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PLURALISTIC SOCIETY Rev. Robert H. Schuller
The Be-Happy Attitudes

“Today, the social and pluralistic pressures in our pluralistic society threaten the Christian as never before! The temptations to ‘become like’ the non-religious persons around us can be terribly intimidating!...A warning! Compromise and abandon your principles, and you will literally lose your soul; you’ll no longer be the person you were before.

...For a little bit of you dies every time you surrender a cherished ideal, abandon a noble value, or discard a moral principle.”

Leaders Thrive By... Chris Lowney
Heroic Leadership, p. 27

“Leaders thrive by understanding who they are and what they value by becoming aware of unhealthy blind spots or weaknesses that derail them, and by cultivating the habit of continuous self-reflection and learning.”

GOOD WILL Eleanor B. Snack

“Good will is an immeasurable and tremendous energy, the atomic energy of the spirit.”

BEYOND PRICE Coleman Cox

“When enthusiasm is inspired by reason; controlled by caution; sound in theory; practical in application; reflects confidence; spreads good cheer; raises morale; inspires associates; arouses loyalty, and laughs at adversity; it is beyond price.”

THE TEST COMES... Ralph W. Sockman

“The test of courage comes when we are in the minority. The test of tolerance comes when we are in the majority.”

CLOSE DOORS QUIETLY Zen saying

“There is a Zen saying that goes like this:

‘Before you can learn to contemplate, you must learn to close doors quietly.’”

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WHO SUCCEED BEST Charles Kingsley

“The men whom I have seen succeed best in life have always been cheerful and hopeful men, who went about their business with a smile on their faces, and took the changes and chances of this mortal life like men, facing rough and smooth alike as it came.”

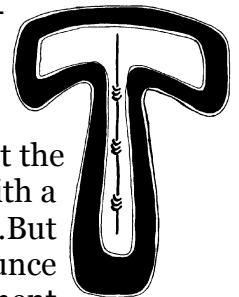
READING – THINKING John Locke

“Reading furnishes the mind only with materials of knowledge, it is thinking that makes what we read ours.”

ST. FRANCIS & LEARNING Fr. Peter Lyons, TOR
“Franciscan Perspective on Higher Education”, p. 39-40

“Francis’ apparently negative attitude toward learning was not directed against learning itself. Rather, he was apprehensive about the intellectual pride which learning seemed to engender, about the possessions it seemed to require, and about the compatibility of scholarship with a life of evangelical simplicity....But nowhere does Francis pronounce an explicitly negative judgement upon learning itself.

It was not learning itself which Francis opposed; it was a particular kind of learning: learning as an end in itself; learning as productive of intellectual pride; learning which contributed nothing to the holiness of humanity or the furtherance of the Kingdom of God.”



IN TIMES... Source Unknown

“In times of darkness, love sees....
In times of silence, love hears
In times of doubt, love hopes ...
In times of sorrow, love heals
And in all times, love remembers.

May time soften the pain
Until all that remains
Is the warmth of the memories
And the love.”

TEACH FAIRY TALES Donald DeMarco
The Many Faces of Virtue, p. 59

“Grade-school children should be fed fairy tales, not ideologies. The former are infinitely more realistic. A good fairy tale will always make sure to include some frightfully wicked individual (whose iniquities cannot be justified on the basis of choice alone). Reality is full of them, and the wise student will come to realize that dealing with reality demands a great deal of courage and various other virtues.”

PUT ON EARTH Source Unknown

“We are not put on this earth to see through each other, but to see each other through.”

IDEAS FLOW BEST Mozart

“When I am, as it were, completely myself, entirely alone, and of good cheer – say traveling in a carriage, or walking after a good meal, or during the night when I can not sleep – it is on such occasions that my ideas flow best and most abundantly. Whence and how they come, I know not, nor can I force them....”

GIVING HOPE Kouzes & Posner
The Leadership Challenge, p. 253

“By giving people hope, you enable them to persevere and persist in moments of hardship and times of uncertainty and turbulence.... With hope, you make the impossible a possibility and then motivate people in their drive to transform the possible into reality.”

TAKE SERIOUSLY Anonymous

“It is our responsibility, not our ourselves, that we should take seriously.”

GOD MADE YOU Hasidic tale

A holy man was deep in prayer when past him came a cripple, then a bit later came a beggar, and when a man who had been beaten past by, the holy man cried out: “Lord...Lord, how is

it that such a loving God can see these things and yet do nothing about them?”

Out of the silence, God spoke: “Listen up! I did do something about them. I created you.”

HEALTH & HAPPINESS Fr. James Gill, SJ
HUMAN DEVELOPMENT, Summer 1985

“The contemplative saints have left us in their writings a treasury of guidelines about ways of using time well with health and happiness as side effects. Their habit of seeking to *find God in all things*, with the help of grace, made it possible to recognize all persons, places and happenings as revealing the presence of the Creator.”

OUR DUTY Earl Nightingale

“The people I feel sorry for are those who quit, who give up and drop out at some point along the way. Men and women who have all the equipment they need in a world abounding with interest and challenge and opportunity and yet who shut their eyes, their minds, and settle down in ‘sullenness and apathy.’ As George Santayana once put it, to live out the remainder of their lives like starfish or toads. It is their right to live as they please. It is their right as individual persons, but that does not prevent its being a shame and a tragedy.”



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HOW DO WARS BEGIN? Source Unknown

A boy once asked, “Dad, how do wars begin?”

“Well, take the First World War,” said his father. “That got started when Germany invaded Belgium.”

Immediately his wife interrupted him, “Tell the boy the truth. It began because somebody was murdered.”

The husband snapped back, “Are you answering the question, or am I?” Turning her back on him in a huff, the wife stormed out of the room and slammed the door as hard as she could.

When the dishes stopped rattling in the cupboard, an uneasy silence followed, broken at length by the son when he said, “Daddy, you don’t have to tell me any more; I know now!”