

# QUOTEBOOK II



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There are two reasons for this edition of QUOTEBOOK. One is to wish you a Merry Christmas for 1965 and 1966. (That's in case I have some left over next year.)

Another reason (and a good one it is, too) is that I want to get more original quotes for that Big Hard-Cover QUOTEBOOK in the sky. I figure that if you read all this material by me you'll say gruffly, "Hell, I can do better than that!" and will send me some good quotes you've said or made up or some friend or enemy said or wrote. I'll take any good quote from any source, past, present, future, printed, published, spoken, carved, scratched, yelled, snarled, snapped, typed, whispered and/or growled.

These quotations of mine jammed into this Quotebook-lette are silly, profound, good, bad, indifferent, assinine, worthy and, of course, immortal. I can make you immortal, too... but I need your help. We immortals have got to stick together. Immortality comes but once. And then fleetingly.

I have a column that runs horizontally in PAGEANT Magazine eleven months a year. Your first stage beatification might be that they will run your quote therein. (I have no control over what they pick. I just send the junk material to them. I just get to complain when they switch names for their own strange and dark reasons.) But everything I like goes into Q-book.

So send your quotes to me, wherever I am. Right now I'm at 3342 Troy Drive, Hollywood, California 90028.

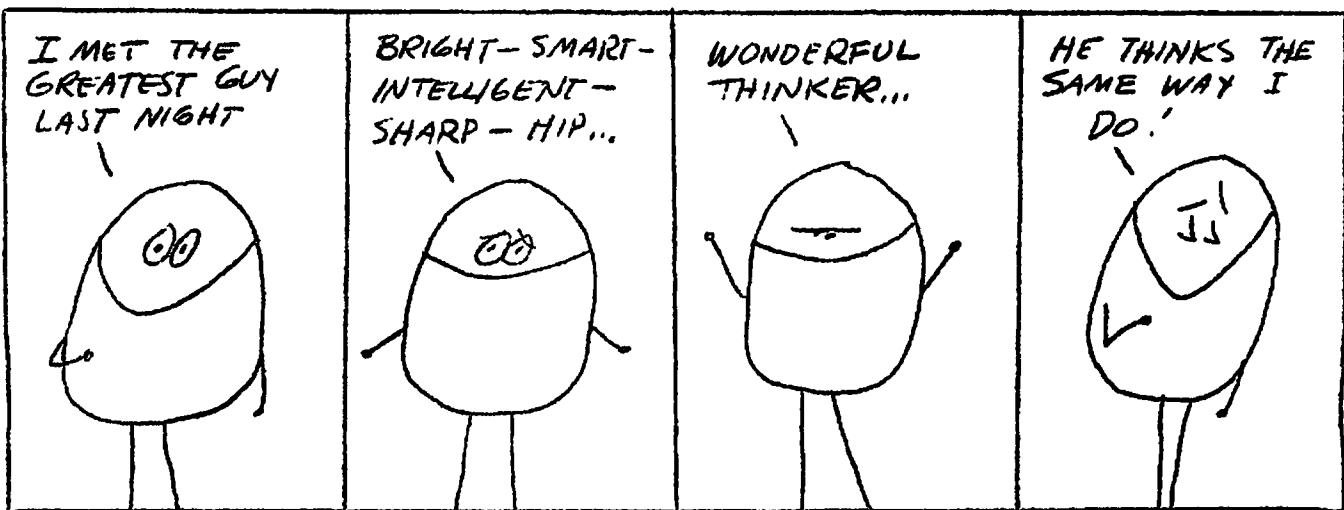
Don't be afraid to be egotistical enough to send me something you thunk up. Look at all this stuff by me. But then, I'm usually around when I talk and sometimes I listen.

Perhaps my best line no one will know I wrote. They will know because I'm going to spill the beans, to coin a descriptive phrase.

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I am great! My name shall ring down through the ages! . . . (Anonymous)

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## ADVERSITY

To me it was a miscalculation; to others it was a stupid mistake.

We all like to think of adversity as our test towards better things-- actually it is just Fate's footsteps on our road of life.

I have no mouth and I must scream.

## ADVICE

Just because you can't lick 'em doesn't mean you have to join 'em.

It's better to be stolen from than have to steal.

A sensible girl should have more sense than to look sensible.

Look not for perfume in the pig pen.

You won't find a solution by saying there is no problem.

Advice to wives: if at first you don't succeed cry, cry again.

Always say goodbye. This way you are not burdened with appointments you will not keep.

Ask yourself only questions which you cannot answer.

## AGE

Old age is longer than it used to be.

A woman can tell she's getting old when a doctor doesn't ask her to take all her clothes off.

He's so old all his lifetime guarantees have run out.

Old age--when you wheeze at girls instead of whistle.

He can read her like a book but she's keeping her publication date a secret.

I'm not one year older; I'm one year better.

Age doesn't matter unless you are cheese, wine or young.

The secret of not aging is to die young...or just dye.

I'm aging as gracefully as I can on the money I make.

The greatest pleasure comes when you are old enough to know what you are doing and young enough to do it anyhow.

## AMBITION

Where there's smoke there's burning ambition.

If it isn't there by the time you arrive, it probably wasn't worth hurrying after anyway.

I want what I want out of life, even if I don't know what I want.

I'm trying to help her overcome her bad habits. We conquered virginity and now we're working on chastity.

Every fish wants to be a whale.

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

It's terrible to realize that most of the people of the world are dull, unimaginative lumps whose greatest contribution to Mankind will be a census statistic. Then you wonder if you can do any better.

## ANCESTRY

Heredity: the theory that we get our worst traits from our ancestors and create the best points ourselves.

Most family trees stand in orchards, even if they think they stand alone.

The only way to counteract the bad effects of heredity is to eliminate it entirely.

My ancestors are their own problem. Let my descendants watch out for themselves.

## ANGER

In his anger he bit off both ends of the sentence and spat out the seed of truth.

## ANIMALS

Pigeon--prematurely gray canary; Egg--chicken once removed; Turtle--nature's original house trailer; Brand--tattoo for a horse.

Why are gorillas always raping women? Do men ever rape female gorillas?

## ART

Time has little to do with the making of art. A masterpiece can take an hour or a lifetime. The end justifies the time.

2 Art is arrangement; Life is disarray, unless it is art.

All the technique in the world will not produce a good picture.

The nude is an art form invented by the Greeks in the Fifth Century. Before that it was religious sex.

Think, search, observe, translate, integrate, absorb; reveal, delve, dream; write, paint, sculpt; construct, listen, experience, learn.

The artist does not see things; he sees himself.

So much Art is just Taste.

Limitations make an artform.

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.

He's a lousy artist--he traces his nudes.

The body cannot be directly translated into art, like a flower or a snowy landscape. Man must filter it through his mind, color it with his emotions, and shape it into something concrete, yet of the spirit.

## ATOMIC WORLD

To start war, push button.

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.

We must hope that nuclear weapons are not Nature's Way of controlling the population explosion.

Atomic war--the sparrow has fallen unseen.

With atomic doom facing us the future of civilization is already behind us.

## BACHELORHOOD

Every bachelor should have an etching. Sometimes it is all the excuse a girl needs. An acceptance of an invitation to view it can clear the air. Besides, she can have the feeling of following hallowed tradition.

Mistress--the bachelor's wife.

## BEAUTY

A man looks at a woman and sees the total effect; a woman looks and sees how she got it.

With some women beauty is only makeup deep.

Beauty and brains mean power and power means responsibility.

Beautiful women are either uncertain of their beauty and constantly reassure themselves with mirrors, bedmates and adulation.. or become bitter against the world, when the accident of their physical appearance is something they cannot comprehend or handle.

My eyes are drunk with the wine of beauty.

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

## BODY

When painting and sculpture are valued as they should be, the naked human body is the central subject of art.

Dentures--your teeth, once removed.

The senses are the lines for the inner music. We see and taste and hear and lust. We compose what we are. We are music--music without notes or orchestra, without audience or instruments, without all but self.

## CENSORSHIP

Censorship is the curse of the intelligent man.

Censors--the Indians of today's pioneers.

## CHILDREN

Childhood is gone today. You go directly from babyhood into a kind of pseudo-adulthood. This blends into the conformity of "maturity" and then one day you have the dubious distinction of being a "senior citizen"--and old age is longer than it used to be.

The hardest persons to convince to retire are children.

Minority Rule: baby in the house.

A lot of children are the kind of kids their mothers wouldn't want them to play with.

A sweater is something a child must wear when his mother gets cold.

He's today's underprivileged child--no batteries in his missile launcher.

## CIVILIZATION

Modern civilization is a process by which we place mediocrity on a level with excellence and then look down on excellence for lowering itself.

## CONFORMITY

Conformity--the invisible strait jacket, the "safe" cave to hide in, the cloak of invisibility, the tinfoil armor, the "It's not my fault, I'm just an average guy just like all the rest."

He teaches nonconformity in a very orthodox manner and revolts in all the approved ways.

## CONVERSATION

Conversations are held by the English and the French; Talk is done by the Irish, the Jews and children; Discussions are the province of Italians, professional men, and men; Monologues are the property of cab drivers, politicians and women; Dialogues are held by actors and lovers; Remarks are made by farmers, strangers and soldiers; Repartee is created by authors, wits and children.

People have conversations when they can't talk about sex.

## COURAGE

Hero--someone putting his best feat forward.

I'm not a hero--it's just that I scare easy and have quick reflexes.

Danger often disappears when you refuse to run away from it.

Courage, Compassion and Conscience: if you do not have them, you have nothing.

Don't make yourself meek in hope of an inheritance--make yourself brave and earn it.

## CREATIVITY

Inspiration: (1) that something put aside for a brainy day; (2) a biochemical short in your brain's electrical system.

An artist creates; an actor interprets; a craftsman constructs.

## CRIME

A woman's perfect crime is murder by copulation--even the victim doesn't mind.

Jail--a chain reaction to linking up with the wrong circles.

Used Car salesman--an unwanted criminal

Locks are only a deterrent to honest men for thieves will break them.

## CULTURE

To be civilized means that you know enough not to eat with your fingers; being cultured means that you know why.

## CYNICISM

A cynic is one who has the inability to believe in anything except in his own ability to disbelieve.

## DANCE

I dance as if someone were firing pistols at my feet.

While dancing, women allow themselves to be touched in ways that would be prohibited if it were not for the music.

Jewish dance school--a chamber of horas.

The hula is waving both hello and goodbye without using just your hands alone.

## DEATH

Beautiful Forest Lawn--the last resort. Wake: a party in passing.

A grave is one end of a long rut.

Cemetery--lots of plots for them what rots.

Latin must be dead--it smells!

He left nothing to chance... or his heirs either.

## DIVORCE

Divorce: (1) when the bonds of matrimony bear little interest; (2) a vow tied with a slip knot. Divorce court: where they dispense with justice.

The meanest men in the world appear in divorce courts--if you believe all that about extreme cruelty. If you don't believe it, ask any ex-wife.

## DREAMS

Dream: (1) the smoke rising from your burning ambitions; (2) wish fulfillment in the raw. Daydream--a do-it-yourself, self-starring movie. Nightmare--the B-movies of your sleep. Sex dream--wishing in the raw.

## DRINK

③ Drink inhibits your inhibitions.

The DTs--lots of dots before the sots.

He drinks to excess--or anything else.

Reformed drunks--who act as if they had just discovered sobriety to the Western World--become prohibitionists either because they are afraid of slipping or because their guilt makes them egotistical about their reformation.

Bartender: (1) a psychiatrist without a couch, whose patients stand up; (2) a psychiatrist incognito.

Stagger--a walk under a wet brain.

## EDUCATION

There are no dropouts from the School of Hard Knocks--there's no place to drop to.

He confuses long words with education, obtuseness with thought and punctuation with semantics.

Learn from the young, for they are closer to the old than you.

School--salt mine for minors.

## EGOTISM

Self-love--a guarantee that we will never be rejected lovers.

A mirror reflects what we are--what we see is the image we want.

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

## EVIL

Some people are good only because of the absence of temptation; others are tempted only by the absence of goodness.

## FAME

Public Figure--one who has been in a newspaper or on television more than once. Celebrity--someone whose face you know and name you can't remember. Famous Figure--an old celebrity. Noted Figure--an old Famous Figure. Actress--a young and famous figure.

Reputation--they've heard of you but know nothing about you. Fame--they know all about you. Notoriety--they know all about you whether they want to or not.

Reputation is what others think of you, if they think of you at all.

## FASHION

If you don't have sex, try fashion... but fashion is a poor substitute for sex.

The end should justify the jeans.

The only thing a girl can hide in today's bathing suits is her embarrassment.

Negligee--one step from nothing and two steps from bed.

The most difficult fashion lesson for any woman to learn is to look objectively at themselves, seeing the truth, not what they want to see, to learn to dress correctly for them, not to don the pages of the latest fashion magazine.

She was a clothes horse in the human race.

## FEAR

Anxiety is fear visualized.

I've conquered my fear of fear itself. Now I'm working on being afraid of a conquering fear.

I always approach breakfast cautiously. Someday it will eat me.

## FRUSTRATION

Waiting for a woman is the most frustrating thing a man can do. She always thinks she's worth waiting for and can't understand his impatience.

## FOLLY

The difference between temporary and permanent: being foolish and being a fool.

Sometimes men make fools out of themselves simply because they are just plain tired of being good all the time.

Old men and young men both have follies--one pays money and the other pays court.

## FOOD

Chicken consomme--fowl bathwater.

The most tasteless kind of food is eating your own words.

She ate so little you'd think she was being charged by the bite.

A hamburger by any other name costs more. A generation raised on 19-cent hamburgers will never appreciate fine cooking. Most commercial bakery bread is so bad it's only to keep your hands from getting dirty while eating an egg salad sandwich. A luncheon is lunch with real napkins.

We're having that great American dish--a couple cans of something.

### GOSSIP

She's an archeological gossip--all she digs up is dirt from the past.

Gossip is the popular edition of history.

She's such a gossip she has a sunburned tongue.

### GOVERNMENT

Revolution--where two wrongs make a riot.

Aroused citizenry--a mob with me in it.

Sedition is booing the empire.

A communist state is a place where, if you don't want what you see, you're asking for it. A dictatorship is a place where you don't ask about what you see. A democracy is a place where you ask about everything and see nothing.

Revolution--instant election without the necessity of the voting.

### HAPPINESS

He is rich and not happy; I am poor and not happy; happiness is fair.

I always wake up happy. Until I get out of bed it's rare that anything goes wrong with the day.

### HEALTH

I've learned one thing from my hernia--I'll never carry Jayne Mansfield over my head again.

Excess fat--the present tense of dead weight. Fat--converted candy and unconverted willpower.

Give a girl an inch--and she goes on a diet.

### HEAVEN AND HELL

Don't tell someone to go to Hell--misdirect him to Heaven.

The journey to hell begins with a single misstep. Bad guys--fools for the fires.

## HISTORY

The retrospect of the future cannot be discounted.

Science-fiction is the history of the future.

History isn't important in America. Neither is the future, only the present and the immediate, conceivable future, in which all dreams are magically resolved.

## HOLLYWOOD

Hollywood is the land of the fee and the home of the rave.

How could all those movie epics be made without dumb guards?

Hollywood sound stage--a wishing cell.

Starlet--an actress who suffers from first degree sex.

## HUMOR

A smile is a silent laugh. A grin is a smile to yourself that shows. A chuckle is a small laugh. A snicker is a wicked chuckle. A snigger is a dirty snicker. A chortle is an old-time, small-time laugh. And a laugh is vocalized happiness.

## IDEAS

An idea: the tippy-top of a pyramid.

Ideas--the fireworks of the brain.

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

## INSULT

Hogs grunt, dogs bark and asses bray, so why should you be different?

With him a rolling stone would gather moss; he is as annoying as popcorn in art-movies; his manner of public speaking reminds me of watching mushrooms grow.

Her mouth is all that keeps her from falling on her face. She's a very outspoken girl, but not by many. She has an hour-glass figure and time enough for everyone. She leaves much to be desired--not much, but some.

The sting on an insult is in the barbed truth.

He has a mind like a rusted steel trap. The inside of his brain has peeling wallpaper. He acts as if being a dirty old man was a noble cause, or at least a calling.

She had a laugh like a squeak falling down. She has a fat brain and uses puritanism as a corset. If you translated all her brains into poetry it would come out blank verse.

He was a mountain of meat, an avalanche of ignorant flesh. He is much impressed with his own worthlessness. He bit into a relative of his while eating a tomato. He couldn't talk his way out of a telephone booth.

Want to irritate a woman that you've lost? Be a good loser.

He's such a creepy guy the roof over his head is a rock. He has no enemies but on the other hand none of his friends like him very much.

The Insult: (1) declaring war with words; (2) a verbal kick in the teeth.

She was cold and sloppy, like a bag of icecubes left out overnight. She's built like an houri, with extra sand in her hour-glass. She was so ugly I was underwhelmed.

Has-been--one with a brilliant future behind him.

He's such a reactionary he sees everything in black and white, sees red and turns blue. He's the best argument for birth control there is.

I can read her like a book--a dirty book--but she's writing faster than I can read.

## INTELLIGENCE

Genius: (1) a man who has power-brains; (2) one who is very tall when he stands on his brains.

Blind men give poor directions.

Help Fight Stupidity--blow your brains out.

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

Ignorance: no appetite when there's food for thought. Complete ignorance is better than complete misinformation.

## LA DOLCE VITA

Rule of thumb: for orgies you don't need chairs.

We had to stop having office parties. Too many of the secretaries were always out having babies.

The best flings in life are free, unless you count hangovers. There's nothing like good wine, good music and a bad girl.

Three's not a crowd if you really swing.

## LANGUAGE

Epigrams are the poetry of prose.

Farewell speech -- how to wave goodbye with your tongue. Cliches--prefabricated speech. Adieu--saying goodbye with class.

Slang--apprentice words. Argot--is old slang.

Dictionary: all the words you'll ever need in an order you'll never understand.

A cliche a day keeps thought away.

He summoned a cliche like a demon from the depths.

I hastily threw a cliche into the gap while I improvised an aphorism, thus meeting all the demands of intelligent conversation.

## LIFE

We hang between the tiger of birth and the tiger of death. Time and care gnaw the limb. Savor the brief fruit of the tree.

Life is a treasure; we are bound to spend it...and die broke.

Now... is a moveable feast.

Life is so short we must be like bacilli under God's eye--whole families, whole dynasties dying in an instant.

Troublemaker--a professional upsetter of apple carts. Conservative--owner of an apple cart. Traditionalist--owner of a fleet of apple carts. Reactionary--former owner of several fleets who now owns the mortgages. The Apples--we, the people.

Marriage is addition; divorce is division; parenthood is multiplication; death is subtraction; politics is geometry; and philosophy is calculus.

Life is for sale. It all depends upon 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.

## LONELINESS

"Loneliness" is "solitude" you don't want.

Wealthy men are said to be lonely, probably because everyone wants to be their friend.

For me the world seems full of women but not a woman.

## LOVE

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There should be time spent between loves.

To be jealous is to be vulnerable. To be unable to be jealous is not to feel.

Although you can understand a turtle falling in love with an army helmet you can't always understand why people are attracted to each other.

All the world loves a lover--except a husband!

Lust is the bread of life; love is the wine. Love is ego turned inside out. Love corrupts sensuality. Rejected lovers have little resale value.

I always resent being the newest in lovers.

If Love isn't blind it's at least a poor judge of beauty.

Lovers say--let me fill your mind with me!

It's better to have loved and lost than never to have paid alimony at all.

The trouble with caring for someone is that you believe the worst of them if you think they've gone against you.

We love what we lack, for if we loved that of ourselves we see in others we would soon grow bored. Bored marriages are those based on surface love, the easily recognized mirror self, that soon wears thin. We should look deeper than that, for the stimulation and regeneration a different mind will give us. Love and marry a heart like yours, but hunt for a different mind.

Love is lust involving a friend.

Sure I love you, but don't count on me in a crisis.

Is it true that to have lost your first love is to lose all women? Once a woman has stopped loving has she forgotten she ever loved? Does the heart absolve what the mind has damned? Does anyone lose at Cupid's victory?

Love deludes us. We think we're gods or warriors or worse--magnificent lovers, deft, sure, untiring, brave.

No man can live the life of another. No man can think the thoughts of another, no matter how ordinary or how grand. No man can beget another's son. No man can see or hear, taste or smell or walk for another. It is the way. It is the way of life. Every man must love for himself.

Your first love is idealism. Your next love is realism. Your last love is life. Those inbetween deft description.

The folly of men in the joy of loving is surpassed only by the folly of women in believing them. Love is dealer's choice...from the bottom of the deck.

## MAN

Man is destined to conquer earth and space. He must, for he is not good enough at any one thing to get along.

If Man is created in God's image, God help God.

Man is dust, once removed. Removed again, he is dust again.

Every man sets his own price on himself.

## MANNERS

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

Better to be a loser with grace than a winner with arrogance.

It used to be you tipped to get extra or faster service; now you tip to avoid being sneered at.

## MARRIAGE

Most marriages involve cliche-faced women and rubber-stamped men negotiating and re-negotiating a dull treaty unfair to both parties.

Bribery--the art of being a bride more than once and still wear white.

He handed her a line... and she turned it into a noose.

If a second marriage is the triumph of hope over experience, a third marriage must be the victory of madness over everything.

Never beat your wife on Friday nights. She'll sour the whole weekend for you.

Widows live longer than married men.

Bigamist--two rites make a wrong. Bigamist--a man married to a beautiful woman and a good cook. Bigamist--a man who has made the same mistake twice at the same time.

The wedding shower exists so the bride can clean up.

Women figure first to altar a man, then alter him.

It's a good thing the bride gives the wedding; if the groom was supposed to do it he'd probably say "Don't worry, I'll get around to it one of these days."

A lover's knot and a husband's legirons are the proof of invisibility.

If you marry for money expect to earn it.

The ideal marriage would be between a deaf husband and a blind wife.

An extravagance is anything you buy that your wife can't use.

A marriage of convenience is one in which a girl marries for money and divorces for love.

### MEDICINE

An intern is a doctor with a learner's permit.

Serum--converted microbes.

Some doctors are worse than the disease.

If a doctor cures you it was your rugged constitution; if he fails it was his bumbling.

### MEMORY

Memory--the brain's worn spot. Amnesia--remembering to forget. Memory is anticipation's past.

### MODERN LIVING

Suburbs--the outside part of a city, controlled by women in hair curlers. Subdivision--an apprentice suburb.

Queue--a long thin crowd. Phone: drone tone.

Nowadays each new soul is plastic, a Genuine Imitation Entity with a money-back guarantee, wrapped in cellophane, San-it-tized and stamped with a number. It's a Quik-Bilt Culture: try this marriage on for size... seal your armpit pores with Spray-On Conformity... be sure your Life-Tyme Cell has a window wall... Learn To Be Different (but not too different!)... cross life with the light... order your dreams from the catalog... stop wiggling and writhing in your hard-sell, soft-sell cocoon... Be Happy or Else!

If Man can't outwit the Machine, he can at least unplug it.

Checkbooks--monthly reviews, no plots, big budgets, and unhappy endings. Credit cards are IN... and so are the bills. On some days the freeways look like long parking lots.

### MONEY

When you do it it's called spending generously; when the other guy does it it's called splurging with both hands.

Pauper: a broke bum with class.

To some women money is more real than a man, more of a symbol and capable of more fantasies. ]5

Poor men often enjoy a rich man's money more than he does, because they don't have to worry about losing it, only imagining what they would do with it.

She has one simple rule. Whenever a man says "Money isn't everything" she runs like hell.

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

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

## NATURE

The Equator is the Earth's imaginary belt. Twilight is Nature's fadeout. Mirage--Nature's cinema. Ice--water frozen to death. A rainbow is God's commercial interruption of rain. A dandelion is nervous because it's a weed pretending to be a flower.

Dusk--that time when God is fumbling for the night-light switch.

The day has but one star; the night has many.

## NUDISM

A nudist's world would be a democratic one, for how would we mark the kings?

Naked--the personal for nude. Nudity is only shocking at a distance.

## PEOPLE AND PLACES

The English have a tradition of tradition. Don Quixote--a balmy knight. Ten-foot Poles are the giants of Europe. Casanova--a bed bug.

Ireland is the Texas of the British Empire. San Francisco Bay is the start of the Pacific Ocean. Las Vegas is the paste jewel in the belly button of America.

## PHILOSOPHY

Show me a stone and I see the monument.

Owe nothing, but to yourself.

One man's grape is another man's raisin.

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

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

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

To be considered a philosopher phrase your thoughts in dour and cynical terms. People tend to believe the bad and whoever heard of a happy philosopher?

## POLITICS

A republic is when nobody can do anything in private. A democracy is when everybody does everything in public. A monarchy is when a very few do everything in public. A dictatorship is when one person does everything in private. A communist state is when everybody does everything in public that is not forbidden. Anarchy is when everything is done to everybody in public and private.

When it's election time there's no time on the air for professional comedians.

Republicanism: where old thoughts go to die.

A senator is a creature half man and half horse. Normally the top half is a man.

A communist is a radical with enough Party line to hang himself. A radical is a liberal spinning his wheels. A liberal is a conservative with his engine running. Today's reactionary is yesterday's visionary.

## PSYCHIATRY

He's a lousy psychoanalyst--he couldn't fix my cuckoo clock.

Instant Psychoanalysis--find a psychoanalyst with the same problems you have.

Amateur psychiatry is like amateur plumbing--you make all the wrong connections and end up in hot water.

Being a masochist took up too much of my time so I became a sadist and enjoyed myself at other people's expense.

She stopped going to her analyst. She figured any inhibitions she had left she was going to need.

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

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

## RELIGION

Miracles are more heard of than seen.

Revival--religion on the vaudeville circuit.

Cain was the first to try and cop a plea by saying he didn't know the rock was loaded. Eve had no comment about the apple--after all, she was the model for the first woman.

There will always be religion in America--our economy couldn't afford losing the Christmas business.

A black hen can lay a white egg; a scoundrel can appear virtuous; a camera can lie; the innocent punished and the beautiful can be ugly--thus proving that God works in mysterious ways.

If we were created in God's image he must have used a fun-house mirror.

Religion--you pays your soul and you takes your choice. Prayer--conversations by rote to Someone you hope. Repentence--religious remorse.

She got religion the day she taped forty inches in the belief her bosom was heaven-sent.

For the believer skepticism is essential. How else is he to know false gods from true except by doubting both?

## ROMANCE

I want the taste of your smile upon my lips.

She was an angel out for an airing and she stopped briefly on my heart.

Rendezvous--a date on neutral territory.

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

## SCIENCE

Momentum is the ability to resist rest. Gravity--invisible lead in our feet. Basic Research--blindfolded pioneers. Computer programming--memory for the tanks. Spectrum--a scientist's rainbow. Spaceship--proof that what goes up must come down, but not in the same place. Molecule--a gang of atoms. Serum--bugs that have gone straight.

Why an artificial satellite? Why not a real one?

## SECRECY

Enigma--a puzzle with a hard shell. A secret is something you don't want anyone to know about until you're ready to boast about it.

## SEX

Sex is the friendliest thing two people can do.

Better to wear out than lust out. Sex is love with the lumps took out. Sex is the coloring book of sensuality. Sex belongs, enjoy it.

18 The only girls he ever slept with were in his history & math classes.

Many a man has been left in the dark when a woman saw the light. 19

Masochists never go out much. They're always tied up.

Sex should be shared...equally if not more so. Sex is a four-letter word to some people. Sex is a clever imitation of love--it has all the action but no plot. Sex is a contact sport.

The girl who has everything probably has a boy friend who wishes he could get it back. The man who has everything always has a girl friend willing to share.

Eroticism is part of my total philosophy.

Leer--lipservice to lust. Fetish--someone else's intense interest. Mistress--a non-marriage-of-convenience. Peeping Tom--unofficial medical student. Bedspread--wall-to-wall beds.

Love is the delusion that one woman differs from an other. Sex is the delusion that it matters.

Prudes try to make sex a four-letter word. Is sex a noun or a verb to you? I don't know anything about sex but I know what I like.

"Love Thy Neighbor" is one Commandment a lot of suburban housewives follow religiously.

No wonder she's confused--she's straight inside and curved outside. She'd be a nymphomaniac if she had the time, but she's too busy sleeping around. She's a very busty girl. In fact, she can stand closer to you than anyone. But naive? She thinks flagrante delicto is an ice cream sundae.

Some people act as if at no time in their lives have they had anything whatever to do with the human reproductive organs. Some act as if their participation in illicit sex would endanger the crust of the earth. Others make love as if they had a meter running somewhere. Some approach sex as if it were biological warfare.

Seraglio--a house of ill fame with only one customer.

My mouth memorizes your flesh, unhurried. You came to me in the dark, bearing the first wild gifts of love.

## SHOW BUSINESS

Publicity is important. Even God had to burn a bush to attract the attention of Moses.

Notoriety is for the movie actor. Fame is for the actor. Glory is for the movie star who is an actor.

Starlet--a girl with stars in her eyes and nothing on her mind. A comic strip is a stripper who tells jokes.

## SIN AND VICE

Call girls--many are called and all are chosen.

Less than three people does not constitute an orgy, only friendship. Orgies are all alike--people just talk to those they know and strangers are practically left out. Never make friends at orgies--only likeable strangers.

Vice is sin multiplied. Prostitute--profit and lust. Penthouse--a good place for a bad girl. Pimp--appointment secretary.

She's the bust that money can buy. She never does a wrong thing until the right time. She has all the qualifications of a high-class courtesan except one--looks. She lives off the fat of the land...or anyone else that will keep her. Talented? Why, she's a character actress in stag movies!

She thinks about the present; he thinks about the future; soon they both have a past.

Demi-mondaine--a hooker with money. There is no withholding on the wages of sin. Prostitute--a mistress on an hourly rate.

If a man were to select a negligee for his wife as he would for his mistress there might not be any mistresses.

Like a fat man weighing himself, prostitution is Big Business on a small scale.

## SPORT

I can run the hundred yard dash in a day.

Here's a marvelous new way to cut strokes of your golf score: cheat.

Chess~checkers with pretensions. Baseball pitcher--the power behind the thrown.

## STRENGTH

Strength is not inflexibility. Timidity--a sheep in sheep's clothing calling itself a lamb.

## SUCCESS

The trouble with most people's drive to success is the steering mechanism.

To be successful a man must be a contortionist. He must keep his shoulder to the wheel, his nose to the grindstone, his feet upon the ground, his chin up and his upper lip stiff. He must look before he leaps, avoid any wooden nickles and believe only half of what he hears. He must take proper precautions, an ounce of prevention and eat his peck of dirt. That should keep anyone too busy to be successful.

## THOUGHT

Exercise your mind as well as your body. Ideas can become the isometrics of the mind. Books can become barbells. Pursuing an interesting line of thought can be your fifty-mile hike. A new thought, a challenging theory, a radical departure, an unconventional attitude can become the push-ups and knee-bends of your brain.

Give her food for thought and she gets indigestion.

Why is the crab grass always greener on your side of the fence?

Decadence--decay from the top down. Communism--decay from the bottom up. Bourgeoisie--decay from the middle to the ends.

Every saint was once a man; every art was once a science; every lie was once a truth; every science was once an art; every god was once a dream.

Life has not always equaled my imagination's width; yet the world always wins, and shames my imaginings with reality.

The realization of self-pity is not aid; the discovery of a void is not help; the cleansing of wounds is not healing; the pain of lost love is not experience; but some people prefer illusion to life as it really is.

Everything is here on earth for some purpose. Nagging wives can cause masterpieces and madmen, horseshoe nails can change the course of nations. Even dogs are good for fleas.

## TIME

Days that are filled with nothing, dribble away through our fingers; days that are filled with excitement and love and doing leap from our hands like falcons.

Time and life are the only two things that can't be replaced.

## TOLERANCE

I'm very tolerant. If you'll leave me my illusions, I'll leave you your deluded beliefs.

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

## TRUTH

Don't say it if you don't mean it.

He can blow a grain of truth into a sandstorm of lies.

I do not have to be cut by a knife to know that it is sharp.

A lock is only good if it locks something.

22 I want an honest answer out of you even if you have to lie about it.

One falsehood spoils a thousand truths; one lie contaminates a bushel of honesty; one secret reservation ruins a straight-forward deal; one bad does not equal a hundred goods.

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

Flattery is not praise but insult; praise is not flattery if true.

Procrastination is a fault most people put off trying to correct.

### VIRTUE

A virgin is not really human--she has yet to err. Virgins are the uncut flowers in the garden of delights.

### WAR

The kids today don't really believe there was a war. The war was history and who really believes history? The war, all the wars, happened before they were born, or are happening so far away they can't imagine it. Further away than the best and loudest hi-fi can reach. They don't believe that people died by the millions...only statistics died. Men didn't die in fear or bravery or senselessly...only shadows, only movie actors. And if anyone died, they died neatly, maybe with a trickle of blood at the corner of their mouths...not dripping blobs of meat flung into trees and hurled against metal and concrete. So what if there's going to be another war? What can they do to stop it? It won't be real, anyway.

Submarine--yo-yo warship.

### WEALTH

Wealth and contentment are not always bedfellows...but it's usually a better bed.

He's so rich he has television in the john.

### WOMEN

Put a woman in Paradise and before you know it she'd have the angels moving clouds and complaining about dropped feathers.

Women confess sins, not faults.

Whatever a woman likes she loves; whatever she loves she worships; whatever she dislikes she makes a fuss over.

If a woman wants to excite a man all she has to do is watch his mouth when he talks and at least appear to listen.

Knowing a lot of American women is like knowing one woman, They are all alike--aggressive, sad, sexless, angry, uncertain of her femininity, desperate. Are American women born like this or do they meet somewhere secretly at night and teach each other to be bitches?

All the irrationality of the twentieth century cannot drive me as insane as swiftly as a single woman.

That woman is sick. She was shopping all day and didn't buy a thing.

Woman--past tense of girl. Tears--brain rain. Caprice--a woman's iron whim presented frivilously. Tears--how to dilute a man's willpower. Cosmetics--something a woman uses to keep from reading between the lines.

Women never surrender; they only go underground.

With most women anticipation is the best part.

It's no wonder women live longer than men. Look how long they are girls.

Some of my best friends have been brain-washed by women; others have just been taken to the cleaners.

Women are the best other sex we have. Some women will turn your head while others will return your head...on a platter.

Women can't suffer in silence...it takes all the pleasure away.

When a woman says "Gimme" she doesn't say Gimme, she says "Wouldn't you be pleased to?"

God made women as a package deal. That way we can know joy, horror, delight, frustration, release, agony, love and happiness all at once.

Never buy a woman. Sooner or later they give free samples. Never buy a woman at her price. Eventually she'll have a sale.

A knot to some women means naught to others.

Mothers are your time machines to the daughters.

Women think question marks are dirty.

## WRITING

Autobiography: rewriting your own history to brag to an audience you can't bore with your voice.

He's such a wealthy writer that all he writes nowadays are checks.

A moral at the end of a story makes people believe they understood it all along.

Never judge a book by its reviews. Writing for the Ages is like putting messages in bottles.

#### ADDENDA

The faint-hearted live a life in the shadows. Cleverness is not wisdom. There is much that is unseen in the obvious.

Mariner: a sailor with an education. Waterfront scene--the dame leading the salt. Houseboat--a seahouse with a leak in the basement it does not have. People who live in glass houses are exhibitionists.

Early risers have worms for breakfast. Talent--scaled-down genius. The only way I ever travel is to let my mind wander. He travels fastest who travels tourist class. Seance--sending telegrams to unknown addresses.

An ancestor crawled from the sea; another straightened a hairy hack; another formed a tool--now Man is inhaling deeply, flexing his muscles, readying himself for his biggest leap. He has outgrown his home.

You can consider yourself wealthy when you tell your banker you want a loan. It's so foggy it looks like a movie about Heaven.. If you love thine enemies you should adore your friends. He who hesitates is bossed.

He's so tough he plays Russian Roulette with an automatic. Rule of thumb: for orgies you don't need chairs. Try the impossible--boast of your modesty. She took to being pregnant as if she were carrying a water glass full of TNT. An anthem is the theme song of a country.

Don't worry, it never happens. If it does, what can you do about it? And if you can, you won't be able to do all you want to about it. So why worry? A discussion is the beginning part of an argument.

It's amazing the nostalgia we have for places where we were extraordinarily uncomfortable. I'd like to be a combat photographer, but in the next war I'd get only one large overexposed picture.

We can seldom imagine people other than ourselves engaging in sex. This explains the curious popularity of pornography.

Retraction--a bray it isn't so. Respectability is conformity out where everyone can see it. The only trouble with outliving your enemies is that they aren't around to gloat over. A gift is a memory.

The Russians shall learn what Americans did a hundred years ago and the Romans centuries before that--slavery is just not profitable.

Bad things come to those who hate. Incest populated the world... if you don't believe it, read the Bible. He's the figurehead of the family. Common sense--raw brains. Mediocre--the level of intelligence when you have eliminated the lumps of genius. A few law books stand between Man and a savage world only because most men want them to be there.

