

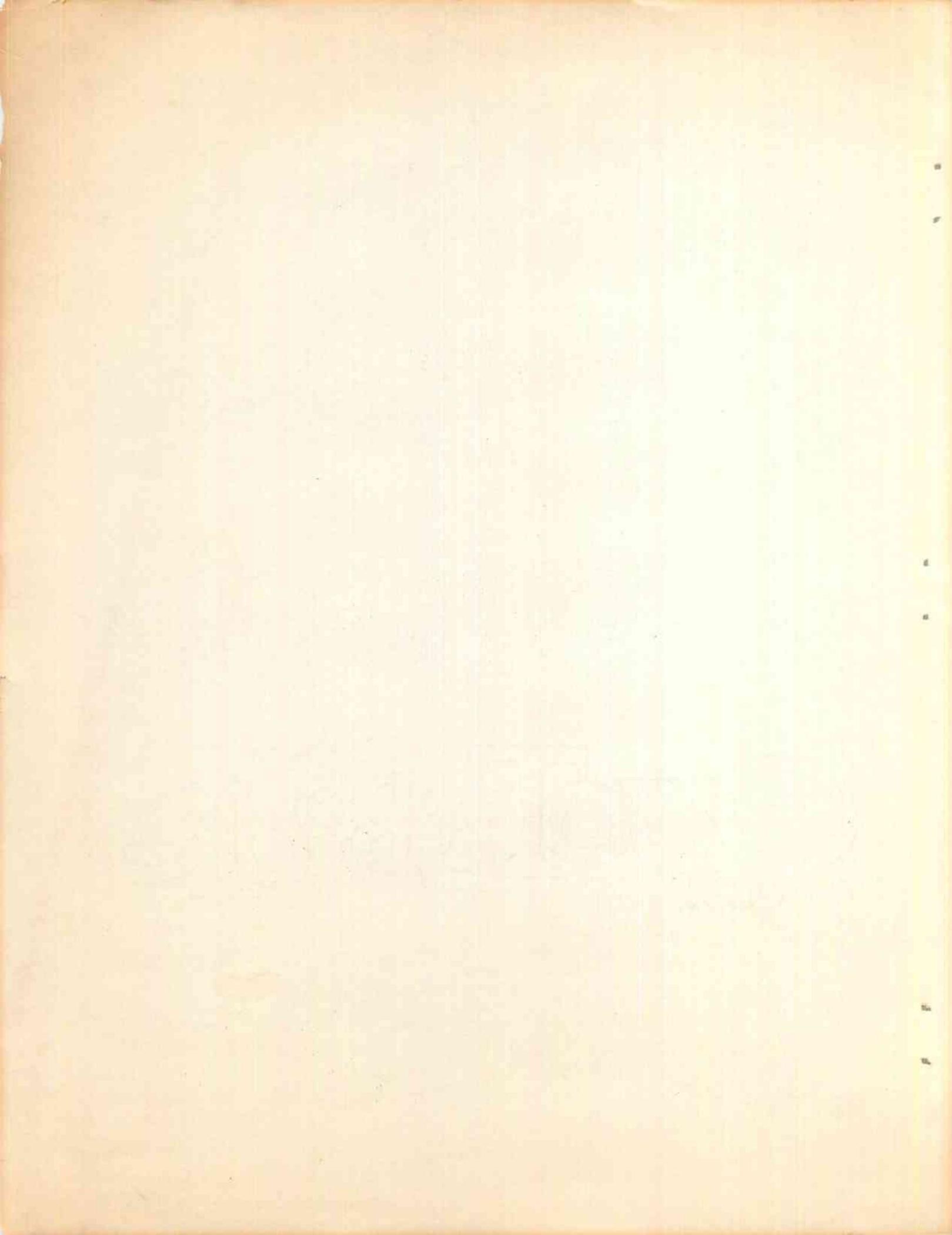
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ACTING

"Actors aren't shy because they're someone else."

...Abney Rotsler

AGE

"The first thirteen years of my life I spent stumbling into things; the next thirteen years I spent figuring out what I was stumbling into; the next thirteen I hope to set up things for other people to stumble into."

...Gerald C. FitzGerald on his 26th birthday

"Youth is nothing but senility in short pants."

...GCF

"My only ambition is to live to be a dirty old man."

...Anon, HYPHEN, #10

"There are a lot of advantages in being a grandfather except sleeping with grandmothers."

...James L. Abney

AMBITION

"If you want to get to the top you've got to know which way is up."

...William Rotsler

AMERICA

"I'm glad I was born an American so I can read Hemingway in the original."

...Gerald C. FitzGerald

"Being an American covers a multitude of sins and usually does."

...Rotsler/Stibbard in THE CRIMINALS

"The Americans who invented the United States were all hard-boiled intellectuals."

...Bernard Dryer, in "THE IMAGE MAKERS"

ANCESTRY

"I've found the link between apes and civilized man--it's us."

...Arthur C. Clarke

"Let my descendants watch out for themselves. I cannot leave them a better heritage."

...William Rotsler

"I place personal ancestry under small talk."

...old movie

"My ancestors are their own problem."

...WR

"Has it ever occurred to you that at some time in history people may have fought and killed or got killed or anyhow bled all over everything for the privilege of becoming one of your ancestors?"

...Dean A. Grennell, in Corr.

ANGER

"If they cut off my arms and legs my trunk would writhe there spitting at them."

...Gerald C. FitzGerald

"When I'm mad there aren't enough numbers to count to."

...GCF

ANIMALS

"Animals are primarily secondary."

...GCF

ARCHITECTURE

"The only trouble with living in these new housing developments is there are no trees to hit your head against."

...Charlie Brown

ARGUMENT

"Arguments as thin as tissue,
Are thick enough to cloud an issue."

...Caroline Ellis

"I've a bone to grind with you."

...Abney Rotsler

ART

"...the charm of art...it represents only the most amiable aspects of the most talented human beings."

...Aldous Huxley

"Art is not truth; art is the lie which makes us see the truth."

...Pablo Picasso

"The artist does not see things; he sees himself."

...William Rotsler

"An artist is only an artist when he is creating something."

...Gerald C. FitzGerald

"Art has proved that the straight line is a rather boresome connection between two points."

...GCF

"If a man dislikes a work of art but understands it, he feels superior. If, on the other hand, he dislikes a work of art but does not understand it, he is humiliated and angry. Through an act of incomprehensibility the work of art has compelled the average citizen to realize that he is incapable of receiving the sacrament of art and is blind and deaf to pure beauty. The mass of man, accustomed to ruling supreme, feels that an art for the privileged aristocracy of the finer senses endangers their rights as men."

...Ortega y Gasset

"So much Art is just Taste."

...WR

"Anything can be sculpture, even air in balloons. The form is the main thing."

...Isamu Noguchi

"Art in photography is desirable but photography in art, as an end in itself, is deplorable."

...WR

"I like my art rational!"

...Robert Gose Peteler

"Just because Salvador Dali has a reputation doesn't mean his art is lousy."

...Elmer Perdue

"Art is as Art does."

...GCF

"Limitations make an artform."

...WR

"If one is fortunate the most part is art."

...WR

"In the final analysis art always triumphs."

...GCF

"Art is the final analysis."

...WR

"Art is built and destroyed by the same emotions."

...GCF

"Art is line, form and color." And "Art is mainly hard work."

...Henri Matisse

"If Art follows only nature it is imitative; if Art follows Man it is only beginning; if Art follows God it is divine; if Art follows Art it becomes greater than Art."

...WR

"Art is I; science is we."

...C. Bernhard

"Decoration is primarily design without content."

...WR

"Simplicity is the last resort of the complex."

...Walter A. Willis

"Everybody likes Modern Chinese but I prefer Early American Chinese."

...Abney Rotsler

"Modern painters? They're easier to philosophize about than to like."

...Gene Coe

"Art for art's sake seems too easy a way out."

...WR

"Every force evolves a form."

...old Shaker saying

"Have Pen, Will Draw."

...WR



OUR ATOMIC WORLD

"Ashes to ashes and dust to dust; if the bomb doesn't get you the fallout must."

...Richard Eney

"Weather forecast: rockets high, mostly radioactive tomorrow."

...WR, in GOLD IS THE PROPER METAL

"Too bad the Old Testament didn't speak of radioactive haloes."

...WR

"I used to think the most dangerous thing on earth was a determined man with a rifle; now it's a pushbutton and a man with quick reflexes."

...William Rotsler

in LOOK BACK IN PUZZLEMENT?

TOMORROW?

a fireball of power
makes men like shadows
and shadows cannot learn
(it must be one world or an empty world)

...WR, in "Tomorrow?"

AXIOMS FOR THE ATOMIC WORLD

"He doesn't have enough brains to come in out of the Fallout."

"If there are too many clicks don't let them in."

"If you can count backwards you can fire a rocket."

...WR

BEAUTY

"Beauty and brains mean power and power means responsibility."

...William Rotsler

"[She] has such nice legs. Much nicer than mine."

...Gerald C. FitzGerald

"With some women beauty is only make-up deep."

...WR

"In discussing Gina Lollobrigida to say beauty is only skin deep is to reveal oneself as a surface thinker."

...WR

"What ever happenned to functional beauty?"

...Abney Rotsler

"Beauty in women is that condition which exists between the first brassiere and the last uncorseted hour."

...WR

BED

"She had a great talent and appreciation for the bed."

...Ernest Hemingway,
in "The Snows of Kilimanjaro"

BOOKS

"A book was the first mass-produced product ever made."

...Charles Burbee

BUSINESS

"Madison Avenue Uber Alles." ...WR

"They're a big organization...they must know what they're doing."

...Mrs. E. Klein

CRIME

"Apr. 27, 1693: A person was this day convicted at sessions house for sacrilege, rape, burglary, murder, and robbing on the highway; all committed in 12 hours time."

...Luttrell's "A Brief Relation of State Affairs"

CIVILIZATION

"Everything they make nowadays seems to be contemporary."

...Bob Shaw, HYPHEN 23

"The current trend of civilization seems to be to reduce everyone to an IQ of 75. Everyone, as Dean Grennell once remarked, must live (or die) as equals, and obviously everyone cannot be a mental giant so how else can this laudable aim be fulfilled?"

...William M. Danner, in LARK

"A smart, well-dressed royalty is good for the tourist trade."

...old movie

"Ask not for whom the bell tolls--
just answer the goddamn phone."
...Robert Bloch

"Civilization seems to rely on red
lights."
...GCF

"... a civilization that
has age without wisdom
intelligence without reason
question: are you a string saver?"

a civilization that
is fine and noble, ambitious and
proud but is sure to market the virtues in
cellophane
question: have you seen the latest
in Integrity?

...WR, in "Clowns Without Masques"

"What was one to think of a country
where pamphleteers multiply so that in
one morning, in front of one park bench,
he found as many as eighteen dis-
carded leaflets? A land so improvident
must be doomed."

...Emile Zola

DEATH

"A bad case of dying can lay a man up
for days."

...Pogo

"There is only one thing that makes a
man kill and that is survival. Survival
in fact, essence or ego. Survival in
retrospect. Survival of a basic and
needed dignity, pride, lust, love and
the other subclassifications of the
overworked ego."

...William Rotsler in

Evenings and Nights With Latter-Day
Headshrinkers.

"Death is for the other guy."

...WR

"Death to me is very important."

...GCF

"Do you want your loved one to lie in
a leaky vault?"

...WR, in "Clowns Without Masques"

"I won't die. I won't even fade
away. My ego tells me so."

...WR

"A watch hand pushing you towards an
unpadded box."

...WR

"Death seems to run in my family as
everyone seems to have caught it for
generations."

...GCF

DEBT

"Debt before dishonor."

...Gerald C. FitzGerald

DESIRE

"Yesterday's desire is today's mire."

...GCF

DREAMS

"Launching dreamboats is fine as long
as they are seaworthy."

...WR

DRINK

"I am so glad to have something sta-
ble, like drink, to turn to."

...GCF

"Drink is sometimes a truth serum."

...WR

"My home brew can't talk--I never let
it get old enough."

...Charles Burbee

"Drink inhibits your inhibitions."

...WR

"The appreciation of wine is a purely
psychological phenomenon, one must remem-
ber, and like falling in love and the
appreciation of art may be much affected
by the adventitious circumstance."

...L. W. Marrison in "Wines and Spirits"

"Liquor can be quite explosive at
times...in fact an atom bomb if you
follow me."

...GCF

"Alcohol is good for preserving pra-
ctically everything but secrets."

...Ron Fleshman

"Cold beer, warm heart."

...WR

"The wages of gin are breath."

...Norman G. Browne

"Drink is the blessing of the cursing class."

...WR

EDUCATION

"Compulsory education has given us a class of literate bums. You used to be able to tell a gentlemen by his speech--now you have to get up close and smell his breath."

...Charles Burbee

"Teachers should teach a minimum of facts and a maximum of ideas."

...Anon

"I never read books--it spoils the movies for me."

...Ted Johnstone

"I seen it in comic books and comic books don't lie."

...Sgt. Ritzik

EGOTISM

"I can see only one way out for the world. I'll have to take over."

...WR

"Sure, man, anyone can talk to me, but down on your knees first!"

...anon. fanzine

"I'm not intelligent myself...I attract intelligent people who like to show off in front of me."

...Charles Burbee

"Stop the world--I have a thought."

...GCF

"I am my own worst enemy, one I cannot kill with club or tooth or claw."

...WR, in "A Holiday for Monuments"

"It's a proud and lonely thing to be a Quotebook."

...WR

"He's so shy he can't do a self-portrait in public."

...WR

"There's something queer about him--he never says anything we do is marvelous."

...Walt Willis

"Some people have hearts that murmur. Mine soliloquizes."

...GCF

"He has the look of a man who has successfully convinced himself nothing is impossible."

...WR

"Don't expect me to agree with you just because you're right!"

...HYPHEN, #14

"Gerald FitzGerald wants everything that happened in 1959 to happen in 1960 because he hates change."

...WR

"Nothing pleases a bug on a radar screen like being mistaken for a visitor from another planet."

...Dean A. Grennell, in FILLER

EXPERT

"The trouble with being an expert is that you can't turn to anyone else for information."

...Dale Frey

FAMILY

"Of course I believe in large families. Every woman should have at least three husbands."

...Zsa Zsa Gabor

"The family that stays together may be convicted of incest."

...Robert Bloch

"I got home at 4am and yelled 'OVERTIME!' to my family."

...GCF

"Caveat Sibling."

...WR

FASHION

"I bought a copy of ESQUIRE the other day; they had one of those 'what the well-dressed man should have in his wardrobe' articles. The only thing I had were brown shoes."

...GCF

"Fashion is a poor substitute for sex."

...WR

"If you doh't have sex, try fashion."

...WR

FEAR

"He who frights and runs away lives to run away another day."

...Bob Shaw, HYPHEN #12

"I always approach breakfast cautiously. Someday it'll eat me."

...WR

"It is better to be a live coward than a dead coward."

...Robert Bloch

FOOD

"The Monte Cristo sandwich is two slices of Louis Hayward on rye."

...Mel and Meri Welles.

FOOL

"Every man has the chance to play the fool and generally does."

...William Rotsler

in ACT WITHOUT THINKING!

FRAILTY

"The good thing about human frailty is that it is confined to humans."

...WR

FREEDOM

"Freedom is merely the ignorance of captivity."

...GCF

FRIENDSHIP

"Better a smile from a friend than another decimal in my bank account."

...Gerald C. FitzGerald

in COMPLEX SUTURED CEPHALPOD

"Friends are people who dislike the same people."

...Rotsler/Stibbard in THE CRIMINALS

GOD

"If there's no God, who pulls up the next Kleenex?"

...Bob Shaw, HYPHEN 23

GUNS

"Guns don't kill people; people kill people."

...old saying

"Sure, I'm a good shot; watch me get that albatross."

...Dave Rike

"He's so tough he plays Russian Roulette with an automatic."

...GCF

"Wild Bill Hickok, Wyatt Earp, Billy Tilghman, Charlie Bassett, Luke Short, Clay Allison and Jim Curry were all men who played their part on the lurid edge of our western frontier at the same time as Ben [Thompson] was playing his, and it is safe to assume that none of them would have declined the gage of battle had he flung it down. However, I am constrained to say that little doubt exists in my mind that Thompson would have been the winner."

..."Bat" Masterson

HEALTH

"I'm sick to the point of being ill."

...Abney Rotsler

HISTORY

"History is merely drab reminiscence in outline form."

...GCF

"Spain is a good country for war. There are so many women and bridges."

...GCF

"Incest populated the world. If you don't believe it, read the Bible."

...WR

HOLLYWOOD

"Someday there'll be temples to James Dean, each with a segment of the True Car."

...Sally Dunn

"Rape in Hollywood is when you don't get your usual price."
...Anon

"Hollywood is the land of the fee and the home of the brave."
...William Rotsler

"I used to be a Size 39 but this last year I grew to a Size 40 bust," Jayne Mansfield told me. "How'd you add that extra inch?" I asked. "I don't know," the 20-year-old blonde replied in all seriousness, "I guess I just became a woman."
...from a movie column

"Television is the Wamba of the Atomic Age."
...WR

"She lifted herself to fame by the straps of her bra."
...WR

"It sometimes seems amazing that the gamblers in prime flesh can parley a yard of chest skin into fame, fortune and Technicolor dreams."
...WR

"Have Couch, Will Cast."
...WR

HOPE

"Never let hope get you down!"
...WR

HUMAN ENDEAVOR

"Responsibility without power is useless; power without responsibility is madness."
...WR, in KTEIC MAGAZINE

"While it is not too hot being a human, it is at least worthwhile being a mammal."
...Gerald C. Fitzgerald
in RHYME TO PASS THE TIME

"Everything is possible, including the impossible and the absurd."
...Benito Mussolini

"Better luck than brains if you want fame and wealth rather than peace."
...WR

"I have little patience with the generality that all mankind is tragic; that men-in-the-mass are important or valuable! I believe that each individual must make himself valuable. I believe that mankind is composed of individuals who are valuable and individuals who are worthless. I believe there are individuals whose souls can be nourished and developed, and there are others whose souls are desiccated and dead. I believe there are individuals who dream and struggle and aspire, and there are others who don't give a damn. I believe that physical suffering in a dolt is regrettable, but not to be compared with anguish in a sensitive, aspiring man, which is tragic. I believe that there is an aristocracy among men—and aristocrats, these valuable individuals of the world are important, worthy to be free, and worthy of opportunity and aid, but that the others are relatively unimportant.

"Specifically, I believe that there are valuable women in the world for whom consignment to a waterfront brothel would be a tragedy to avert which any man might give his life; and I believe there are worthless women in the world for whom the same fate would hardly deserve a notice."

...William Bradford Huie
in: "THE REVOLT OF MAMIE STOVER"

"Man sometimes seems like a street-cleaner to the parade of Nature."
...WR

"I still feel like a veteran adjusting himself to society."
...GCF

"Nothing's possible and everything's improbable."
...Gerald C. Fitzgerald
in DESPERATION

"No man is an island...but plenty try to palm things off on you."
...WR

"Sure I can touch my toes. It's just that I never saw any reason to."
...Abney Rotsler

HUMOR

"If a thing cannot stand laughter it is not a good thing."
...Anon., via James Thurber

"What is humor? It is a kind of gentle and benevolent custodian of the mind which prevents us from being overwhelmed by the apparent seriousness of life."
...Charles Chaplin

"A clown is a poet in action."
...Anon.

"[He] has no sense of humor. In fact, the only time that [he] laughed was when he heard that Lucifer was thrown out of Heaven."
...Charles Burbee, FANDANGO #25

"Dirty jokes should never be personal."
...WR
in THE CATERED ORGY

"Make people cry and they idolize you; make them laugh and they patronize you."
...WR, in COTTON MATHER STEPS OUT

IGNORANCE

"Don't measure another's achievements by your own ignorance."
...Anon

"I don't know what you are talking about but it sounds like I might agree with you if I did."
...Rick Sneary

IMAGINATION

"My imagination is rent free."
...WR

"I've just had my brain washed and I can't do a thing with it."
...WR

IMMORTALITY

"The only thing that makes man immortal to himself is the obvious mortality of others."
...GCF

INSULT

"Speech is not his natural language."
...Oscar Levant, on Vic Tanny

"Fuggheads are born, made and found."
...WR

"How can anyone as lovely as you be angry with anybody as blind as I?"
...Charles Burbee

"Aw, yer father wears ballet shoes!"
...WR

"He is as annoying as pop corn in art movies."
...WR

"Any man who seduces children and dogs can't be all bad."
...Robert Bloch

"I like to talk to you because you smell so good and I can close my eyes and imagine I am talking to a beautiful woman."
...Charles Burbee

"He only pats you on the back to find a good spot for his dagger."
...HYPHEN, #14

"They took his I.Q. with a rectal thermometer."
...Dean A. Grennell

JUSTICE

"What is justice for you may not be justice for me."
...WR

KNOWLEDGE

"Help Fight Stupidity--blow your brains out."
...William Rotsler
in TRACKUS RODENTIA

"There is nothing worse than standing in the draft of an open mind."
...GCF

"Objectivity is too often a guise for not yet having made up your mind."
...WR

"It'll never work."
...far too many people

"Ignorance is the beginning of knowledge; knowledge is the beginning of wisdom; wisdom is the awareness of ignorance."

...William Rotsler

LIFE

"The wise man has his philosophy; the artist his touch, thank God the common man has his profanity."

...Gerald C. Fitzgerald
in THE BEST OF GERALD FITZGERALD!

Boll Weevil: "Jes' don't take life TOO serious, I allus say."

Porky Pine: "Nope...it ain't NOHOW permanent."

...POGO

"Someday the worm will turn, but it looks the same from both ends."

...Robert Bloch

"I don't see why anything can't be explained clearly in simple one syllable words, without obfuscating the issue."

...C. L. Barrett, M.D.

"Scratch a cynic and get a good kick in the teeth."

...Robert Bloch
in CHIPS

"Enjoy your own life without comparing it with that of another."

...Condorcet

"If you can't join them, beat them."

...Steve Tolliver

"I cried, because I had no shoes---and then I met a man who had no Cadillac."

...Robert Bloch
in BLOCHHEADS I HAVE KNOWN.

"Life is for sale. It all depends on the price you are prepared to pay. It can be bought wholesale or retail, in bargain basements or in the finest shops. The trouble is most people shop in dime stores and not Tiffany's."

...William Rotsler
in KTEICOMMENT!

"You can't find a paint brush big enough to whitewash the world."

...Helen Miles

"Rogues differ little. Each began first as a disobedient son."

...Chinese proverb

"What happens to protest when everyone does it?"

...Anon

"Rome wasn't burned in a day."

...Robert Bloch

"You can always tell a happy motorcycle officer by the bugs on his teeth."

...Anon, via James L. Abney

"Oh, good grief!"

...Charlie Brown

LITERATURE

"What is whimsey to me is literature to others."

...Gerald C. Fitzgerald
in HOW TO AVOID SEX ERRORS

"If you would not be forgotten as soon as you are dead, either write things worth reading or do things worth writing."

...Ben Franklin

"Reading Russian literature is like reading very small footnotes that are a page ahead of the written matter."

...GCF

"Are comic books our rosetta tomorrow?"

...William Rotsler, GENESIS 1:12

"Books, like women, should be enjoyed past the climax then given back to their owners."

...GCF

"A poetic allusion is less dangerous than a rapier's point, but it has a more lasting balm."

...WR

"Real literature is concerned with description of life and thoughts about life rather than acts. The very opposite is true about pornography."

...George Moore, in "Avowals"

LOVE

Love does as love sees fit.
All else is naught but s---t.

...Gerald C. FitzGerald

"Love is a wine that goes flat if
kept too long."

...Ravic, in Remarque's Arch of Triumph

"There are no more pockets in a
shroud,

Than fastness in a girl.
There are no more facets to a pearl,
Than anvils in a cloud."

...WR, in "Anvils in a Cloud"

"People should marry only for true
love and keep on getting married until
they find it."

... "The Heart of Juliet Jones"

"There should be time spent between
loves."

...WR

"Respect is a more rare and higher
tribute to a woman than love."

...WR

"There is a memory of you,
all naked with love and sighs,
coming to me in the dark,
bearing the first wild gifts of love."

...WR, in AN ACT OF LOVE

"The heart is a house of many
rheums."

...Sydney Stibbard, in LES FAUVES

"Love may be blind but, unfortun-
ately, rarely mute."

...WR

"And how can a man love if he cannot
forgive a woman her power to make him
surrender his he-goat privilege of the
herd?"

...William Lindsay Gresham,
in LIMBO TOWER

"Rejected lovers have little resale
value."

...WR

"Does the heart absolve what the mind
has damned?"

...WR, in "Clowns Without Masques"

"Love is neither an art nor a
science."

...William Rotsler, KTEIC MAGAZINE, #12

"It is better to have loved and
lost."

...Robert Blicch

"Love comes as death comes--if we
wait long enough."

...WR

"Once a woman has stopped loving...
Does that mean she has forgotten she
ever loved?"

...WR, in "An Anthem for Gehenna"

"Let every lover be the last."

...Sheilah Graham

"Love is ego turned inside out."

...WR

"this is not a small, soiled love,
but bath-clean,
polished bright by a million whirl-
ing stars
and blessed by the weary wings of
angels."

...WR, in "A Fragment of Love"

"Lust is the bread of life; love is
the wine."

...WR

"A thousand love songs had you inside
Another thousand said they lied."

...WR, in "A Thousand Love Songs"

"while gesturing arms unfold a tale
of love."

...WR, in "Midnight Music"

"Love is like a shingled roof--it
overlaps as all things must,"

...GCF

"Love is a many-splendored thing....
I'm told."

...WR

"We dropped into love like lobsters."

...WR, in "An Act of Love"

"A life of auditioning lovers is sad-
ly frustrating."

...name withheld by request

"Love corrupts sensuality."

...WR

"I've confused many emotions, such as hunger and thirst, with love."

...Gerald C. FitzGerald
in THE INCOMPLETE FITZGERALD.

MANNERS

"There can be no gentlemen in a world of emancipated women."

...William Rotsler
in THE DRY CALDRON

"Have you ever heard of a child writing a thank-you note to Santa Claus after Xmas?"

...Dean A. Grennell, GRUE 23

"A gentleman is one who gives his seat to a lady upon leaving the bus."

...FILLER

"It is better to move in a straight line than in the best of circles."

...Lyell Crane, in FILLER

"Flattery is the art of telling someone else what they think of themselves."

...FILLER

"I think General Trujillo is the finest gentleman I've ever met."

...Kim Novak

"I just don't apologize, I'm sorry."

...Pat Gold

"Manners, not mannerisms." ...WR

MARRIAGE

"I'm glad I got married for a living."

...HYPHEN, #10

"Marriage is a mutually agreed upon stupidity."

...WR

"Abney, what you want is to live in a patriarchy run by a woman."

...WR

MISFORTUNE

"It slowed me down for a complete loss "

...Abney Rotsler

MONEY

"While money may talk, we haven't been on speaking terms lately."

...WR

"What I dislike about capitalists is that they have so much more money than I."

...GCF

"Money may not buy everything but it is nice to run barefoot through."

...HYPHEN, #14

"When I get wealthy I'm going to buy Monday and free the blues."

...WR

"Money should be spent rather than counted."

...GCF

"We never had any oilwells because derricks don't cast much shade."

...WR

MEMORY

"I never can remember the parts I can't remember."

...Abney Rotsler, 1957

"I close my eyes, I close my ears to monuments and burning biers."

...WR, in AN ACT OF LOVE

"I can't remember because my head thinks it away."

...Lisa Rotsler, age 4½

MILITARY

"You can't keep a secret if the military know about it."

...Steve Tolliver

"A secret is anything LIFE hasn't done a 4-page spread on."

...Steve Tolliver

Lonely soldiers in the street
In aimless groups with shifting feet
Dead brown leaves that stand where
spilled
City's fable unfulfilled
The hours pass, the crowds grow thin
The eyes are lost with might-have-been
Slowly moving in mute retreat
Lonely soldiers in the street. [WR]

MONUMENTS

"If one wishes to build a monument to himself it is wise to mix your own cement."

...Gerald C. FitzGerald
in GUIDE MAP 43, SODOM AND GOMORRAH

MOTHER

"What are you going to call that sweet little old lady now that 'mother' is a dirty word?"

...Dave Foley

"I owe everything to my mother, and let the old bag sue."

...Robert Bloch

MUSIC

"[Explain jazz?] Man, if you gotta ask, you ain't never gonna know."

...Louis Armstrong

"In times like these there's only one thing to turn to and that's jazz."

...Judy Smith
in MAGGIE AND JUDY, JOINED AT THE HIP

"Folk-singing is simply a legalized crime."

...George Orwell

"Felonious Assault is a famous jazz musician; 'to kick the habit' is to attack a nun."

...Stan Ross in "FRACTURED HIP"

NATURE

"Many a forest/used to stand/where a lighted match/got out of hand."

...Burma Shave

"Perhaps he was a warped poet, repelled by nature's falling below his imagination."

...Eric Knight, in THIS ABOVE ALL

"He thinks nature can be eliminated if there is acknowledgment of God."

...GCF

NUDITY

"If Ghod had meant us to be nudists we'd have been born without clothes."

...via Walt Willis

"A picture of a naked woman is its own justification."

...Charles Burbee

THE NATURE OF MATERIALS

"I am what I am and that's all I am."

...Popeye

"Lady, only God, not a cement finisher, can make flagstone."

...Esta Warren Brady

NIGHT

"a great bubble night,
with stars running wetly down the sides,

surrounds us like God."

...WR, in "We Are The Loved"

NOSTALGIA

"Nostalgia occurs only when the future seems of less importance than the past."

...Gerald C. FitzGerald
in TRY AND CROTCH ME

PHILOSOPHY

"Sometimes I ask myself, 'Where am I going?' and other times I ask myself, 'Why did I come here?'"

...GCF

"Man does not live by chiliburgers alone."

...Stibbard, Rotsler & FitzGerald

"Let he who has not thought cast the first philosopher's stone."

...WR

"I wish that I had two lives to call my own. One in which to pursue literature and the other to simply dwell."

...Gerald FitzGerald, MASQUE 9

"If there were no reality it would be necessary to invent it."

...William Rotsler
in THE BRAIN BURNERS

"It is the duty of each man in his lifetime to beget a son, to plant a tree and to dig a well."

...old Arab proverb

"When a man is living he should be a man. After his death, if other people refer to him as a philosopher, well, that's their business."

...Gerald C. FitzGerald, who is one of those people that likes to put words in his own mouth.

"Conscience is that secret society of you and your mind."

...WR

"Without that inner understanding there is no use in putting on a Santa suit."

...Charles Burbee

"It is better to be stolen from than have to steal."

...WR

"Possession is not happiness, prosperity money, nor advertising wanting."

...William Rotsler, paraphrasing Huxley

"Help Stamp Out Reality"

...sign on rock cliff, Los Angeles

"Time heals some, if not all wounds."

...WR

"The intellect is merely a tool for the gratification of the ego."

...Robert Carse, FN
in ONONOMATIPOETIC EGOS AND IDS,

"A chilburger a day keep the doctor away."

...WR

"There is so much that is unseen in the obvious."

...WR

"Never mistake your sensuality for romantic emotion, nor idleness for philosophic calm."

...William Rotsler
in MACBETH, or BLOOD ON HER HANDS

PLEASURE

"The pleasure lies in tasting the fruit, not in swallowing it."

...GCF, in LES PETITS FAUVES

"Days sunsets could not kill."

...GCF

POETRY

"A poet cannot convey
All the words in a sonnet
Nor all the meters weigh
When the heart sighs upon it."

...WR

POLITICS

"To start war, push button." ...WR

"Don't quote me as saying 'No Comment.'"

...HYPHEN, #12

"Korea is the price of bad eggs in China."

...WR

"I know all about democracy, I went through basic training twice."

...GCF

"What our military scientists need is a good, cheap hollow-point H-bomb."

...WR

"The only reason justifying owning a Cadillac is to put a Democratic sticker on it."

...Abney Rotsler

HELP STAMP OUT REPUBLICANS! ...WR

"Taxation without exemptions is tyranny."

...Dean Grennell

"If politicians are not Truth-Seekers then it is because we have made them so."

...WR

"The difference in political parties? The Democrats allow the poor to be corrupt, too."

...Oscar Levant

POPULARITY

"It's much easier to be bitter when you are popular."

...GCF



POWER

"All power is delightful, and absolute power is absolutely delightful."

...Anon

"Power comes in many sizes and sometimes the smallest corrupts the most."

...WR

PREJUDICE

"They have flanged minds, quickly reset in bias."

...WR, in "World of Sensation Twisted Sideways"

PRIDE

"Vain? Why, he wouldn't even join Alcoholics Anonymous!"

...WR

PSYCHOLOGY

"She's so sick she gets daily Get Well cards from her psychiatrist."

...WR

"I'm not intelligent. I just quote."

...GCF

"I'm right and you're wrong!"

...WR



"A fact doesn't have to be understood to be true and don't call something impossible to get rid of it."

...WR, discussing Gerald FitzGerald, '53

"I have a streak of masochism in me to match my argyles."

...GCF

in "Visitations of No Importance"

"She wears her Id on her sleeve."

...WR, in RITA KIRWAN REVISITED

"But my faults I like."

...WR

"Symbols, neuroses, fetishes, compulsions—doesn't anyone do anything for fun anymore?"

...WR

"I kept waiting for Freud to say he was joking."

...GCF

"He is such a masochist he likes to be hung in effigy."

...WR

"Feel secure or I'll hit you."

...William and Abney Rotsler, to daughter

"She used to be more attractive but she'd had five years of analysis."

...Abney Rotsler

"He's not dogmatic, he's just sincere."

...Abney Rotsler

"Symbolism is very symbolic."

...WR

"A machinist is a person who likes to hurt himself."

...WR

"Who's the nut with the beard?"

...WR

"It's a wise child that knows its own psychiatrist."

...WR

RELIGION

"Religion is something you've got to be either blind about or know a lot against."

...Gerald C. FitzGerald

"If Jesus Christ were on earth today, would he draw bigger crowds than Billy Graham?"

...Charles Burbee

Art and God and Nature

Are Minds poor legislature

To name, and not to know

Is the way our poor minds go.

...Sydney Stibbard

"Why did Moses cross the Red Sea?"

"To get on the other side."

...WR

"You know, padre, I've been called several times but I thank God it was you who was chosen."

...GCF

"Small voice at the Last Supper, 'I wonder what's for dessert?'"

...WR

"He's an alright guy...He pals around with Mary Magdalen, doesn't he?"

...WR

"My theology, briefly, is that the universe was dictated but not signed."

...via Waly Willis

"One cannot use a battering ram on the gates of Paradise."
...William Rotsler in "Angel on Leave"

"For the believer skepticism is essential. How else is he to know false gods from true except by doubting both?"
...Ward Moore, in BRING THE JUBILEE

"God Bless Our Pad." ...WR

"Any belief in the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah should be taken with a pillar of salt."

...Bruce Pelz

"The way some girls talk virgin birth happens every day."

...GCF

"She got religion the day she taped forty inches in the belief her bosom was heavensent."

...WR

"I was filled with wonder by the fact that the laws of nature never failed, that the stone fell every time, whereas my guardian angel fell down on the job so often."

...Cecil Saint-Laurent in AFFAIRS OF MARIE-ODETTE

"I'd ascend to heaven right now if someone would meet me halfway."

...GCF

"Some people think they're Christ. They're crazy. But Jesus thought he was Christ, so who's crazy?"

...Sydney Stibbard, 1952

"Religion is something to pray to, not something that preys on you."

...GCF

"Religion always seems more important to me before dinner than after."

...GCF

REPUTATION

"It's terrible to have to live up to one's reputation."

...GCF

ROMANCE

"A Romantic always longs for the next kiss; a sentimentalist always remembers the first."

...GCF

"A romance is mutual self-illusion."
...WR

"A soul that yearns for romance, in other words an idealist, quite often lies and never knows that it lies."

...WR

"There are only five proper gifts for women; love, admiration, respect, flowers and money."

...William Rotsler

SEX

"Sex is the friendliest thing two people can do."

...William Rotsler in CARNALITY REVISITED

"Sex is nothing more than a very cozy way of communication."

...GCF

"...as a matter of fact, I invented it in 1927. It was either inventing sex or bubble gum and so I chose glory instead of money and invented sex right off the top of my head."

...Charles Burbee

"The perfect lady is not the perfect woman."

...Redd Boggs, SKYHOOK #13

"Sex is as sex does." ...WR

"A miss in the backseat is worth two in the engine."

...John L. Magnus, Jr, in FILLER

"Better to wear out than to lust out."

...WR

"It is better to live lustfully than to love listlessly."

...Gerald C. Fitzgerald
in SEX IS SUCH A SHORT WORD

"A Chestnut is one who likes chests."
...WR

"Well, if that's your feeling towards the opposite sex I'm putting my inhibitions back on!"

...a mercifully anonymous female

"I want a nice girl that is just a little bit promiscuous."
...GCF

"Buttons are better than zippers, which make just enough noise to force women into 'discovering' they are being disrobed."

...William Rotsler
in Lesson Seven, "The William Rotsler Extension Course."

"Sex was handed down through the ages."

...from an anonymous "fanzine"

"Man will soon tire of sex and turn to more rewarding pursuits."

...WR

"Phallic symbols are never out of date."

...Charles Burbee in SHAGGY, #41

"Sex is love with the lumps took out."
...WR

"Every woman should have the right to have one child and no questions asked."

...George L. Dewey, M.D.

"Sex is a coloring book of sensuality."
...WR

"A man is like a horse and a woman is like a mule."

...Granville Vail

"The war from which we can never disarm is the battle of the sexes."

...William Rotsler
in KHARMA SUTRA, Baham Press

"Sex belongs, enjoy it."
...WR

"I am definitely a woman and I enjoy it."

...Marilyn Monroe, LIFE, April 7, 1952

"Never let a man dishonor you, Tina; dishonor him first."

...GCF to his five year old niece

"Boys like girls, just remember that. No substitutes, no excuses."

...William Rotsler
in HAMLET, or HE LOVED HIS MOTHER BUT OH, YOU KID!

"The hardest thing about keeping our daughters in clothes isn't necessarily the high cost of the clothes."

...John L. Magnus, Jr, in FILLER

"Christ, you sleep with a girl and they think you're her friend."

...GCF

"It's all a matter of presentation. Even Willie Rotsler didn't like sex until it was presented to him in the form of a woman."

...Charles Burbee

"Sex must be explained in person."

...Terry and Miriam Carr
in BASIC EROTICA

"You've got to have been born with it...and it's better when you're young."

...Maggie Ryan

"The nice thing about sex is that any number can play."

...Anon

"An Italian woman knows in her heart it's a sin to do anything except make babies."

...Gina Lollobrigida

"A woman's bosom should always be ample for a man's grasp should exceed his reach else what's a woman for?"

...WR

"Have you noticed that a woman's boy seldom, if ever, grows up to be a ladies man?"

...Anon

"It sounds vaguely obscene and if there's anything I detest it's vagueness."

...Robert Bloch, HYPHEN #13

"Looks do not count in the performance of love."
...Pierre La Mure in MOULIN ROUGE

"Women were made for men and men were made for women and the twain shall meet as often as humanly possible."
WR, in MAYNARD KREBS IN HIGH SOCIETY

"Nobody loves a fat man, as any eunuch can tell you."
...Robert Bloch

"Rape is just a case of the wrong man."
...old GI saying

"Sex before dishonor."
...WR

"The right to buy women is the right to be free."
...anonymous "fanzine" editor

"If a person has a female centaur does he keep her in the bedroom or the garage?"
...Redd Boggs, in FILLER

"Anything done in love and passion is good and pure and true."
...GCF

"Let's do something good and pure and true."
...Jim Caughran

"You'd be surprised how often sex has its drawbacks."
...WR

"They only seem to be disembodied angels. One must see them dripping with sweat after a frenzied 'varso-vienne' and then afterward wolfing a beefsteak done rare to know otherwise."
...The Bey of Morocco, in Guy Endore's THE KING OF PARIS

"I want to be a real woman as long as I can be girlish about it."
...Abney Rotsler

"If women were men you'd have nothing to do with them."
...GCF

"The horns of his dilemma are those of a cuckold."
...WR

"I like a man who takes his time."
...Mae West
"Sex corrupts."
...WR

SCIENCE

"Every science begins as philosophy and ends as art."
...Will Durant

"What science needs to do is to develop a cancer-resistant mouse."
...Robert G. Peteler

"Gee, Mom, Sis really was 92% water!"
...WR

"To remove air from a flask, you fill the bottle with water, pour the water out and put the cap back on—real quick!"
...FILLER

"Things get smaller as they go away."
...Burbee's Law

Bloch's Theory: "Space is a lot of nothing between 'stuff.'"

Bloch's Temporal Theory: "Time---there ain't anything longer than!" [Based on Stoopnagle's Law.]

"Distance is further than anything."
...Robert Bloch

SIN

"Thou Shalt Not Covet Thy Neighbor's Wife without a prophylactic."
...Gerald C. FitzGerald in HOW TO USE SEX FOR YOUR OWN ENJOYMENT

"I'm easily lead astray---in fact, I just can't wait to be led astray."
...HYPHEN, #14

"A lewd mind in a sound body."
...Mark Ferber

"Christ couldn't stop prostitution, why should I?"
...Mayor of Galveston, Texas, running for re-election

"If one must live in sin there is no sense in not being comfortable."
...GCF

"There is one thing about sin—it has no temples of worship."

...William Rotsler

"Have Diaphragm, Will Fornicate."

...name withheld by request

"Pornographic poetry is just vice verses."

...HYPHEN, #14

"The only thing wrong with living in sin is that it's not tax deductible."

...GCF

"Rule of thumb: it takes more than two people to make an orgy."

...WR



"It's not rape when you have your diaphragm in."

...Judy Smith

"One name for a pimp is appointment secretary."

...WR

"I've seen everything twice."

...Errol Flynn

"Prostitutes are made, not born."

...WR

"It would be a neat trick to be originally sinful after 2,000 years."

...Gerald FitzGerald in

WHAT TO DO UNTIL THE ABORTIONIST COMES

"There is one thing to be said in favor of homosexuality—it's limited to people I don't think I'd want anyway."

...William Rotsler

"There is a difference between crime and prostitution...Crime Doesn't Pay."

...FILLER

"Never make friends at orgies—only likable strangers."

...WR

"Call girls: many are called and all are chosen."

...WR

"Nothing exceeds like excess."

...Robert Bloch

"Less than three people does not constitute an orgy, only friendship."

...WR

"Is sin anything more than the absense of virtue?"

...WR

"She's the kind of girl who gives prostitution a bad name."

...HYPHEN, #12

SPACE

"Do you know that wherever you are you are standing on the 'shores of space'?"

...WR

"Old Space Force Proverb: only in movies do meteors make sounds."

...WR

"Outer Space? The last time I was out there, there wasn't much there."

...Charles Burbee

STRENGTH

"Strength is not inflexibility."

...WR

SUCCESS

"Behind every successful man there is a woman. Or, if he's lucky, a number of them."

...WR

SYMPATHY

"Don't feel sorry for my wounds. Sympathy has no disinfectant value."

...Charles Burbee

TIME

"Time is what keeps everything from happening at once."

...Ray Cummings

"A stitch in time will make newsweek happy."
...GCF

"What good is a pair of binoculars if you can't see into the future?"
...PEANUTS

"Time is not a clock, a stream of sand, a marked candle. Time is a state of mind."
...WR

"Time is non-existent. Time is thought. Time is a concept hampered and enclosed by the limitation of the physical body. And a physical body is the outward manifestation of thought itself. Time is a circle, in which thought and all its creations go on in an everlasting cycle, repeating the same processes without end. And if you do not accept this as gospel truth a pox on you and yours!"
...Robert Carse in
TIME, SPACE AND OUR EXPANDING UNIVERSE

"Time is Eternity, not a clock."
...WR

"Time goes by so rapidly--why, it's just like shooting eras into the air."
...GCF

"There is more to time than minutes."
...GCF

TOLERANCE

"Unless Christ got a shave and a haircut he couldn't buy a house in our block."
...GCF

"Snobbery is snobbery, no matter how high the brow."
...Terry Carr, INNUENDO

"'Different' to some people is 'bad' or 'worse.'"
...WR

"There may be nigger angels but they better get their own heaven."
...GCF

"It takes all kinds to make a cat house."
...WR

"It's not so much that I like underdogs but god how I hate an overdog!"
...Dean A. Grennell

"I disagree with what you say but I'll be damned if I'll let you say it around here!"
...Gene Coe

"We've got to do something about this. You've got to change."
...Lavelle Rotsler Parsons

"I'm not used to having somebody listen to what I have to say!"
...Charlæe Brown

TRUTH

"Truth is an illness that never seems to plague humanity."
...William Rotsler
"Dishonesty is self-defeating."
...WR

"Must facts always be cold and hard? Can't they be warm and soft once in awhile?"
...WR

"I have the courage of my convictions it's just that I don't have very good convictions."
...Van Ferber

"I am never to be taken verbatim."
...GCF

"Why lie or insult when the truth is so often sufficient?"
...WR

"Men have hung from Truth like gibbets but they have never hung for a better reason or more proudly."
...William Rotsler
in THE FACE THAT LAUNCHED A THOUSAND
FREUDIAN SLIPS

"Aim a Truth like an arrow."
...WR

VICE

"It is wonderfully easy to escape the vices towards which one doesn't happen to be drawn."
...Aldous Huxley

VIRTUE

"Straight shooters always win."
...Tom Mix

"Modesty is one of my many virtues."
...Dean A. Grennell

"Virtue is a sometime thing."
...WR

WEATHER

"Even if I could do something about the weather I wouldn't have the heart to."
...GCF

WISDOM

"Gerald FitzGerald is one of those people that carry wisdom too far."
...WR

"The faint hearted live a life in the shadows."
...WR

"I see in the latest SRL that Thurber is practically completely blind—one eye is all the way gone and he can only see about 6% out of the other. Which only goes to prove that 94% of the things we look at aren't seeing."
...Gerald C. FitzGerald

"Cleverness is not wisdom."
...WR

WOMAN

"Women never surrender; they only go underground."
...William Rotsler

"Girls prefer professional tough guys, sadists and baby faces. Women prefer men."
...Bernard Dryer, in THE IMAGE MAKERS

"A woman can be a hell or a heaven, depending whether she forgets she's a woman or glories in it."
...WR, in THE KOOKIE JAR

"Women are no good, except as women."
...Anon

"The natural state of women is being married; the natural state of man is not being married."
...WR

"It is rare that a beautiful woman is not stupid from lack of effort or self-consciously on display."
...WR

WORK

"Work is the curse of the drinking class."
...Old Irish folk-saying

"Work is the only thing you can do for years without getting the habit."
...Bob Shaw, HYPHEN #10

WRITING

"Everyone should write a novel. It's a wonderful way to fill up an afternoon."
...GCF

"The trouble with a typewriter is that you can't chew the end of it."
...FILLER

"Legibility goes a long way towards making writing legible."
...HYPHEN, #13

"Use short sentences. Use short first paragraphs. Use vigorous English. Be positive, not negative.

"Avoid the use of adjectives, especially such extravagant ones as splendid, grand, gorgeous, magnificent, etc."
...two of the 110 rules that governed the prose of the Kansas City STAR

WOMAN

"Woman's greatest advantage is man; woman's greatest al l i e s are male glands."
...WR

"There are three kinds of women in the world: the annoying ones, the exasperating ones and the infuriating ones."
...Paul Valery

"Next time I put a woman up on a pedestal I am going to make damn sure there is some room up there for me, too."
...GCF

"If a man could just get along without women and luxuries he could be all right."
...GCF

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