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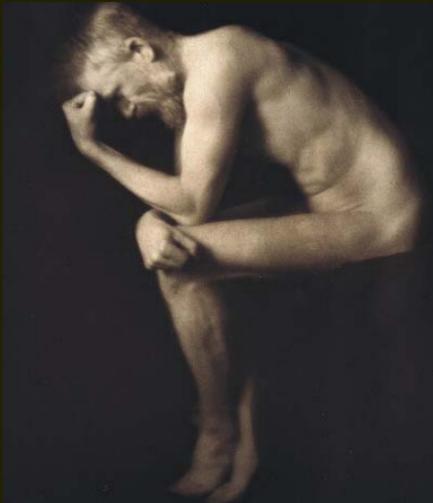
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may not be the same; Never resist temptati
good: If you are on good terms with yourself
golden rule is that there are no golden rules: Th
bureaucracy consists of functionaries: The aristocr
understand the bureaucracy: It can only worship the nation
for appointment by the corrupt few: He who confuses political liberty with freedom and political equality with similarity has never
thought for five minutes about either: Nothing can be unconditional: Consequently nothing can be free: When a person teaches something
they do not know to somebody else who has no aptitude for it and gives him a certificate of proficiency the latter has completed education: A
fool's brain digests philosophy into folly: Science into superstition: Art into pedantry: Hence University education: The best brought up children
are those who have seen their parents as they are: Hypocrisy is not the parent's first duty: The vilest abortionist is he who attempts to mould a child's
character: He who can, does: He who cannot, teaches: Activity is the only road to knowledge: Every fool believes what his teachers tell him and calls his
credulity science or morality as confidently as his father called it divine revelation: No person can be a pure specialist without being in the strict sense an idiot:
Do not give your children moral and religious instruction unless you are quite sure they will not take it too seriously: Crime is only the retail department of what
in wholesale we call penal law: Property said Proudhon is theft: This is the only perfect truism that has been uttered on the subject: If you strike a child take care that
you strike it in anger even at the risk of maiming it for life: A blow in cold blood neither can nor should be forgiven: Beware of the person whose god is in the skies:
Economy is the art of making the most of life: Greatness is only one of the sensations of littleness: If a great person could make us understand them: We should hang them:
He who desires a lifetime of happiness with a beautiful woman desires to enjoy the taste of wine by keeping his mouth always full of it:
The most intolerable pain is produced by prolonging the keenest pleasure: In an ugly and unhappy world the richest person can purchase
nothing but ugliness and unhappiness: A gentleman of our days is one who has money enough to do what every fool would do if he could afford it: and that is
consume without producing: The unconscious Self is the real genius: Except during the nine months before they draw their first breath no person manages his
affairs as well as a tree does The reasonable person adapts himself to the world: The unreasonable one persists in trying to adapt the world to himself: Therefore
all progress depends on the unreasonable person The person who listens to Reason is lost: Reason enslaves all whose minds are not strong enough to master her: If we
could learn from mere experience the stones of London would be wiser than its wisest men: All men mean well: Hell is paved with good intentions not with bad
ones: The right to live is abused whenever it is not constantly challenged: Life levels all men: Death reveals the eminent: Home is the girl's prison and the
woman's workhouse: Civilization is a disease produced by building societies with rotten material: The most popular method of distributing
wealth is the method of the roulette table: Do not waste your time on Social Questions: What is the matter with the poor is Poverty: What is
the matter with the rich is uselessness: We are told that when Jehovah created the world he saw that it was good: What would he say now: Take care
to get what you like or you will be forced to like what you get: Where there is no ventilation fresh air is declared unwholesome: Where there is no knowledge
ignorance calls itself science: Those who understand evil pardon it: Those who resent it destroy it: It is dangerous to be sincere unless you are also stupid: Two starving
men cannot be twice as hungry as one: But two rascals can be ten times as vicious as one: If you begin by sacrificing yourself to those you love you will end by
hating those to whom you have sacrificed yourself: A fashion is nothing but an induced epidemic: A genius can't be forced; nor can you make an ape an
alderman: A government that robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul: A life spent making mistakes is not only more honor
able, but more useful than a life spent doing nothing: A little learning is a dangerous thing, but we must take that risk because a little
is as much as our biggest heads can hold: A man never tells you anything until you contradict him: A man of great common sense and
good taste - meaning thereby a man without originality or moral courage: A perpetual holiday is a good working definition of hell: All great truths begin
as blasphemies: All my life affection has been showered upon me, and every forward step I have made has been taken in spite of it: Americans adore me and will
go on adoring me until I say something nice about them: An asylum for the sane would be empty in America: An Englishman thinks he is moral when he is only uncomfortable
able: Beauty is all very well at first sight; but who ever looks at it when it has been in the house three days? Better keep yourself clean and bright: you are the window
through which you must see the world: Beware of false knowledge; it is more dangerous than ignorance: Capitalism has destroyed our belief in any effective
power but that of self interest backed by force: Censorship ends in logical completeness when nobody is allowed to read any books except the books
that nobody reads: Choose silence of all virtues, for by it you hear other men's imperfections, and conceal your own: Crude classifications
and false generalizations are the curse of organized life: Dancing is a perpendicular expression of a horizontal desire: Democracy is a device
that insures we shall be governed no better than we deserve: Do not try to live forever: You will not succeed: England and America are two countries separated
by the same language: Every person who has mastered a profession is a skeptic concerning it: Everything happens to everybody sooner or later if there is time enough: Except
during the nine months before he draws his first breath, no man manages his affairs as well as a tree does: Fashions, after all, are only induced epidemics: Few people think more than
two or three times a year: I have made an international reputation for myself by thinking once or twice a week: Find enough clever things to say, and you're a Prime Minister;
write them down and you're a Shakespeare: First love is only a little foolishness and a lot of curiosity: Forgive him, for he believes that the customs of his tribe are
the laws of nature! Give a man health and a course to steer, and he'll never stop to trouble about whether he's happy or not: Hatred is the coward's revenge for
being intimidated: He knows nothing and thinks he knows everything: That points clearly to a political career: He's a man of great common
sense and good taste - meaning thereby a man without originality or moral courage: Hegel was right when he said that we learn from history
that man can never learn anything from history: Hell is full of musical amateurs: Home life is no more natural to us than a cage is natural to a cockatoo: I dislike
feeling at home when I am abroad: I enjoy convalescence: It is the part that makes the illness worth while: I learned long ago, never to wrestle with a pig: You get dirty, and
besides, the pig likes it: I never thought much of the courage of a lion tamer: Inside the cage he is at least safe from people: I often quote myself: It adds spice to my conversation: I
want to be thoroughly used up when I die, for the harder I work the more I live: I rejoice in life for its own sake: I'm an atheist and I thank God for it: I'm only a beer tee
toller, not a champagne teetotaller: If history repeats itself, and the unexpected always happens, how incapable must Man be of learning from experience:
If parents would only realize how they bore their children! If you can't get rid of the skeleton in your closet, you'd best teach it to dance: If you must
hold yourself up to your children as an object lesson, hold yourself up as a warning and not as an example: Imagination is the beginning
of creation: You imagine what you desire, you will what you imagine and at last you create what you will: In a battle all you need to make
you fight is a little hot blood and the knowledge that it's more dangerous to lose than to win: In heaven an angel is nobody in particular: Independence?
That's middle class blasphemy: We are all dependent on one another, every sou on earth: It is dangerous to be sincere unless you are also stupid: It was from Handel
that I learned that style consists in force of assertion: Lack of money is the root of all evil: Liberty means responsibility: That is why most men dread it: Life does not cease to be
funny when people die any more than it ceases to be serious when people laugh: Life isn't about finding yourself: Life is about creating yourself: Life levels all men:
Death reveals the eminent: Marriage is an alliance entered into by a man who can't sleep with the window shut, and a woman who can't sleep with the window
open: Martyrdom: The only way a man can become famous without ability: Miracles, in the sense of phenomena we cannot explain, surround us
all: On every hand: life itself is the miracle of miracles: Most people do not pray; they only beg: My reputation grows with every failure:
Never fret for an only son, the idea of failure will never occur to him: Never waste jealousy on a real man: it is the imaginary man that
supplants us in the long run: No man ever believes that the Bible means what it says: He is always convinced that it says what he means: No man who is
occupied in doing a very difficult thing, and doing it very well, ever loses his self-respect: No question is so difficult to answer as that to which the answer is obvious:
Only on paper has humanity yet achieved glory, beauty, truth, knowledge, virtue, and abiding love: Parentage is a very important profession, but no test of fitness for it is ever
imposed in the interest of the children: Patriotism is your conviction that this country is superior to all other countries because you were born in it: Peace is not only
better than war, but infinitely more arduous: People become attached to their burdens sometimes more than the burdens are attached to them: People who
say it cannot be done should not interrupt those who are doing it: Perhaps the greatest social service that can be rendered by anybody to the country
and to mankind is to bring up a family: Power does not corrupt men; fools, however, if they get into a position of power, corrupt power:
Property is organized robbery: Reading made Don Quixote a gentleman, but believing what he read made him mad: Science never solves a
problem without creating ten more: Silence is the most perfect expression of scorn: Statistics show that of those who contract the habit of eating, very
few survive: Success does not consist in never making mistakes but in never making the same one a second time: The best place to find God is in a garden:
You can dig for him there: The fact that a believer is happier than a skeptic is no more to the point than the fact that a drunken man is happier than a sober one: The
faults of the burglar are the qualities of the financier: The fickleness of the women I love is only equalled by the infernal constancy of the women who love
me: The first condition of progress is the removal of censorship: The golden rule is that there are no golden rules: The great advantage of a hotel is
that it is a refuge from home life: The liar's punishment is not in the least that he is not believed, but that he cannot believe anyone else: The
love of economy is the root of all virtue: The man with a toothache thinks everyone happy whose teeth are sound: The poverty
stricken man makes the same mistake about the rich man: The minority is sometimes right; the majority always wrong: The mo
ment we want to believe something, we suddenly see all the arguments for it, and become blind to the arguments against it: The natural term of
the affection of the human animal for its offspring is six years: The only secrets are the secrets that keep themselves: The only service a friend can really render
is to keep up your courage by holding up to you a mirror in which you can see a noble image of yourself: The people who get on in this world are the people who get up
and look for the circumstances they want and if they can't find them, make them: The perfect love affair is one which is conducted entirely by mail: The possibilities
are numerous once we decide to act and not react: The power of accurate observation is commonly called cynicism by those who have not got it: The things
most people want to know about are usually none of their business: There are two tragedies in life: One is to lose your heart's desire: The other is
to gain it: There is no satisfaction in hanging a man who does not object to it: There is no sincerer love than the love of food:
There is only one religion, though there are a hundred versions of it: Use your health, even to the point of wearing it
out: That is what it is for: Spend all you have before you die; do not outlive yourself: Very few people can afford
to be poor: Virtue is insufficient temptation: We don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing: We have no more right to consume
happiness without producing it than to consume wealth without producing it: We learn from experience that men never learn anything from experience:
We must always think about things, and we must think about things as they are, not as they are said to be: What is virtue but the Trade
Unionism of the married? What we want is to see the child in pursuit of knowledge, and not knowledge in pursuit of the child:
When a man says money can do anything, that settles it: he hasn't got any: When a stupid man is doing something he
is ashamed of, he always declares that it is his duty: When I was young, I observed that nine out of ten things
I did were failures: So I did ten times more work: Which painting in the National Gallery would I save if there was a fire? The one nearest the door of course: Why should
we take advice on sex from the pope? If he knows anything about it, he shouldn't! Without art, the crudeness of reality would make the world unbearable:
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