.

– Sir Winston Churchill

Madness

Show me a sane man and I will cure him for you.

– Carl Gustav Jung

Math

USA Today has come out with a new survey - apparently, three out of every four people make up 75% of the population.

– David Letterman

Maturity

Basically my wife was immature. I’d be at home in the bath and she’d come in and sink my boats.

– Woody Allen

Men

God gave men both a penis and a brain, but unfortunately not enough blood supply to run both at the same time.

– Robin Williams

Metaphores

The ships hung in the sky in much the same way that bricks don’t.

– Douglas Adams
Money

Money can’t buy friends, but it can get you a better class of enemy.

– Spike Milligan

Money doesn’t change men, it merely unmasks them. If a man is naturally selfish or arrogant or greedy, the money brings that out, that’s all.

– Henry Ford

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– Hobart Brown

No-one would remember the Good Samaritan if he had only had good intentions. He had money as well.

– Margaret Thatcher

Movies

So many assholes, so few bullets

– Dirty Harry

If I’m not back in five minutes.. wait longer.

– Ace Ventura
Music

Sleep is an excellent way of listening to an opera.

– James Stephens

Too many pieces of music finish too long after the end.

– Igor Stravinsky

Anything that is too stupid to be spoken is sung.

– Voltaire

Wagner’s music is better than it sounds.

– Mark Twain

I can’t listen to that much Wagner. I start getting the urge to conquer Poland.

– Woody Allen

Opera is when a guy gets stabbed in the back and, instead of bleeding, he sings.

– Ed Gardner

Nature

I am at two with nature.

– Woody Allen
Newspapers and books

I’m all in favor of keeping dangerous weapons out of the hands of fools. Let’s start with typewriters.

– Frank Lloyd Wright

The covers of this book are too far apart.

– Ambrose Bierce

The length of this document defends it well against the risk of its being read.

– Sir Winston Churchill

It takes an awful long time to not write a book

– Douglas Adams

Order/system

One of the advantages of being disorderly is that one is constantly making exciting discoveries

– A. A. Milne

Politics

Reporters ask me what I feel China should do about Tibet. Who cares what I think China should do? I’m a fucking actor. Basically, I’m a grown man who puts on makeup.

– Brad Pitt
If the Nuremberg laws were applied, then every post-war American president would have been hanged

– Noam Chomsky

Forgive your enemies, but never forget their names.

– John F. Kennedy

The time to repair the roof is when the sun is shining.

– John F. Kennedy

When we got into office, the thing that surprised me the most was that things were as bad as we’d been saying they were.

– John F. Kennedy

The release of atomic energy has not created a new problem. It has merely made more urgent the necessity of solving an existing one.

– Albert Einstein

It has been said that democracy is the worst form of government except all the others that have been tried.

– Sir Winston Churchill

The great masses of the people... will more easily fall victims to a great lie than to a small one.

– Adolf Hitler
MacDonald has the gift of compressing the largest amount of words into the smallest amount of thoughts.

– Sir Winston Churchill

If heaven is going to be full of people like Hardie, well, the Almighty can have them to himself.

– Sir Winston Churchill

The best argument against democracy is a five minute talk with the average voter.

– Sir Winston Churchill

It is dangerous for a national candidate to say things that people might remember.

– Eugene McCarthy

The secret of politics? Make a good treaty with Russia.

– Otto Von Bismarck

Never believe anything in politics until it has been officially denied.

– Otto Von Bismarck

A sincere diplomat is like dry water or wooden iron.

– Josef Stalin
Communism doesn’t work because people like to own stuff

– Frank Zappa

Problems

No problem is so formidable that you can’t walk away from it.

– Charles M. Schulz

It is a mistake to think you can solve any major problems just with potatoes.

– Douglas Adams

Nothing travels faster than the speed of light with the possible exception of bad news, which obeys its own special laws.

– Douglas Adams

The major difference between a thing that might go wrong and a thing that cannot possibly go wrong is that when a thing that cannot possibly go wrong goes wrong it usually turns out to be impossible to get at or repair.

– Douglas Adams
Farming looks mighty easy when your plow is a pencil, and you’re a thousand miles from the corn field.

– Dwight D. Eisenhower

For every human problem, there is a neat, simple solution; and it is always wrong

– H. L. Mencken

I cannot help but notice that there is no problem between us that cannot be solved by your departure.

– Unknown

Redaktør Endre Fyllingsnes i Misjonstidende til Journalisten: Det er litt demotiverende at vi mister lesere på den måten, men samtidig er det vanskelig å argumentere mot at en blind eller død person skal fortsette å lese bladet

– Endre Fyllingsnes

Reality

The difference between fiction and reality? Fiction has to make sense.

– Tom Clancy

What if everything is an illusion and nothing exists? In that case, I definitely overpaid for my carpet.

– Woody Allen
Religion and Belief

I don’t believe it. Prove it to me and I still won’t believe it.

– Douglas Adams

In the beginning the Universe was created. This has made a lot of people very angry and been widely regarded as a bad move.

– Douglas Adams

Science without religion is lame, religion without science is blind.

– Albert Einstein

He hoped and prayed that there wasn’t an afterlife. Then he realized there was a contradiction involved here and merely hoped that there wasn’t an afterlife.

– Douglas Adams

I know God will not give me anything I can’t handle. I just wish that He didn’t trust me so much.

– Mother Teresa

I’m normally not a praying man, but if you’re up there, please save me Superman.

– Homer Simpson
How can I believe in God when just last week I got my tongue caught in the roller of an electric typewriter?

– Woody Allen

If only God would give me some clear sign! Like making a large deposit in my name in a Swiss bank.

– Woody Allen

Dear Lord: The gods have been good to me. For the first time in my life, everything is absolutely perfect just the way it is. So here’s the deal: You freeze everything the way it is, and I won’t ask for anything more. If that is OK, please give me absolutely no sign. ... OK, deal. In gratitude, I present you this offering of cookies and milk. If you want me to eat them for you, give me no sign. ... Thy will be done.

– Homer Simpson

Science

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– Albert Einstein

If the facts don’t fit the theory, change the facts.

– Albert Einstein

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Mathematics may be defined as the subject in which we never
know what we are talking about, nor whether what we are
saying is true.

– Bertrand Russel

In mathematics you don’t understand things. You just get
used to them.

– Johann von Neumann

If it looks like a duck, and quacks like a duck, we have at least
to consider the possibility that we have a small aquatic bird of
the family anatidae on our hands.

– Douglas Adams

In theory, there is no difference between theory and practice.
But, in practice, there is.

– Jan L.A. van de Snepscheut

We all agree that your theory is crazy, but is it crazy enough?

– Niels Bohr

Copy from one, it’s plagiarism; copy from two, it’s research.

– Wilson Mizner

A Commissioner at the U.S. Office of Patents, 1899:
Everything that can be invented has been invented.

– Charles Duell
Research is what I’m doing when I don’t know what I’m doing.

– Wernher von Braun

It is impossible to travel faster than the speed of light, and certainly not desirable, as one’s hat keeps blowing off.

– Woody Allen

It is a sad reflection that we know better the temperature inside the stars than inside a soufflé

– Nicholas Kurti

In this house, we obey the laws of thermodynamics!

– Homer Simpson

Secrets

Three may keep a secret, if two of them are dead.

– Benjamin Franklin

Society

My definition of a free society is a society where it is safe to be unpopular

– Adlai E. Stevenson Jr

Spare time

Everyone has a purpose in life. Perhaps yours is watching television.

– David Letterman
Sports

You miss 100% of the shots you never take.

– Wayne Gretzky

Stupidity

A common mistake that people make when trying to design something completely foolproof is to underestimate the ingenuity of complete fools

– Douglas Adams

Only two things are infinite, the universe and human stupidity, and I'm not sure about the former.

– Albert Einstein

Chinese Proverb:

He who asks is a fool for five minutes, but he who does not ask remains a fool forever

Success

If A is success in life, then A equals x plus y plus z. Work is x; y is play; and z is keeping your mouth shut.

– Albert Einstein

Success is the ability to go from one failure to another with no loss of enthusiasm.

– Sir Winston Churchill
Whether you think that you can, or that you can’t, you are usually right.

– Henry Ford

I have not failed. I’ve just found 10,000 ways that won’t work.

– Thomas Alva Edison

It’s kind of fun to do the impossible.

– Walt Disney

You are remembered for the rules you break.

– Douglas MacArthur

Temptation

I generally avoid temptation, unless I can’t resist it.

– Mae West

Time and Space

The great French Marshall Lyautey once asked his gardener to plant a tree. The gardener objected that the tree was slow growing and would not reach maturity for 100 years. The Marshall replied, ‘In that case, there is no time to lose; plant it this afternoon!’

– John. F Kennedy
Space is big. You just won’t believe how vastly, hugely, mind-bogglingly big it is. I mean, you may think it’s a long way down the road to the drug store, but that’s just peanuts to space.

– Douglas Adams

Black holes are where God divided by zero.

– Steven Wright

Three o’clock is always too late or too early for anything you want to do.

– Jean-Paul Sartre

I’m astounded by people who want to ‘know’ the universe when it’s hard enough to find your way around Chinatown.

– Woody Allen

It takes an awful long time to not write a book

– Douglas Adams

Truth

The pure and simple truth is rarely pure and never simple.

– Oscar Wilde

Once you eliminate the impossible, whatever remains, no matter how improbable, must be the truth.

– Sherlock Holmes
There are a terrible lot of lies going around the world, and the worst of it is half of them are true.

– Sir Winston Churchill

I don’t want any yes-men around me. I want everybody to tell me the truth even if it costs them their jobs.

– Samuel Goldwyn

A good friend can tell you what is the matter with you in a minute. He may not seem such a good friend after telling.

– Arthur Brisbane

A lie gets halfway around the world before the truth has a chance to get its pants on.

– Sir Winston Churchill

**Unneeded things**

Moses Hadas in a book review:
*This book fills a much-needed gap.*

– Moses Hadas

**War**

The death of one man is a tragedy. The death of one million is a statistic

– Josef Stalin
It’s foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died. Rather we should thank God that such men lived.

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If the Nuremberg laws were applied, then every post-war American president would have been hanged

— Noam Chomsky

Military intelligence is a contradiction in terms

— Groucho Marx

Naturally the common people don’t want war. But after all, it is the leaders of the country who determine policy, and it is always a simple matter to drag the people along, whether it is a democracy, or a fascist dictatorship, or a parliament or a communist dictatorship. All you have to do is to tell them that they are being attacked, and denounce the pacifists for lack of patriotism and exposing the country to danger. It works the same in any country

— Hermann Goering

Never interrupt your enemy when he is making a mistake.

— Napoleon Bonaparte
A good battle plan that you act on today can be better than a perfect one tomorrow

– George S Patton

War does not determine who is right - only who is left

– Bertrand Arthur William Russel

War is a catalogue of blunders

– Sir Winston Churchill

War is God’s way of teaching Americans geography

– Ambrose Bierce

I know not with what weapons World War III will be fought, but World War IV will be fought with sticks and stones.

– Albert Einstein

What counts is not necessarily the size of the dog in the fight - it’s the size of the fight in the dog.

– Dwight D. Eisenhower

A good plan violently executed right now is far better than a perfect plan executed next week.

– George S Patton
Patton addressing to his troops before Operation Overlord, June 5, 1944:
*We want to get the hell over there. The quicker we clean up this Goddamned mess, the quicker we can take a little jaunt against the purple pissing Japs and clean out their nest, too. Before the Goddamned Marines get all of the credit.*

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*A nuclear war can ruin your whole day*  
– Unknown

We’re surrounded. That simplifies the problem.

– Lewis B. "Chester" Puller

All right, they’re on our left, they’re on our right, they’re in front of us, they’re behind us...they can’t get away this time

– Lewis B. "Chester" Puller

Be polite; write diplomatically; even in a declaration of war one observes the rules of politeness.

– Otto Von Bismarck

In this country we find it pays to shoot an admiral from time to time to encourage the others

– Voltaire
Colonel George Taylor, Commander of the 16th. Infantry - Omaha beach, 6 June 1944:
There are only two kinds of people on this beach; the dead and those about to die. so lets get the hell out’a here

– George Taylor

You can’t say that civilization don’t advance, for in every war they kill you a new way.

– Will Rogers

We sleep safely in our beds because rough men stand ready in the night to visit violence on those who would do us harm.

– George Orwell

The quickest way of ending a war is to lose it.

– George Orwell

No plan survives contact with the enemy.

– Helmuth von Moltke

If you’re in a fair fight, you didn’t plan it properly.

– Nick Lappos

It is well that war is so terrible, else we should grow too fond of it.

– Robert E. Lee
Way of living

Be the change you wish to see in the world.

– Mahatma Gandhi

I want to share something with you: The three little sentences that will get you through life. Number 1: Cover for me. Number 2: Oh, good idea, Boss! Number 3: It was like that when I got here.

– Homer Simpson

Live in such a way that you would not be ashamed to sell your parrot to the town gossip

– Will Rogers

Communism doesn’t work because people like to own stuff

– Frank Zappa

Winning

Here’s something to think about: How come you never see a headline like ’Psychic Wins Lottery’?

– Jay Leno

Wisdom

I am not young enough to know everything.

– Oscar Wilde
How is education supposed to make me feel smarter? Besides, every time I learn something new, it pushes some old stuff out of my brain. Remember when I took that home winemaking course, and I forgot how to drive?

– Homer Simpson

Women

Woman was God’s second mistake.

– Friedrich Nietzsche

Work

Anyone can do any amount of work provided it isn’t the work he is supposed to be doing at the moment.

– Robert Benchley

An expert is a person who has made all the mistakes that can be made in a very narrow field.

– Niels Bohr

I love deadlines. I love the whooshing sound they make as they fly by.

– Douglas Adams