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to my family

The Voyage of H.M.S. Beagle II

Last year I embarked, almost unwittingly, on a voyage of discovery into another real world, the world of today unfolding into tomorrow. I looked about and found myself surrounded by life of all description. My fellow human beings were there with me and we could communicate with each other, albeit most often through the frail and mysterious tool of language. But there was music and art and the poetry of our very bodies as well as mere language. We were life, and not only could we communicate with other life, but we could communicate with our selves.

I had met men whom others would call schizophrenic and had found them alive and human. Then I visited Attica. Shining in the bright sunshine of a warm spring day and nestled in the green, rolling hillside outside the peaceful community of Attica, the prison took on the grandeur of a Disneyland castle. Inside the illusion disappeared. Cold, grey stone corridors and poorly lit chambers with the metallic sounds of steel doors and the echoes of footsteps and hostile, hushed voices filled one's mind. I talked with the men inside. I could not tell truly who were the keepers and who the kept: all were imprisoned in a living hell at the will of a society which had rejected and forgotten them. My mind was torn open, never to be the same again.

Discovery: Somehow the old stereotypes have never seemed to fit since then. It is no longer possible to tell the "good guys" from the "bad guys", except by the color of their cowboy hats. We are at once the same human beings we always were. Our culture has changed with the times, but what of our selves?

Discovery: Mankind's future rests in the capacity of culture to unleash man's inner potential for comprehending the universe of life. I strongly sense that we are on the threshold of a new world order which may emerge during our lifetime. I would very much like to taste and breathe in the freshness of a new culture, built on the foundations of the old.

Discovery: Building a new culture will probably much more resemble weaving than stonemasonry. It will begin with a sharing of minds on levels more fundamental than our superficial differences.

Discovery: Such sharing is possible today. The major philosophies of mankind, as we now know them, can be seen as but strands woven into a dazzling tapestry. When seen in their myriad points of contact, they are capable of opening an inner world of harmony known only to a few in our time. As the ranks of this group swell, men will be drawn together to resolve their differences in order that they may live in peace with their neighbors. Men could be as one someday.

Discovery: What seems to hold us back is an almost impenetrable fear of the inner life of the mind, a profound mistrust of that whole sphere of reality which cannot be directly verified objectively. We are compelled into a state of closed-mindedness. Our consciousness has been contracted, and we are blocked from seeing the common humanity of other men. We all "know" that one meets another best through open-mindedness, but we no longer know what "open-mindedness" means.

Discovery: It is all too easy to step unguided into the world of life by just looking about. Where is 1945? Can you find it in reality? It is there somewhere. Indeed, where are yesterday and tomorrow? These worlds are so real and yet so apparently unknown that they bring some to nightmares and insomnia, others to fantasy and nostalgia.

Little wonder is it that increasing numbers in our society have turned to drugs, some in frantic attempts to close the doors of their minds further, others risking insanity to tear these doors off at their hinges.

Discovery: Fortunately, there is much more sense which can be made of this entire realm. It need not be uncharted or terrifying territory. It is the realm of the great philosophies and religions of humanity. Together, their fabric forms a contour map of society in the process of becoming.

One is reminded of a magic carpet ride over a land of many paths to choose and many miles to travel. A way can be found which anticipates and avoids many obstacles:

"Look at the course which is being trodden and examine the omens it displays. If it be completed without failure there will be great good fortune.

"Interpretation: Treading carefully as he moves forward, examining the ground for useful portents all the way, will lead him to a fortunate outcome."

I Ching

Discovery: To discover the philosophical tapestry of the world is to be transformed. The awareness asks for and receives a change of mind so profound that it cannot be reversed. But one can come to this realization only through the process of discovery - memorization alone is inadequate.

Discovery: Such is the mind of men we are able to share, entering others and allowing them to enter us through communication. How hollow can seem the material world by comparison.

H.M.S. Beagle II entered the realm of life through the Attica looking-glass. We have found ourselves in the dead of night, at sea in the deep, mysterious waters of man's "unconscious" mind, and are learning to chart our course by the stars of wise men from ages past. It turns out that these are the same treacherous, stagnant waters where giant hydrae form in times of darkness.

It is our theory, however, that there are potentially two major varieties of hydra in the sea of humanity, one of which thrives in darkness and the other in light. We have identified the dreaded mythical variety and are now watching and waiting for its replacement by a more gentle, evolutionary form of human interaction, a merger of independently enlightened minds, a coalescence, a truly human hydra. The times are right.

In many ways it can appear to be a superficial and crazy world in which we live, filled often with seemingly senseless entrapments. The universe is not senseless, however, and these days, too, will pass. Even anguish is more real, true, and free than bewilderment.

The following Volume is the first log of our voyage. In more contemporary terms it might be referred to as a gemstone file, but more accurately it may be seen as a view through the past and into the world beyond.

The spirit of man is in darkness. Our craft may seem frail when compared with the Ship of State, but it is seaworthy and we are booking passage in search of light. Anyone who wishes may begin Volume II with me.

"It is thus, if there is any rule, that we ought to die-- neither as victim nor as fanatic, but as the seafarer who can greet with an equal eye the deep that he is entering, and the shore that he must leave."

E. M. Forster

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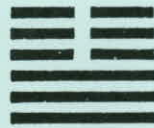
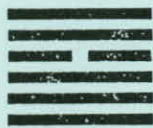
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Self

Human beings who are depressed are in a frame of mind in which they hate themselves for some reason.

No human self is worthy of hatred.

Human beings are intrinsically good, devoid of "original sin".

I have never met a hopelessly evil person. The man, centuries dead, who made me doubt was wrong.

Your self and my self are of the same infinite value.

I cannot hate you or me.

Love is the only appropriate human condition.

A man I once knew as a child asked that I love my neighbor as my very self.

He knew.

Trust

The social fabric is such a frail cloth, woven of delicate strands of trust--the bonds that hold man to fellow man.

We see everywhere serious rents in this fabric at each imaginable level in the social structure.

Spouses separate in anger.

Lives are snuffed by neglect and hostility.

Communities are divided in myriad fragments against themselves.

Our institutions are adrift.

Governments and their people balance precariously above an abyssmal gap of credibility.

There is only one condition in which true human trust exists, that in which man meets man as equal in a spirit of humility, respect, and love.

We see instead trust's replacement by a pseudo-trust based on the mutual predictability of broken men bonded together in desperate pacts of thieves.

We speak of and for a people enmired in a quicksand of spiritual bankruptcy, and our words ring through empty streets of despair.

Such is the measure of man's distance from his fellow beast, of his precarious position in the scheme of evolution.

Upon our social instincts, as they are interpreted by our intellect and enacted by that frail tissue which we are given for brief moments in history, lies man's sole claim to evolutionary significance.

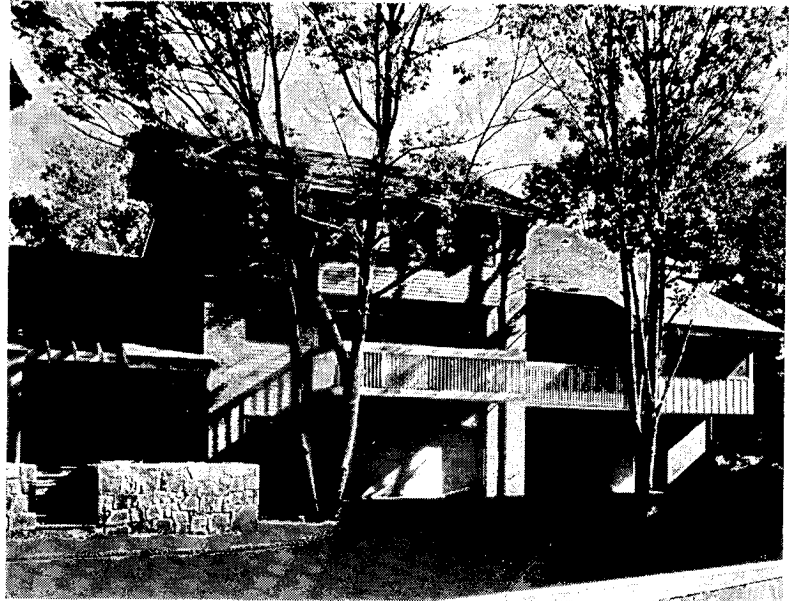
If we cannot learn to live lives of joy together as brothers then we will surely perish, a glossamer experiment of nature which illuminated the void of time but for a moment.

I love my fellow man.
Please don't let him slip from me.

Contemporary Man

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New Yorker, 1972

His peptic ulcer registers unspoken anxiety

He "seems" so willing to please—this silent man. When asked, he works unreasonable hours without complaint. He is imposed upon by family, relatives, friends—without question. Such a nice, quiet man—outside. But inside, flare-ups of abdominal distress betray his exasperation as well as his unspoken anxiety. In fact, his peptic ulcer becomes his "spokesman."

The need to treat G.I. hypermotility and hypersecretion

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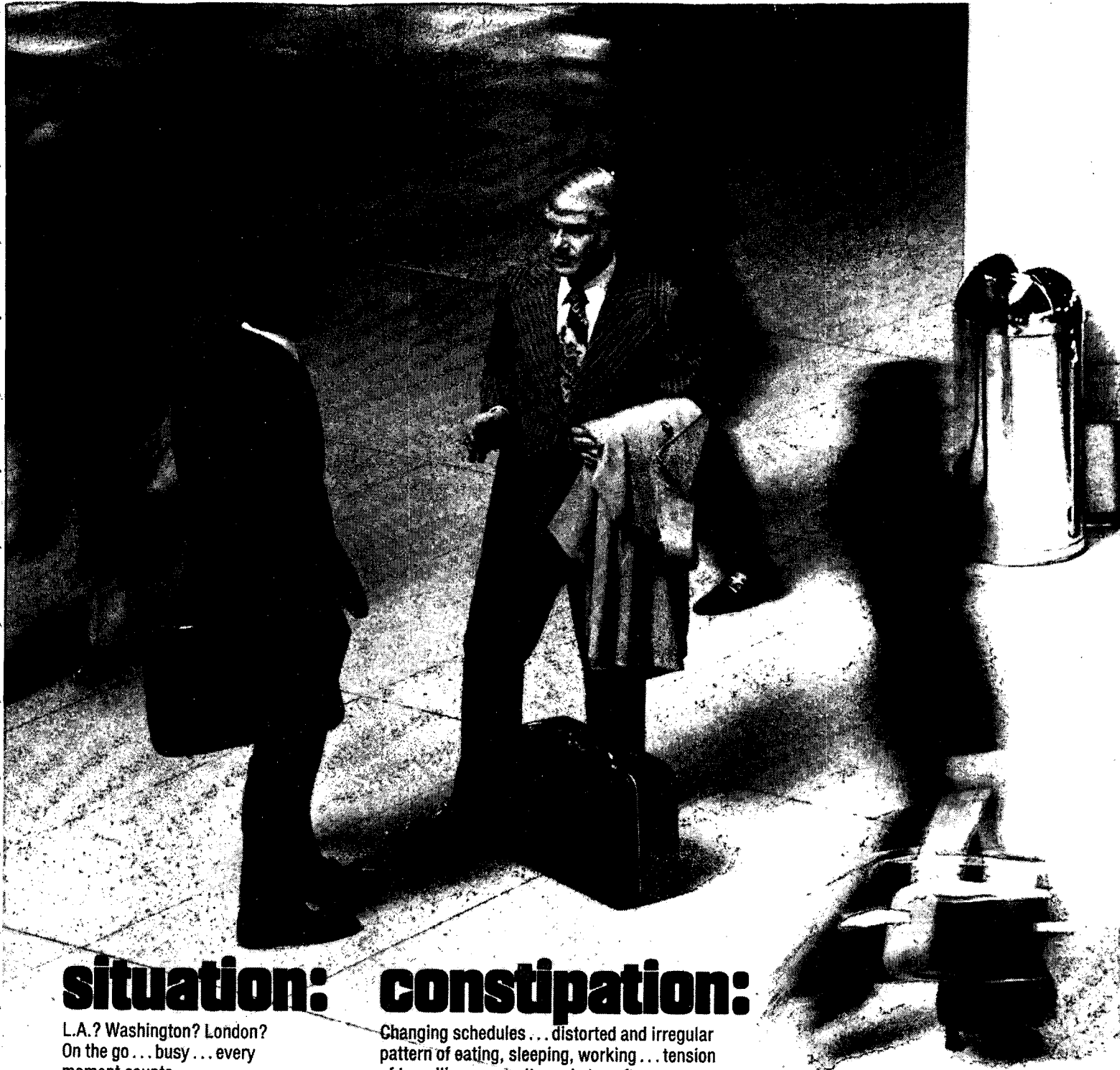
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pattern of eating, sleeping, working... tension
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A TIME

There is a time in everyone's life
when they should stop and ask themself-
"Who Am I?" and "What Am I?"
They must face the hardest person there is to face-
Themselves!

A time when the Dead End street occurs prematurely
The assembly line never quits
The trash assembles along the neighborhood streets
The lawns are filled
Two cars, motorcycles, snowmobiles, mini bikes,
Rusting boats, half finished projects, leaking swimming
pools, unuseable lawn chairs
Someone poisoned the watchdog
Can't walk along the beach anymore barefooted
Wouldn't think about swimming in the lake
The woods have been transplanted
one tree per yard

Crime is equal to the GNP
The President has been foolish
The Ecology Dept. is trying to blame the cows for
Air Pollution
They pass gas
Inflation is the new space program
T.V. is a commercial
The novelty of the news is unsolved problems
The Military is still playing War games
Knowledge has run aground

Even the believers stop believing
The neighbors don't go out anymore
The AMA is a drug pusher

What happened? Where did Life go?
What happened to the sense of balance?
Tranquility is Hibernating
Nature is being Castrated
America is Havoc
God didn't die- he just knew when to leave!

Peace of Mind is no longer near
What happened to my dear?
Is there still a chance?

I heard that joke before
Its still not funny

A friend died of drugs
another in the War
He was trying to stop it.
Still another gets backstabbed
Many are M.I.A.
Missing in alienation

The streets cry
Can seldom see the sky
It cost more now to call than to fly
The bartenders are afraid to strike
Love is sustained with the Pill
America failed Webster's "Free" test 46 times

Bravery is now in pushbuttons
ITT is expanding into Forien Affairs
The government is fighting Communiam with a secret
weapon- Tey fight fire with fire

Women are fighting for equal rights
The minorities are left
The queers know they're being screwed
Students are still waiting to be educated
Unions are a business
Lobbies are blocked
The Indians are wounded
Credit cards are better than ~~Many~~ money
They have your picture on them
The Constitution is being avoided
The Bill of Rights Voided
The Declaration of Independence is a reading matter
The Generation Gap is an abyss
The "Marriage of Convenience" is unsuitable

The search continues, but wait-
If I can see the despair
The desolation
The atrociousness
Then I must be displaced
Their summer breeze is blowing the wrong way!

I'm starting to feel the fortitude
I'm making a resolution
I'm going to be as I want to be and not as someone

else wants me to be
Strange, but I'm starting to feel free

I don't need a five day deodorant
I shower daily
Ah, there is a little tranquility then

Went for a walk
the neighbors didn't come out to talk
The streets were quite
Far from being violent
The papers reflect them as being bad
They must be Mad!
I'll walk again tomorrow just to reduce the sorrow

Talked with a woman today
Completely ignored the sex
We just used our text
Needn't try to make a play
It never did pay
We did share a Peace
of Mind- it was so kind
Tomorrow is going to be a new day

There is a time in everyone's life
When they should stop and look at the problems
They are out of me now
I'm part of the solution
Isolated from that mental pollution

It's a time when one begins to feel fine
I'm going to join others who have had a time

To stop and see who they were and what they are
Many more are searching
Maybe it's not too late
To make a date
For our time!

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men
are created equal, that they are endowed by...certian
unalienable rights, that amoung these are Life, Liberty,
and the persuit of Happiness...."

by bob king

Currency

In God We Trust

one Nation, under God,
indivisible,
with Liberty and Justice for all

Law and Order

All Hail!

A country needs love, too.
See your Army Representative.
Billboard 1973

We had to destroy the town,
in order to save it.

The Cold War is over.

Peace with honor.

Black is white.

Hate is love.

Lies are truth.

God bless America,
land of the free,
home of the brave.

God is not dead,
merely inoperative.

The Silent Majority

Doublethink.

WAR IS PEACE

FREEDOM IS SLAVERY

IGNORANCE IS STRENGTH

He did not know where he was.
Presumably he was in the Ministry of Love;
but there was no way of making certain.

George Orwell
1984

Flying

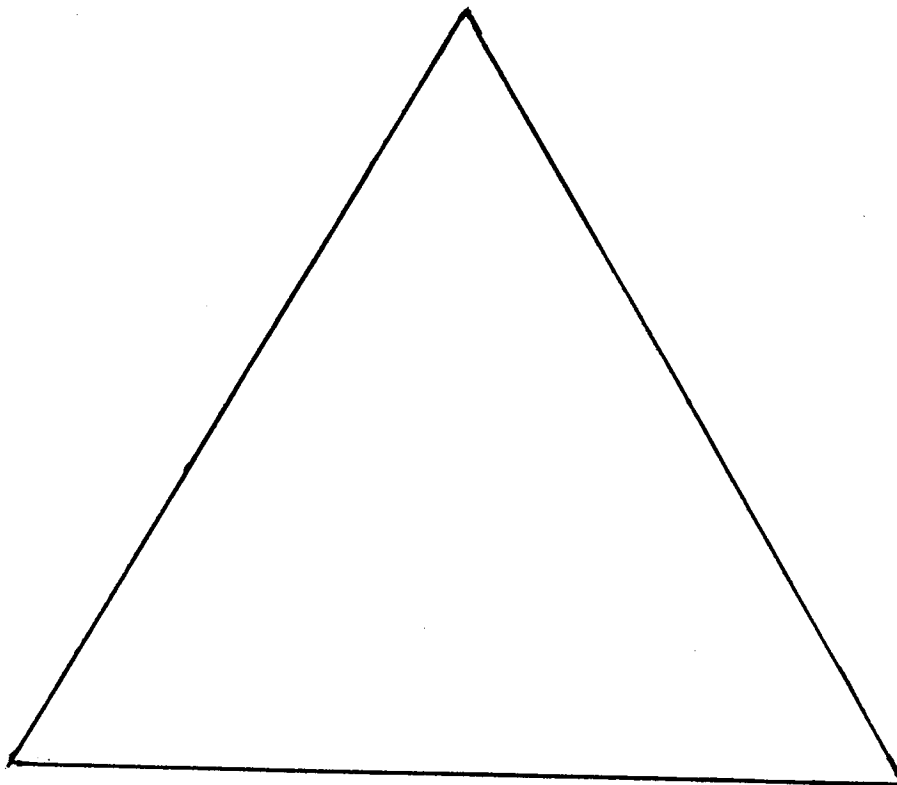
"The gull sees farthest who flies highest."

Richard Bach

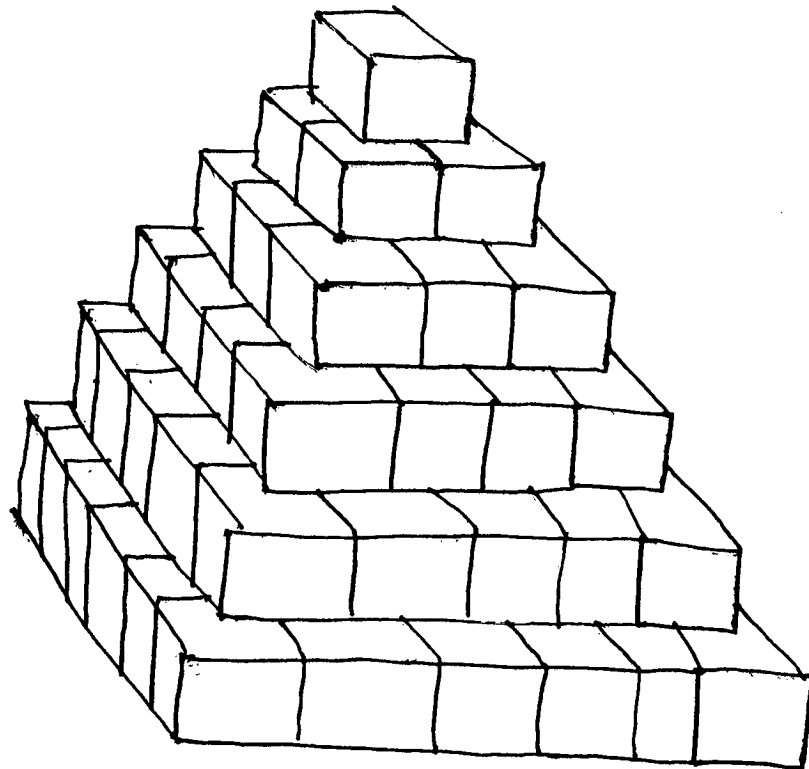
In football, an aggressive game played between adversaries for both fun and profit, an offensive strategy known as the "flying wedge" was developed. It was soon noticed, however, that this formation not only took the sport out of the game by making it rough and vicious, but also forced the defense into extreme postures.

In the interest of fairness, the flying wedge was declared illegal on all playing fields and has not been used since.

Creeping pharoah



Pyramid depth detail



Council

so·vi·et (sō'vi-it, sō'vi-et', sō'vi-et'), n. [Russ., lit., council], 1. a council or body of delegates. 2. in the Soviet Union, any of the various governing councils, local, intermediate, and national, elected by and representing the people: they constitute a pyramidal governmental structure, with the village and town soviets as its base and the Supreme Soviet as its apex. 3. any similar council in various socialist governing systems elsewhere.

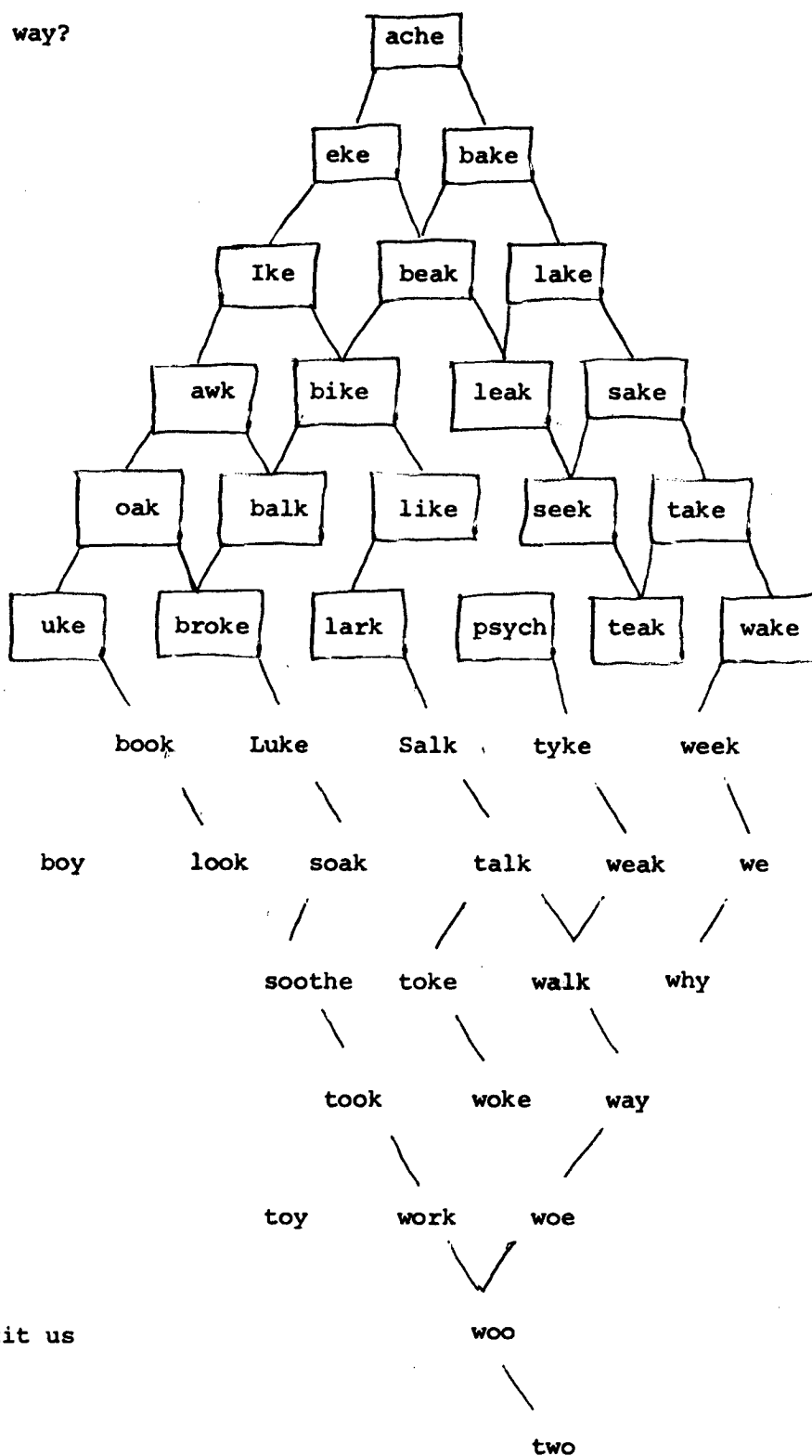
Webster's New World Dictionary

Alphabet

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No way?



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Morality

mor·al (môr'əl), adj. 1. relating to, dealing with, or capable of making the distinction between, right and wrong in conduct. 2. relating to, serving to teach, or in accordance with, the principles of right and wrong. 3. good or right in conduct or character; often, specifically, virtuous in sexual conduct: opposed to immoral. 4. based on general observation of people, etc. rather than on what is demonstrable: as moral evidence. 5. designating support, etc. that involves approval and sympathy without action. 6. being virtually such because of its effect on thoughts, attitudes, etc., or because of its general results: as a moral victory. 7. based on strong probability: as a moral certainty.

Webster's New World Dictionary

Age

And when they have reached fifty years of age, then let those who still survive and have distinguished themselves in every action of their lives and in every branch of knowledge come at last to their consummation; the time has now arrived at which they must raise the eye of the soul to the universal light which lightens all things, and behold the absolute good; for that is the pattern according to which they are to order the State and the lives of individuals, and the remainder of their own lives, also; making philosophy their chief pursuit, but, when their turn comes, toiling also at politics and ruling for the public good, not as though they were performing some heroic action, but simply as a matter of duty; and when they have brought up in each generation others like themselves and left them in their place to be governors of the State, then they will depart to the Islands of the Blest and dwell there...

Plato
The Republic

Good

The prisonhouse is the world of sight, the light of the fire is the sun, and you will not misapprehend me if you interpret the journey upwards to be the ascent of the soul into the intellectual world according to my poor belief, which, at your desire, I have expressed--whether rightly or wrongly God knows. But whether true or false, my opinion is that in the world of knowledge the idea of good appears last of all, and is seen only with an effort; and, when seen, is also inferred to be the universal author of all things beautiful and right, parent of light and of the lord of light in this visible world, and the immediate source of reason and truth in the intellectual; and that this is the power upon which he who would act rationally either in public or private life must have his eye fixed.

I agree, he said, as far as I am able to understand you.

Moreover, I said, you must not wonder that those who attain to this beatific vision are unwilling to descend to human affairs; for their souls are ever hastening into the upper world where they desire to dwell; which desire of theirs is very natural...

Plato
The Republic

Evil

Beloved, do not imitate evil but imitate good. He who does good is of God; he who does evil has not seen God.

3 John

All that is necessary for the forces of evil to win in the world is for enough good men to do nothing.

Edmund Burke

Significance

On November 15 some years back, almost one million Americans travelled to their Nation's capital to gather in public protest of a war which they were convinced was immoral. Many were young and of strange appearance.

During this same day other Americans, many of them prominent men, chose to watch a football game on television, apparently oblivious to the voices of their neighbors.

War

Firm action gives rise to danger, but the people respond to it. Such action distresses the entire country, but the people will follow him who instigates it: with such good fortune, what error can there be?

An old, experienced leader who can impose firm discipline on those beneath him will gain the support of all, both high and low. But such a position of strength should not lead to an abuse of power; firmness and correct principles should motivate all actions.

A war should only be fought with a righteous end in mind. Furthermore, it should be conducted in the right manner, especially at the outset.

I Ching

The Generation Gap

There exists what is termed a generation gap only because the wise have died and the fools have lived. The wisemen were once turned to because of their wisdom. The aged were once turned to for advice. Ignorance follows the lead of wisdom. Wisdom does not follow ignorance. There is a generation gap because the youth often seem wiser than the aged.

Wisemen do not hide behind masks. They do not live in greed. They do not have fools for friends. They do not kill. They do not make wars. They do not mis-lead children. They do not fail to correct themselves when they are wrong. They do not lie or deceive. They do not fear death. They do not try to act better than others. They do not try to be something they aren't. They do not live for material things. They do not manipulate.

Where are the wisemen? There is a generation gap, but the youth are not the ones who made it.

"How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorers delight in their scorning, and the fools hate knowledge?" (Proverbs 1:22)

Wisemen do not stop their learning. They do not stop teaching. They do not accept errors. A child does not rebell from wisdom. A wiseman writes and hears wisdom, he does not read or hear ignorance. He does not walk with ignorance, he walks ahead of it.

Robert King
1973

Time

It's time somebody speaks up regardless of what
the sacrifice may be.

Joseph Yablonski

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testing, testing,

Bill Morehouse
Helen Morehouse
Boz & Rocco

The quick brown fox jumped over the lazy dog.

Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid
of their country.

This typewriter works well.
If the capitals are as clear as the lower case,
I think I'll buy it.

Republic

I am a Republican.

Republicans do not cover up.

Republicans do not go ahead and threaten.

Republicans do not go ahead and commit illegal acts.

Lowell Weicker

June 1973

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Wall

The wall upon which the prophets wrote is cracking
at the seams.

King Crimson

Mist

For the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no man to till the ground; but a mist went up from the earth and watered the whole face of the ground-- then the Lord God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

Genesis

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Raiment

Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves aprons.

And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins, and clothed them.

Then the Lord God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil; and now, lest he put forth his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever"-- therefore, the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from which he was taken.

Genesis

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Exposure

It is considered a perversion for an adult human being to appear naked in public in full view of men, women, and children. The effect of such behavior on the emotional development of impressionable youngsters is deemed to be so adverse that criminal sanctions are usually applied.

The only place that such indecent exposure would not be recognized would be in a community of the blind.

The Emperor

The Emperor has no clothes.

Top Secret:
Domestic Security Council.

Tyranny

The people have always some champion whom they set over them and nurse into greatness... This and no other is the root from which a tyrant springs; when he first appears he is a protector.

In the early days of his power, he is full of smiles, and he salutes every one whom he meets.

When the tyrant has disposed of foreign enemies by conquest or treaty, and there is nothing to fear from them, then he is always stirring up some war or other, in order that the people may require a leader.

Plato
The Republic

1945

The first trial in history for crimes against the peace of the world imposes a grave responsibility. The wrongs which we seek to condemn and punish have been so calculated, so malignant and so devastating that civilization cannot tolerate their being ignored because it cannot survive their being repeated.

Robert H. Jackson
International Military Tribunal

Lying

An intelligent victor will, whenever possible, present his demands to the vanquished in installments.

The more extortions thus cheerfully accepted, the more unjustified does it seem to people finally to set about defending themselves.

In the size of the lie there is always contained a certain factor of credibility, since the great masses of the people... will more easily fall victims to a great lie than to a small one.

Adolf Hitler
Mein Kampf

Lies

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JFK
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MLK
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ALI
BYE
VIETNAM
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WAR
WATERGATE
WEALTH
WHY



We have been led astray.

Truths

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed, by their Creator, with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, that whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it, and institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness.

Declaration of Independence
1776

Discovery

To discover the truth in anything that is alien,
first dispense with the indispensable in your own vision.

Leonard Cohen

Malignancy

There is a cancer on the Presidency.

John Dean III

can•cer (kan'sēr), n. (L., a crab; later, malignant tumor; dissimilation from *carcro; I.E. base *qa-, hard, as in Sans. karkata, a crab; see CANKER), 1. a malignant new growth anywhere in the body of a person or animal; malignant tumor; cancers tend to spread and ulcerate. 2. anything bad or harmful that spreads and destroys. 3. (C-), a northern constellation between Gemini and Leo, supposedly resembling a crab in shape. 4. (C-), the fourth sign of the zodiac (♋), entered by the sun at the summer solstice, About June 22: see zodiac, illus.

Webster's New World Dictionary

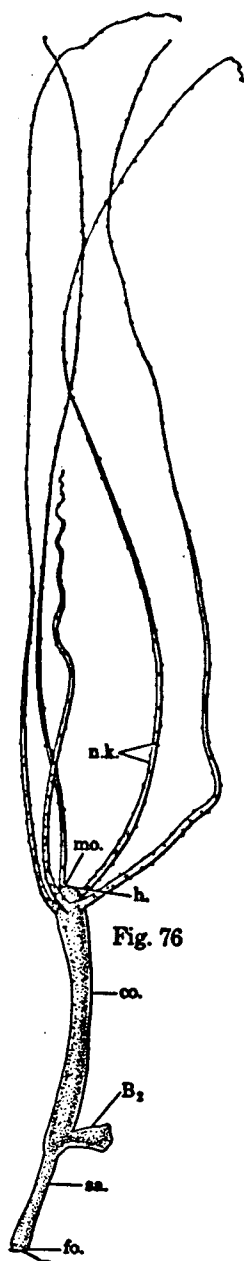


Fig. 76

Hy·dra (hī'drə), n. (pl., for 2 and 4, HYDRAS (-drez), HYDRAE (-drē)), (ME. & OFr. ydrē; also ME. ydra; both < L.; Gr. hydra, water serpent], 1. in Greek mythology, the nine-headed serpent slain by Hercules: when any one of its heads was cut off, it was replaced by two others; hence, any persistent or ever-increasing evil with many sources and causes. 3. a southern constellation outlining a serpent: see constellation, chart. 4. [h-], any of a group of very small freshwater animals, with a tubelike body and a mouth surrounded by tentacles.

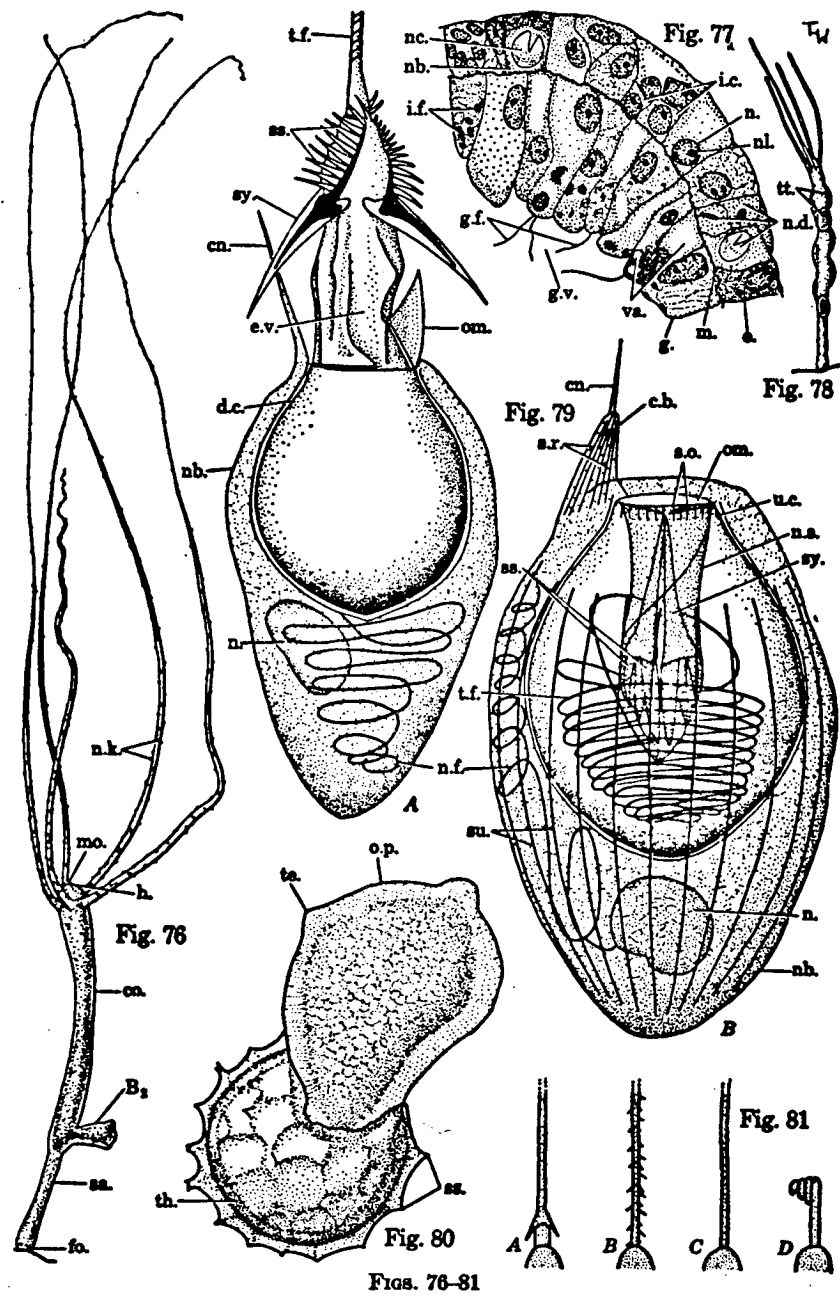


FIG. 76. Aquarium specimen of *Pelmatohydra* with tentacles well extended. $\times 6$.

FIG. 77. Detail of cross-section through digestive region of the column of hydra. $\times 60$. From fixed and stained material.

FIG. 78. Male specimen of *Pelmatohydra* with ripe gametes. (After Hyman.)

FIG. 79. Undischarged (B) and discharged (A) stenotele of hydra. $\times 1700$. (After Schultze.)

FIG. 80. Young hydra hatching. $\times 430$. (After McConnell.)

FIG. 81. Nematocyst types of hydra. (Data from Weill.) A. Stenotele. B. Holotrich. C. Atrich. B. Desmoneme.

ABBREVIATIONS FOR LABELS ON FIGS. 76-81

B ₂ : bud (second generation)	n.d.: nematocysts developing
c.b.: cnidocil base	n.f.: cnidoblast filament
cn.: cnidocil	n.k.: nematocyst knobs
co.: stomach region of column	nl.: nucleolus
d.c.: discharged nematocyst capsule	n.s.: nematocyst shaft
e.: epidermis	om.: operculum
e.v.: everted shaft of nematocyst	o.p.: oral pole
fo.: pedal disk	sa.: stalk region of column
g.: gastrodermis	s.o.: supporting rods of operculum
g.f.: gastrodermal flagella	s.r.: supporting rods of cnidocil
g.v.: gastrovascular cavity	ss.: spines
h.: hypostome	su.: supporting rods of cnidoblast
i.c.: interstitial cells	sy.: stylet
i.f.: ingested food particles	te.: tentacle bud
m.: mesolamella	t.f.: tubular filament
mo.: mouth	th.: theca
n.: nucleus	tt.: testes
nb.: cnidoblast	u.c.: undischarged capsule
nc.: nematocyst	va.: vacuoles

Vision

Inasmuch as philosophers only are able to grasp the eternal and unchangeable, and those who wander in the region of the many and variable are not philosophers, I must ask you which of the two classes should be the rulers of our State?

And how can we rightly answer that question?

Whichever of the two are best able to guard the laws and institutions of our State--let them be our guardians.

Very good.

Neither, I said, can there be any question that the guardian who is to keep anything should have eyes rather than no eyes?

There can be no question of that.

And are not those who are verily and indeed wanting in the knowledge of the true being of each thing, and who have in their souls no clear pattern, and are unable as with a painter's eye to look at the absolute truth and to that original to repair, and having perfect vision of the other world to order the laws about beauty, goodness, justice in this, if not already ordered, and to guard and preserve the order of them--are not such persons, I ask, simply blind?

Truly, he replied, they are much in that condition.

And shall they be our guardians when there are others who, besides being their equals in experience and falling short of them in no particular virtue, also know the very truth of each thing?

There can be no reason, he said, for rejecting those who have this greatest of all great qualities; they must always have the first place unless they fail in some other respect.

Plato
The Republic

Aim

The aim of life is to get as far as possible
from imperfection.

Oliver Wendell Holmes

Beauty

The most beautiful thing we can experience
is the mysterious. It is the source of all true
art and science.

Albert Einstein

Life

The human body, at peace with itself
is more precious than the rarest gem.

Cherish your body;
it is yours this one time only.

The human form is won with difficulty;
it is easy to lose.

All worldly things are brief,
like lightning in the sky.

This life you must know
as the tiny splash of a raindrop,
a thing of beauty that disappears
even as it comes into being.

Therefore, set your goal.
Make use of every day and night
to achieve it.

unknown

Faith

"Forget about faith!" Chiang said it time and again.
"You didn't need faith to fly, you needed to understand
flying. This is just the same. Now try again..."

Jonathan Livingston Seagull

Eternity

The answer, say the Hindus, lies in the extent to which the Eternal is buried under the almost impenetrable mass of distractions, false ideas, and self-regarding impulses that comprise our surface being. A lamp may be so covered with dust and dirt that its light will be invisible.

Huston Smith

Allah

As in other high religions, everything in Islam centers in the primal fact of God or Allah. To begin with, Allah is immaterial and hence invisible. For the Arabs this cast no doubt on his reality for they had never learned the art of ignoring everything but what could be seen.

Huston Smith

Buddha

Perhaps the most striking thing about him, to use the words of J. B. Pratt, was his combination of a cool head and a warm heart, a blend which shielded him from sentimentality on the one hand and indifference on the other. He was undoubtedly one of the greatest rationalists of all time, resembling in this respect no one as much as Socrates. Every problem that came his way was automatically subjected to the cold, analytical glare of his intellect. First, it would be dissected into its component parts, after which these would be assembled in logical, architectonic order with their meaning and import laid bare. He was a master of dialogue and dialectic, and calmly confident. "That in disputation with anyone whatsoever I could be thrown into confusion or embarrassment--there is no possibility of such a thing."

The remarkable fact, however, was the way this objective, critical component of his character was balanced by a Franciscan tenderness so strong as to have caused his message to be subtitled "a religion of infinite compassion."

Huston Smith

Nirvana

Before one goes through the gate
one may not be aware there is a gate
One may think there is a gate to go through
and look a long time for it
without finding it
One may find it and
it may not open
If it opens one may be through it
As one goes through it
one sees that the gate one went through
was the self that went through it
no one went through a gate
there was no gate to go through
no one ever found a gate
no one ever realized there was never a gate

R. D. Laing

Crime and Punishment

Then one of the judges of the city stood forth and said, Speak to us of Crime and Punishment.

And he answered, saying:

It is when your spirit goes wandering upon the wind,

That you, alone and unguarded, commit a wrong unto others and therefore unto yourself.

And for that wrong committed must you knock and wait a while unheeded at the gate of the blessed.

Like the ocean is your god-self;

It remains for ever undefiled.

And like the ether it lifts but the winged.

Even like the sun is your god-self;

It knows not the ways of the mole nor seeks it the holes of the serpent.

But your god-self dwells not alone in your being.

Much in you is still man, and much in you is not yet man,

But a shapeless pigmy that walks asleep in the mist searching for its own awakening.

And of the man in you would I now speak.

For it is he and not your god-self nor the pigmy in the mist, that knows crime and the punishment of crime.

Oftentimes have I heard you speak of one
who commits a wrong as though he were not
one of you, but a stranger unto you and an
intruder upon your world.

But I say that even as the holy and the
righteous cannot rise beyond the highest
which is in each one of you,

So the wicked and the weak cannot fall
lower than the lowest which is in you also.

And as a single leaf turns not yellow but
with the silent knowledge of the whole tree,

So the wrong-doer cannot do wrong
without the hidden will of you all.

Like a procession you walk together
towards your god-self.

You are the way and the wayfarers.

And when one of you falls down he falls
for those behind him, a caution against the
stumbling stone.

Ay, and he falls for those ahead of him,
who though faster and surer of foot, yet
removed not the stumbling stone.

And this also, though the word lie heavy
upon your hearts:

The murdered is not unaccountable for
his own murder,

And the robbed is not blameless in being
robbed.

The righteous is not innocent of the deeds
of the wicked,

And the white-handed is not clean in the
doings of the felon.

Yea, the guilty is oftentimes the victim of
the injured,

And still more often the condemned is the
burden bearer for the guiltless and unblamed.

You cannot separate the just from the
unjust and the good from the wicked;

For they stand together before the face
of the sun even as the black thread and the
white are woven together.

And when the black thread breaks, the
weaver shall look into the whole cloth, and
he shall examine the loom also.

If any of you would bring to judgment
the unfaithful wife,

Let him also weigh the heart of her hus-
band in scales, and measure his soul with
measurements.

And let him who would lash the offender
look unto the spirit of the offended.

And if any of you would punish in the
name of righteousness and lay the ax unto
the evil tree, let him see to its roots;

And verily he will find the roots of the
good and the bad, the fruitful and the fruit-
less, all entwined together in the silent heart
of the earth.

And you judges who would be just,

What judgment pronounce you upon him
who though honest in the flesh yet is a thief
in spirit?

What penalty lay you upon him who
slays in the flesh yet is himself slain in the
spirit?

And how prosecute you him who in action
is a deceiver and an oppressor,

Yet who also is aggrieved and outraged?

And how shall you punish those whose remorse is already greater than their misdeeds?

Is not remorse the justice which is administered by that very law which you would fain serve?

Yet you cannot lay remorse upon the innocent nor lift it from the heart of the guilty.

Unbidden shall it call in the night, that men may wake and gaze upon themselves.

And you who would understand justice, how shall you unless you look upon all deeds in the fullness of light?

Only then shall you know that the erect and the fallen are but one man standing in twilight between the night of his pigmy-self and the day of his god-self,

And that the corner-stone of the temple is not higher than the lowest stone in its foundation.

Kahlil Gibran

Men

For all are Men in Eternity, Rivers, Mountains, Cities,
Villages,
All are Human, & when you enter into their Bosoms you
walk
In Heavens & Earths, as in your own Bosom you bear
your Heaven
And Earth & all you behold; tho' it appears Without,
it is Within,
In your Imagination, of which this World of Mortality is
but a Shadow.

Blake

Judgment

Therefore you have no excuse, O man,
whoever you are, when you judge another;
for in passing judgment upon him you
condemn yourself, because you, the judge,
are doing the very same things.

Romans 2



Way



Ideas

It must, I think, be rare in a democracy for a man suddenly to conceive a system of ideas far different from those accepted by his contemporaries; and I suppose that, even should such an innovator arise, he would have great difficulty in making himself heard to begin with, and even more in convincing people.

de Tocqueville

Reality

I think the reality of 1973 is even more depressing than de Tocqueville's prognosis. It's not so much that the conditions of American lives have become that alike--although, God knows, TV, 727s and McDonald's are homogenizing land and lives--it's that we have developed the worst type of public-officeholder, the professional public-office seeker...

The business of reaching for power does something to a man--it closes him off from other men until he reaches the point where he instinctively calculates each new situation and each other man with the simplest question: what can this do for me?

Richard Reeves

Perception

However painful we find it, we should ask whether some of those who challenged the system in the 1960's have not intuitively perceived that we are in a period of great change and that what was good enough 50, 40, or even 30 years ago is not necessarily good enough for today and for the future...

When reasonable people speak of order as a product of the rule of law, they know well the difference between the kind of order Hitler imposed and that state or order which permits each individual to develop the talents God has given...

We must maintain our insistence that the rule of law is the best way to establish the condition of order that is indispensable for improvement and change. But even as we do it, we must be receptive to the challenge even to ideas we cherish. This is not easy. It will never be easy, but it is as inescapable as change itself. We of the generation over fifty are the outgoing generation... If we can respond with open minds to new ideas, if we can provide universities that will let youth quest and search and if we will listen to them, I believe they will accept our belief that justice can best be attained when human beings acknowledge the restraints of law, religion and manners.

Warren E. Burger
April, 1973

Sleep

The Forgotten Teenager

How about the "forgotten teenager? An article in the Wesleyan Advocate states "The forgotten teenager is not a junkie --- a radical who runs down his country or spits on the flag. He (she) is not a hippie on the run - he refuses to split from home. The forgotten teenager is not among the Jesus freaks or even among the honest Jesus rebels. He stands by in silence while they get billions of dollars' worth of publicity while cheering for Jesus.

He (she) is not an alcoholic. He is not down on his parents, his government.. In fact he is called square, uncool, straight - or "good-nik". He (she) is made to feel left out, unlearned, unimportant.

Let's do something about it - now. Let's show gratitude in every possible way for youth who have the courage to stand up against the crowd and say "you can have your drugs and hang-ups - I don't need them. I've found what I've been looking for. "A million hallelujahs for everyone of them! "Let us quit focusing all our attention on problems...talk more about the great things our youth are doing..."let parents, pastors and politicians show a little more trust and confidence in these youth. "Let the church instill a new kind of Holy Ghost militancy in the hearts of straight Christian youth - to combat the Satanic militancy we have been exposed to lately. All I ask is that we all take another look around us and see the multitudes of forgotten teenagers who now reach out to say - "Please, don't forget me - I'm here, too!"

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Change

Change of any kind is generally viewed by people with suspicion and dislike; therefore it must be instigated gradually.

When change is necessary, it will only be approved after it has been seen to work.

Heaven and earth undergo their changes, and the four seasons complete their revolution.

Great indeed is the significance of such a time.

I Ching

Leadership

It isn't 1835 any more, and I'm not sure we'd want de Tocqueville's "intellectual anarchy" every night on the 7 o'clock news, but we could sure use a little bit more of it. The technology of 1973--TV, scientific research, travel--should be the tool of democracy. After all, a well-informed people and responsive leadership were what Madison and Jefferson seemed to have had in mind, but we seem to have gone too far toward response and too far away from leadership...

OK, if I was a leader, what would I do? I would try to lead the country back to genuine citizen-politicians. I would try to break up the professional-candidate class. Jefferson periodically went back to Monticello to check the fields and do all those other things--maybe there's a lesson there.

Richard Reeves

Light

I am the Lord, I have called you
in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and
kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to
the people,
a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the
dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in
darkness.

Isaiah 42

Wisdom

For the Lord gives wisdom;
from his mouth come knowledge
and understanding;
he stores up sound wisdom for the
upright;
he is a shield to those who walk
in integrity,
guarding the paths of justice
and preserving the way of his
saints.
Then you will understand
righteousness and justice
and equity, every good path;
for wisdom will come into your
heart,
and knowledge will be pleasant
to your soul;
discretion will watch over you;
understanding will guard you;
delivering you from the way of evil,
from men of perverted speech,
who forsake the paths of uprightness
to walk in the ways of darkness,
who rejoice in doing evil
and delight in the perverseness of
evil;
men whose paths are crooked,
and who are devious in their ways.

Proverbs 2

Connect

Only connect! That was the whole of her sermon. Only connect the prose and the passion, and both will be exalted, and human love will be seen at its height. Live in fragments no longer. Only connect, and the beast and the monk, robbed of the isolation that is life to either, will die.

Edward Morgan Forster

Transformation

Earth, isn't this what you want: an invisible
re-arising in us? Is it not your dream
to be one day invisible? Earth! Invisible!
What is your urgent command, if not transformation?

Rilke

Genesis

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters.

And God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night.

Global village

"Come, let us go down, and confuse their language, that they may not understand one another's speech." So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore its name was called Ba'bel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

Genesis 11

Awakening

"Do not accept what you hear by report, do not accept tradition, do not accept a statement because it is found in our books, nor because it is in accord with your belief, nor because it is the saying of your teacher... Be ye lamps unto yourselves... Those who, either now or after I am dead, shall rely upon themselves only and not look for assistance to anyone beside themselves, it is they who shall reach the very topmost height."

"Are you a god?" they asked.

"No."

"An angel?"

"No."

"A saint?"

"No."

"Then what are you?"

Buddha answered, "I am awake."

Great Lord,
the people are empty of Knowledge,
empty of Spirit;
to bring them to holiness is hard,
demanding an ocean of wisdom.
May victory be accomplished
through my actions.

Let my eyes be touched with wisdom,
and unseeing, see.

unknown

I must Create a System or be enslav'd by another
Man's.

I will not Reason & Compare: my business is to Create.

Blake

A Psalm of David

The Lord is my shepherd, I
shall not want;
he makes me lie down in green
pastures.
He leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of
righteousness
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death,
I fear no evil;
for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff,
they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
thou anointest my head with oil,
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall
follow me
all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the
Lord
for ever.

