

Random Thoughts . . .

SPEAKING OF EVERYTHING

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- ❶ *A rock pile ceases to be a rock pile the moment a single man contemplates it, bearing within him the image of a cathedral.*

_____ Antoine de Sant Exupère

- ❶ *Whenever things get really bad, there is always some one to assure us amid great applause that nothing has happened and everything is in order.*

_____ Carl Jung

- ❶ *Children have never been very good at listening to their elders, but they have never failed to imitate them.*

_____ James Baldwin

- ❶ *We get the best results in education and research if we leave their management to people who know something about them.*

_____ Robert Hutchins

- ❶ *Every man is a damn fool for at least five minutes every day. Wisdom consists in not exceeding the limit.*

_____ Elbert Hubbard

- ❶ *Law of Probable Dispersal: Whatever hits the fan will not be evenly distributed.*

_____ Anonymous

- ❶ *A man's hatred is always concentrated on the thing that makes him conscious of his bad qualities.*

_____ Carl Jung

- ❶ *There is something that is much more scarce, something rarer than ability. It is the ability to recognize ability.*

_____ Robert Half



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- ❶ *Never attribute to malice that which is adequately explained by stupidity.*
 _____ Fred Vorhis
- ❷ *Expertise in one field does not carry over into other fields. But experts often think so. The narrower their field of knowledge the more likely they are to think so.*
 _____ Robert Heinlein
- ❸ *Many men stumble over discoveries, but most of them pick themselves up and walk away.*
 _____ Winston Churchill
- ❹ *Experience is a hard teacher because she gives the test first, the lesson afterwards.*
 _____ Vernon Law
- ❺ *The only reason I would take up jogging is to hear heavy breathing again.*
 _____ Erma Bombeck
- ❻ *Among those whom I like or admire, I can find no common denominator, but among those I love I can: all of them make me laugh.*
 _____ W. H. Auden
- ❼ *La causa de lo que hacemos es lo que creemos y también lo que buscamos.*
 _____ Armando Rugarcia
- ❽ *Creativity always dies a quick death in rooms that house conference tables.*
 _____ Bruce Herschensoln
- ❾ *I write when I'm inspired, and I see to it that I'm inspired at nine o'clock every morning.*
 _____ Peter DeVries
- ❿ *I believe in miracles in every area of life except writing. Experience has shown me that there are no miracles in writing. The only thing that produces good writing is hard work.*
 _____ Isaac Bashevis Singer
- ⓫ *We are so constituted that we believe the most incredible things, and once they are engraved upon the memory, woe to him that would endeavor to erase them.*
 _____ Goethe
- ⓬ *Good judgment comes from experience. Experience comes from bad judgment.*
 _____ Anonymous
- ⓭ *Our achievements speak for themselves. What we have to keep track of are our failures, discouragements, and doubts. We tend to forget the past difficulties, the many false starts, and the painful groping. We see our past achievements as the end result of a clean forward thrust, and our present difficulties as signs of decline and decay.*
 _____ Eric Hoffer
- ⓮ *More than any other time in history, mankind faces the crossroads. One path leads to despair and utter hopelessness, the other to total extinction. I pray we have the wisdom to choose wisely.*
 _____ Woody Allen
- ⓯ *I never forget a face, but in your case I'll make an exception.*
 _____ Groucho Marx