

# APHORISMS

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Hasn't doesn't mean won't, does it?

People stuck at the *why* never move on to the *how*.

The cost of wallowing too much in the mud is believing you're a hog.

The dark side of innocence is ignorance.

What truths shouldn't be spoken? The truths which are *irrelevant*.

Words are either redundant or false.

The subconscious makes a fine tool but a bad boss.

One must endure many silent nights to get to the holy nights.

Better to be a plant than a vegetable.

He's King of the Hill — but the hill is in a pit.

When totally aware, you're in another world — this one.

A substitute is no substitute.

If no one goes first, no one goes anywhere.

They tell you to pick up the check, but they don't let you order from the menu.

They prepared the seat for me: now must I sit in it?

The people abdicated their throne.

He told me I had to learn how to "fake-laugh," and that was my first exposure to the "real world."

Jules Verne predicted man would go to the moon, but Aristophanes predicted we would have Jerry Lewis.

Who wrote the rules of the game you play?

Know what the score is before you give up.

When it turns their stomach, they turn away.

They have been blinded by reality.

The deformed avoid mirrors.

Sometimes to change reality, you have to ignore reality.

From player to pawn.

Only dead salmon float with the current.

You don't make a difference by being the same.

No one ever struck oil just by scratching the surface.

Every hammer makes a dent.

When you mine, mine gold.

Polish every gem.

Young forks define cement.

Get off the road with the fork and get on the road with the branches.

Seal off the wrong roads.

If you travel down the same path, don't be surprised when you arrive at the same destination.

What some do easily, others do hardly.

You're dealing with someone who needs to be dealt with.

A warning is a courtesy.

Revenge is a form of communication.

Language is compiled time.

If he talked to you so that you knew he knew what he was talking about, you wouldn't know what he was talking about!

Arrogance is the price you pay for being superior.

Whole lotta low.

His lack of class puts him in a different class.

Inertia doesn't need your help.

Roots are under the ground.

Cult is short for culture.

All history is the attempt to escape from history.

He brings his past with him wherever he goes.

It's hard to feel like a person when you're a cog in the wheel.

Slow suicide is not a viable lifestyle.

Rationalization is a lack of will masquerading as thought.

Every follower leads others.

He turns off people better off turned on.

Money pollutes the nature of exchange.

Some people say "we're behind you" when they're standing on the sidelines.

The paper-house of rationalization is blown away by the hurricane of plausibility.

The sandcastles of resolve are eroded by the waves of subsequent experience.

Pounds of promises, ounces of results.

Step furtively into the territory of the inauthentic.

Compromise with mediocrity and you get something a little less mediocre.

Today's fashion is tomorrow's cut-out rack.

The fresher it is, the more dated it will become.

The stronger the dog, the stronger the leash.

If ignorance were bliss, Earth would be Paradise.

There's nothing more real than a possibility.

Every objection brings us closer to the answer.

Christ is the guy nailed to the cross.

The body justifies the skeleton.

The longer you take to fix it, the longer it will take to fix.

Chuck what's chuckable.

No better way to suffocate than to stick your head in the sand.

Don't give up power to become a slave.

If eternal Heaven is possible, eternal Purgatory is Hell.

When you sit in front of the TV, feel nervous.

A good society is the best therapy.

Fear of courage (afraid his courage will lead him into fearful situations).

The tool is fighting the blueprint.

They go after you because you're the target.

Jealousy is the father of marriage.

What rubs off, wears off.

If you never fire a shot, you'll never know that your gun is loaded with blanks.

Easy discourse censors difficult discourse.

You've got to be good to survive.

Good writing is a record of liberation.

He plays the same game, but he's not in the same league.

Perception is an effort.

Tone makes all the difference.

Isolation punctuated with bouts of friendship.

They only let you in when you're one of them.

Prepare or repair.

On seeing with your ears: sometimes you see things which aren't there.

Probability weighs more than possibility.

Art cuts across apples and oranges.

Guilt is insight.

Stupidity is a choice.

“Never show half-completed work to a fool”: a message not only to artists, but also to fools.

The truth of a statement is independent of the fact of its utterance.

A piece in the jigsaw puzzle may be tiny, but if you don't have it, you can't complete the puzzle.

Some people let minor problems stop them from solving major problems.

Knowledge is the clay, not the sculpture.

At the pinnacle, the air is purer, but thinner.

You win wars by losing battles.

Loyalty to structure can require disloyalty to substructure.

The people who make the rules don't have to live around the people affected by the rules.

“Discouraged” means just what it says: dis-COURAGED.

Entropy is half the story.

Whether in Paris, London, or Rome, the Dog still tugs at the Leash.

Policies degenerate into lotteries.

Units are scrimps on the stage of infinity.

Too many are satisfied with being satisfied.

Two goals: one, to get to the top of the mountain; two, to take a step. Both will get you there.

The first rung is all too often missing.

You can tell the lake is dead when the fish float to the top; the idea is to intervene before that happens.

Give the *tools* of change to the *agents* of change.

A new kind of cannibal: the cannibal that devours itself.

Pessimism is thiorazine for the masses.

You need your help.

A point well-made should be well-taken.

Every lamp needs an outlet.

If half the bills are counterfeit, yours becomes worthless.

Progress through process.

They're angels because they have wings.

Tune out, you're out.

Fear is the sweat of ignorance.

As we dive deeper, the ocean gets deeper.

Safety nets breed tightrope walkers.

They're shooting at decoys with blanks.

Why did they throw the dog a bone? Because the dog was SATISFIED with a bone.

Every criminal was once a victim.

They say the food has no taste when they can't taste the food.

Christmas is wearing off.

Kids will be kids because adults haven't been adults.

You know God when you know.

Hell is created in dribs and drabs.

It's a mystery because you don't understand.

The Tin Rule: Treat others the way you have been treated.

Some attempt to do with nerves of steel what is best attempted with a vault of gold.

Stability has high opportunity costs.

A bad system is a trouble-manufacturing machine.

He stood on the shoulders of giants — but the giants were facing in the wrong direction.

How do you find your glasses if you can't see?

An absolutist sees no possibility in probability.

*Faith* breaks the vicious circle.

Rival, or colleague?

War: man teething.

The audience admires the performer — but the performer admires the composer.

Make only the compromises that will wither away.

Lincoln was thought to be a great man though he only stated the obvious.

A photograph of a light provides no light.

The caveman drags a heavy load while the children play at logrolling.

The last illusion anyone has is that they don't have to face reality.

Ambidextrous feelings.

Music reveals the will and the way.

Art is the highest form of journalism.

A great image is a category of possibilities.

Art sacrifices clarity for beauty.

The artist must search long for the seed worthy of fertilization.

Great art: fruit with seeds.

Good art: fruit without seeds.

Bad art: wax fruit.

Bad playwright: puts words in his character's mouths.

Always possible, never fulfilled.

The importance of gold shifts from very to un.

He "beats" the video game — but it has his quarter.

I change reality just by moving my finger.

Dead minds kill.

We have to keep the duck from crowding out the rabbit.

You keep falling until you sprout wings.

Defending unicorns against the invasion of Loch Ness monsters.

Only the best people are named Montague.

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A theory should be guilty until proven innocent.

Behind every man is a woman, waiting to get out.

The lady doth protest not enough.

This land is not your land.

He gambled and you lost.

You get what you don't pay for.

They slip us into something uncomfortable.

Don't feed the hand that bites you.

Put your mouth where your money is.

If you do the time, you've got to do the crime.

Might makes wrong.

It's impossible to keep your chin up and your nose to the grindstone.

Evasions speak louder than words.

Many are called, but few show up.

He who irritates is lost.

Your lack of knowledge is their power.

Angels rush in where fools fear to tread.

While some go out on a limb, others chop down the branch.

In the country of the blind, the one-eyed man is reviled.

As you slow, so shall you creep.