

# Random Thoughts . . .

## SPEAKING OF EVERYTHING — III

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The intuitive mind is a sacred gift and the rational mind is a faithful servant. We have created a society that honors the servant and has forgotten the gift. • *Albert Einstein*

Man is rated the highest animal, at least among all animals that returned the questionnaire. • *Robert Brault*

The only man I know who behaves sensibly is my tailor: he takes my measurements anew each time he sees me. The rest go on with their old measurements and expect me to fit them.

• *George Bernard Shaw*

Fanaticism consists in redoubling your effort when you have forgotten your aim. • *George Santayana*

The cardiologist's diet: If it tastes good, spit it out.

• *Source unknown*

I am, and ever will be, a white-socks, pocket-protector, nerdy engineer, born under the second law of thermodynamics, steeped in steam tables, in love with free-body diagrams, transformed by Laplace and propelled by compressible flow.

• *Neil Armstrong*

A conference is a gathering of important people who singly can do nothing but together can decide that nothing can be done. • *Fred Allen*

Find a job you love and you'll never have to work a day in your life. • *Confucius*

Never ruin an apology with an excuse. • *Kimberly Johnson*

Why do they put Braille on the drive-through bank machines? • *George Carlin*

It is a tremendous act of violence to begin anything. I am not able to begin. I simply skip what should be the beginning.

• *Rainer Maria Rilke*

A conclusion is the place where you got tired of thinking.

• *Steven Wright*

As to the Seven Deadly Sins, I deplore Pride, Wrath, Lust, Envy, and Greed. Gluttony and Sloth I pretty much plan my day around. • *Robert Brault*

Your assumptions are your windows on the world. Scrub them off every once in a while, or the light won't come in.

• *Isaac Asimov*

You cannot truly listen to anyone and do anything else at the same time. • *M. Scott Peck*

Thank you for sending me a copy of your book; I'll waste no time reading it. • *Moses Hadas*

It's hard to be religious when certain people are never incinerated by bolts of lightning. • *Bill Watterson*

One does not discover new lands without consenting to lose sight of the shore for a very long time. • *Andre' Gide*

I cannot see how to refute the arguments for the subjectivity of ethical values, but I find myself incapable of believing that all that is wrong with wanton cruelty is that I don't like it.

• *Bertrand Russell*

We should be careful to get out of an experience only the wisdom that is in it—and stop there—lest we be like the cat that sits down on a hot stove-lid. She will never sit down on a hot stove-lid again—and that is well; but she will also never sit down on a cold one anymore. • *Mark Twain*

Seek simplicity, and distrust it. • *Alfred North Whitehead*

How we spend our days is, of course, how we spend our lives.

• *Annie Dillard*

I have only three enemies. My favorite enemy, the one most easily influenced for the better, is the British nation. My second enemy, the Indian people, is far more difficult. But my most formidable opponent is a man named Mohandas K. Gandhi. With him, I seem to have very little influence.

• *Mohandas Gandhi*

Whether you think you can or think you can't, you're right.

• *Henry Ford*

Protons have mass? I didn't even know they were Catholic.

• *Source unknown*

Life is like driving a car at night. You never see further than your headlights, but you can make the whole trip that way.

• *E.L. Doctorow*

No snowflake in an avalanche ever feels responsible.

• *Stanislaus Jerzy Lee*

His mother should have thrown him away and kept the stork.

• *Mae West*

I look back on my life like a good day's work. It was done and I am satisfied with it. • *Grandma Moses*

I knew if I stayed around long enough, something like this would happen. • *George Bernard Shaw's epitaph*