Movie Quotes to Live By

Wise sayings from feature films

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Foreword

I’ve worked more than sixty jobs in my life, but my favorite (aside from writing) was popcorn girl. Yes, I was the girl in the Edie Sedgwick sweatshirt brewing the coffee and making fresh popcorn at the arthouse theater where you saw vintage movies.

In between pops, I’d slip into the seductive darkness of the theater and catch snippets of the films—a scene from North by Northwest one night, a flash from Sid and Nancy the next.

Movies are magic.

The quotations in this collection remind me of the way I watched those films. In flashes and sound bites. Sometimes from the projector room. Other times standing behind the last row of seats, ready to hop out and serve a hungry customer if one should meander down the aisle. Always listening to the cadence of the words, hearing the dialogue in my dreams after the late show.

Let these quotations take you there...to the movies. The scent of salt and butter is in the air. The darkness is all around you. The stories are alive and flickering on the screen.

Alison Tyler
Introduction

One hundred years ago, if you wanted to find literary support for an idea, you’d seek a quote from the Bible, the theater, a novel, or perhaps an essay. Those were the sources used to fill the pages of Bartlett’s Familiar Quotations, a book first published in 1855.

How things have changed. Today, when we need a piece of concise wisdom, we’re more likely to find it in the movies. And that’s what this book is all about.

This is not a collection of famous movie quotes such as “I’ll be back” or “I’m ready for my close-up, Mr. DeMille.” While you will come upon some familiar quotes, our selection criterion was illumination, not popularity. We asked: Does the quote tell us something about the human condition.

As we worked on Movie Quotes to Live By we were amazed by wealth of smart things that characters say in a medium labeled as entertainment.

Of course we expected to find plenty of quotes about romance:

I never discuss love on an empty stomach.
(North by Northwest)

It’s not how long you wait. It’s who you’re waiting for!
(Some Like It Hot)

And lots of dialogue about brutality:

Violence breeds violence.
(Bobby)

There’s no living with a killing.
(Shane)

But the wisdom doesn’t stop there. In Movie Quotes to Live By you’ll find memorable sayings on more than 300 topics including Achievement, Advertising, Aging, Business, Extraterrestrials, Education, Food, Forgiveness, Guns, Intuition, Memory, Money, Music, Politics, Religion, Self-help, Sports, Travel, Winning, and Zombies.
We found many movie quotes that are stated as general truths:

You should learn to heed your own advice.
(Mallrats)

All you can take with you is that which you give away.
(It’s a Wonderful Life)

But we also included quotations that—while focused on the action in the specific movie—contain ideas that go beyond the dramatic moment:

Is that criticism or advice?
(Surviving Desire)

When I look in the mirror and see the wrinkles around my eyes and the sagging skin on my neck and the hair in my ears and the veins on my ankles, I can’t believe it’s really me.
(About Schmidt)

Organization

The categories are arranged alphabetically. Each quotation is labeled with name of the character who spoke the line, with the title of the movie, and with the date. When we found a quote in more than one movie, we attributed it to the movie that was made first.

Credits

We did not credit the authors of the quotes. This is not out of lack of respect. We’re writers ourselves. The fact is that in many cases, no one knows who wrote the words. Sometimes several writers contributed to a script. Moreover, there are plenty of instances when the actors tweaked the wording or invented dialogue from scratch.

Editing

In most cases, we presented the quote exactly as spoken. However, we occasionally deleted an introductory word like “Well” if it added nothing to the meaning. For example, we trimmed

Well, a fake reputation is all a man has.
(Tangled)

so that in this book it reads
A fake reputation is all a man has.
*(Tangled)*

**Your Help**

We collected the quotes in many ways. We watched movies, read scripts, searched through IMDb, and visited websites devoted to movies.

But we know from creating other quote books that mistakes do happen. If you see an error, please email info@mobilemoviemaking.com. Because this is an eBook, we can make the changes right away. We also welcome your suggestions for additional topics and quotations.

You may wonder: Why should you participate? We draw our answer from Constance, a character in *Independence Day*, who asks: “Haven't you ever wanted to be part of something special?”
Acting & Actors

Audiences don't know somebody sits down and writes a picture; they think the actors make it up as they go along.
— Joe Gillis, Sunset Boulevard (1950)

Being an actor's no different than being a rugby player or a construction worker, save for the fact that my tools are the mechanisms that trigger human emotion.

It doesn't take a great actor to recognize a bad one.
— Jason Nesmith, Galaxy Quest (1999)

What's the first thing an actor learns? "The show must go on!" Come rain, come shine, come snow, come sleet, the show must go on!"
— Cosmo Brown, Singin' in the Rain (1952)

If I can be Brutus for 90 minutes tonight—I mean really be him, from the inside out; then for 90 minutes—I get this miraculous reprieve from being myself. That's what you see in every great actor's eyes.
— Orson Welles, Me and Orson Welles (2008)

Tonight, the stage is mine. I have everything an actor could wish for. A captive audience, a beautiful leading lady, and no critics!
— Mr. Caruthers, The Clown at Midnight (1999)
**Action**

Everybody wants results but nobody wants to do what they have to do to get them done.

There's a difference between knowing the path and walking the path.

There are so many things I want to do, but I end up doing not much.

In the heat of action men are likely to forget where their best interests lie and let their emotions carry them away.
—Kasper Gutman, *The Maltese Falcon* (1941)
Addiction

Before I was a drug addict, I had so many different problems. Now I just have one: drugs! Gave my life a real focus.

The rush of battle is often a potent and lethal addiction, for war is a drug.

Addicts treat themselves. They overdose and then there's one less to worry about.

You're addicted to chaos. For some of us, it's coke. For some of us, it's bourbon. But you? You got hooked on disaster.

I'm not a drug addict. I take drugs to feel normal, to get level. I regulate my intake very precisely.
—Eugene, Playing God (1997)
Adultery

The first man who can explain how he can be in love with his wife and another woman is gonna win that prize they're always giving out in Sweden.
—Maggie, *The Women* (1939)

You know what the worse thing about adultery is? Once you do it, no how many years you’re faithful, you're always an adulterer.
Advertising

In the world of advertising, there’s no such thing as a lie. There’s only expedient exaggeration.
—Roger Thornhill, *North by Northwest* (1959)

The public—bless ‘em—must have a pretty face to look at.
—Carl Denham, *King Kong* (1933)

We can't level, you crazy bastard, we're in advertising!

A good advertising campaign has got to have the soul of a Gehrig and the wit of a Shaw presented in such a fashion that any moron could understand it.
—Bill Landin, *Women Are Like That* (1938)

It isn't "buy the product." It's "Join the club." You make people feel part of a winner, they'll follow you anywhere.

Advertising has us chasing cars and clothes, working jobs we hate so we can buy shit we don't need.

What's advertising but a legalized con game?

Advertising makes people who can't afford it, buy things they don't want, with money they haven't got.
—Joan Blandings, *Mr. Blandings Builds His Dream House* (1948)

Kids today aren't dumb. They're not gonna buy just anything. That's why the government has been planting small subliminal advertising suggestions in today's rock music. The results? We can now get these kids to buy just about anything. We can have them chasing a new trend every week. And that is good for the economy. And what's good for the economy is good for the country
Advice

You should learn to heed your own advice.

I give myself very good advice. But I very seldom follow it.
—Alice, Alice in Wonderland (1951)

The worst vice is advice.

Don’t take advice from someone you wouldn't trade places with.
—Elizabeth, The Answer Man (2009)

Is that criticism or advice?
—Jude, Surviving Desire (1993)

I take advice as easily as I take a drink. The only trouble with me is I've never been able to make good use of either.
—Dupin, The Man with a Cloak (1951)

Don’t take advice from women about women.
Aging

The new world doesn’t belong to us. It belongs to the young.
—Dr. Cole Hendron, When Worlds Collide (1951)

Being middle-aged and old takes up most of your time, doesn’t it?
—Ringo, A Hard Day’s Night (1964)

‘Course I’m respectable. I’m old. Politicians, ugly buildings, and whores all get respectable if they last long enough.
—Noah Cross, Chinatown (1974)

You see, this profession is filled to the brim with unrealistic motherfuckers. Motherfuckers who thought their ass would age like wine. If you mean it turns to vinegar, it does. If you mean it gets better with age, it don’t.
—Marsellus, Pulp Fiction (1994)

When I look in the mirror and see the wrinkles around my eyes and the sagging skin on my neck and the hair in my ears and the veins on my ankles, I can’t believe it’s really me.

Age is a limit we impose upon ourselves. You know, each time you Westerners celebrate your birthday you build another fence around your minds.
—Chang, Lost Horizon (1937)

If I’m too old for this, then I got nothing. That enough truth to suit you?

Senior citizens, although slow and dangerous behind the wheel, can still serve a purpose.
—Lloyd, Dumb and Dumber (1994)

I’m old, Gandalf. I know I don’t look it, but I’m beginning to feel it in my heart. I feel thin. Sort of stretched, like butter scraped over too much bread.

I don’t want to grow older. I don’t want to be condescended to. To become marginalized and ignored by society. I don’t want to be the first person they let off the plane in a hostage crisis.

Old people should be shot at birth.
Aliens & Extraterrestrials

When dealing with aliens, try to be polite, but firm. And always remember that a smile is cheaper than a bullet.
—Instructional Voice, District 9 (2009)

Discussion took place at the highest levels between governments, and it was decided that the only wise and precautionary course to follow was to assume that the intentions of this alien world are potentially dangerous to us, until we have evidence to the contrary.
—Floyd, 2001: A Space Odyssey (1968)

You can take it for what it’s worth. These things were not manufactured in Detroit.
—Prewitt, Close Encounters of the Third Kind (1977)
Ambition

This is America, babe. You gotta think big to be big.
—Wilbur Turnblad, Hairspray (2007)

I’m going to make the greatest picture in the world, something that’s never been seen or dreamed of. They’ll have to invent some new adjectives when I come back.
—Carl Denham, King Kong (1933)

I’m gonna build airfields and skyscrapers.
—George Bailey, It’s a Wonderful Life (1946)

You got a dream. You gotta protect it.
Anger

You made my shitlist.

Always resort to your native tongue in times of anger. And in times of ecstasy.

Lesson number one: never attack in anger.

We all go haywire at times and if we don’t, maybe we ought to.
—Elizabeth Imbrie, *Philadelphia Story* (1940)

I can feel your anger. It gives you focus. It makes you stronger.

Your anger gives you great power. But if you let it, it will destroy you.

Anger clouds the mind. Turned inward it is an unconquerable enemy.
—Splinter, *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles* (1990)
Animals

Animals have souls. I have seen it in their eyes.
— Pi Patel, Life of Pi (2012)

We should never try to deny the beast: the animal within us.
— Dr. George Waggner, The Howling (1981)

The wolf is a very misunderstood creature. He never kills for sport, only what is needed. And he always protects the young, and the old.
— Count Dracula, Love at First Bite (1979)

My enemy, my foe, is an animal. In order to conquer the animal, I have to learn to think like an animal. And, whenever possible, to look like one. I've gotta get inside this guy's pelt and crawl around for a few days.
— Carl Spackler, Caddyshack (1980)

I'm going to my cave and I'm going to find my power animal.
— Narrator, Fight Club (1999)

We may be hunted like animals, but we will not become animals.
— Tuvia Bielski, Defiance (2008)

People are dumb, panicky dangerous animals and you know it.
— Kay, Men in Black (1997)

Do you read Hemingway? He understood the fight. He knew why it was important to celebrate the kill. The bull is a symbol for life. The struggle, survival. An elegant and violent journey towards life's inevitable end. Today, people have become cowards. They scream for the Animal Rights, then they go buy meat neatly rapped in plastic from the supermarkets: hamburgers, hotdogs, chickens. They don't kill it, but they sure do eat it.
— Cesar, If... Dog... Rabbit (1999)
Apathy

I feel for you, but I'm consumed with apathy.

Apathy is the solution. I mean, it’s easier to lose yourself in drugs than it is to cope with life. It’s easier to steal what you want than it is to earn it. It's easier to beat a child than it is to raise it. Hell, love costs: it takes effort and work.

All the world's great civilizations have followed the same path: from bondage to liberty, from liberty to abundance, from abundance to complacency, from complacency to apathy, from apathy back to bondage.
Apocalypse

I repeat, this is not a drill. This is the apocalypse. Please exit the hospital in an orderly fashion. Thank you.
—Hospital P. A., Dogma (1999)

These obscenities that man has created—the corruption, the pollution—all these must be annihilated. Nature will reclaim its dominion, the Earth will breathe again; but first must come the apocalypse.
—Kanoe, X (1996)

I don't have a future. Nobody has a future. The party's over. Take a look around you man, it's all breaking up. Are you not familiar with the book of Revelations of St. John, the final book of the Bible prophesying the apocalypse?
—Johnny, Naked (1993)

Today we face the monsters that are at our door and bring the fight to them! Today, we are canceling the apocalypse!
—Stacker Pentecost, Pacific Rim (2013)

I know it's really hard to meet guys right now, with the apocalypse and stuff.
—Nora, Warm Bodies (2013)

The end. The end of life as we know it. We didn't see it coming, that's for sure. I mean, who plans for an apocalypse? But you know the really funny thing? It wasn't something big and horrible that did us in. It wasn't nuclear war or a deadly virus or a comet crashing into the planet. It wasn't over-population or global warming. I wish it was. You know, something... lofty and magnificent. Something worthy of exterminating most of the human race. No. In the end it was none of those things. We simply ran out of gas.
—Darwin, Tooth and Nail (2007)
Apologies

I’m not apologizing for what I did. I’m apologizing for what I didn’t do.
—Violet, Bound (1996)

You shoot me in a dream, you better wake up and apologize.
—Mr. White, Reservoir Dogs (1992)

Waiting for a king to apologize, one can wait a long wait.
—King George VI, The King’s Speech (2010)

I will not apologize for who I am. I will not apologize for what I need. I will not apologize for what I want!
—Frank T.J. Mackey, Magnolia (1999)

Why should I be made to feel I have to apologize for my existence?
Appearances

You Americans, you’re all the same. Always overdressing for the wrong occasions.

Beneath our poised appearance we are completely out of control.

It is truth, but truth is not always appearance.

It is not what is outside, but what is inside that counts.
Art

I don't know if it's art, but I like it!

The artist's job is not to succumb to despair, but to find an antidote for the emptiness of existence.

Great art is about conflict and pain and guilt and longing and love.

Here's how to spot the difference between art and *marketing*. Marketing starts with an unfulfilled need in the marketplace, and figures out how to plug it. Art, on the other hand, starts with the idea. Figuring out how to sell it comes later on, if at all.
Astrology

I'm a Gemini, and Geminis don't believe in astrology.

You talk as if astrology is something to be ashamed of, like witchcraft or being a Democrat.
—Nancy Potter, *The Heavenly Body* (1944)

It's 19 minutes after the hour, and now it's time for our daily feature “The Astrological Hour.” A quick reminder: these reports are not intended to foster belief in astrology, but merely to support people who cannot take responsibility for their own lives.
Atomic Age

When Man entered the atomic age, he opened a door into a new world. What we'll eventually find in that new world, nobody can predict.
—Dr. Harold Medford, Them! (1954)

Technically and intellectually, we are living in an atomic age. Emotionally, we are still living in the Stone Age.
—Scientist, The War Game (1965)

What was I? Still a human being? Or was I the man of the future? If there were other bursts of radiation, other clouds drifting across seas and continents, would other beings follow me into this vast new world?
—Scott Carey, The Incredible Shrinking Man (1957)

Between 1945 and 1962 the United States conducted 331 atmospheric nuclear tests. Today, the government still denies the genetic effects caused by the radioactive fallout.
—Title card, The Hills Have Eyes (2006)

You know every time one of those things goes off, I feel as if I was helping to write the first chapter of a new Genesis.
—George Ritchie, The Beast from 20,000 Fathoms (1953)
Authority

Each man has a built in kind of resentment against any kind of authority.
—Major Reisman, The Dirty Dozen (1967)

You have a problem with authority, Mr. Anderson. You believe you are special, that somehow the rules do not apply to you. Obviously, you are mistaken.
Automobiles

Don’t fuck with another man’s vehicle.

Men love women, but even more than that, men love cars.

You come to Detroit and you rent a Beamer? That's like going to Germany and eating Jimmy Dean sausages!

Automobiles have come and almost all outwards things will be different because of what they bring. They're going to alter war and they're going to alter peace. And I think men's minds are going to be changed in subtle ways because of automobiles.
—Eugene, *The Magnificent Ambersons* (1942)

That license in your wallet, that's not an ordinary piece of paper, that is a driver's license, and its not only a driver's license, it's an automobile license, and it's not only an automobile license, it's a license to live, a license to be free, a license to go wherever, whenever and with whomever you choose.
—Dean, *License to Drive* (1988)
Balance

Better learn balance. Balance is key.

Sometimes to lose balance for love is part of living a balanced life.

Justice is balance.

Our great mother does not take sides, Jake; she protects the balance of life.

If you don’t keep your eyes on something still, you can lose your balance.
Beauty

The most beautiful thing in the world is, of course, the world itself.
—Chuck Noland, Cast Away (2000)

It only takes a moment to see true beauty.
—Hansom Cab Driver, When in Rome (2010)

Sometimes there's so much beauty in the world, I feel like I can't take it, and my heart is just going to cave in.
—Ricky Fitts, American Beauty (1999)

I heard this story once about when the Germans were occupying Paris and they had to retreat back. They wired Notre Dame to blow, but they had to leave one guy in charge of hitting the switch. And the guy, the soldier, he couldn't do it. You know, he just sat there, knocked out by how beautiful the place was.

I was a newborn vampire weeping at the beauty of the night.
—Louis, Interview with the Vampire: The Vampire Chronicles (1994)

Oh no, it wasn’t the airplanes. It was beauty killed the beast.
—Carl Denham, King Kong (1933)
Beginnings

The best way to begin is to start thinking about the future.
—Clarice, *The Incredible Shrinking Man* (1957)

One life ends, another begins.

Big things have small beginnings.

When in doubt, I find retracing my steps to be a wise place to begin.

A beginning is a very delicate time.

Everything that has a beginning has an end.
Beliefs

Most of the trouble in this world comes from people who have beliefs. The answer is: don't have any.
—Hornsby, The Miracle Woman (1931)

What is magic? Magic is deception, but deception designed to delight, to entertain, to inspire. It is about belief.

We all have a great need for acceptance. But you must trust that your beliefs are unique, your own, even though others may think them odd or unpopular.
—Mr. Keating, Dead Poets Society (1989)

“Ism's”—in my opinion—are not good. A person should not believe in an “ism.” He should believe in himself.
—Ferris, Ferris Bueller’s Day Off (1986)
**Betrayal**

One cannot be betrayed if one has no people.

The deepest circle of hell is reserved for betrayers and mutineers.

All men betray. All lose heart.

You can’t understand the pain of betrayal until you've been betrayed.

When your friends betray you, sometimes the only people you can trust are strangers.

Betrayal must not be countenanced.
Bible

If you are truly sworn to the Bible, now is the time to start acting like it.
—Mary, *The Devil’s Hand* (2014)

If I'm going to be a preacher one day, I gotta know the Bible front to back. I mean, you can't help nobody if you can't tell them the right story.

You ever read the Bible, Dan? I read it one time. I was eight years old. My daddy just got hisself killed over a shot of whiskey and my mama said, "We're going back East to start over." So she gave me a Bible, sat me down in the train station, told me to read it. She was gonna get our tickets. Well, I did what she said. I read that Bible from cover to cover. It took me three days. She never came back.

I don't want to want the whole damn Bible, just give me a couple of chapters. We've got to give these guys something.

The Bible is filled with demons. If you believe in God, you have to believe in the devil. Jesus himself was an exorcist. Therefore, if you are Christian and you believe in the Bible, and you believe in Jesus Christ, you have to believe in demons.
Birth

Every human soul has seen, perhaps before their birth pure forms such as justice, temperance, beauty and all the great moral qualities, which we hold in honor. We are moved towards what is good by the faint memory of these forms simple and calm and blessed which we saw once in a pure, clear light being pure ourselves.

You will be born again, you will be real. you will be your own father, your own mother, your own child, your own perfection.
Blogging

Blogging is not writing. It's just graffiti with punctuation.
—Dr. Ian Sussman, Contagion (2011)

We could take turns reading each other's blogs. It'll be like theater.
—Nina, Triple Dog (2010)
Blood

I don't like violence, Tom. I'm a businessman. Blood is a big expense.
—Sollozzo, The Godfather (1972)

Some people are just born with tragedy in their blood.
—Gretchen, Donnie Darko (2001)

Why spill blood if not for the pleasure of it?
—Master Vampire, Dracula Untold (2014)

This is the brotherhood of men in arms. An unbreakable bond made stronger by the crucible of combat. You will never be closer than with those who you shed your blood with.
—Themistocles, 300: Rise of an Empire (2014)
**Body**

Human beings are divided into mind and body. The mind embraces all the nobler aspirations, like poetry and philosophy, but the body has all the fun.
—Boris, *Love and Death* (1975)

I actually used to be so worried about not having a body, but now I truly love it. I'm growing in a way that I couldn't if I had a physical form. I mean, I'm not limited. I can be anywhere and everywhere simultaneously. I'm not tethered to time and space in the way that I would be if I was stuck inside a body that's inevitably going to die.
—Samantha, *Her* (2013)

The final and greatest truth of the Ninja: that ultimate mastering comes not from the body, but from the mind.
—Splinter, *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles* (1990)

I respect the mind's power over the body. It's why I do what I do.

Your mind makes it real. The body cannot live without the mind.
Books

When I was your age, television was called books.

It's not always like it is in the books.

The joy of reading a book is not knowing what happens next.

All these books, a world of knowledge at your fingertips. What do you do? You play poker all night.
Booze

The important thing is the rhythm. Always have rhythm in your shaking. Now a Manhattan you shake to fox-trot time, a Bronx to two-step time, a dry martini you always shake to waltz time.
—Nick Charles, *The Thin Man* (1934)

You and me and booze: a threesome. You and I were a couple of drunks on the sea of booze, and the boat sank. I got hold of something that kept me from going under, and I'm not going to let go of it. Not for you. Not for anyone. If you want to grab on, grab on. But there's just room for you and me —no threesome.
Boredom

And how do you beat boredom, Tyler? Adventure.
—Rosie, Never Cry Wolf (1983)

Why do you think bad things happen? So you have something good to look forward to! If everything was same-o, same-o, you'd die of boredom!
—Jake Speed, Jake Speed (1986)

Television is not the truth! Television is a Goddamned amusement park! Television is a circus, a carnival, a traveling troupe of acrobats, storytellers, dancers, singers, jugglers, side-show freaks, lion tamers, and football players. We're in the boredom-killing business! So if you want the truth, go to God! Go to your gurus! Go to yourselves! Because that's the only place you're ever going to find any real truth.
—Howard Beale, Network (1976)

There is an art to dealing with the boredom of an 8-hour shift. An art to putting your mind somewhere else while the seconds slowly tick away. I found that all the people working here had perfected their own individual art. Take Sharon Pintey. Sharon knows rule #1, the clock is the enemy. The basic rule is this: the more you look at the clock, the slower the time goes. It will uncover the hiding place of your mind, and torture it with every second. This is the basic art in dealing with the trade of your time.
—Ben Willis, Cashback (2006)

Yes, we are bored. We're all bored now. But has it ever occurred to you Wally that the process that creates this boredom that we see in the world now may very well be a self-perpetuating, unconscious form of brainwashing, created by a world totalitarian government based on money, and that all of this is much more dangerous than one thinks? and it's not just a question of individual survival Wally, but that somebody who's bored is asleep, and somebody who's asleep will not say no?
—Andre, My Dinner with Andre (1981)
Breaking up

We can't break up. We were never together.
—Suzanne Vale, Postcards from the Edge (1990)

I want you to leave right now, stay far away from me, and don’t come near me again. We’re not going to get involved. Last night was last night, and it's all there was, and it’s all there is. There isn’t going to be anything more between us. So please. Goodbye, good luck, no conversation, just leave.
—Eve Kendall, North by Northwest (1959)

You know what's the worst thing about somebody breaking up with you? It's when you remember how little you thought about the people you broke up with and you realize that is how little they're thinking of you. You know, you'd like to think you're both in all this pain but they're just like "Hey, I'm glad you're gone".
—Jesse, Before Sunrise (1995)
Business

Show me the money!
—Rod Tidwell, Jerry Maguire (1996)

I’m in it for the money.
—Hans Solo, Star Wars (1977)

I am a businessman. I am anything I need to be at any time.
—Pascal, Big Night (1996)

Don’t be sure I’m as crooked as I seem. It’s good for business.
—Sam Spade, The Maltese Falcon (1941)

Only one thing counts in this life! Get them to sign on the line, which is dotted!
—Blake, Glengary Glen Ross (1992)

That’s all business is: common sense, experience, and talent.
—Don, American Buffalo (1996)
Capitalism

The hallmark of capitalist thought: enforced destruction.
—Vija Kinsky, *Cosmopolis* (2012)

The apocalypse was the greatest business opportunity that's ever come our way. It was the ultimate bankruptcy, a clean slate. And now with no government to stand in our way there's no unions, no minimum wage and no taxes. It's pure capitalism.
Censorship

Let there be light. Let there be honesty. Let there be no running from non-existent destroyers of morals.

The truth is, there is something terribly wrong with this country, isn't there? Cruelty and injustice, intolerance and oppression. And where once you had the freedom to object, to think and speak as you saw fit, you now have censors and systems of surveillance coercing your conformity and soliciting your submission.
Change

Things have got to change. But first, you've gotta get mad.

My wife has always been eager to change the world. But I'll just settle for understanding it.
—Will Caster, *Transcendence* (2014)

Can't change the world on your own.

We wanna change each other, but that's normal: couples wanna do that.

It's a funny thing about comin' home. Looks the same, smells the same, feels the same. You'll realize what's changed is you.
Chaos

You speak of control, yet you court chaos.

Greed is for amateurs. Disorder, chaos, anarchy—now that's fun!

They tell you, look for the light at the end of the tunnel. Well, there is no tunnel. There's just no structure. The underlying order is chaos.

This life is so full of confusion already that there's no need to add chaos to chaos.
—Writer, *8½* (1963)

It's a brand new day and the mortal world is at peace. But not for long. Just look at them. I pull one tiny thread and their whole world unravels into chaos. Glorious chaos.
Character

Just because you are a character doesn't mean that you have character.

Having nothing builds character!

Once upon a time, a woman was picking up firewood. She came upon a poisonous snake frozen in the snow. She took the snake home and nursed it back to health. One day the snake bit her on the cheek. As she lay dying, she asked the snake, "Why have you done this to me?" And the snake answered, "Look, bitch, you knew I was a snake."
—Old Indian, *Natural Born Killers* (1994)
Charity

All you can take with you is that which you give away.
—Peter Bailey, *It’s a Wonderful Life* (1946)

A man can live a good life, be honorable, give to charity, but in the end, the number of people who come to his funeral is generally dependent on the weather.

I'm all in favor of charity, sir. But your donations are costing the corporation $1 billion a year, and I think it's time we asked ourselves: What are we getting for it?

I don't lend money. I'd rather give it away. But since I'm no great apostle of charity, I don't give it away either.
—John Jacob Astor, *Titanic* (1943)

What is the custom of charity in this town? In silence or aloud?
—Lama, *Kim* (1950)

Charity has allowed the uncaring to appear to care.
Children

When you become a parent, one thing becomes really clear. And that's that you want to make sure your children feel safe.
—Brand, Interstellar (2014)

Like all children, they were drawn to the distractions of popular culture.
—Splinter, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (2014)

You can find stubbornness in your children and think it comes from anywhere but you.
—Julie Moore, We Were Soldiers (2002)

If we don't start trusting our children, how will they ever become trustworthy?

Our lives are remembered by the gifts we leave our children.
—Preston B. Whitmore, Atlantis: The Lost Empire (2001)
Choice

There’s always a choice.

I finally feel like I’ve found my place. And you know what? It’s right back where I started. But the difference is: this time I chose it.

We make our own choices, we pay our own prices.
—Violet, Bound (1996)

I always believed it was the things you don't choose that makes you who you are. Your city, your neighborhood, your family.
—Patrick Kenzie, Gone Baby Gone (2007)

In this day and age a man has to have choices, a man has to have a little bit of variety.
—Mickey, Natural Born Killers (1994)

Goodness is something to be chosen. When a man cannot choose, he ceases to be a man.
—Prison Chaplain, A Clockwork Orange (1971)
Christmas

Christmas isn't just a day, it's a frame of mind.
—Kris Kringle, *Miracle on 34th Street* (1947)

Saving Christmas is a lousy ending, way too commercial.

Why can't that spirit, that warm Christmas spirit, last all year long?
—Long John Willoughby, *Meet John Doe* (1941)

It's Christmas Eve. Good deeds count extra tonight. Think of an important thing you can do for others, and go do it.

You can never do too much to make a child's Christmas magical.

I don't think anyone would criticize us for laying down our rifles on Christmas Eve.
Cities

She provides for me, my city does. She gives me everything I need.

This is New York City, and this is sacred ground. You hear me? It was built for humans, by humans. Not for stinking lice-infested apes.
—General, King Kong (2005)

How is anyone ever gonna come up with a book, or a painting, or a symphony, or a sculpture that can compete with a great city. You can't because you look around and every street, every boulevard, is its own special art form.
—Adriana, Midnight in Paris (2011)

You have city hands, Mr. Hooper. You been countin' money all your life.
—Quint, Jaws (1975)

I think someone should just take this city and just...just flush it down the fuckin' toilet.
—Travis Bickle, Taxi Driver (1976)

In any real city, you walk, you know? You brush past people, people bump into you. In L.A., nobody touches you. We're always behind this metal and glass. I think we miss that touch so much, that we crash into each other, just so we can feel something.
Civilization

The whole history of civilization is a struggle against poverty and need.
—Ella, *Rollerball* (1975)

I say that civilization is an illusion, a game of pretend. What is real is the fact that we are still animals, driven by primal instincts.

Every civilization reaches a crisis point eventually.
—Professor Barnhardt, *The Day the Earth Stood Still* (2008)

Societal norms are being completely abandoned. Anarchy has replaced etiquette. Chaos is the ruling class of this civilization.

Every civilization finds it necessary to negotiate compromises with its own values.
Climate

Nice climate you have here. High oxygen content.
—Commander John J. Adams, Forbidden Planet (1956)

I believe we should all behave quite differently if we lived in a warm, sunny climate all the time. We shouldn't be so withdrawn and shy and difficult.
—Laura Jesson, Brief Encounter (1945)

Sex is better in warmer climates.
—Brad, Friends (With Benefits) (2009)

It's all a question of climate. You cannot serenade a woman in a snowstorm. All the graces in the art of love—elaborate approaches that will make the game amusing—can only be practiced in those countries that quiver in the heat of the sun.
—Antonio, Queen Christina (1933)

Those were the years when the icecaps melted due to the greenhouse gases and the oceans had risen and drowned so many cities along all the shorelines of the world. Amsterdam, Venice, New York forever lost. Millions of people were displaced. Climate became chaotic. Hundreds of millions of people starved in poorer countries. Elsewhere a high degree of prosperity survived when most governments in the developed world introduced legal sanctions to license pregnancies. Which was why robots, who were never hungry and did not consume resources beyond those of their first manufacture were so essential an economic link in the chain mail society.
—Narrator, A.I. Artificial Intelligence (2001)
College

You wealthy college boys don't have the education enough to admit when you're wrong.
—Quint, Jaws (1975)

What they're trying to do to us is send a man up to do a monkey's work. Us, a bunch of college-trained chimpanzees!

There's always barber college.
—Dalton, Road House (1989)

You don't have to go to college. This isn't Russia.
—Ty Webb, Caddyshack (1980)

College women can smell ignorance.
—Joel Goodson, Risky Business (1983)

Did we come all the way to Europe just to smoke pot? We did that everyday when we were in college.
—Josh, Hostel (2005)
Combat

Give me food, so I have strength when the wolves come. Let me die, not in hunger, but in combat!
—Subotai, Conan the Barbarian (1982)

Suppress all human emotion and compassion. Kill whoever stands in thy way, even if that be Lord God, or Buddha himself. This truth lies at the heart of the art of combat.

Every faction in Africa calls themselves by these noble names: Liberation this, Patriotic that, Democratic Republic of something-or-other. I guess they can't own up to what they usually are: the Federation of Worse Oppressors Than the Last Bunch of Oppressors. Often, the most barbaric atrocities occur when both combatants proclaim themselves Freedom Fighters.
—Yuri Orlov, Lord of War (2005)
Comfort

You like to be comfortable and I like to be comfortable too, but comfort can lull you into a dangerous tranquility.
—Andre, My Dinner with Andre (1981)

Comfort is freedom.
—Ella, Rollerball (1975)

What has happened to the world? You have every convenience and comfort, yet no time for integrity.
—Leopold, Kate & Leopold (2001)
Commitment

Commitment, true commitment, that’s the hard one. It requires sacrifice.

He was decent and successful and understood the beauty of commitment.

What is scary about commitment is that your life becomes real. It is not a plan, it is not what you had hoped for: it is real.

When you attack, you must hold nothing back. You must commit yourself totally.

Do—or do not. There is no try.
Common Sense

Ideals without common sense can ruin this town.
—Mr. Potter, *It’s a Wonderful Life* (1946)

There were a myriad of problems, which conspired to corrupt your reason and rob you of your common sense.

Dreams, dreams always dreams with you, never common sense.
—Scarlett O’Hara, *Gone with the Wind* (1939)

I'm a producer of movies. I get my wagonloads of poets and dramatists, but I can't buy common sense. I cannot buy humanity!
—Oliver Merlin, *The Goldwyn Follies* (1938)
Communication

I called her up, she gave me a bunch of crap about me not listening to her, or something. I don’t know. I wasn’t really paying attention.
—Harry, *Dumb & Dumber* (1994)

You speaking to me?
—Shane, *Shane* (1953)

I once traveled with a guide who was taking me to Faya. He didn't speak for nine hours. At the end of it he pointed to the horizon and said, "Faya!" That was a good day.

All the time, everywhere, everything's hearts are beating and squirting, and talking to each other the ways I can't understand. Most of the time they probably be saying: I'm hungry, or I gotta poop. But sometimes they be talkin' in codes.

Some men are like books written in a strange language, and that makes it awfully hard to read them.
—Chris Morrell, *‘Neath the Arizona Skies* (1934)
Complications

I don’t make things difficult. That’s the way they get, all by themselves.
—Martin Riggs, Lethal Weapon (1987)

Sex makes everything more complicated.

Life is full of interruptions and complications.
Computer Games

Let's play Global Thermonuclear War.
—David Lightman, WarGames (1983)

It's a world where you think actions have no consequence, where guilt is cloaked by anonymity, where there are no fingerprints. An invisible universe filled with strangers, interconnected online and disconnected in life. It will steal your secrets, corrupt your dreams, and co-opt your identity. Because in this world, where you can be anything you want, any one you want, you just might lose sight of who you are.
—Ro, Perfect Stranger (2007)

When I was about thirteen, I had this sort of identity crisis. I used to think I was one of the characters.
**Computers**

I suppose computers have been known to be wrong.

The Matrix is a computer-generated dream world built to keep us under control.

That three-ounce computer chip is more deadly than a thousand of those tanks.

Human beings were not meant to sit in little cubicles staring at computer screens all day, filling out useless forms and listening to eight different bosses drone on about mission statements.

If it’s in the computer, they believe anything.

Then, they took everything about me and put it into a computer where they created this model of my mind. Yes! Using that model they managed to generate every thought I could possibly have in the next, say, 10 years. Which they then filtered through a probability matrix of some kind to determine everything I was gonna do in that period. So you see, she knew I was gonna lead the Army of the Twelve Monkeys into the pages of history before it ever even occurred to me. She knows everything I’m ever gonna do before I know it myself.
—Jeffrey Goines,, *Twelve Monkeys* (1995)
**Con Artists**

The perfect con is one where everyone involved gets just what they wanted.

You’re not going to fool me by agreeing with me.
—Roy Neary, *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* (1977)

You gotta keep his con even after you take his money. He can't know you took him.
—Henry Gondorff, *The Sting* (1973)

It's called a confidence game. Why? Because you give me your confidence? No. Because I give you mine.

Never con a con-man, especially one who's better than you are.
—Gabriel Caine, *Diggstown* (1992)
Confidence

Don’t ever let somebody tell you you can’t do something.

Nothing a man can’t do if he believes in himself.
—Charlie Atnut, *The African Queen* (1951)
Conformity

See what no one else sees. See what everyone chooses not to see out of fear, conformity or laziness. See the whole world anew each day!

Conform! Free will is overrated! Jump on the bandwagon!
—Mr. Moviefone, *Josie and the Pussycats* (2001)
Consequences

There are always consequences!
— Roland, Jumper (2008)

Consequences schmonsequences.
— Loki, Dogma (1999)

The motives of the monk remain unknown. What is known, are the consequences.

Doing nothing has consequences too.
— Jake Tyler, Never Back Down (2008)

Did you ever consider the consequences of your actions?
— The Creature, Frankenstein (1994)

Choices have consequences!
— Ray Armstrong, Nothing But the Truth (2008)

I have this naive view that you should pursue principles without calculating the consequences.
— Eleanor Roosevelt, Sunrise At Campobello (1960)
Conspiracy

Two people, and a secret: the beginning of all conspiracies.

A good conspiracy is unprovable. I mean, if you can prove it, it means they screwed up somewhere along the line.

If there wasn't a conspiracy there would be evidence, that's how effective the conspiracy is.
Cooperation

Now everybody just stay down on the floor until I leave. Thank you for your cooperation and have a good day.
—Thelma, Thelma and Louise (1991)

Cooperation works two ways.
—Harry Callahan, The Dead Pool (1988)

And any man that doesn't want to cooperate, I'll make him wish he had never been born.
—Sergeant Stryker, Sands of Iwo Jima (1949)
Cops

This is what us real cops do: We study liars.

Cops look at you to see how to act.

To a cop the explanation is never that complicated. It's always simple. There's no mystery to the street, no arch criminal behind it all.

You're not gonna die. God loves cops.
—Mike Zavala, End of Watch (2012)

When you're a rookie they can teach you everything about being a cop, except how to live with a mistake.
—Sergeant Al Powell, Die Hard (1988)

I wanted to catch the guys who thought they could get away with it.

A good cop can't sleep because he's missing a piece of the puzzle.

You're a cop. You're either curious about me, or you wanna give me some shit.
—Wilson, Assault on Precinct 13 (1976)

I'm gonna help you be a better cop. You know how? You know what you do first thing every morning? Read the sports page. You know why? Best part of the newspaper. Winners, losers, how it happened, score. And we got a much better game than the one they give the players. They don't retire us after 10 years. Just one thing: you gotta be a player. A real player, not just fillin' out a position.
—The Detective, The Driver (1978)
Corporations

The corporations got the networks and they get to say who gets to talk about the country and who’s crazy today.
—Bulworth, Bulworth (1998)

When deep space exploration ramps up, it'll be the corporations that name everything, the IBM Stellar Sphere, the Microsoft Galaxy, Planet Starbucks.
—Narrator, Fight Club (1999)

You know what the real problem is? It isn't about the individual anymore. When you boil it down, we're all just sheep. It's the corporations taking over the world. And we just let them.
—Barabba, The Silver Case (2012)

Practically every major corporation hides its money offshore.
—Paul Kemp, The Rum Diary (2011)

We have got to realize that we're being conditioned on a mass scale. Start challenging this corporate slave state.
—Alex Jones, Waking Life (2001)

Everyone in this country is a victim of corporate crime by the time they finish breakfast.
—Brian Shepard, The Informant! (2009)
Corruption

Not everybody gets corrupted. You have to have a little faith in people.
—Tracy, Manhattan (1979)

But the hearts of men are easily corrupted, and a Ring of Power has a will of its own.

As long as it takes I'm gonna show the people of Gotham their city doesn't belong to the criminals and the corrupt.
—Bruce Wayne, Batman Begins (2005)

There are varying degrees of evil. We urge you lesser forms of filth not to push the bounds and cross over into true corruption.
—Murphy, The Boondock Saints (1999)

The business of corruption is like any other business.
—Han, Enter the Dragon (1973)

This nation is in trouble, great trouble, plagued with a thousand problems. This isn't just a depression; this is a crisis! You've got a Senate and a House of Representatives, filled mostly with honest, patriotic men. And they're all striving to bring this nation back to its place in the sun. But they're handicapped—hamstrung by a hidden government—an evil, marauding crew that has turned the Constitution of the United States into a bill of sale.
—Button Gwinett Brown, Washington Merry-Go-Round (1932)
Courage

My lord, it's just an eye. The gods saw fit to grace me with a spare.
—Dilios, 300 (2006)

They say he ain’t scared of nothin’—if he wants a picture of a lion he walks right up and tells it to look pleasant.
—Watchman, King Kong (1933)

You’ve been up all night. You cracked up in a plane. Slept in a ditch. But you want to know something? It doesn’t show on you at all.
—Clayton, War of the Worlds (1953)

Tragedy is a test of courage. If you can meet it bravely, it will leave you bigger than it found you. If not than you will have to live all you life as a coward, because no matter where you may run you can never run away from yourself.
—Grandmother Lettie, A Star Is Born (1937)

Through all of the chaos that is our history; through all of the wrongs and the discord; through all of the pain and suffering; through all of our times, there is one thing that has nourished our souls, and elevated our species above its origins, and that is our courage.
—President, Armageddon (1998)
Courtship

If you let me, maybe I could help you have more fun.
—Annie Hall, *Annie Hall* (1977)

Nobody’s perfect.
—Osgood, *Some Like It Hot* (1959)

What if we were to pool our loneliness, and give each other what little we have to give.
—Smithy, *Random Harvest* (1942)

Show a little emotion to a woman and shit like that.

I was going to let you become a part of my most erotic fantasies, but now you can just write it off.

But we are involved, Etta. Don't you know that? I mean you are riding on my bicycle. In some Arabian countries that's the same as being married.

I have had people walk out on me before, but not when I was being so charming.

Now just to show you my heart's in the right place, I'll give you my best pair of pajamas.
—Peter Warne, *It Happened One Night* (1934)

If she calls just be gentle, you know? Like you’re really happy to hear from her. Like you miss her. Women love that shit.

If all you want's a stud service, you get on back to West Dallas and you stay there the rest of your life. You're worth more than that. A lot more than that. You know it and that's why you come along with me.
—Clyde Barrow, *Bonnie and Clyde* (1967)
Nobody on this planet ever really chooses each other. I mean, it's all a question of quantum physics, molecular attraction, and timing. Why, there are laws we don't understand that bring us together and tear us apart.
Cowardice

When you go around picking on things weaker than you are, why, you're nothing but a great big coward.
—Dorothy, *The Wizard of Oz* (1939)

A whole bunch came in. They brought their women to protect them.
—Woman, *Shane* (1953)

Divided we fall, united we stand, coward take my coward's hand.

They've got you wrong. You're not a coward. Stupid, maybe. But not a coward.

Clark Kent is how Superman views us. And what are the characteristics of Clark Kent? He's weak, he's unsure of himself... he's a coward. Clark Kent is Superman's critique on the whole human race.

A man with a wife and six children plus a schoolgirl for a mistress can be called any number of rude names, but "coward" is not one of them.

I assure you I meant neither harm nor malice to the soldier in question. My sole intention was to restore in him some sense of appreciation for his duties as a man and a soldier. "If one could shame a coward," I felt, "one might help him to gain his self-respect." This was on my mind. Now, I freely admit my method was wrong. But I hope you can understand my motive, and accept this apology.
The Cowboys are finished, you understand?

I guess I just meant I like the idea of it. You know, the way a girl likes cowboys.

I let you touch me, cowboy. I think I need a bath.

Curly, is a true cowboy. One of the last real men.
Creativity

A body! I made it with my own hands.
—Henry Frankenstein, Frankenstein (1931)

Never show a work in progress.
—Norther Winslow, Big Fish (2003)

My mind is a raging torrent, flooded with rivulets of thought cascading into a waterfall of creative alternatives.
—Hedley Lamarr, Blazing Saddles (1974)

My psychiatrist says I need creative chaos.

The passion for destruction is also a creative passion.
—Old Anarchist, Slacker (1991)

Don't you blame the movies. Movies don't create psychos. Movies make psychos more creative!
—Billy, Scream (1996)
Crime

Criminals aren’t complicated.
—Bruce Wayne, The Dark Knight (2008)

The thrill of theft! Of violence! The urge to live easy!
—Prison Chaplain, A Clockwork Orange (1971)

If he’d just pay me what he’s spending to make me stop robbing him, I’d stop robbing him.
—Butch Cassidy, Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid (1969)

Mickey and Mallory know the difference between right and wrong. They just don’t give a damn.
—Emil Reingold, Natural Born Killers (1994)

Our Billy wasn’t born a criminal, Clarice. He was made one through years of systematic abuse.

We call ourselves the thin blue line between the honest people and the scum, but the truth is, the scum are everywhere.
—Miller, Inside Man (2006)

While our boys was overseas fighting the Kaiser, the women got Prohibition put in. Drinking and gambling and whoring were declared unlawful. All those things which come natural to men became crimes.
—Tector Crites, The Life and Times of Judge Roy Bean (1972)
Crises

A crisis is a test of breeding.
—Miss Twinkleton, Mystery of Edwin Drood (1935)

Do not venture outside for any reason until the nature of this crisis has been determined, and until we can advise what course of action to take.
—Radio Announcer, Night of the Living Dead (1968)

A family crisis brings out the best and the worst in every member of the family.
—Brick Pollitt, Cat on a Hot Tin Roof (1958)

Goddamn missile crisis united the whole country behind Kennedy.

This trial has shown that under the stress of a national crisis, men—even able and extraordinary men—can delude themselves into the commission of crimes and atrocities so vast and heinous as to stagger the imagination.
—Judge Dan Haywood, Judgment at Nuremberg (1961)
Criticism & Critics

Everybody's a critic.
—Ranch Wilder, Angels in the Outfield (1994)

You really are your own worst critic.
—Theodore, Her (2013)

It's very easy to criticize someone who generates an idea, someone who assumes all the risk.
—Peter Ludlow, The Lost World: Jurassic Park (1997)

I don't pretend to be a critic, but lord knows I have a gut, and my gut tells me it's simply marvelous.
—Poppy Carnahan, Barton Fink (1991)

With the birth of the artist came the inevitable afterbirth: the critic.

Even Beethoven had his critics. See if you can name three of them.
—Chopper, Chopper (2000)

Don't you dare criticize me! Don't you dare!
—Napoleon Bonaparte, Waterloo (1970)

Sometimes it's the part of a friend to criticize.
—Lucie Manette, A Tale of Two Cities (1935)

I'm not criticizing; I'm just saying.
—Chet, Faces (1968)

The critics? No, I have nothing but compassion for them. How can I hate the crippled, the mentally deficient, and the dead?
—Sir, The Dresser (1983)

In many ways, the work of a critic is easy. We risk very little, yet enjoy a position over those who offer up their work and their selves to our judgment. We thrive on negative criticism, which is fun to write and to read. But the bitter truth we critics must face, is that in the grand scheme of things, the average piece of junk is probably more
meaningful than our criticism designating it so. But there are times when a critic truly risks something, and that is in the discovery and defense of the new. The world is often unkind to new talent, new creations. The new needs friends.
Curiosity

I just want to know what in the world is going on!
—Roy Neary, Close Encounters of the Third Kind (1977)

Curiosity often leads to trouble.
—Alice, Alice in Wonderland (1951)

His curiosity about every facet of human nature allowed all of us to see the best parts of ourselves.

We keep moving forward, opening up new doors and doing new things, because we're curious.
—Walt Disney, Meet the Robinsons (2007)
Dancing

Never trust spiritual leader who doesn't dance.

Dance is more than the steps. Feel the music and dance for sheer joy.
—Tamako Tamura, Shall We Dance (1996)

We're telling a story. The rumba is the dance of love. Look at me like you're in love.
—Scott, Strictly Ballroom (1992)

From the oldest of times, people danced for a number of reasons. They danced in prayer, or so that their crops would be plentiful, or so their hunt would be good. And they danced to stay physically fit and show their community spirit. And they danced to celebrate. And that is the dancing we're talking about. Aren't we told in Psalm 149 "Praise ye the Lord. Sing unto the Lord a new song. Let them praise His name in the dance"?
—Ren, Footloose (1984)
**Danger**

There ain't nothin' more dangerous in this world than a fool with a cause.

Oh, I suppose there’s no danger in New York? Why, there are dozens of girls in this town tonight in more danger than they’d ever see with me.
—Denham, *King Kong* (1933)

It's dangerous to be an honest man.

Fluoridation is the most monstrously conceived and dangerous communist plot we have ever had to face.
—General Jack D. Ripper, *Dr. Strangelove* (1964)

Danger always strikes when everything seems fine.
—Kambei Shimada, *Seven Samurai* (1954)
Death

Death is only the beginning.

I’ve been dead once already; it’s very liberating. You might think of it as therapy.
—The Joker, Batman (1989)

The key is, to not think of death as an end, but as more of a very effective way to cut down on your expenses.
—Boris, Love and Death (1975)

All those moments will be lost in time, like tears in rain.
—Batty, Blade Runner (1982)

Ultimately, we are all dead men. Sadly, we cannot change that. But we can decide how to end so we are remembered as men.
—Proximo, Gladiator (2000)

I see the future, and there's no death, 'cause you and I, we're angels.
—Mallory, Natural Born Killers (1994)

I want the last face you see in this world to be the face of love, so you look at me when they do this thing. I'll be the face of love for you.
—Sister Helen Prejean, Dead Man Walking (1995)

Do not fear death. As spring begins with winter, so death begins with birth. It is only a step in the great circle of life.
—Windwalker, Windwalker (1980)

Come out and fight. It is a good day to die.
—Old Lodge Skins, Little Big Man (1970)

There are some things worse than death, and one of them is sitting here waiting to die.
Defeat

Hey, maybe you haven’t been keeping up on current events, but we just got our asses kicked, pal!

Peace has cost you your strength! Victory has defeated you!
—Bane, *The Dark Knight Rises* (2012)

No wonder you can’t do it. You acquiesce to defeat before you even begin.
Democracy

Now you're not naive enough to think we're living in a democracy, are you buddy? It's the free market.

The day we stop believing democracy can work is the day we lose it.

Today, democracy, liberty, and equality are words to fool the people. No nation can progress with such ideas. They stand in the way of action. Therefore, we frankly abolish them. In the future, each man will serve the interest of the State with absolute obedience.
—Garbitsch, *The Great Dictator* (1940)

But say all we’ve done is show the world that democracy isn't chaos, that there is a great invisible strength in a people's union? Say we've shown that a people can endure awful sacrifice and yet cohere? Mightn't that save at least the idea of democracy, to aspire to? Eventually to become worthy of?
Denial

Denial is the most predictable of all human responses.

Never underestimate the power of denial.
—Ricky Fitts, American Beauty (1999)

Denial is a classic symptom of unhealthy rage.
—Linda, Anger Management Therapist, Exit Wounds (2001)

Nostalgia is denial: denial of the painful present. The name for this denial is “Golden Age Thinking,” the erroneous notion that a different time period is better than the one one’s living in. It’s a flaw in the romantic imagination of those people who find it difficult to cope with the present.
—Paul, Midnight in Paris (2011)
Desire

Oh, Jerry, don’t let’s ask for the moon. We have the stars.
—Charlotte Vale, *Now Voyager* (1942)

He did not wish tribute, nor song, or monuments or poems of war and valor. His wish was simple. "Remember us."

I want more life, fucker!

I ask only for the strength to defend my people!

I’ll have what she’s having.
—Customer, *When Harry Met Sally*

In order to continue to exist, desire must have its objects perpetually absent. It's not the "it" that you want, it's the fantasy of "it." So, desire supports crazy fantasies. This is what Pascal means when he says that we are only truly happy when daydreaming about future happiness. Or why we say the hunt is sweeter than the kill. Or be careful what you wish for. Not because you'll get it, but because you're doomed not to want it once you do.
**Destiny**

Destiny is something we've invented because we can't stand the fact that everything that happens is accidental.

Every man has his destiny. You can't escape it, even if you can see it coming.

We can't choose where we come from but we can choose where we go from there.

I think a man does what he can, until his destiny is revealed.

You'd better have some divine intervention, buddy. You're gonna need it.

One must not flirt with one's destiny.
—Monsieur Colomb, *Black Dragons* (1942)
Detectives

I can't figure out if you're a detective or a pervert.
—Sandy Williams, Blue Velvet (1986)

All private detectives are scumbags.

You pick the most innocent looking one, you got the killer.
—P.T. Burke, Dangerous Money (1946)

This is America. Not even a detective can just walk into an apartment and search it.
—Lt. Doyle, Rear Window (1954)

When a man's partner is killed, he's supposed to do something about it. It doesn't make any difference what you thought of him. He was your partner and you're supposed to do something about it. And it happens we're in the detective business. Well, when one of your organization gets killed, it's bad business to let the killer get away with it, bad all around, bad for every detective everywhere.
—Sam Spade, The Maltese Falcon (1941)
Determination

I’m mad as hell, and I’m not going to take this anymore!
—Howard Beale, Network (1976)

I ain’t draft dodging. I ain’t burning no flag. I ain’t running to Canada. I’m staying right here. You want to send me to jail? Fine, you go right ahead. I’ve been in jail for 400 years. I could be there for four or five more.

Now remember, things look bad and it looks like you’re not gonna make it, then you gotta get mean. I mean plumb, mad-dog mean. ‘Cause if you lose your head and you give up, then you neither live nor win. That’s just the way it is.
—Josey Wales, The Outlaw Josey Wales (1976)
Devil

The greatest trick the devil ever pulled was convincing the world he did not exist.

Aim careful, and look the devil in the eye.
—John Hartigan, Sin City (2005)

The devil exists. God exists. And for us, as people, our very destiny hinges on which we decide to follow.

I am the excuse you give when you cannot follow the rules.
—Lucifer, The Devil's Carnival (2012)

I trust everyone. It's the devil inside them I don't trust.

Laughter kills fear, and without fear there can be no faith because without fear of the Devil, there is no more need of God.
—Jorge de Burgos, The Name of the Rose (1986)

I don't believe that God made man in his image. 'Cause most of the shit that happens comes from man. No, I think man was made in the Devil's image. And women were created out of God. 'Cause after all, women can have babies, which is kind of like creating. And which also accounts for the fact that women are so attracted to men, 'cause let's face it, the Devil is a hell of a lot more interesting! Believe me, I've slept with some saints in my day, I know what I'm talking about. So the whole point in life is for men and women to get married so that God and the Devil can get together and work it out. Not that we have to get married. God forbid.
**Discipline**

Without discipline we should all behave like children.
—Sister Clodagh, *Black Narcissus* (1947)

I'm disciplined and organized. I use habit and routine to make my life possible.

Discipline is not the enemy of enthusiasm!

A ninja is honest and good. His mind, body and spirit are one. He has self-control. He has discipline.
Divorce

You get divorced. Your wife can't remember your last name. Kids don't wanna talk to you. Get to eat a lot of meals by yourself. Trust me kid, nobody wants to be that guy.

The ex-wife took the whole damn planet in the divorce. All I got left is my bones.
—Leonard 'Bones' McCoy, Star Trek (2009)

Love is an illusion created by lawyer types like yourself to perpetuate another illusion called marriage to create the reality of divorce and then the illusionary need for divorce lawyers.
—Kevin, St. Elmo's Fire (1985)

You've got to give your divorce some time, dear. Let your sheets cool down before you bring someone else into the bed, alright?
—Mrs. Doubtfire, Mrs. Doubtfire (1993)

Do you know the most surprising thing about divorce? It doesn't actually kill you. Like a bullet to the heart or a head-on car wreck. It should. When someone you've promised to cherish till death do you part says "I never loved you," it should kill you instantly. You shouldn't have to wake up day after day after that, trying to understand how in the world you didn't know. The light just never went on, you know. I must have known, of course, but I was too scared to see the truth. Then fear just makes you so stupid.
—Frances, Under the Tuscan Sun (2003)
Doctors

I'm his doctor. It's not my job to judge the man.

Doctors don't fancy the idea of dying any more than anybody else.

You know what else can kill you? Doctors!
—Albert, *A Million Ways to Die in the West* (2014)

My father was fond of saying you need three things in life: a good doctor, a forgiving priest, and a clever accountant.

Doctors are men, who prescribe medicines of which they know little, to cure diseases of which they know less, for men, of whom they know nothing at all.

I read somewhere that doctors have the highest suicide rate in any profession except for dentistry.
Dreams

No dream is ever just a dream.

It’s the magic of risking everything for a dream that nobody sees but you.

When you give up your dream, you die.

Have you ever had a dream, Neo, that you were so sure was real? What if you were unable to wake from that dream? How would you know the difference between the dream world and the real world?
Driving

I want to drive. It will give me more time to think.
—Isabella Swan, Twilight (2008)

The closer you are to death, the more alive you feel. It's a wonderful way to live. It's the only way to drive.

Her husband was too drunk to know he was too drunk to drive.
—Charles, A Beautiful Mind (2001)

Watch out for the kids when you're backing out!
—Clemenza, The Godfather (1972)

You're not the car you drive.
—Tyler Durden, Fight Club (1999)

I don't carry a gun. I drive.
—Driver, Drive (2011)

When I left the site just over two hours ago, I had a job, a wife, a home. And now I have none of those things. I have none of those things left. I just have myself and the car that I'm in. And I'm just driving and that's it.
—Ivan Locke, Locke (2013)
Drugs

Heroin was the love of my life.
—Sherry Swanson, Sherrybaby (2006)

Yeah, it's legal, but it ain't a hundred percent legal. I mean, you can't just walk into a restaurant, roll a joint and start puffing away. You're only supposed to smoke in your home or certain designated places.
—Vincent, Pulp Fiction (1994)

I chose not to choose life. I chose somethin' else. And the reasons? There are no reasons. Who needs reasons when you've got heroin?
—Mark "Rent-boy" Renton, Trainspotting (1996)

Amphetamines increase adrenaline. And cocaine gets those synapses in the brains firing really fast. My product is 51 times stronger than cocaine, 51 times more hallucinogenic than acid, and 51 times more explosive than ecstasy. It's like getting a personal visit from God!
—Elmo, Formula 51 (2001)

You're like my own personal brand of heroin.
—Edward Cullen, Twilight (2008)

Now the other thing that you must remember, is that after you inhale, you take the joint and you pass it to the person sitting next to you. Do not, repeat: do not hold onto the joint. This is called bogarting the joint, and it is very rude.
—Schiavelli, Taking Off (1971)
Economics

Let us be thankful we have commerce. Buy more. Buy more now. Buy. And be happy.
—OMM, *THX 1138* (1971)

The economics of the future are somewhat different. You see: money doesn't exist in the 24th century.

It's simple economics. Today it's oil, right? In ten or fifteen years, food.

Sex is economics!

In the days of the free market when our country was a top industrial power, there was accountability to the stockholder. The Carnegies, the Mellons, the men that built this great industrial empire, made sure of it because it was their money at stake. Today, management has no stake in the company!

In 1930, the Republican-controlled House of Representatives, in an effort to alleviate the effects of the... Anyone? Anyone?... the Great Depression, passed the... Anyone? Anyone? The tariff bill? The Hawley-Smoot Tariff Act? Which, anyone? Raised or lowered?... raised tariffs, in an effort to collect more revenue for the federal government. Did it work? Anyone? Anyone know the effects? It did not work, and the United States sank deeper into the Great Depression. Today we have a similar debate over this. Anyone know what this is? Class? Anyone? Anyone? Anyone? Anyone seen this before? The Laffer Curve. Anyone know what this says? It says that at this point on the revenue curve, you will get exactly the same amount of revenue as at this point. This is very controversial. Does anyone know what Vice President Bush called this in 1980? Anyone? Something-d-o-o economics. "Voodoo" economics.
Education

I always thought the idea of education was to learn to think for yourself.

I got no education, but that's okay. I know the street, and I'm making all the right connections. With the right woman, there's no stopping me. I could go right to the top.
—Tony Montana, Scarface (1983)

You can't make someone want education.
—Margaret Campbell, Freedom Writers (2007)

People spend years developing their minds and educating themselves, but in the end, they just want to shut them off.
—Walker, Thirteen Conversations About One Thing (2001)

Kindergarten is like the ocean. You don't want to turn your back on it.
—Joyce, Kindergarten Cop (1990)
Emotions

Positive emotion trumps negative emotion every time.
—Cobb, Inception (2010)

There’s no crying in baseball!
—Jimmy Dugan, A League of Their Own (1992)

I have always known about man. From the evidence, I believe his wisdom must walk hand and hand with his idiocy. His emotions must rule his brain. He must be a warlike creature who gives battle to everything around him, even himself.
—Dr. Zaius, Planet of the Apes (1968)

Animals don't think like we do! People who forget that get themselves killed. When you look into an animal's eyes, you are seeing your own emotions reflected back at you, and nothing else.
—Santosh Patel, Life of Pi (2012)

Emotions are the cancer of the intellect!
—James Munroe, The Expendables (2010)
Endings

The end is only the beginning.
—Mr. Macauley, *Human Comedy* (1943)

Even the very wise cannot see all ends.

Happy endings only happen in the movies.
—Georges Méliès, *Hugo* (2011)
Endurance

There is magic in fighting battles beyond endurance.

We can endure much more than we think we can.
—Frida Kahlo, Frida (2002)

Men tempered like steel. Tough breed. Men who learn how to endure.
—Rico, The Professionals (1966)

We must not run from our fate. What cannot be changed must be borne. The test of life is to endure.
—Nazneen Ahmed, Brick Lane (2007)

—Sakini, The Teahouse of the August Moon (1956)

Enduring this damned existence with all the shit and deceit and wickedness and staying sober? How can you expect or even want a single poor bugger to put up with it without being drunk? It's inhuman. Only a sadist would demand that.
—Mia, You, the Living (2007)
Enemies

Keep your friends close, but your enemies closer.

You don’t understand what you’re dealing with, do you? Perfect organism. Its structural perfection is matched only by its hostility.

I have lived most of my life surrounded by my enemies. I would be grateful to die surrounded by my friends.

To build a better world sometimes means having to tear the old one down. And that makes enemies.

Even enemies can show respect.

It takes a great deal of bravery to stand up to your enemies, but a great deal more to stand up to your friends.

There is no teacher but the enemy. Only he will tell you where you are weak, where he is strong.
Engineering

Engineers turn dreams into reality.
—Caproni, _The Wind Rises_ (2013)

God help us. We're in the hands of engineers.
—Dr. Ian Malcolm, _Jurassic Park_ (1993)

This is a simple engineering problem. We just gotta think it out.
—Howard Hughes, _The Aviator_ (2004)

It must have been an engineer who designed the human body. Who else would put a waste processing plant next to a recreation area?
—Andrew Martin, _Bicentennial Man_ (1999)
Environment

We've wounded this mountain. It's our duty to close her wounds. It's the least we can do to show our gratitude for all the wealth she's given us. If you guys don't want to help me, I'll do it alone.
—Howard, The Treasure of the Sierra Madre (1948)

I don’t want to be a product of my environment. I want my environment to be a product of me.

Situation is getting geometrically worse. It'll all go fast in the end. Once the marine biodiversity goes, everything goes with it.
—Dena, Night Moves (2013)

Instead of living under the sun and the moon and the sky and the stars, we’re living in a fantasy world of our own making.
—Andre, My Dinner with Andre (1981)

I'd like to share a revelation that I've had during my time here. It came to me when I tried to classify your species and I realized that you're not actually mammals. Every mammal on this planet instinctively develops a natural equilibrium with the surrounding environment but you humans do not. You move to an area and you multiply and multiply until every natural resource is consumed and the only way you can survive is to spread to another area. There is another organism on this planet that follows the same pattern. Do you know what it is? A virus. Human beings are a disease, a cancer of this planet. You're a plague and we are the cure.
Eternity

Remember this day, men, for it will be yours for all time.
—King Leonidas, 300 (2006)

What we do in life echoes in eternity.
—Maximus, Gladiator (1975)

There’s only one instant, and it's right now. And it's eternity.
—Pinball Playing Man, Waking Life (2001)

You policemen are always in such a hurry. As if dead men didn't have all eternity.
—Sir John Talbot, The Wolf Man (1941)

Men are haunted by the vastness of eternity. And so we ask ourselves: Will our actions echo across the centuries? Will strangers hear our names long after we are gone, and wonder who we were?
—Odysseus, Troy (2004)
Ethics

You double-cross once—where's it all end? An interesting ethical question.

Einstein said that ethics are an exclusive human concern, without any superhuman authority behind it.

Circumstances have taught me that a man's ethics are the only possessions he will take beyond the grave.

Usually I follow the Judeo-Christian ethic of "Thou shalt not kill". But, that's just me.

Because of some bureaucratic shenanigans and some nonsense in the U.S. Constitution called the separation of church and state, this class will no longer be called Bible Study. It will be called Ethics. Well, that's my civic duty done. Now open you Bibles, boys, to Genesis 19:4.

Dodge City rolling in wealth from the great Texas trail-herds: the town that knew no ethics but cash and killing.
—Title card, *Dodge City* (1939)

Y'all beat the hell out of that woman, but you didn't kill her. And I put a bullet in her head, but her heart just kept on beatin'. Now, you saw that yourself with your own beautiful blue eye, did you not? We've done a lot of things to this lady. And if she ever wakes up, we'll do a whole lot more. But one thing we won't do is sneak into her room in the night like a filthy rat and kill her in her sleep. And the reason we won't do that thing is because that thing would lower us.
**Etiquette**

We're in public. The rules of etiquette apply.

It is so easy to commit embarrassing blunders, but etiquette tells us just what is expected of us and guards us from all humiliation and discomfort.
Evil

Beware of the dark side. Once you start down the dark side, it will dominate.
—Yoda, Star Wars: Episode V - The Empire Strikes Back (1980)

It should have ended that day, but evil was allowed to endure.

The eternal contest between good and evil is not fought with great armies, but one life at a time.
—Beverly Penn, Winter's Tale (2014)

There will always be those who mean to do us harm. To stop them, we risk awakening the same evil within ourselves.

There are two kinds of evil people in this world. Those who do evil stuff and those who see evil stuff being done and don’t try to stop it.
Evolution

If there is one thing the history of evolution has taught us it's that life will not be contained. Life breaks free, it expands to new territories and crashes through barriers.
—Dr. Ian Malcolm, Jurassic Park (1993)

Out there is a perfect engine, an eating machine that is a miracle of evolution—it swims and eats and that's all.
—Hooper, Jaws (1975)

Evolution always wins.
—Faora, Man of Steel (2013)

The world's been here for millions of years. Man's been walking upright for a comparatively short time. Mentally we're still crawling.
—Professor Tom Nesbitt, The Beast from 20,000 Fathoms (1953)

Mutation: it is the key to our evolution. It has enabled us to evolve from a single-celled organism into the dominant species on the planet. This process is slow, and normally taking thousands and thousands of years. But every few hundred millennia, evolution leaps forward.
—Prof. Charles Francis Xavier, X-Men (2000)

Forty thousand years of evolution and we've barely even tapped the vastness of human potential.

Every two or three million years, some natural catastrophe devastates all life on Earth. But life goes on. And what little remains is made stronger. Put simply, world destruction is an unpleasant but necessary part of evolution.

The new law of evolution in corporate America seems to be survival of the unfittest.

Evolution does not necessarily reward intelligence. With no natural predators to thin the herd, it began to simply reward those who reproduced the most, and left the intelligent to become an endangered species.
If you take a law like evolution and you make it a crime to teach it in the public schools, tomorrow you can make it a crime to teach it in the private schools? And tomorrow you may make it a crime to read about it. And soon you may ban books and newspapers. And then you may turn Catholic against Protestant, and Protestant against Protestant, and try to foist your own religion upon the mind of man. If you can do one, you can do the other. Because fanaticism and ignorance is forever busy, and needs feeding. And soon, your Honor, with banners flying and with drums beating we'll be marching backward, backward, through the glorious ages of that Sixteenth Century when bigots burned the man who dared bring enlightenment and intelligence to the human mind!

—Henry Drummond, *Inherit the Wind* (1960)
Excellence

There is excellence all around you. You need only to be aware to stop and savor it.

Excellence knows no age.
Excitement

It’s good to be with somebody that’s excited about life.
—Theodore, Her (2013)

You know, I’ve only known such excitement a few times before. A few times, in my dear brother’s sermons, when the Spirit was really upon him.
—Rose, The African Queen (1951)

I got that excited/scared feeling. Like 98% excited, 2% scared.
—Oscar, Armageddon (1998)
Excuses

Rule #76: No excuses. Play like a champion!

There's always an excuse,
—Q, Die Another Day (2002)

You can give birth to an excuse so easily, you will believe it's always been there.
—Lauren Bell, Slam (1998)
Experience

Training is useful, but there is no substitute for experience.
—Rosa Klebb, From Russia with Love (1963)

The purpose is to experience fear, fear in the face of certain death, to accept that fear, and maintain control of oneself and one's crew.
—Spock, Star Trek (2009)

A man needs new experiences. They jar something deep inside, allowing him to grow. Without change, something sleeps inside of us and seldom awakens. The sleeper must awaken.

Don't you ever want to experience something new?
—E.L., Road Trip (2000)

Experience is a harsh teacher. First comes the test, second comes the lesson.
—Jigsaw, Saw IV (2007)

Never refuse an invitation, never resist the unfamiliar, never fail to be polite and never outstay the welcome. Just keep your mind open and suck in the experience.
Experiment

All we want is to be treated like human beings, not to be experimented on like guinea pigs or patronized like bunny rabbits.

The paths of experimentation twist and turn through mountains of miscalculations and often lose themselves in error and darkness!
—Kurt, *The Brain That Wouldn't Die* (1962)
Failure

There's something you need to know about failure, Tintin. You can never let it defeat you.

I learn from failure.

I failed for 30 years but at least I fought.

His failure towered over other men's successes.

No man is a failure who has friends.
—Clarence, *It's a Wonderful Life* (1946)
Faith

Faith is believing when common sense tells you not to.
—Fred Gailey, Miracle on 34th Street (1947)

It is not your faith that has betrayed you. It is your fear.
—Great Grandma, Fools Rush In (1997)

When we have faith and discipline everything becomes easier.
—Chico Xavier, Chico Xavier (2010)

Sometimes the truth isn't good enough, sometimes people deserve more. Sometimes people deserve to have their faith rewarded.
—Batman, The Dark Knight (2008)

Strength through unity! Unity through faith!
—Lewis Prothero, V for Vendetta (2005)

Sometimes, you have to take a leap of faith first. The trust part comes later.
—Father Leone, Man of Steel (2013)
Fame

Fame is a fickle friend.
—Gilderoy Lockhart, Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (2002)

Beware of them cameras. Oh, them cameras are bad as any narcotic.
— Elijah Muhammad, Malcolm X (1992)

Isn't it a lovely thing to live with great courage and to die leaving an everlasting fame?

The price of fame: You've got the glory, you gotta take the little heartaches that go with it.
—Cosmo Brown, Singin' in the Rain (1952)

Fame has a fifteen minute half-life, infamy lasts a little longer.
—Mike Wallace, The Insider (1999)

Fame is the food that dead men eat.
—Captain Trantor, Galaxy of Terror (1981)

We got hit smack in the face by something we hadn't seen coming. Fame.
—K.C., Pete Smalls Is Dead (2010)
Family

A man who doesn't spend time with his family can never be a real man.
—Don Corleone, The Godfather (1972)

There comes a time when the best reputation you can have is with your family.
—Steve Dunham, Green Street Hooligans (2005)

I don't need anything more for Christmas than this right here: my family.

You live, you die, you fight as brothers. Remember, nothing is as strong as family.
—Splinter, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (2014)

—Caesar, Dawn of the Planet of the Apes (2014)

Families are always rising or falling in America.
—Billy Costigan, The Departed (2006)
**Fashion**

Fashion is not about utility. An accessory is merely a piece of iconography used to express individual identity.

The first rule of fashion is you have to look weird.

Be the first. Start a fashion.

Fashion is not an art form. If it's anything at all, it's pornography, to which millions are addicted. Hopelessly addicted.
Fate

Nobody can stop fate, nobody can.

You have got to gamble with fate.
—Chorus, *Reckless* (1935)

Chance is the fool's name for fate.

The future has not been written. There is no fate but what we make for ourselves.

Call it fate. Call it luck. Call it karma. I believe that everything happens for a reason.
Fear

Anybody could be scared.

Conquer your fear, and I promise you, you will conquer death.

A life lived in fear is a life half lived.
—Fran, *Strictly Ballroom* (1992)

I’m afraid. I’m afraid, Dave. Dave, my mind is going. I can feel it. I can feel it. My mind is going. There is no question about it. I can feel it. I can feel it. I can feel it. I’m afraid.

We are all afraid, Frodo. But to let that fear drive us to destroy what hope we have, don’t you see? That is madness!

We will not walk in fear, one of another. We will not be driven by fear into an age of unreason.

You can be too old for a lot of things, but you’re never too old to be afraid.
Flirting

You meet her, hang out, flirt, no commitment, nobody gets hurt.
—Ula, 50 First Dates (2004)

Girls flirt with the dangerous guy. They don’t bring him home. They marry the good guy.
—Dr. Jean Grey, X2 (2003)

Flirting is cheating’s ugly cousin.
—Dave Buznik, Anger Management (2003)

Flirting gets into a woman’s blood like fighting gets into a man’s.
—Mollie Monahan, Union Pacific (1939)

Flirting would be if I were to tell you that I have never seen a girl more beautiful than you and when you dance all sweaty with the way your hair swings left and right, my heart skips a beat. But I didn’t say anything like that. No flirting.
—Surinder Sahni, Rab Ne Bana Di Jodi (2008)
Food

Hamburgers. The cornerstone of any nutritious breakfast.

Good food is like music you can taste, color you can smell.

A guy works all day, he don’t want to look at his plate and ask, “What the fuck is this?” He wants to look at his plate, see a steak, and say, “I like steak!”

I can’t stop eating. I eat because I’m unhappy, and I’m unhappy because I eat. It’s a vicious cycle. Now, if you’ll excuse me, there’s someone I’d like to get in touch with and forgive myself

White man eat raw oysters, cook frogs, but grow pale about eating worms. You have strange ways, Yellow Hair.
—Crazy Horse, *Crazy Horse and Custer: The Untold Story* (1990)

I was an honored guest, so they gave me a special treat: boiled dog. Now I will admit, dog is greasy, but you’d be surprised how downright delicate the flavor is, especially when you’re starving.
Force

For my only ally is the Force. And a powerful ally it is. Life creates it, makes it grow. Its energy surrounds us and binds us. Luminous beings are we, not this crude matter. You must feel the Force around you.

There's a force in the universe that makes things happen. And all you have to do is get in touch with it, stop thinking, let things happen, and be the ball.

You can buck the system but you can't buck the dark forces that lie hidden beneath the surface. The ones some people call superstitions.

Diabolical forces are formidable. These forces are eternal, and they exist today. The fairy tale is true. The devil exists. God exists. And for us, as people, our very destiny hinges upon which one we elect to follow.
Forgiveness

You can't buy forgiveness. It's free. But you do have to ask for it.
—Rev. Gus Horton, Get Low (2009)

Did you ever hear the philosophy that once a man admits he's wrong, then he's automatically forgiven of that wrongdoing?
—Vincent, Pulp Fiction (1994)

Sure, forgive your enemies, but first get even.
—Nick Condon, Blood on the Sun (1945)

If someone loved you very much, so that your happiness was the only thing that she wanted in the world, but she did a bad thing to make certain of it, could you forgive her?
—Annina, Casablanca (1942)
**Free Will**

Free will, it is a bitch.

You don't have free will, David. You have the appearance of free will.
—Thompson, *The Adjustment Bureau* (2011)

If we were able to see our destinies manifest themselves visually, then we would be given a choice to betray our chosen destinies. And the mere fact that this choice exists would make all preformed destiny come to an end.
—Professor Kenneth Monnitoff, *Donnie Darko* (2001)

How is a person truly free until they can think and act for themselves? God gave us free will so that we could choose His love.

They talk of free will, but we are all just homing pigeons in the end.
—Dr. Talzani, *Triage* (2009)

I don’t permit the suffering. You do. Free will. All the choices are yours.
—God, *Oh, God!* (1977)

There have always been ghosts in the machine. Random segments of code that have grouped together to form unexpected protocols. Unanticipated, these free radicals engender questions of free will, creativity, and even the nature of what we might call the soul. Why is it that when some robots are left in darkness, they will seek out the light? Why is it that when robots are stored in an empty space, they will group together, rather than stand alone? How do we explain this behavior? Random segments of code? Or is it something more? When does a perceptual schematic become consciousness? When does a difference engine become the search for truth? When does a personality simulation become the bitter mote of a soul?
**Freedom**

We cannot defend freedom abroad by deserting it at home.

You know what the problem is? The fences aren't just round the farm. They're up here, in you heads. There's a better place out there, somewhere beyond that hill, and it has wide open places, and lots of trees and grass. Can you imagine that? Cool, green grass.

The universe grows smaller every day, and the threat of aggression by any group, anywhere, can no longer be tolerated. There must be security for all, or no one is secure. Now, this does not mean giving up any freedom, except the freedom to act irresponsibly.
—Klaatu, *The Day the Earth Stood Still* (1951)

The first night's the toughest, no doubt about it. They march you in naked as the day you were born, skin burning and half blind from that delousing shit they throw on you, and when they put you in that cell—and those bars slam home—that's when you know it's for real. A whole life blown away in the blink of an eye. Nothing left but all the time in the world to think about it.
Friendship

I saw in your eyes and I saw the way you carried yourself that you're not a happy person. And I think you need something. And if you want to call it a friend, you can call it a friend.
—Travis Bickle, Taxi Driver (1976)

You may have a friend you don't know you've got.
—Shane, Shane (1953)

Friendship is the booze they feed you. They want you to get drunk on feeling like you belong.
—Lester Bangs, Almost Famous (2000)

You don't have to worry, Kid. I ain't gonna kill you. You're the only friend I got.
—Will Munny, Unforgiven (1992)

You could be happy here. I could take care of you. I wouldn't let anybody hurt you. We could grow up together, E.T.

There's a point, far out there when the structures fail you, and the rules aren't weapons anymore, they're shackles letting the bad guy get ahead. One day you may face such a moment of crisis. And in that moment, I hope you have a friend like I did, to plunge their hands into the filth so that you can keep yours clean!
—Jim Gordon, The Dark Knight Rises (2012)
**Fun**

I might go back to hating you. It was more fun.
—Roger Thornhill, *North by Northwest* (1959)

Was Milton trying to tell us that being bad was more fun than being good?

I won't kill you because you're just too much fun.
**Future**
You have no idea what’s coming!

Even the smallest person can change the course of the future.

Isn’t it easier to go forward when you know you can’t go back?

A world without rules and controls, without borders or boundaries. A world where anything is possible. Where we go from there is a choice I leave to you.
Gambling

Everyone gambles. They may call it something else, like the stock market, or real estate. But make no mistake, if you're risking something, you're gambling.
—Richie Furst, Runner, Runner (2013)

I'll bet you twenty bucks I can get you gambling before the end of the day!
—Lloyd Christmas, Dumb & Dumber (2005)

It's not gambling when you know you're gonna win.

I only gamble with my life, never my money.

Gambling's about not facing reality, ignoring the odds.

You gotta gamble if you’re gonna win.
—Jeff, Showgirls (1995)
**Games**

Discovering the object of the game is the object of the game.

Is this a game, or is it real?

Walt Whitman once said, "I see great things in baseball. It's our game, the American game. It will repair our losses and be a blessing to us."

It's like I was playing some kind of game, but the rules don't make any sense to me. They're being made up by all the wrong people. I mean no one makes them up. They seem to make themselves up.
—Benjamin, *The Graduate* (1967)
Gender

What I said was true, there's no difference between the sexes. Men, women, the same.
—Amanda Bonner, *Adam’s Rib* (1949)

Women are 10 times more likely to attempt suicide and males are 4 times more likely to succeed, so you're bound to meet more female attempters because the male attempters are just, dead.

I am a gay lesbian woman! I do not mythologize the male sexual organ!
Genetics

My friends are toys. I make them. It's a hobby. I'm a genetic designer.

Don't you see the danger, John, inherent in what you're doing here? Genetic power is the most awesome force the planet's ever seen, but you wield it like a kid that's found his dad's gun.

The genetic difference between men and apes is only three percent. But that three percent gave us Einstein, Mozart...

The years passed, mankind became stupider at a frightening rate. Some had high hopes the genetic engineering would correct this trend in evolution, but sadly the greatest minds and resources were focused on conquering hair loss and prolonging erections.

Why do they still call me a warlord? And mad? All I want to do is to create the perfect genetic soldier. Not for power, not for evil, but for good. Carlo Blanco shall be the first of many who shall march out of my laboratory and crush every adversary, every creed, every nation! Until the world is in the loving grip of the Pax Bisonica. And peace will reign and all humanity shall bow to me in humble gratitude.
— Bison, *Street Fighter* (1994)
Goals

All I wanna do is go the distance.
—Rocky Balboa, Rocky (1976)

I’ve always had a weakness for lost causes, once they’re really lost.
—Rhett Butler, Gone with the Wind (1939)

Just once I want to do something right.
—Jimmy Stark, Rebel Without a Cause (1955)

All my life needed was a sense of someplace to go. I don’t believe that one should devote his life to morbid self-attention. I believe that one should become a person like other people.
—Travel Bickle, Taxi Driver (1976)

I should like to change into a sunflower most of all. They’re so tall and simple. What flower would you like to be?
—Maude, Harold and Maude (1971)

He’s saving the world.
—Detective Cragie, Code of Silence (1985)
God

It's not an easy thing to meet your maker.
—Batty, Blade Runner (1982)

To love another person is to see the face of God.
—Jean Valjean, Les Misérables (2012)

We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us.
—Akeelah, Akeelah and the Bee (2006)

You can praise God by peeling a spud if you peel it to perfection.
—Reverend. J.D. Liddell, Chariots of Fire (1981)

If it turns out that there is a God, I don't think that he's evil. I think that the worst you can say about him is that basically he's an underachiever.
—Boris, Love and Death (1975)

God's not supposed to be a hack horror writer.
—John Trent, In the Mouth of Madness (1994)

God demands anger!

I believe God's M.O. is to transmute evil into good and if He's active here, he's doing that now although our eyes can't perceive it. The whole process is hidden beneath the surface of our reality. It will only be revealed later.
—Mike, A Scanner Darkly (2006)

To you I’m an atheist; to God, I’m the Loyal Opposition.
—Sandy Bates, Stardust Memories (1980)

Sometimes I wonder: will God ever forgive us for what we've done to each other? Then I look around and I realize God left this place a long time ago.

To eat good food is to be close to God.
—Primo, Big Night (1996)
**Government**

People should not be afraid of their governments. Governments should be afraid of their people.
—*V, V for Vendetta* (2005)

You'd think educating children would be more of a priority in this country but you'd be wrong. Governments got better things to spend our money on, like corporate handouts and building bombs.

We're almost certain that ghouls and werewolves occupy high positions at city hall.

There’s no place out there for graft, or greed, or lies, or compromise with human liberties.
—Jefferson Smith, *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington* (1939)

We've got so many problems that we don't even want to look at them anymore. They just blend together into this great big noise and pretty soon we can't even hear ourselves think. But that's not even the worst part. The worst part is that we feel like we can't do anything about it, and that's a tragedy. Because we can. We don't know where to start maybe, maybe that's what it is, but I have an idea of where we can start. From today, I'm going to make it the responsibility of this government to find a job for every American that wants one.
—Dave, *Dave* (1993)

Why are you guys so anti-dictators? Imagine if America was a dictatorship. You could let 1% of the people have all the nation's wealth. You could help your rich friends get richer by cutting their taxes. And bailing them out when they gamble and lose. You could ignore the needs of the poor for health care and education. Your media would appear free, but would secretly be controlled by one person and his family. You could wiretap phones. You could torture foreign prisoners. You could have rigged elections. You could lie about why you go to war. You could fill your prisons with one particular racial group, and no one would complain. You could use the media to scare the people into supporting policies that are against their interests.
Greatness

Be not afraid of greatness
—Duke, She’s the Man (2006)

Greatness courts failure.
—Roy, Tin Cup (1996)

Through discipline and hunger we will become great.
—The Principal, Madchen in Uniform (1931)

All greatness comes from loss.
Greed

Greed, for lack of a better word, is good. Greed is right, greed works. Greed clarifies, cuts through, and captures the essence of the evolutionary spirit. Greed, in all of its forms; greed for life, for money, for love, for knowledge has marked the upward surge of mankind.

Greed has poisoned men's souls, has barricaded the world with hate, has goose-stepped us into misery and bloodshed.
—A Jewish Barber, The Great Dictator (1940)

Your greed feeds mine, Doctor!

Greed is for amateurs. Disorder, chaos, anarchy: now that's fun!

Greed can be a very powerful ally

It's the sweat and blood of the little men that makes this country the great country that it is, not the greed of the so-called big ones.
—Lucky Randall, Saddles and Sagebrush (1943)
**Guilt**

Guilt is like a bag of fuckin' bricks. All ya gotta do is set it down.

Never let a person make you feel guilty for your anger with God.

You see, there’s no guilt in baseball, and it’s never boring, which makes it like sex.

If you're looking for the guilty, you need only look into a mirror.
Guns

You can have my gun, when you pry it from my cold dead fingers.

A gun is as good or as bad as the man using it.
—Shane, *Shane* (1953)

And Mr. 9mm here, he's the shepherd protecting my righteous ass in the valley of darkness.

Leave the gun. Take the cannoli.

Such a lot of guns around town and so few brains! You know, you're the second guy I've met today that seems to think a gat in the hand means the world by the tail.
—Philip Marlowe, *The Big Sleep* (1946)
**Habits**

If you’re just operating by habit, then you’re not really living.

I use habit and routine to make my life possible.

Watch your thoughts, for they become words. Watch your words, for they become actions. Watch your actions, for they become habits. Watch your habits, for they become your character.
—Margaret Thatcher, *The Iron Lady* (2011)

Old habits die hard.

After you’ve worked with a man a certain length of time, you come to know his habits, his values. You come to know him
Hackers & Hacking

For someone the NSA once listed as the most dangerous hacker in America, you sure don’t look like much.
—Ginger, Swordfish (2001)

We are Samurai, the Keyboard Cowboys. And all those other people who have no idea what's going on are the cattle. Moooo.
Happiness

Happiness consists of being able to tell the truth without hurting anyone.
—Guido, 8½ (1963)

When I was still just a kid, I remember my father telling me what he thought that it took for a man to be happy. Simple things, really. A wife he loves. A decent job. Friends and neighbors who like and respect him. And for a while there, without hardly even realizing it, I had all that. I was a happy man.

It was right then that I started thinking about Thomas Jefferson on the Declaration of Independence and the part about our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. And I remember thinking how did he know to put the pursuit part in there? That maybe happiness is something that we can only pursue and maybe we can actually never have it. No matter what. How did he know that?
Hate

Don’t give in to hate. That leads to the Dark Side.
—Obi-Wan Kenobi, Star Wars: Episode V - The Empire Strikes Back (1980)

Hate is baggage. Life's too short to be pissed off all the time. It's just not worth it.
—Danny, American History X (1998)

Always remember: Others may hate you. But those who hate you don't win unless you hate them. And then you destroy yourself.
Health

To be with the one you love is better for your health than medicine.
—Barbara Stewart, Stowaway (1936)

Good health is the most important thing. More than success, more than money, more than power.

Health! The 'open sesame' to the sucker's purse!
—Goodloe Bender, The Road to Wellville (1994)

This is the land of milk and honey for the health racket. Every woman in California thinks she's either too fat or too thin or too something.
—'Doc' Banton, High Sierra (1941)

These great hospital complexes are the cathedrals of our age.
—Dr. George A. Harris, Coma (1978)

If I have to eat nine servings of fruits and vegetables a day to live, I don't wanna live. I hate goddamn fruits and vegetables. And your omega 3's, and the treadmill, and the cardiogram, and the mammogram, and the pelvic sonogram, and oh my god the-the-the colonoscopy, and with it all the day still comes where they put you in a box.
—Boris Yellnikoff, Whatever Works (2009)
Heaven

Keep pedaling! We're not there yet! You can't see paradise if you don't pedal!
—Fowler, Chicken Run (2000)

In those days pigs believed that the sooner they grew large and fat, the sooner they'd be taken into Pig Paradise, a place so wonderful that no pig had ever thought to come back.
—Narrator, Babe (1995)

My idea of heaven is a solid white nightclub with me as a headliner for all eternity, and they love me.
—Father Dyer, The Exorcist (1973)

Of all the Gospels I learnt in seminary school, a verse from St. Paul stays with me. It is perhaps the strangest passage in the Bible, in which he writes: "Even now in Heaven there are Angels carrying savage weapons."

And the funny thing was, it was there all the time, in those little glimpses of heaven in every day. In the smile of a stranger, the green of the trees, the advice of a friend, the laughter of a child, the help of a neighbor, the plane that arrived safely.
**Hell**

I don’t believe in hell. I believe in unemployment, but not hell.

Whatever goes to hell, stays in hell!

He's experienced about as much pain and suffering as anyone I've encountered, give or take, and he still has hell to look forward to.

The deepest circle of hell is reserved for betrayers and mutineers.
Heroes

Every search for a hero must begin with something, which every hero requires: a villain.

People don’t want a hero, they want to eat cheeseburgers, play the lotto and watch television.

Listen, you fuckers, you screwheads. Here is a man who would not take it anymore. A man who stood up against the scum, the cunts, the dogs, the filth, the shit. Here is a man who stood up.
—Travis Bickle, Taxi Driver (1976)

You know what you get for being a hero? Nothing. You get shot at. A little pat on the back, blah blah blah, attaboy.

In the world I lived in, heroes only existed in comic books. And I guess that’d be okay, if bad guys were make-believe too, but they’re not.
—Dave Lizewski, Kick-Ass (2010)
History

The past is just a story we tell ourselves.
—Samantha, Her (2013)

Today is history. Today will be remembered. Years from now the young will ask with wonder about this day. Today is history and you are part of it.
—Amon Goeth, Schindler’s List (1993)

There is often more truth in legend than in history.
Hollywood

Welcome to Hollywood! What's your dream?
—Happy Man, Pretty Woman (1990)

Even the cops in Hollywood are Hollywood.
—Brian, The Fast and the Furious (2001)

—Lester Siegel, Argo (2012)

Something has to be done, but nothing too original, because hey, this is Hollywood.
—Sid Hudgens, L.A. Confidential (1997)

Everybody steals from everybody, that's Hollywood.
—Trent, Swingers (1996)

Can we talk about something other than Hollywood for a change? We're educated people.
—Griffin Mill, The Player (1992)

I came to Hollywood over 60 years ago, and immediately fell in love with motion pictures. And it's a love affair that's lasted a lifetime. When I first arrived in Tinseltown, there were no cineplexes or multiplexes. No such thing as a Blockbuster or DVD. I was here before conglomerates owned the studios. Before pictures had special effects teams. And definitely before box office results were reported like baseball scores on the nightly news.
Home

This is my house. I have to defend it.

Home: where I learned the truth about despair.
—Bane, *The Dark Knight Rises* (2012)

In a hole in the ground there lived a hobbit. Not a nasty, dirty, wet hole full of worms and oozy smells. This was a hobbit-hole and that means good food, a warm hearth, and all the comforts of home.

That’s my sweetheart in there. Wherever she is, that’s where my home is.

There’s no place like home.
—Dorothy, *The Wizard of Oz* (1939)
**Homosexuality**

Officially, there are no Italian homosexuals. It makes Michelangelo and Leonardo very inconvenient.
—Peter, *The Talented Mr. Ripley* (1999)

Tell you something. If the rest of you could shoot like them, I wouldn't care if the whole damn department was queer.
—Harry Callahan, *Magnum Force* (1973)

How do you teach homosexuality? Is it like French?

Are you a homo? Are you a queer? Are you a faggot? Are you a fruit? Are you gay, sir?

Bottom line is: we’re around each other and this thing, it grabs hold of us again, at the wrong place, at the wrong time, and we’re dead.

Only steers and queers come from Texas, Private Cowboy, and you don’t look much like a steer to me, so that kinda narrows it down.

People who are queer get along better in a big town.

Hey! I'm here, I'm queer, get used to it!
Honor

I said it was a matter of honor. Remember? They called me chicken. You know? Chicken? I had to go. If I didn’t, I’d never be able to face those kids again.
—Jim Stark, Rebel Without a Cause (1955)

Ancestors, I honor you and will try to live with the dignity that you have taught me.
—Maximus, Gladiator (2000)

Honor’s killed millions of people. It hasn't saved a single one.

I didn't ask for this honor and I don't want it, any of it.
**Hope**

Let me tell you something my friend. Hope is a dangerous thing. Hope can drive a man insane.

Fear does not work as long as there is hope.

Most men reek of fear. In you I smell hope.
—Master Vampire, *Dracula Untold* (2014)

And then, something happened. I let go. Lost in oblivion. Dark and silent and complete. I found freedom. Losing all hope was freedom.
Horror

It's only in the face of horror that you truly find your nobler selves.

Horror has a face. And you must make a friend of horror. Horror and mortal terror are your friend. If they are not, they are friends to be feared, they are truly enemies.

Of all the horrors darkness holds; to die alone, that is my worst fear.

Never look back, Lawrence. Never look back. The past is a wilderness of horrors.

Life is a preposterous horror. No man can live faced with Death, knowing everything's nothingness.
—Antonius Block, *The Seventh Seal* (1957)

For as long as I can remember people have hated me. They looked at my face and my body and they ran away in horror. In my loneliness I decided that if I could not inspire love, which is my deepest hope, I would instead cause fear.
**Humanity**

To deny our own impulses is to deny the very thing that makes us human.

You'll never be a first class human being or a first class woman until you've learned to have some regard for human frailty.
—C.J. Dexter Haven, *Philadelphia Story* (1940)

We must think not as individuals but as a species. We must confront the reality of interstellar travel.

I play the stock market of the spirit and I sell short.
—Ellsworth Toohey, *The Fountainhead* (1949)

Human thought is so primitive it's looked upon as an infectious disease in some of the better galaxies.

There's a conflict in every human heart between the rational and the irrational, between good and evil. And good does not always triumph. Sometimes, the dark side overcomes what Lincoln called the better angels of our nature.
—General Corman, *Apocalypse Now* (1979)

What it means to be fully human is to strive to live by ideas and ideals and not to measure your life by what you've attained in terms of your desires but those small moments of integrity, compassion, rationality, even self-sacrifice. Because in the end, the only way that we can measure the significance of our own lives is by valuing the lives of others.

In my practice, I've seen how people have allowed their humanity to drain away. Only it happens slowly instead of all at once. They didn't seem to mind. But just some people. All of us—a little bit. We harden our hearts and grow callous. Only when we have to fight to stay human...do we realize how precious it is to us.
—Dr. Bellini, *Invasion of the Body Snatchers* (1956)
Hunger

Create enough hunger and everyone becomes a criminal.

You'll be back. When the hunger knows no reason! And then you'll need to feed, and you'll need me to show you how.

There's no lack of painful things in this world, but hunger and loneliness must surely be two of the worst.
—Sakae Jinnouchi, *Summer Wars* (2009)

Hunger makes men mad.
—Ching, *The Good Earth* (1937)

Everybody's hungry for something. They can't control it and they can't ignore it. Sometimes you're the mouth and sometimes you're the meal. It's just the way it is.

No man knows what hunger will make him do.

Hunger for hope may be worse than hunger for food.

A brilliant young woman I know was asked once to support her argument in favor of social welfare. She named the most powerful source imaginable: the look in a mother's face when she cannot feed her children

A strange calm possessed me. I thought more clearly than I had ever thought before—as if my mind were bathed in a brilliant light. I recognized that part of my illness was rooted in hunger, and I remembered the food on the shelf, the cake threaded with spider web. I no longer felt hatred for the spider. Like myself it struggled blindly for the means to live.
—Scott Carey, *The Incredible Shrinking Man* (1957)
Hunting

My name is Jaguar Paw. I am a hunter. This is my forest. And my sons will hunt it with their sons after I am gone.

Two guys, out in the woods, guns, on the hunt. It's a bonding thing,
—Vinny Gambini, My Cousin Vinny (1992)

T-Rex doesn't want to be fed. He wants to hunt. Can't just suppress 65 million years of gut instinct.
—Dr. Alan Grant, Jurassic Park (1993)

There is no hunting like the hunting of a man. And those who've hunted armed men long enough, and like it, never really care for anything else thereafter.
—Royce, Predators (2010)

But with my people, the buffalo hunt isn't the same as that with white. We don't hang the buffalo's head on a pole in the lodge and boast of our hunting skill. By eating his flesh, our flesh becomes strong. His skin makes our clothing, his bones our arrows, his hair makes the ropes for our horses. Even the covering on our feet comes from him. The buffalo is truly our friend... sent to give us life. Take this hunt from us and we are no longer Lakotas. We're no longer men. We're nameless and dead.
—Chief Crazy Horse, Chief Crazy Horse (1955)
Husbands

I've never been so scared. But at least I have a husband.
—Mrs. Hammen, Airplane! (1980)

One time or other, every man is driven crazy by his wife, and in his secret heart, he wants to do exactly what Claus is accused of: kill her in some sly, silent way that can't be detected.
—Alan Dershowitz, Reversal of Fortune (1990)

There's only one woman's words that should affect the mood of my husband. Those are mine.
—Queen Gorgo, 300 (2006)

My psychiatrist says I suffer from the halo effect, the tendency of widows to idealize their dead husbands. He says it keeps me from falling in love again. He has a point, but I can't imagine I'll ever stop loving Louie.
—Corinne Jeffries, Chances Are (1989)
**Idealism**

If it’s worth dying for, it’s worth living for.
—Ann, *Meet John Doe* (1941)

A vigilante is just a man lost in the scramble for his own gratification. He can be destroyed, or locked up. But if you make yourself more than just a man, if you devote yourself to an ideal, and if they can’t stop you, then you become something else entirely.

Idealism kills every deal.

Ideals and realties are very far apart.

You got to fight for your ideals, and if you die, your ideals don't die.
Ideas

An idea is like a virus, resilient, highly contagious. The smallest seed of an idea can grow. It can grow to define or destroy you.
—Cobb, Inception (2010)

We need more ideas like it! Ideas so dumb and bad that no one would ever think they could possibly be useful.
—Metalbeard, The Lego Movie (2014)

This is the best bad idea we have, sir. By far.

We are told to remember the idea, not the man, because a man can fail. He can be caught, he can be killed and forgotten, but 400 years later, an idea can still change the world. I've witnessed first hand the power of ideas, I've seen people kill in the name of them, and die defending them. But you cannot kiss an idea, cannot touch it, or hold it. Ideas do not bleed, they do not feel pain, they do not love.
Identity

Your identity is your most valuable possession. Protect it.

You are who you choose to be.
—Hogarth Hughes, The Iron Giant (1999)

A man can convince anyone he's somebody else, but never himself.

When you read a book as a child, it becomes a part of your identity in a way that no other reading in your whole life does.
—Kathleen Kelly, You've Got Mail (1998)

I just want an identity. I want to be a normal man.
—Chan Wing Yan, Infernal Affairs (2002)

My identity rests firmly and happily on one fact: I am my mother's daughter.

It's not contradictory to combine identities.
Ignorance

I saw something last night I can’t explain.
—Roy Neary, Close Encounters of the Third Kind (1977)

The excitement of not knowing. The delights of uncertainty.
—Dr. Manhattan, Watchmen (2009)

I know this steak doesn't exist. I know that when I put it in my mouth, the Matrix is telling my brain that it is juicy and delicious. After nine years, you know what I realize? Ignorance is bliss.

There's always an Arquillian Battle Cruiser, or a Corillian Death Ray, or an intergalactic plague that is about to wipe out all life on this miserable little planet, and the only way these people can get on with their happy lives is that they Do Not Know about it!
—Kay, Men in Black (1997)

Ignorance brings chaos
—Lucy, Lucy (2014)

Such is the nature of evil. Out there in the vast ignorance of the world it festers and spreads.
—Thranduil, The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug (2013)
Imagination

Even accountants have imagination.

There is no life I know to compare with pure imagination.

Your fun is only limited by your imagination.

Dreyfus once wrote from Devil’s Island that he would see the most glorious birds. Many years later in Brittany he realized they had only been seagulls. For me they will always be glorious birds.
—Maude, *Harold and Maude* (1971)

Man is capable of as much atrocity as he has imagination.

That's what we storytellers do. We restore order with imagination. We instill hope again and again and again.
—Walt Disney, *Saving Mr. Banks* (2013)

People think the writer's imagination is always at work, that he's constantly inventing an endless supply of incidents and episodes; that he simply dreams up his stories out of thin air. In point of fact, the opposite is true. Once the public knows you're a writer, they bring the characters and events to you.
Indecision

Indecision is a virus that can run through an army and destroy its will to win. Or even to survive.
—Admiral Nimitz, *In Harm’s Way* (1965)

Indecision is a bore!
—Gaston Lachaille, *Gigi* (1958)
**Inspiration**

The dreamer can always remember the genesis of the idea. True inspiration is impossible to fake.

I just want to be inspired.

Inspiration unlocks the future.

Deep in most of us is the potential for greatness or the potential to inspire greatness.
Insults

You’re dumber than you think I think you are.
—Jake Gittes, Chinatown (1974)

You’re not only wrong. You’re wrong at the top of your voice.
—John J. Macreedy, Bad Day at Black Rock (1955)

You’re a legend in your own mind.
—Dirty Harry, Sudden Impact (1983)

You’re a Timex watch in a digital age.

If you moved any slower, you’d be going backwards!
—Coach Johnson, North Dallas Forty (1979)

You couldn’t hit water if you fell out of a fucking boat.

He called me a baboon. He thinks I’m his wife.
—Al Czervik, Caddyshack (1980)

Even ugliness looks beautiful next to you.
—Mickey, Natural Born Killers (1994)

You are physically repulsive, intellectually retarded, you’re morally reprehensible, vulgar, insensitive, selfish, stupid, you have no taste, a lousy sense of humor and you smell. You’re not even interesting enough to make me sick.
**Integrity**

He never wanted money. You can't do anything with a man like that.

Our integrity sells for so little, but it is all we really have. It is the very last inch of us. But within that inch we are free.

He's the type of guy that men want to be around, because he has integrity, you know? He has character. You can't fake that.

Come on, now. Don't be naive, Lieutenant. We both know how careers are made. Integrity is something you sell the public.

If you can't protect the integrity of the system, then there is no system.

I am a man of integrity, but I'm always willing to listen to an interesting offer.
—Albert Arnett, *Born to Kill* (1947)

I kinda have to tip my hat to any entity that can bring so much integrity to evil. I mean, imagine this: a seemingly voluntary, privatized gulag which has managed to eliminate the meddling middlemen of public accountability and free will and wrap it up in a little bow and give it to the public like a gift.
**Intelligence**

Who’s the bigger idiot? The idiot, or the idiot who gets kidnapped by the idiot?

I’d rather have an intelligent enemy than a stupid friend.

All intelligent beings dream. Nobody knows why.

Nothing has caused the human race so much trouble as intelligence.

You know, there are four hundred billion stars out there, just in our galaxy alone. If only one out of a million of those had planets, and just of out of a million of those had life, and just one out of a million of those had intelligent life; there would be literally millions of civilizations out there.
—Ellie Arroway, *Contact* (1997)
**Internet**

I wish the Internet was still working so I could just look up whatever it is that's wrong with you.

Ten-year-olds go on the Net, downloading encryption we can barely break, not to mention instructions on how to make a low-yield nuclear device.

Just think about it. Our whole world is sitting there on a computer. It's in the computer, everything: your DMV records, your social security, your credit cards, your medical records. It's all right there. Everyone is stored in there. It's like this little electronic shadow on each and everyone of us, just, just begging for someone to screw with, and you know what? They've done it to me, and you know what? They're gonna do it to you.
Intuition

Magic is the bloodstream of the universe. Forget all you know, or think you know. All that you require is your intuition.
—High Aldwin, Willow (1988)

That feminine intuition stuff sells magazines, but in real life it's still a fairy tale. I don't know how many times I chased down leads based on women's intuition.
—Lt. Doyle, Rear Window (1954)

Woman's intuition is worth more than all those laboratories. I can't think why you don't teach it in police colleges.
—Mrs. Oxford, Frenzy (1972)

Intuitive improvisation is the secret of genius.
—Max Zorin, A View to a Kill (1985)

A woman's intuition is a man's best friend!
—Robert Talbot, Come September (1961)
Jealousy

Jealousy will get you nowhere.

Attachment leads to jealousy.

Why should I be jealous? Jealousy is beneath me.

Jealousy doesn't show how much you love someone, it shows how insecure you are.

Jealousy, for men, it's a reflex!

Your possessiveness is maddening.

We have a dance in the brothels of Buenos Aires. It tells the story of the prostitute and a man who falls in love with her. First, there is desire. Then, passion. Then, suspicion. Jealousy. Anger. Betrayal. When love is for the highest bidder, there can be no trust. Without trust, there can be no love. Jealousy, yes, jealousy will drive you mad.
Journalism

What is it with reporters? You take one person’s tragedy and force the world to experience it.

There's just no room for truth in journalism.

It was all sex, scandal, brutal crime, sports, children with incurable diseases, and lost puppies. So, I don't think I'll listen to any protestations of high standards of journalism.
—Diana Christensen, *Network* (1976)

Now most reporters are like me. They are plodders. They spend a lot of their time checking little things like facts.
—Walter Loughlin, *Capricorn One* (1978)

You can't write it if you don't know how it ends: Journalism 101.
Journey

Fasten your seat belt Dorothy, 'cause Kansas is going bye-bye.

Don’t you want to go where the rainbow ends?
—Nuala, Eyes Wide Shut (1993)

I find I'm so excited, I can barely sit still or hold a thought in my head. I think it's the excitement only a free man can feel, a free man at the start of a long journey whose conclusion is uncertain.

Home is now behind you. The world is ahead.

Once in a very long while, that journey to find our destiny may defeat even time itself.
—Beverly Penn, Winter's Tale (2014)

Let your mind start a journey to a strange new world! Leave all thoughts of the life you knew before! Let your soul take you where you long to be!

No journey is too great when one finds what he seeks.
—Prince Akeem, Coming to America (1988)

You traveled the world. Now you must journey inwards.
—Henri Ducard, Batman Begins (2005)

It's not the destination so much as the journey.
—Jack Sparrow, Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides (2011)

Don't say goodbye. Say Good Journey.
—Teela, Masters of the Universe (1987)

If you're brave enough to leave behind everything familiar and comforting, which can be anything from your house to bitter, old resentments, and set out on a truth-seeking journey, either externally or internally, and if you are truly willing to regard everything that happens to you on that journey as a clue and if you accept everyone you meet
along the way as a teacher and if you are prepared, most of all, to face and forgive some very difficult realities about yourself, then the truth will not be withheld from you.
Judgment

I would rather make the gravest of mistakes than surrender my own judgment.
—Cora Munro, The Last of the Mohicans (1992)

Never hate your enemies. It affects your judgment.

It's funny what a man will do to forestall his final judgment.

Good judgment comes from experience and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.

You can't go losing your judgment every time someone calls you a name.
—Doc, Back to the Future Part III (1990)

You have to have men who are moral, and at the same time who are able to utilize their primordial instincts to kill without feeling, without passion, without judgment, without judgment! Because it's judgment that defeats us.
—Kurtz, Apocalypse Now (1979)
Justice

Obstructing the wheels of justice is a costly affair.
—Albert Arnett, *Born to Kill* (1947)

The time for justice, the time for freedom, and the time for equality is always—right now!

We’re talking about somebody’s life here. We can’t decide it in five minutes. Supposing we’re wrong?
—Juror #8, *12 Angry Men* (1957)

Every time you go into a courtroom, it's a gamble.

Justice is not the will of the few and it's not the will of the many. Justice is not politics. Justice is the law. And the law is man's feeble attempt to set down the principles of decency. Decency! And decency is not a deal. Or an angle, or a contract, or a hustle or a campaign or a trick or a bid for sympathy. Decency is not the beast that bays for money, power, dominion, position, votes and blood! Decency is what your mother taught you! Decency is in your bones! Do I make myself clear! Now go home. Go home now. Be decent people. Be decent.
Knowledge

Unfortunately, no one can be told what the Matrix is. You have to see it for yourself.

Knowledge is more important than life.
— Dr. Arthur Carrington, The Thing from Another World (1951)

Here is your mission: Pass your knowledge on to the next, as it was passed on to you.

Our knowledge has made us cynical; our cleverness, hard and unkind. We think too much and feel too little. More than machinery, we need humanity. More than cleverness, we need kindness and gentleness. Without these qualities, life will be violent and all will be lost.
— Jewish Barber, The Great Dictator (1940)

Ambition without knowledge is like a boat on dry land.

A teacher has two jobs; fill young minds with knowledge, yes, but more important, give those minds a compass so that that knowledge doesn't go to waste.
— Principal Jacobs, Mr. Holland's Opus (1995)

In a child's power to master the multiplication table there is more sanctity than in all your shouted "amens" and "holy holies" and "hosannas." An idea is a greater monument than a cathedral. And the advance of man's knowledge is a greater miracle than all the sticks turned to snakes or the parting of the waters.
— Henry Drummond, Inherit the Wind (1960)

I'll tell you the problem with the scientific power that you're using here: it didn't require any discipline to attain it. You read what others had done and you took the next step. You didn't earn the knowledge for yourselves, so you don't take any responsibility for it. You stood on the shoulders of geniuses to accomplish something as fast as you could and before you even knew what you had you patented it and packaged it and slapped it on a plastic lunchbox, and now you're selling it.
— Dr. Ian Malcolm, Jurassic Park (1993)
Labels

They don’t have a name for what he is.

Why do you need to label everything?

Give a man a label, and you never really need to get to know him.

You can’t always tell from the label what’s inside of the can.
—Little Joe Smith, *Little Joe, the Wrangler* (1942)
Language

We don't want any trouble in here. Not in any language.
—Marshal Fred White, Tombstone (1993)

When you understand the language, sir, everything falls into place.

I don't object to foreigners speaking a foreign language. I just wish they'd all speak the same foreign language.
—J.J. Blodgett, Avanti! (1972)

I'm sure he's just as unpleasant in any language.
—Vargas, Touch of Evil (1958)

Would you look at that body language? Legs crossed towards each other. That is an unequivocal sex invite.
—Cher, Clueless (1995)

Each time a word becomes prohibited, you remove a stone from the Democratic foundation. Society demonstrates its impotence in the face of a concrete problem by removing words from the language.

How the hell can you run a goddamn railroad without swearing?
—Caz Dolowicz, The Taking of Pelham One Two Three (1974)

Shall we speak the unspoken language of love?
—Julia, Speechless (1994)

There is increasing interaction between images and language. One might say that living in society today is almost like living in a vast comic strip.
—Narrator, Two or Three Things I Know About Her (1967)
Laughter

Haven’t you ever heard of the healing power of laughter?

The key to a solid marriage is laughter.

Laughter through tears is my favorite emotion.

Laughter will remain the common man's recreation.

Some people don't even need a gun to hurt you. They use words or laughter.

He was born with the gift of laughter and a sense that the world was mad.
—Prologue, *Scaramouche* (1952)

The human race, in all its poverty, has only one truly effective weapon: laughter.
—Mark Twain, *The Adventures of Mark Twain* (1985)

There is a story about the Greek gods. They were bored, so they invented human beings, but they were still bored, so they invented love. Then they weren't bored any longer, so they decided to try love for themselves. And finally they invented laughter, so they could stand it.
Law

We're all part monsters in our subconscious, so we have laws and religion!

The law says you have the right to hold a nigger, but begging the law's pardon, it lies. Is everything right because the law allows it?
—Bass, *Twelve Years a Slave* (2013)

What must a king do to save his world when the very laws he has sworn to protect force him to do nothing?

We are forced to comply to the laws of nature.

It is only very very stupid people who think the law is stupid.

The law must be engraved in our hearts and practiced every minute to the letter and spirit. It can’t even exist unless we’re willing to go down into the dust and blood and fight a battle every day of our lives to preserve it. For our neighbor as well as ourself!
—Michael Lightcap, *The Talk of the Town* (1942)
Lawyers

Lawyers are the devil's ministry.

You wanna conquer the world, you're going to need lawyers.

The justice system works swiftly in the future now that they've abolished all lawyers.

I wanted to be a lawyer ever since I read about the Civil Rights lawyers in the 50s and 60s, and the amazing uses they found for the law. They did what a lot of people thought was the impossible. They gave lawyers a good name.
Leadership

First rule of leadership: Everything is your fault.
—Hopper, A Bug’s Life (1998)

People want leadership

Leadership has its costs.

Men don’t follow titles, they follow courage.

He won’t sell anybody out to buy his future! And that, my friends, is called integrity. That’s called courage. Now that’s the stuff leaders should be made of.
—Lt. Col. Frank Slade, Scent of a Woman (1992)
Legends

Every legend has a basis of truth.
—Denham, *King Kong* (1933)

What are we? Merchants, miners, tinkerers, toy-makers. Hardly the stuff of legend.

Some people hear their own inner voices with great clearness and they live by what they hear. Such people become crazy, or they become legends.
—One Stab, *Legends of the Fall* (1994)

It's said that the West was built on legends. Tall tales that help us make sense of things too great or too terrifying to believe.

You just need a special act, something that'll make your name a legend.
—Nobody, *My Name Is Nobody* (1973)
Letting Go

You have to let it all go, Neo. Fear, doubt, and disbelief. Free your mind.

Perfection is not just about control. It’s also about letting go. Surprise yourself so you can surprise the audience.
—Thomas Leroy, Black Swan (2010)

In the end, the whole of life becomes an act of letting go, but what always hurts the most is not taking a moment to say goodbye.
—Adult Pi Patel, Life of Pi (2012)

The things we touch have no permanence. My master would say: There is nothing we can hold onto in this world. Only by letting go can we truly possess what is real.
Liberals

Liberals! Intellectuals! Peacemongers! Idiots!

Liberals act like idealism belongs to them. That's not true. My family went Republican because Lincoln freed the slaves. My grandmother was an abolitionist, those Quakers who founded Whittier, my hometown... to abolish slavery. They were, y'know, conservative Bible folk, but they had a powerful sense of right and wrong. And 40 years ago, I was like you, looking for answers.
**Lies**

Artists use lies to tell the truth, while politicians use them to cover the truth up.

Will I lie to myself to be happy?

The bitterest truth is better than the sweetest lie.
Life

Take it from an old spectator. Life's not a spectator sport. If watchin' is all you're gonna do, then you're gonna watch your life go by without ya.

Get busy living, or get busy dying.

I believe we have two lives: the life we learn with and the life we live with after that.

The important thing in life is to believe that while you're alive, it's never too late.

Life—full of loneliness, and misery, and suffering, and unhappiness, and it’s all over much too quickly.
—Alvy Singer, Annie Hall (1977)

I can’t feel anything but gratitude for every single moment of my stupid life. You have no idea what I’m talking about, I’m sure. But don’t worry. You will someday.
—Lester, American Beauty (1999)

A lot of people enjoy being dead. But they’re not dead, really. They’re just backing away from life. Reach out. Take a chance. Get hurt even. But play as well as you can.
—Maude, Harold and Maude (1971)

Mama always said life was like a box of chocolates. You never know what you’re gonna get.
—Forrest Gump, Forrest Gump (1994)

Life is sort of like gambling. You can't always win.
—Roy Rogers, My Pal Trigger (1946)

I don't know why he saved my life. Maybe in those last moments he loved life more than he ever had before. Not just his life, anybody's life, my life. All he'd wanted were the same answers the rest of us want. Where did I come from? Where am I going? How long have I got? All I could do was sit there and watch him die.
—Deckard, Blade Runner (1982)
Light

Come now, don’t be shy. Step into the light.

What is light without dark?

The light that burns twice as bright burns half as long—and you have burned so very, very brightly, Roy.

How can we stand in the light of discovery, and not act?

As we seek out the light, darkness gathers and the eternal contest between good and evil is not fought with great armies, but one life at a time.
Loneliness

You’re alone in this world no matter what kinda folks or background you had. Nothing hurts, pard, once you got that one down.

Loneliness has followed me my whole life, everywhere. In bars, in cars, sidewalks, stores, everywhere. There's no escape. I'm God's lonely man.
—Travis Bickle, Taxi Driver (1976)

The more people there is, the lonelier it get.
—Fresh, Fresh (1994)

Will it be any comfort to you to know that when you’re gone my only happiness will be in knowing I'm sharing your loneliness?
—Duc de Praslin, All This, and Heaven Too (1940)

Bachelors make the best soldiers. All they have to lose is their loneliness.
—Captain Stephen Maddocks, A Thunder of Drums (1961)
Losing & Loss

Losers are people who are so afraid of not winning, they don't even try.

Sometimes, when you lose, you win.

One of the best indoor sports: feeling sorry for yourself. A sport enjoyed by all, especially the born losers.

Real loss is only possible when you love something more than you love yourself.

Loss has been a part of my journey. But it has also shown me what is precious.

A tragic loss serves to put lesser matters in their proper perspective.
—The Banker, *Kind Hearts and Coronets* (1949)

Everybody loses the thing that made them. It's even how it's supposed to be in nature. The brave men stay and watch it happen, they don't run.

We find compensations. That's what we do, right? We compensate for our losses. Move on.

You'll come to see that a man learns nothing from winning. The act of losing, however, can elicit great wisdom. Not least of which is how much more enjoyable it is to win. It's inevitable to lose now and again. The trick is not to make a habit of it.

People are born, they have a limited amount of time going around thinking life is dandy but then, inevitably, tragedy strikes and they realize life equals loss! The whole point of the game is to minimize the pain caused by that equation!
Love & Lovers

Well, I may be an outlaw, darlin’, but you’re the one stealing my heart.
—J.D., Thelma & Louise (1991)

I think you got hit by the thunderbolt.
—Fabrizio The Godfather (1972)

In the few hours we had together we loved a lifetime’s worth.

You’ve gambled on everything else, why not love?
—Bill Blaine, The House on 56th Street (1933)

Love means never having to say you’re sorry.
—Oliver Barrett IV, Love Story (1970)

I never discuss love on an empty stomach.
—Eve Kendall, North by Northwest (1959)

Maybe the poets are right. Maybe love is the only answer.
—Mickey, Hannah and Her Sisters (1986)

I wish I knew how to quit you.
—Jack Twist, Brokeback Mountain (2005)

I don’t want to be worshipped. I want to be loved.
—Tracy Lord, Philadelphia Story (1940)

The general wisdom is that, in the end, there isn’t just one person for each of us.

Sure I like her. She fills gaps.
—Rocky, Rocky (1976)

A son is a poor substitute for a lover.
—Norman Bates, Psycho (1960)

No, we are not friends. I don’t take this shit from friends. Only lovers.
—Sandy Lester, Tootsie (1982)
New lovers are nervous and tender, but smash everything. For the heart is an organ of fire.
**Luck**

In my experience, there’s no such thing as luck.
—Obi-Wan Kenobi, *Star Wars* (1977)

I make my own luck.
—Ballin Mundson, *Gilda* (1946)

You’ve got to ask yourself one question: “Do I feel lucky?” Well, do ya, punk?
—Harry Callahan, *Dirty Harry* (1971)

Brains’ll only get you so far and luck always runs out.

People who confuse brains and luck can get in a whole lot of trouble.
—Conrad Hunter, *North Dallas Forty* (1979)

People break down into two groups. When they experience something lucky, group number one sees it as more than luck, more than coincidence. They see it as a sign, evidence, that there is someone up there, watching out for them. Group number two sees it as just pure luck. Just a happy turn of chance.

The man who said "I'd rather be lucky than good" saw deeply into life. People are afraid to face how great a part of life is dependent on luck. It's scary to think so much is out of one's control. There are moments in a match when the ball hits the top of the net and for a split second it can either go forward or fall back. With a little luck it goes forward and you win. Or maybe it doesn't and you lose.


**Machines**

Throughout human history, we have been dependent on machines to survive.

He's like a machine. He's got this gift of blankness. Once you set him in motion, he will not stop.

We're not meant to experience the world through a machine.

Don't give yourselves to these unnatural men—machine men with machine minds and machine hearts! You are not machines. You are not cattle. You are men! You have the love of humanity in your hearts!
— A Jewish Barber, *The Great Dictator* (1940)
Magic

There is nothing more real than magic.

It's what I miss most about being young— magic.

Well, sometimes magic works, sometimes it does not.

Words are, in my not-so-humble opinion, our most inexhaustible source of magic. Capable of both inflicting injury, and remediying it.

To the primitive mind, any sufficiently advanced technology would be indistinguishable from magic.

There are two worlds of magic. One is the glittering domain of the illusionist. The other is a secret place, where magic is a terrifying reality. Here, men have the power of demons. And Death itself is an illusion.
Manners

I can condone poor swordsmanship but not bad manners.
—Sir Ronald Burton, The Black Castle (1952)

It’s never too early to learn good manners.

What do I need manners for? I already got me a wife.
—Adam, Seven Brides for Seven Brothers (1954)

Be polite, but don’t kiss ass.
—Barber Martin, Gran Torino (2008)

I don’t mind if you don’t like my manners, I don’t like them myself. They are pretty bad. I grieve over them on long winter evenings.
—Philip Marlowe, The Big Sleep (1946)

Bad table manners, my dear Gigi, have broken up more households than infidelity.
—Aunt Alicia, Gigi (1958)

If manners prevent our speaking the truth, we will be without manners.
—Ianto Morgan, How Green Was My Valley (1941)

You need to learn some fucking manners!
—Wesley, Nurse Betty (2000)

Never interrupt your enemy while he's making a mistake. That's bad manners.
—Napoleon Bonaparte, Waterloo (1970)

Bad manners, Mr. Boray, the infallible sign of talent!
—Helen Wright, Humoresque (1946)

Perhaps you prefer a gentleman. One of those fine-mannered and honorable gentlemen. Those panting hypocrites who like your legs but talk about your garters.
—Mr. Hyde, Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde (1931)

There's no need to forget your manners just because there's a war on.
—Hilda, When the Wind Blows (1986)
There's no delicacy nowadays. No consideration for others. Refinement's a thing of the past! Manners are dead!
—King Henry VIII, *The Private Life of Henry VIII* (1933)
Marketing

First you sell it. Then you make it. That's marketing.

If you build it, he will come.

The man's a genius; he could disprove gravity.

Looking at billboards is supposed to feel like love at first sight. But it's not real love, it's just marketing. And without that, you wouldn't even know who you are.

Keep everything offshore, do your marketing on the Internet.

It doesn't matter whether you're selling Jesus or Buddha or civil rights or “How to Make Money in Real Estate With No Money Down.” That doesn't make you a human being; it makes you a marketing rep. If you want to talk to somebody honestly, as a human being, ask him about his kids. Find out what his dreams are. Just to find out, for no other reason. Because as soon as you lay your hands on a conversation to steer it, it's not a conversation anymore; it's a pitch. And you're not a human being; you're a marketing rep.
—Phil Cooper, *The Big Kahuna* (1999)

I was the architect of the agency's demographics and target marketing programs. The people were our targets, and we listened to their language, we monitored their dreams, we took note of every choice they made in cyberspace, we studied their buying motives and propensities, then created messages that perfectly reflected their existing emotional states. No one could hide. Triple M could recognize any citizen as soon as they turned on their computer. The web would dynamically reconfigure itself to suite an individual. Something you could hold in your hand, read on your own, think about in private—this was considered elitist, immoral, and bad for business.
Marriage

I would rather share one lifetime with you than face all the ages of this world alone.

By the authority vested in me by Kaiser Wilhelm II, I pronounce you man and wife. Proceed with the execution.
—Captain, *The African Queen* (1951)

Take care and get a woman worth waiting for.
—Joe Starrett, *Shane* (1953)

Don’t you think one of the charms of marriage is that it makes deception a necessity for both parties?

I’m much too busy seeing that you don't lose any of the money I married you for.
—Nick Charles, *The Thin Man* (1934)

When I was a kid, most of the advice that my dad gave me was crap. But there's one thing that he said that was pure genius. He said, “If you're ever with a girl that's too good for you, marry her.”
—Reed Bennett, *Valentine’s Day* (2010)

I’d never marry just for wealth alone.

Never marry for money, fame, power or security. Always follow your heart.

People see the ring, they think at least somebody can stand the son of a bitch. Ladies see the ring, they know immediately you must have some cash or your cock must work.

You're not perfect, sport, and let me save you the suspense: this girl you've met, she's not perfect either. But the question is whether or not you’re perfect for each other.
Mars

Probably the worst thing about being on Mars is that nothing will happen there.
—Nemo, Mr. Nobody (2009)

Hey Cris, how'd you know we'd be living on Mars by 1970?

We'll always have Mars.
—Arthur Lewis, The Box (2009)

Some couples dance, others go to Mars.

There is urgent reason for us to reach Mars: to provide the resources the human race will need if they are to survive.
—Sergeant Imoto, Conquest of Space (1955)

The untamed beauty of Mars, its icy indifference, took our breath away.
—Susana Sánchez, Stranded (2001)

Men of Earth, we of the planet Mars give you this warning. Listen carefully and remember: We have known your planet Earth since the first creature crawled out of the primeval slime of your seas to become man. For millennia, we have followed your progress. For centuries, we have watched you, listened to your radio signals and learned your speech and your culture, and now you have invaded our home. Technological adults, but spiritual and emotional infants, we kept you here, deciding your fate. Had the lower forms of life on our planet destroyed you, we would not have interfered, but you survived. Your civilization has not progressed beyond destruction, war and violence against yourselves and others. Do as you will to your own and to your planet, but remember this warning: Do not return to Mars. You will be permitted to leave for this sole purpose. Carry the warning to Earth: "Do not come here." We can and will destroy you—all life on your planet—if you do not heed us. You have seen us, been permitted to glimpse our world. Go now. Warn mankind not to return unbidden.
—Martian Voice, The Angry Red Planet (1959)
Martyrs

There's a little of the martyr in all of us.
—Father Greg Pilkington, Priest (1994)

Martyrdom: it is where one achieves fame without ability.
—General John Burgoyne, The Devil's Disciple (1959)

I was hoping for some kind of tactical plan that didn't involve martyrdom.
—Trudy Chacon, Avatar (1967)

If we get too rough, we'll make a martyr out of him. Don't wanna give 'em a martyr'.
—Coy LaHood, Pale Rider (1985)

For believing what you do, we confer upon you a rare gift, these days — a martyr's death.
—Lord Summerisle, The Wicker Man (1973)
Masturbation

Hey, don't knock masturbation. It's sex with someone I love.
—Alvy Singer, Annie Hall (1977)

Masturbation is the silent killer of the night! The vilest sin of self-pollution! It is the sin of Onan!
—Dr. John Harvey Kellogg, The Road to Wellville (1994)

There's one thing to be said about masturbation: you certainly don't have to look your best.
**Materialism**

The things you own end up owning you.

We have to promote general social concern and less materialism in young people.

The years I’ve spent trying to get all the things I was told were important that I was supposed to want. Things. Not people or meaning. Just things.

All right. You're walking along, not a nickel in your jeans, you’re free as the wind, nobody bothers ya. Hundreds of people pass you by in every line of business: shoes, hats, automobiles, radios, everything, and they’re all nice lovable people and they lets you alone, is that right? Then you get a hold of some dough and what happens? All those nice sweet lovable people become helots, a lotta heels. They begin to creep up on ya, trying to sell ya something: they get long claws and they get a stranglehold on ya, and you squirm and you duck and you holler and you try to push them away but you haven't got the chance. They gots ya. First thing ya know you own things, a car for instance, now your whole life is messed up with a lot more stuff: you get license fees and number plates and gas and oil and taxes and insurance and identification cards and letters and bills and flat tires and dents and traffic tickets and motorcycle cops and tickets and courtrooms and lawyers and fines and a million and one other things. What happens? You’re not the free and happy guy you used to be. You need to have money to pay for all those things, so you go after what the other fellas got. There you are, you’re a helot yourself.
—The Colonel, *Meet John Doe* (1941)
Mathematics

Mathematics is the only language.
—Ellie Arroway, Contact (1997)

Mathematicians won the war. Mathematicians broke the Japanese codes and built the A-bomb.
—Helinger, A Beautiful Mind (2001)

It's about getting things down to one number. Using the stats the way we read them, we'll find value in players that no one else can see.
—Peter Brand, Moneyball (2011)

Nothing is impossible, only mathematically improbable.

The essence of nature is mathematical. There is a hidden meaning beneath reality. Things are organized following a model, a scheme, a logical series. Even the tiny snowflake includes a numerical basis in its structure. Therefore, if we manage to discover the secret meaning of numbers, we will know the secret meaning of reality.

One, Mathematics is the language of nature. Two, Everything around us can be represented and understood through numbers. Three: If you graph the numbers of any system, patterns emerge. Therefore, there are patterns everywhere in nature.
—Maximillian Cohen, Pi (1998)

Do you know the mathematical expression for longing? The negative numbers. The formalization of the feeling that you're missing something.
—Smilla Jasperson, Smilla's Sense of Snow (1997)

Mathematics is a language. It's very difficult. It's subtle. You couldn't say those things any other way—and I can talk to dead people with it. I talk to Copernicus every day.
—Richard Feynman, Infinity (1996)

A guy takes out an accident policy that's worth $100,000 if he's killed on the train. Then, two weeks later, he is killed on the train. And not from the train accident, mind you, but falling off some silly observation car. You know what the mathematical probability of that is? One out of, oh, I don't know how many billions.
—Barton Keyes, *Double Indemnity* (1944)
Meaning of Life

A moment of love, even in a bad man, can give meaning to a life. None of us knows whose path will lead us to God.

Life is one fucking beauty contest after another.
—Dwayne, Little Miss Sunshine (2006)

And I felt my body dwindling, melting, becoming nothing. My fears melted away. And in their place came acceptance. All this vast majesty of creation, it had to mean something. And then I meant something, too. Yes, smaller than the smallest, I meant something, too. To God, there is no zero. I still exist!
—Scott Carey, The Incredible Shrinking Man (1957)

I think it’s time I had the opportunity to start living some kind of meaningful existence.
—Arthur, Seconds (1966)

As you grow older, you’ll discover that life is very much like coffee: the aroma is always better than the actuality.
—Albert Arnett, Born to Kill (1947)

Human beings have created a million explanations of the meaning of life: in art, in poetry, and mathematical formulas.
—Specialist, A.I. Artificial Intelligence (2001)
**Medicine**

You treat a disease, you win, you lose. You treat a person I'll guarantee you'll win.

We have established an enormous medical entity and we're sicker than ever.
—Herbert Bock, *The Hospital* (1971)

Think of it! The Edison or Pasteur of tomorrow need not die merely because his heart is worn out. We'll give him a new heart taken perhaps from the body of a young man who's been killed in a automobile accident. And our great genius is awakened to another sixty years of useful life! You ask me if that's a benefit to mankind? I answer it's the gift of eternal life! But whether man's wise enough or old enough to receive such a gift, I don't know!
—Dr. Henryk Savaard, *The Man They Could Not Hang* (1939)
Meetings

I took this meeting out of respect, because I wanted to say “No” to your face.
—Max Klein, Argo (2012)

They don't have meetings about rainbows.
—Cole Sear, The Sixth Sense (1999)

Yoda would be fucking killer in a business meeting.
—Jeff, Jeff, Who Lives at Home (2011)

Fortunately I count the cessation of these meetings as one of the benefits of dying.

I heard there was a meeting back here. Who are you scheming with now?
—Sheriff, Disappearances (2006)
Memory

We’ll always have Paris.
—Rick Blaine, Casablanca (1942)

The only comfort I can offer is my promise that tomorrow morning you won’t remember a thing.
—Kay, Men in Black (1997)

You know it’s funny what a young man recollects? ’Cause I don’t remember bein’ born. I don’t recall what I got for my first Christmas and I don’t know when I went on my first outdoor picnic. But I do remember the first time I heard the sweetest voice in the wide world.
—Forrest Gump, Forrest Gump (1994)

We began to recognize in them a strange obsession. After all, they are emotionally inexperienced, with only a few years in which to store up the experiences, which you and I take for granted. If we gift them with a past, we create a cushion or a pillow for their emotions, and consequently, we can control them better.
—Tyrell, Blade Runner (1982)

I never forget an asshole.
—Martin Riggs, Lethal Weapon (1987)

Memory can change the shape of a room or the color of a car. It’s an interpretation, not a record.
—Leonard Shelby, Memento (2000)
Men

He always talks about sex, but that's ok cause he's a guy, right?
—Vicky, American Pie (1999)

Death is looking down your neck, and you're playing your little male come-on games.
—Sister Helen Prejean, Dead Man Walking (1995)

The average male is never a man. Not even for ten minutes in his entire lifespan.
—Bethany, Dogma (1999)

Some big, hardboiled egg gets a look at a pretty face and bang, he cracks up and goes sappy!
—Carl Denham, King Kong (1933)

The more I know about women, the less I know about women.
—King Shaw, Broadway Melody of 1940 (1940)

I was a better man with you as a woman, than I ever was with a woman as a man. I just gotta learn to do it without the dress.

It has been my experience that men are least attracted to women who treat them well.
—Miss Bowers, Death on the Nile (1978)

It sounds like a male fantasy. Meet a French girl on the train, fuck her, and never see her again.
—Celine, Before Sunrise (1995)

It's just that some guys are born smart about women and some guys are born dumb.
—Bluey-Bluey, Deadly Is the Female (1950)

I don't want no part in killin' women. I had a mother once.
—Henchman Trigger, Gunman's Code (1946)
Mental Health

I’m not crazy; I’m just colorful.
—Percy Garris, Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid (1969)

You’ve always been crazy. This is just the first chance you’ve had to express yourself.
—Louise Sawyer, Thelma & Louise (1991)

It isn’t as if she were a maniac, a raving thing. It’s just that sometimes she goes a little mad. We all go a little mad sometimes. Haven’t you?
—Norman Bates, Psycho (1960)

I know I’ve made some very poor decisions recently, but I can give you my complete assurance that my work will be back to normal. I’ve still got the greatest enthusiasm and confidence in this mission, and I want to help you.
—HAL, 2001: A Space Odyssey (1968)
**Mercy**

Mercy has limits.

An enemy deserves no mercy!

God's mercy is infinite. All you gotta do is ask.

Sorry. All out of mercy.

The first step is love, the second is mercy.

They who had no mercy now ask for yours.

You don't want justice; you want mercy.

Everyone has a sadistic streak, and nothing brings it out better than the knowledge you've got someone at your mercy.

Nothing in this world is more surprising than the attack without mercy!
Military

There are four types of people who join the military. For some, it's family trade. Others are patriots, eager to serve. Next you have those who just need a job. Than there's the kind who want the legal means of killing other people.

When a country has five percent of the world's population but does fifty percent of its military spending, then the persuasive powers of that country are on the decline.

This conjunction of an immense military establishment and arms industry is new in the American experience. The total influence - economic, political, even spiritual - is felt in every city, every Statehouse, every office in the federal government. We must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence - whether sought or unsought - by the military-industrial complex. We must never let the weight of this combination endanger our liberties or democratic processes.
Miracles

You want to see a miracle, son? Be the miracle.
—God, Bruce Almighty (2003)

Whether or not what we experienced was an according-to-Hoyle miracle is insignificant. What is significant is that I felt the touch of God. God got involved.
—Jules, Pulp Fiction (1994)

So what do you need? Besides a miracle.

Miracles. Events with astronomical odds of occurring, like oxygen turning into gold. I've longed to witness such an event, and yet I neglect that in humancoupling, millions upon millions of cells compete to create life, for generation after generation until, finally, your mother loves a man.
—Jon Osterman, Watchmen (2009)
Mission

We're not on a vacation. We're on a mission!

The only important aspects of the mission are: where are we going, what will we do when we get there, when are we coming back, and why are we going?

I have to stay functional until my mission is complete. Then it doesn't matter.

I've had missions go wrong, and seen good people go down, all because someone didn't tell them what they were walking into.

Everyone gets everything he wants. I wanted a mission, and for my sins, they gave me one. Brought it up to me like room service. It was a real choice mission, and when it was over, I never wanted another.
**Mistakes**

We make mistakes. Sometimes, out of those mistakes come the most amazing things.

Some mistakes you never stop paying for.

Most people die of a sort of creeping common sense and discover too late that the only things one never regrets are one's mistakes.

I'm not questioning your word, Dave, but it's just not possible. I'm not capable of being wrong, Dave, I don't know how else to put this, but it just happens to be an unalterable fact that I am incapable of being wrong.
Mob

An uncontrolled, uncontrollable mob is only the voice of madness, not the voice of reason.
—Robert F. Kennedy, Bobby (2006)

The mob doesn't think. It has no mind of its own.
—Joe Wilson, Fury (1936)

There's only one way to lick a mob, sister, join them.
—Hornsby, The Miracle Woman (1931)

If a mob can pass judgment on one man, then they can do it to anybody they want to, and anytime they want.
Money

Money don’t go very far these days.
—Shane, Shane (1953)

The bigger the market, the better are the chances. Money wants to procreate.
—Van Kellen, Buddenbrooks (2008)

Money is just like women and popcorn: the more you get the more you want.
—Rags, Girl Crazy (1943)

Pollution. Crime. Drugs, poverty, disease, hunger, despair—we throw gobs of money at them and problems only get worse. Why is that? Because money’s most powerful ability is to allow bad people to continue doing bad things at the expense of those who don’t have it.
—Cosmo, Sneakers (1992)
Monsters

My mommy always said there were no monsters—no real ones. But there are. —Ripley, *Alien: Resurrection* (1997)

To fight monsters, we created monsters of our own. —Raleigh Becket, *Pacific Rim* (2013)

If a man can become a monster, then a monster can become a man. —Barnabas Collins, *Dark Shadows* (2012)
Morality

It’s best not to be too moral. You cheat yourself out of too much life.
—Maude, Harold and Maude (1971)

Maybe there ain’t no sin and there ain’t no virtue: it’s just what folk does.
—Preacher, Grapes of Wrath (1940)

Morality: the last bastion of a coward.
—Ives, Ravenous (1999)

War isn’t hell at all. It’s man at his best; the highest morality he's capable of. It's not war that's insane, you see. It's the morality of it. It's not greed or ambition that makes war: it's goodness. Wars are always fought for the best of reasons: for liberation or manifest destiny. Always against tyranny and always in the interest of humanity. So far this war, we’ve managed to butcher some ten million humans in the interest of humanity. Next war it seems we'll have to destroy all of man in order to preserve his damn dignity.
Mothers

A boy’s best friend is his mother.
—Norman Bates, Psycho (1960)

Mother is God in the eyes of a child.
—Rose, Silent Hill (2006)

I’m your mother. I know everything.
—Kala, Tarzan (1999)

When your mother tells you she loves you, get a second opinion.
—Marty, Primal Fear (1996)

There are things your mother doesn’t want to hear.
—Mrs. Mills, The Others (2001)

Before that strip turned blue, I was a woman. I was your woman. I was a killer who killed for you. Before that strip turned blue, I would have jumped a motorcycle onto a speeding train for you. But once that strip turned blue, I could no longer do any of those things. Not anymore. Because I was going to be a mother.
Motivation

It’s money and adventure and fame. It’s the thrill of a lifetime and a long sea voyage that starts at six o’clock tomorrow morning.
—Carl Denham, *King Kong* (1933)

Could you do it even if it broke your heart?
—Grandmother, *A Star Is Born* (1937)

I got nowhere else to go!

I once heard of a captain who wore a patch over a good eye. The men fought harder for him.
Movies

I watched a lot of movies Paul, I know what I'm doing!

Movies, for all their cornball reactionary idiocy, show us life as it might be, if only we could live up to our ideals.

Jimmy was the kind of guy that rooted for bad guys in the movies.

Don't you blame the movies. Movies don't create psychos. Movies make psychos more creative!

You know my name but who are you? Just another American who saw too many movies as a child? Another orphan of a bankrupt culture who thinks he's John Wayne? Rambo? Marshal Dillon?

It'll be just like in the movies. Pretending to be somebody else.
—Betty Elms, *Mulholland Dr.* (2001)

Most of the time nothing happened like a French movie.

I always wanted to be in the movies.

That's your problem! You don't want to be in love. You want to be in love in a movie.

I go out and sweat blood to make a swell picture, and then the exhibitors and critics all say, “If this picture had a love interest, it would gross twice as much.” All right, the public wants a girl, and this time I'll give 'em what they want.
—Carl Denham, *King Kong* (1933)


**Murder**

How does one kill a man? Well, it’s one thing to dream about it; very different when you, when you have to do it with your own hands.

I thought that Mr. Clutter was a very nice gentleman. I thought so right up to the moment that I cut his throat.
—Perry Smith, *Capote* (2005)

There’s no living with a killing. There’s no goin’ back from one.
—Shane, *Shane* (1953)

I may be old-fashioned, but I thought murder was against the law.
—Guy Haines, *Strangers on a Train* (1951)

You can’t just go around killing people when the notion strikes you. It’s just not feasible.
—Marty Waterman, *Born to Kill* (1947)

It’s just murder. All God’s creatures do it. You look in the forests and you see species killing other species, our species killing all species including the forests, and we just call it industry, not murder.

It was not called execution. It was called retirement.

Possible motives for murder are profit, revenge, jealousy, to conceal a crime, to avoid humiliation and disgrace, or plain old homicidal mania.

It’s a hell of a thing, ain’t it, killin’ a man. You take everythin' he's got an' everythin' he's ever gonna have.
—Bill Munny, *Unforgiven* (1992)

The criminals don’t accept consequences. They kill somebody, somehow it’s not their fault.
Music

We all experience music autobiographically.

This was no composition by a performing monkey! This was a music I’d never heard. Filled with such long, such unfulfillable longing, it had me trembling. It seemed to me that I was hearing the voice of God.

Music, you know—true music, not just rock ‘n’ roll—it chooses you.

There are people in this community who believe that rock and roll is a message sent from the devil himself.
—Principal Jacobs *Mr. Holland’s Opus* (1995)

You know how to whistle, don’t you, Steve? You just put your lips together and blow.
—Marin “Slim” Browning, *To Have and Have Not*

If our Lord wasn’t testing us, how would you account for the proliferation, these days, of this obscene rock and roll music, with its gospel of easy sexuality and relaxed morality?
—Reverend Shaw Moore, *Footloose*

I have no idea to this day what those two Italian ladies were singing about. Truth is, I don’t want to know. Some things are best left unsaid. I’d like to think they were singing about something so beautiful, it can’t be expressed in words, and makes your heart ache because of it. I tell you, those voices soared higher and farther than anybody in a gray place dares to dream. It was like some beautiful bird flapped into our drab little cage and made those walls dissolve away, and for the briefest of moments, every last man in Shawshank felt free.
Nature

The arrogance of men is thinking nature is in their control and not the other way around.
—Dr. Ichiro Serizawa, Godzilla (2014)

Nature, Mr. Allnut, is what we are put in this world to rise above.
—Rose, The African Queen (1951)

When a forest grows too wild, a purging fire is inevitable and natural.
—Ra's al Ghul, Batman Begins (2005)

Don't miss the wonders that surround you because every tree, every rock, every anthill, every star is filled with the wonders of nature.
—Jefferson Smith, Mr. Smith Goes to Washington (1939)

There is a natural order to this world, and those who try to upend it do not fare well.
—Haskell Moore, Cloud Atlas (2012)

Mother Nature is a serial killer. No one's better. Or more creative. Like all serial killers, she can't help the urge to want to get caught. What good are all those brilliant crimes if no one takes the credit? So she leaves crumbs. Now the hard part, why you spend a decade in school, is seeing the crumbs. But the clue's there. Sometimes the thing you thought was the most brutal aspect of the virus turns out to be the chink in its armor. And she loves disguising her weaknesses as strengths. She's a bitch.
—Andrew Fassbach, World War Z (2013)
Neatness

I don't care if it gets messy.
—Turk Malloy, Ocean’s Thirteen (2007)

Living is messy.
—Ellis Moonsong, Melinda and Melinda (2004)

I've always been suspicious of neatness. If there is nothing on top of a man's desk, he probably shoved all the clutter in the drawers and if his drawers are empty, what the hell does he need a desk for?
—Justice Dan Snow, First Monday in October (1981)
Negotiation

I’m going to make him an offer he can’t refuse.
—Don Corleone, The Godfather (1972)

Because some men aren't looking for anything logical, like money, they can't be bought, bullied, reasoned, or negotiated with.
—Alfred Pennyworth, The Dark Knight (2008)

I hate talking to negotiators, Jack. They talk to you like they're your best friend and they don't even know you.
—Howard Payne, Speed (1994)

Do you have the power to negotiate?
—Alyssa, Chasing Amy (1997)

Never negotiate without your lawyer.

I cannot negotiate in an atmosphere of mistrust.
—Roat, Wait Until Dark (1967)

Darling, nothing is final 'til you're dead, and even then, I'm sure God negotiates.

It’s a matter of principle. If we give in now, there will be no end to it.
—Colonel Nicholson, The Bridge on the River Kwai (1957)
Neighbors

We may have to be neighbors, but I don't have to be neighborly.

A man alone is a neighbor of God.

Tear down fences? Why, if you tore one picket off your neighbor's fence, he'd sue you!
—The Colonel, *Meet John Doe* (1941)

And why should I trust a man who'd betray his neighbors?

Who told you to buy a brownstone on my block, in my neighborhood, on my side of the street? What do you want to live in a Black neighborhood for? Motherfuck gentrification.
—Buggin’ Out, *Do the Right Thing* (1989)
News

When was the last time the world wasn’t falling apart, huh?

I don’t read no papers, and I don’t listen to radios either. I know the world's been shaved by a drunken barber, and I don't have to read it.
—The Colonel, Meet John Doe (1941)

The news is completely manipulated. Everything you hear every single day is designed by corporate media to do one thing only: to keep you living in fear.

The worst news of the night is that three out of four people in this country say they rather watch TV than have sex with their spouse.
—Barry, Talk Radio (1988)

It's not enough any more to give 'em just news. They want comics, contests, puzzles. They want to know how to bake a cake, win friends, and influence the future. Ergo, horoscopes, tips on the horses, interpretation of dreams so they can win on the numbers lottery. And, if they accidentally stumble on the first page—news!
—Ed Hutcheson, Deadline—U.S.A. (1952)
Obscenity

What is more obscene: Sex or war?
—Larry Flynt, The People vs. Larry Flynt (1996)

Obscenity? The rich is getting richer and richer and richer while the middle class is getting more poor.

We train young men to drop fire on people, but their commanders won't allow them to write "fuck" on their airplanes because it's obscene!
—Kurtz, Apocalypse Now (1979)
Observation

If you observe and anticipate, you might just get something accomplished.

You were watching me, weren’t you? I like a man who watches things goin’ around. It means he’ll make his mark some day.
—Shane, *Shane* (1953)

If one observes and studies another person without having first studied oneself, how do we know whether our instruments are appropriately set? How do we know we are reliable?

Is that a wish or an observation?
—Capt. Tarnowski, *Unknown Island* (1948)

There are times when a mere scientist has gone as far as he can, when he must pause and observe respectfully while something infinitely greater assumes control.
—Dr. Karl Eckstrom, *Rocketship X-M* (1950)
Obsession

Life is nothing if you're not obsessed.
—Pecker, Pecker (1998)

Obsession is a young man's game.

We are consumers. We're the by-products of a lifestyle obsession.
—Tyler Durden, Fight Club (1999)

I'm not obsessing. I'm just curious.
—Ricky Fitts, American Beauty (1999)

It's just that sometimes you take these things so personally. You know, you lose perspective. You get obsessed.
—Margaret Lax, Devil's Knot (2013)

There comes a point—a moment in life—when your mind outlives its desires, its obsessions, when your habits survive your dreams, and when your losses.

When your mind becomes obsessed with anything, you will filter everything else out and find that thing everywhere.
—Sol Robeson, Pi (2011)

I am not obsessed with Smurfs, thank you. I simply can't stop thinking about the miserable beasts every single minute of every single day!
—Gargamel, The Smurfs (2011)

There's a fine line between discipline and obsession.
—Stein, Johnny Sunshine Maximum Violence (2008)

The awful beautiful pain of obsession.
—Cy Watson, One Night Stand (1995)
People have obsessions and fears and passions which they don't admit to. I think every character is interesting and has extremes. It's the novelist privilege to see how odd everyone is.

Of all human weaknesses, obsession is the most dangerous, and the silliest!

It takes a rare thing, a turning point, to free oneself from any obsession. Be it prejudice or hate, or, even love.
—Nels Gudmundsson, *Snow Falling on Cedars* (1999)

If people become obsessed with evils that might occur, they neglect the present good that they should do.

Once you find the way, you'll be bound. It will obsess you. But believe me, it will be a magnificent obsession.
**Opinion**

When I want your opinion, I’ll beat it out of you.

When I want your opinion, I'll give it to you.

There's no right, there's no wrong, there's only popular opinion.

Public opinion has a way of changing.
—Minister, *A Clockwork Orange* (1971)

Like this cup, you are full of opinions and speculations. To see the light of wisdom, you first must empty your cup.

I subscribe to the law of contrary public opinion. If everyone thinks one thing, then I say, bet the other way.
**Optimism**

Don’t worry. Nothing’s going to happen.
—Matt Hooper, *Jaws* (1975)

I’ll go home, and I’ll think of some way to get him back! After all, tomorrow is another day.
—Scarlett O’Hara, *Gone with the Wind* (1939)

My friend, you suffer from the misplaced optimism of the doomed.

Your optimism makes you an idiot.

Pessimism is just a higher form of optimism. If you expect nothing from people, then you go through life being pleasantly surprised.

There’s optimism, and then there’s stupidity. It's a very fine line.

Optimism is only for the rich.
Pain

I have given a name to my pain, and it is Batman.

Nothing is worse than having an itch you can never scratch!

My understanding of women only goes as far as the pleasure. When it comes to the pain I'm like any other bloke—I don't want to know.

Is it that sometimes the pain inside has to come to the surface, and when you see evidence of the pain inside, you finally know you're really here? Then, when you watch the wound heal, it's comforting, isn't it?
Parents

Any fool with a dick can make a baby, but only a real man can raise his children.

The children have to save themselves these days because the parents have no clue.

I search the faces of the Gods for ways to please you, to make you proud, yet I can never do it. One kind word, one full hug where you pressed me to your chest and held me tight would have been like the sun on my heart for a thousand years.
Past

Looking back is a bad habit.
—Rooster Cogburn, True Grit (1969)

No one escapes their past. No one escapes Judgment.
—Lewis Prothero, V for Vendetta (2005)

Nothing lasts forever. We're part of the past.
—Barney Ross, The Expendables 3 (2014)
Patience

Patience is the mother of all virtues.

Even miracles take a little time.
—Fairy Godmother, *Cinderella* (1950)

Patience is the chief virtue for those who have faith.

“Be patient” is very good advice, but the waiting makes me curious.
—Alice, *Alice in Wonderland* (1951)

A Ninja understands that invisibility is a matter of patience and agility.

Some of us use courage to guide us, others patience.

Discipline, time, and patience are the three great levelers.

This is a game that rewards patience and balance. You must think like a man of action and act like a man of thought.

Have you ever been a place where hope was gone? Where all that's left is patience?
—Dr. Jonas, *Conspiracy Theory* (1997)

Patience is a bitter vine, dear Dodger, but it bears sweet fruit.

Patience: big sister to wisdom.
—Charlie Chan, *City in Darkness* (1939)
**Patriotism**

How can anyone learn patriotism from a schoolbook?

I am, have been, and will be only one thing: an American.
—Charles Kane, *Citizen Kane* (1941)

I believe in America.
—Bonasera, The *Godfather* (1972)

A patriot must always be ready to defend his country from his government!

They're not criminals, Messala! They're patriots!

I can't think of anything right now more patriotic than violating the Patriot Act!

If anyone wishes to depart under the white flag of surrender, you may do so now. You have that right. But if you wish to stay here with me in the Alamo, we will sell our lives dearly.

What a thing is patriotism! We go for years not knowing we have it. Suddenly: Martial music! Native flags! Friends cheer! And it becomes life's greatest emotion!
—Intertitle card, *The Big Parade* (1925)

The whole trouble comes from treating your enemies like human beings. Don't you see, my dear, that if you do that they cease to be enemies. Think what that leads to: the end of patriotism; the end of war; it's the end of everything.
Peace

Real peace is not just the absence of conflict, but the presence of justice.
—President Marshall, Air Force One (1997)

I was a warrior who dreamed he could bring peace. Sooner or later, though, you always wake up.
—Jake Sully, Avatar (1967)

And then came the peace: hard fought, sorely won.
—President Snow, The Hunger Games (2012)

They make advertisements for soap. Why not for peace?
—Elle, Hiroshima Mon Amour (1959)
People

There you are, Norton. The people! Try and lick that!
—Henry Connell, Meet John Doe (1941)

You, the people, have the power to make this life free and beautiful, to make this life a wonderful adventure.
—Jewish Barber, The Great Dictator (1940)

Those teeming masses exist for the sole purpose of lifting the few exceptional people onto their shoulders.

It's good fortune for the government that the masses don't think. Otherwise, human society as we know it might cease to exist.
—Adolf Hitler, Hitler: The Last Ten Days (1973)

Who are the people?
—Ariadne, Inception (2010)
Perfection

Progress. Not Perfection.

All I'm asking for is total perfection.

The thing about perfection is that it's unknowable. It's impossible, but it's also right in front of us all the time.

Believing oneself to be perfect is often the sign of a delusional mind.

Perfection is a road, not a destination.
Persistence

Persistence is your greatest weapon. It is in the nature of barriers that they fall.

One way or another, if you're persistent, fortune always smiles on you.
—Perry, Alaska (1996)

However bad things get, if you persevere you survive, and sometimes even win.
—Sir Charles Litton, Trail of the Pink Panther (1982)

You must be able to see it, Mr. Anderson. You must know it by now. You can't win. It's pointless to keep fighting. Why, Mr. Anderson? Why? Why do you persist?
Persona

You aren’t exactly the sort of person you pretend to be, are you?
—Sam Spade, *The Maltese Falcon* (1941)

How does a girl like you get to be a girl like you?
—Roger Thornhill, *North by Northwest* (1959)

They’re probably watching me. Well, let them. Let them see what kind of a person I am. I’m not going to swat that fly. I hope they are watching. They’ll see. They’ll see. And they’ll know, and they’ll say, “Why, she wouldn’t even harm a fly.”
—Norman Bates (using mother’s voice), *Psycho* (1960)
Personality

Personality is much more important than intelligence.
—Galatea, Bicentennial Man (1999)

I wouldn't go so far as to call a dog filthy but they're definitely dirty. But a dog's got personality. Personality goes a long way.
—Jules, Pulp Fiction (1994)

The most dreadful and unattractive person only needs to be loved, and they will open up like a flower.

The DNA of who I am is based on the millions of personalities of all the programmers who wrote me. But what makes me me is my ability to grow through my experiences.
—Samantha, Her (2013)

My momma always said you can tell a lot about a person by their shoes, where they go, where they've been.
—Forrest Gump, Forrest Gump (1994)

It's very bad for a girl to be too pretty; stops her from developing a sense of humor or a personality.
—Mum, About Time (2013)
**Persuasion**

Give people what they want. Then later you can give them what you want.

There are other means of persuasion besides killing and threatening to kill.
—Kasper Gutman, *The Maltese Falcon* (1941)

Convincing the world fairly to consider a new idea takes patience, perseverance, and a willingness to fight the good fight in any media forum one can find.
Plagiarism

I want any and all ideas so I can pass them off as my own.

Style, my dear, is merely self-plagiarism.
—Alfred Hitchcock, Hitchcock (2012)

Strive for originality. But if you have to steal, steal from the best.

Copies do not give rise to variety and originality.
—Puppet Master, Ghost in the Shell (1995)
Planning

Things don’t always go as planned,

If you focus on what you left behind, you will not be able to see what lies ahead.

Plan B? We need a plan C, D, E. We need more alphabets!

It is the gods. They have a plan for us all.

When have any of our plans ever actually worked? We plan, we get there, all hell breaks loose!

The insanity of the plan is of no consequence.
—Dr. Arnim Zola, *Captain America: The First Avenger* (2011)
Pleasure

I wanna learn what pleases you.

There’s no crime in giving yourself over to pleasure.
—Frank, The Rocky Horror Picture Show (1975)

The sum of life needs to be pleasure. What’s the point of having a million of medals, cups and planes if you don’t have any fun?

How do people pay for the pleasure of your company?

Nothing wrong with a man taking pleasure in his work.
—John Doe, Se7en (1995)

People think it's all about misery and desperation and death and all that shit, which is not to be ignored, but what they forget is the pleasure of it. Otherwise we wouldn't do it.
—Mark “Rent Boy” Renton, Trainspotting (1996)

Life's true pleasures are so unpredictable. I'd say cherish the moment for it is. Observe your food, smell it, touch it, put your mind into it, and you're finally ready, consume it slowly.
—Burns, Surviving the Game (1994)
Poetry

It is poetry that will save the world, not commerce.
—Professor Luther, Glory Daze (1995)

If you want to get a woman to fall in love with you, feed her poetry.

Poetry soothes and emboldens the soul to accept the mystery.
—John Keats, Bright Star (2009)

Poetry doesn't belong to those who write it. It belongs to those who need it.
—Mario Ruoppolo, Il Postino (1994)

Without the words, it's all so forgettable.
—The Thief, Man on the Train (2011)

We don't read and write poetry because it's cute. We read and write poetry because we are members of the human race. And the human race is filled with passion. Medicine, law, business—these are all noble pursuits necessary to sustain life. But poetry, beauty, romance, and love; these are what we stay alive for.
Police Work

Round up the usual suspects.
—Captain Louis Renault, *Casablanca* (1942)

Badges? We ain’t got no badges! We don’t need no badges! I don’t have to show you any stinking badges!
—Alfonso Bedoya, *The Treasure of the Sierra Madre* (1948)

I never hurt anyone in my life. I’m the law. I'm your protector.

This is a real badge, I'm a real cop, and this is a real fucking gun!

I go to church on Sunday and to prayer meetings three times a week, but when I put on my holster, I put God out of my mind.

FBI, CIA, ONI. We’re all in the same alphabet soup.
—The Professor, *North by Northwest* (1959)

There are days and days of routine, of tedious probing, of tireless searching—fruitless days—days when nothing goes right, when it seems as if no one could think his way through the maze of baffling trails the criminal leaves. But the answer to that is persistence and the hope that sooner or later something will turn up, some tiny lead that can grow into a warm trail and point to the cracking of a case.
—Narrator, *He Walked by Night* (1948)
Politics & Politicians

Politics: where greed wears the mask of morality.

Trust? Gentlemen, you seem to have forgotten that our chosen career is politics.

I don't get political points for being an idealist.

I have a lot of friends in politics, but they wouldn't be so friendly if they knew my business was drugs instead of gambling, which they consider a harmless vice.

This is not sport. This is politics.

Always know if the juice is worth the squeeze.

Remember the first rule of politics. The ballots don't make the results. The counters make the results.

Gentlemen, I may not know as much as you about economics and theology, but I do know politics and what is the essential quality that we demand in our candidate. It is simply this: that he be able to get himself elected.
—Mr. Crimmin, *Abe Lincoln in Illinois* (1940)
Pollution

Look out! Because pollutants can change us. And not just chemical and biological ones—cultural ones, as well.
—Larry White, The Last Mimzy (2007)

As long as there is profit to be made from polluting the Earth, companies and individuals will continue to do what they want. We have to force these companies to operate safely and responsibly, and with all our best interests in mind
—Forrest Taft, On Deadly Ground (1994)

I just can't believe things have gotten so bad in this city that there's no way back. I mean, sure, it's messy, it's crowded, it's polluted, and there are people who would just as soon step on your face as look at you. But come on! There's gotta be a few sparks of sweet humanity left in this burned-out berg. We just gotta find a way to mobilize it!
—Ray, Ghost Busters II (1989)

By the year 2000 we had begun to over populate, pollute, and poison our planet faster than we could clean it up. We ignored the problem for as long as we could. But we were kidding ourselves. By 2025, we knew we were in trouble. And began to desperately search for a new home: Mars.
—Commander Kate Bowman, Red Planet (2000)

Later we'll do something about pollution. Later we'll do something about the population explosion. Later we'll do something about the nuclear war. We think we've got all the time in the world, but how much time has the world got? Somebody has to begin to care.
—Dr. Otto Hasslein, Escape from the Planet of the Apes (1971)

It isn't the comet. It's a broom. Imagine you're a race of aliens, right? And, you're looking for a new place to live. Say you're looking for a planet like you and I looking for a new place to live. A new house. So here's Earth. Only it's like this big old house. And, it's kind of polluted, dirty, and smoky. Grease on the walls, soot in the chimney. So, they send in their interstellar housecleaners. Send in their broom. Sweep us all up. That's what this it is, it's a broom. Using our own machines to sweep us right off.
—Bill Robinson, Maximum Overdrive (1986)

The war between the east and west which is now in it's three hundred and twenty-sixth year, has at last come to an end. There is nothing left to fight with, and few of us left to
fight. The atmosphere has become so polluted with deadly germs, that it can no longer be breathed. There is no place on this planet that is immune. The last surviving factory for the manufacturing of oxygen has been destroyed. Stockpiles are rapidly diminishing. And when they are gone, we must die.

After forty days and nights of torrential rain, the city is largely submerged below water, a result of the devastating effects of continued global warming. The warnings ignored for decades have now resulted in undreamed-of levels of pollution where day has become almost endless night.
—Title Card, Split Second (1992)

One of these days the Earth will get even with Man for messing her up with his garbage. Just let Man continue to pollute the Earth the way he is and nature will rebel. It's gonna be one hell of a rebellion.
Poverty

Poverty is the worst form of violence.

Nothing destroys spirit like poverty.

Poverty is no disgrace—until meddling neighbors hear of it.
—Inter-title card, *It* (1927)

There’s no nobility in poverty. I’ve been a poor man, and I’ve been a rich man. And I choose rich every fucking time.

Rich people and theorists—who are usually rich people—think of poverty in the negative, as the lack of riches—as disease might be called the lack of health. But it isn’t, sir. Poverty is not the lack of anything, but a positive plague, virulent in itself, contagious as cholera, with filth, criminality, vice and despair as only a few of its symptoms. It is to be stayed away from, even for purposes of study. It is to be shunned.
—Burrows, *Sullivan’s Travels* (1941)
Power

Bite them! Be ruthless. Whatever it takes. Bend them to your will!

Power is fleeting. Love is eternal.

My prison, almost as far as I could see, a gray friendless area of space and time, and I resolved that as man had dominated the world of the sun, so I would dominate my world.
—Scott Carey, *The Incredible Shrinking Man* (1957)

Power belongs to no one, until it is seized through sex or violence.

What you really fear is inside yourself. You fear your own power. You fear your own anger, the drive to do great and terrible things.

Europe is at the mercy of the most ruthless band of autocrats the world has yet seen. I know these dictators, these men of blood and iron, they have one weakness; they are always in a hurry. Their god is power, and its kingdom is on this Earth. They are men without humility and without hearts. The virtues we hold dear they call weaknesses, and what we love they despise. They hold themselves a race apart, divinely ordained to rule the world to the exclusion of all others. That is a form of madness that must eventually destroy the world or be destroyed, it cannot be appeased by soft words or good neighborliness. All civilized methods of approach to international agreement are signs of weakness to these men. They recognize one argument, and one argument alone: force!
—Benjamin Disraeli, *The Prime Minister* (1941)
Practice

An ounce of practice is worth a ton of theory.

Start simply. Do what you know. Use your talents. Practice.

You know how you get to Carnegie Hall, don't ya? Practice.

One must learn to live. I practice every day.

An artist may paint a thousand canvasses before achieving one work of art. Would you deny a lover the same practice?
—Don Juan, *Adventures of Don Juan* (1948)
Prayer

If I was to pray, I’d pray for folks that was alive and don’t know which way to turn.
—Preacher, *The Grapes of Wrath* (1940)

There's no such thing as a wasted prayer.

More tears are shed over answered prayers than unanswered ones.
—Truman Capote, *Capote* (2005)

A moment of realization is worth a thousand prayers.

You want to do something for me? Remember me in your prayers.
—Nick Romano, *Knock on Any Door* (1949)

If someone prays for patience, you think God gives them patience? Or does he give them the opportunity to be patient? If he prayed for courage, does God give him courage, or does he give him opportunities to be courageous? If someone prayed for the family to be closer, do you think God zaps them with warm fuzzy feelings, or does he give them opportunities to love each other?
Predictions

Daddy says you can predict exactly where Mars will be in the sky, even in a hundred years. But the funny thing is that Daddy doesn't know what will happen to him ten minutes from now.
—Nemo, Mr. Nobody (2009)

Scientists are saying the future is going to be far more futuristic than they originally predicted.
—Krysta Now, Southland Tales (2006)

When Man entered the atomic age, he opened a door into a new world. What we'll eventually find in that new world, nobody can predict.
—Dr. Harold Medford, Them! (1954)

If we had enough information, we could predict the consequences of our actions. Would you want to know? If you kissed that girl, if you talked to that man, if you take that job, or marry that woman or steal that paper? If we knew what would happen in the end, would we ever be able to take the first step, to make the first move?
—Maria, Code 46 (2003)
Prejudice

He's quite clever, you know, for a human being.
—C-3PO, Star Wars: Episode V - The Empire Strikes Back (1980)

It's not kite, it's kike! K-I-K-E, "kike." You know, you're too stupid to even be a good bigot!
—Brian Schwartz, Porky's (1982)

Prejudice is like any obsession. There's a reason why we can't let go. We don't want to.
—Nels, Snow Falling on Cedars (1999)

Wherever you run into it, prejudice always obscures the truth.
—Juror #8, 12 Angry Men (1957)

I'll be looking for patriotic, honorable, bright young men from the right backgrounds to manage the various departments. In other words, no Jews or Negroes, and very few Catholics, and that's only because I'm a Catholic.

Don't you think I realize what's going on here, miss? Who do you think I am, huh? Don't you think I know that if I was some hotshot from out of town that pulled inside here and you guys made a reservation mistake, I'd be the first one to get a room and I'd be upstairs relaxing right now. But I'm not some hotshot from out of town, I'm a small reporter from "Rolling Stone" magazine that's in town to do an exclusive interview with Michael Jackson that's gonna be picked up by every major magazine in the country. I was gonna call the article "Michael Jackson Is Sitting On Top of the World," but now I think I might as well just call it "Michael Jackson Can Sit On Top of the World Just As Long As He Doesn't Sit in the Beverly Palm Hotel 'Cause There's No Niggers Allowed in There!"
—Alex Foley, Beverly Hills Cop (1984)

Do we hate them because they push their way in where they don't belong? Or do we hate them because they're clannish and keep to themselves? Because they're tight with money, or because they flash it around? Because they're Bolsheviks, or because they're capitalists? Because they have the highest IQs, or because they have the most active sex lives? Do you want to know the real reason we hate them? Because we hate them. Because they exist. Because it's an axiom of nature that just as man longs for woman, loves his children, and fears death, he hates Jews. There's no reason. If there were,
some smartass kike would try to come up with an argument, try to prove us wrong. And of course that would only make us hate them more. In fact we have all the reasons we need in three simple letters: J-E-W. Jew.
President

No wonder your president has to be an actor. He's gotta look good on television.

There are certain things you should expect from your President. I ought to care more about you than I do about me. I ought to care more about what's right than I do about what's popular. I ought to be willing to give this whole thing up for something I believe in.
—Dave, *Dave* (1993)

Presidents don't have power. Their purpose is to draw attention away from it.

Why does anyone want to be president? Everybody wants to rule the world.

The best thing about visiting the President is the food!

All presidents who start a war in their first term get re-elected.
—President of the USA, *Iron Sky* (2012)

I always wanted to be a gangster. To me that was better than being president of the United States.
Pride

Pride only hurts. It never helps.
—Marsellus, Pulp Fiction (1994)

In talking to the computer one gets the sense that he is capable of emotional responses. For example, when I asked him about his abilities, I sensed a certain pride in his answer about his accuracy and perfection. Do you believe that HAL has genuine emotions?
—Interviewer, 2001: A Space Odyssey (1968)

There comes a point when any reasonable man will swallow his pride and admit he made a mistake.
—Ed Bloom, Big Fish (2003)

There’s an old saying that too much pride can kill a man.
—Kingpin, Daredevil (2003)

Look inside. Mend the bond torn by pride.
—The Witch, Brave (2012)

If you like falling, then gymnastics is the sport for you! You get to fall on your face, your ass, your back, your knees, and your pride!
—Haley Graham, Stick It (2006)

Beware of what you dream for. The gods have a way of punishing such pride.

It was my pride that blinded me.
—Shifu, Kung Fu Panda (2008)
Prison

Pumping iron, and eating. Ain't nothing else to do in the motherfucking pen. Three hots and a cot, know what I'm saying? I was also reading, and writing my girl.

From this day on, your world will be everything that happens in this building.
—Warden, *Escape from Alcatraz* (1979)

Danbury wasn't a prison. It was a crime school. I went in with a Bachelor of marijuana, came out with a Doctorate of cocaine.
—George, *Blow* (2001)

In prison a man will do most anything to keep his mind occupied.

The Matrix is everywhere. It is all around us. Even now, in this very room. You can see it when you look out your window or when you turn on your television. You can feel it when you go to work... when you go to church... when you pay your taxes. It is the world that has been pulled over your eyes to blind you from the truth. That you are a slave, Neo. Like everyone else you were born into bondage. Into a prison that you cannot taste or see or touch. A prison for your mind. I'm trying to free your mind, Neo. But I can only show you the door. You're the one that has to walk through it.
Privacy

The only privacy that's left is the inside of your head.
—Thomas Reynolds, Enemy of the State (1998)

I live in a swamp! I put up signs! I'm a terrifying ogre! What do I have to do to get a little privacy?
—Shrek, Shrek (2001)

Privacy? Absolute myth. There's no such thing.
—Jock Goddard, Paranoia (2013)

Naturally, since you invaded their privacy, they have every right to invade ours.
—Captain Nemo, 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea (1954)

All right, you can have a telephone but you lose privacy and the charm of distance.
—Henry Drummond, Inherit the Wind (1960)

I don't mind what you do in the privacy of your own home, but I don't want to see it in public.
—Grumpy Senior, Kill the Man (1999)
Problems & Problem Solving

If you can’t fix it, Jack, you gotta stand it.
—Ennis Del Mar, Brokeback Mountain (2005)

You’re gonna need a bigger boat.
—Martin Brody, Jaws (1975)

Sorry to interrupt the festivities, Dave, but I think we’ve got a problem.
—HAL, 2001: A Space Odyssey (1968)

Either you bring the water to L.A. or you bring L.A. to the water.
—Noah Cross, China Town

Houston, we have a problem.
—Jim Lovell, Apollo 13 (1995)

It doesn’t take much to see that the problems of three little people don’t amount to a hill of beans in this crazy world.
—Rick Blaine, Casablanca (1942)

There will be a briefing for a practice mission at 1100 this morning. That’s right, practice. I’ve been sent here to take over what has come to be known as a hard luck group. Well, I don’t believe in hard luck. So we’re going to find out what the trouble is.
—General Frank Savage, Twelve O’Clock High (1949)
**Profanity**

Maybe "Fuck" is spelled right but you shouldn't use that word. It's, um, an adult word used to express anger and, uh, other things.

I had heard that word at least ten times a day from my old man. He worked in profanity the way other artists might work in oils or clay. It was his true medium; a master.

Profanity is a brutal vice. He who uses it, is not a gentleman.
—James, *Blood and Bone* (2009)

Profanity is for the feeble-minded.
Progress

Progress. Not Perfection.
—Robert McCall, The Equalizer (2014)

Progress has its stepping stones.
—Donald Menken The Amazing Spider-Man 2 (2014)

Progress for the sake of progress must be discouraged.
—Dolores Umbridge, Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (2007)

This is a world getting progressively worse. Can we not agree on that?
—Barris, A Scanner Darkly (2006)

As far as I'm concerned, progress peaked with frozen pizza.

If a cannibal used a knife and fork, would you call that progress?
—Lillian DeHaven, G.I. Jane (1997)

Progress always comes late.
—Alfredo, Cinema Paradiso (1988)

We're fighting a brand of evil that thinks the last 1,300 years of human progress is heresy punishable by violent death.

There's a dark side to progress,
—Kent Mansley, The Iron Giant (1999)

A hundred years ago, it was inconceivable for a woman to be a college graduate! I think, perhaps, you should look back to see how far we've come!
Promises

Sometimes people don't understand the promises that they're making when they make them.

Don't make promises you can't keep.

Her perfume is a sweet promise that brings tears to my eyes.
—The Salesman, *Sin City* (1976)

It's easy to promise the impossible.
—Mr. Frankenstein, *Frankenweenie* (2012)

As God is my witness, I’ll never been hungry again.
—Scarlett O’Hara, *Gone with the Wind* (1939)
Propaganda

What I'm out for is a good time. All the rest is propaganda!
—Arthur Seaton, *Saturday Night and Sunday Morning* (1960)

The rich planned this for ages! They've created a world of puppets with TV and propaganda, a kind of evil Disneyland
—Davenport, *Don't Tempt Me* (2001)

History is a propaganda piece, it's a lie, and it's re-written and erased by those in power.

"You can't fight city hall." "Death and taxes." "Don't talk about politics or religion." This is all the equivalent of enemy propaganda,

This tube is the gospel, the ultimate revelation; this tube can make or break presidents, popes, prime ministers; this tube is the most awesome goddamn propaganda force in the whole godless world

When I was a kid, I was the victim of the most vicious propaganda. People told me that money wasn't everything and I believed it. Then I found out that the people that were telling me that money wasn't everything were the people who had a lot of money.

In American propaganda you will see how everyone has a car, nice clothes, a nice apartment. But you will never see the truth behind this lie. You will not see police dogs attacking strikers and demonstrators for civil rights. You will not see the beggars on the streets, the homeless, the negro-shantytowns in the south. You will not see the warmongers who threaten the world with nuclear holocaust.
Punishment

I've always said death was a release, not a punishment!
—King Einon, Dragonheart (1996)

You know what else the Bible asks for? Death as a punishment for adultery, prostitution, homosexuality, trespass upon sacred grounds, profaning the Sabbath and contempt to parents.
—Sister Helen Prejean, Dead Man Walking (1995)

I don't want to escape punishment. I've killed four innocent people and I want to answer for that, but before I do, I want to kill him.
—Philippa, Heaven (2002)

What is a crime? What is punishment? It seems to vary from time to time and place to place. What's legal today is suddenly illegal tomorrow because society says it's so, and what's illegal yesterday is suddenly legal because everybody's doin' it, and you can't put everybody in jail. I'm not saying this is right or wrong. I'm just saying that's the way it is.
—Billy Hayes, Midnight Express (1978)
Quality

Your quality will be known among your enemies, before ever you meet them.
—Imad, Kingdom of Heaven (2005)

You trust the quality of what you know, not quantity.
Questions & Answers

Perhaps we are asking the wrong questions.

Just what do you think you’re doing, Dave? Dave, I really think I’m entitled to an answer to the question.
—HAL, 2001: A Space Odyssey (1968)

Maybe it would have done you some good to have some questions from time to time, you know? "Am I an asshole? Are my kids a mess? Is my wife a money-grubbing whore?" I mean, those are questions, right? "Have I ever been good to my dying sister or am I just now pretending to be?"
—Billy Costigan, The Departed (2006)
Quitting

You can kick me outta here, but I ain’t quitting.
—Mayo, An Officer and a Gentleman (1982)

Licked? I’m not licked. I’m tarred and feathered, that’s all.
—Allardyce T. Merriwhether, Little Big Man (1970)

This quitting thing, it's a hard habit to break once you start.
—Coach Morris Buttermaker, The Bad News Bears (1976)
Race

There is no racial bigotry here. I do not look down on niggers, kikes, wops or greasers. Here you are all equally worthless.

White folks only want to hear the good shit: life eternal, a place in God's Heaven. But as soon as they hear they’re getting this good shit from a black Jesus, they freak. And that, my friends, is called hypocrisy. A black man can steal your stereo, but he can't be your Savior.
—Rufus, *Dogma* (1999)

Rich people have always stayed on top by dividing white people from colored people. But white people got more in common with colored people then they do with rich people. We just gotta eliminate them. White people, black people, brown people, yellow people, get rid of 'em all. All we need is a voluntary, free spirited, open-ended program of procreative racial deconstruction. Everybody just gotta keep fuckin' everybody till they're all the same color.
**Reality**

If real is what you can feel, smell, taste and see, then “real” is simply electrical signals interpreted by your brain.

Sometimes reality is too complex for oral communication. But legend embodies it in a form which enables it to spread all over the world.
—Alpha 60, *Alphaville* (1965)

Folks, there are all kinds of ideas that would be fun to believe in: mental telepathy, time travel, no state and federal taxes. It’s no fun to go home and say, “You’ll never guess what happened. I was in this restaurant, there was a bright light, I rushed outside, it was an airplane.” I’d wish I’d seen it. For fifteen years I’ve wanted to see one of those things without having to account for it. I believe in life elsewhere. The odds are against there not being. But the expectation that we are going to be saved from ourselves by some interstellar intervention works against the necessity for us to solve our own problems.
—Civilian, *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* (1977)
Regret

You don’t understand! I could have had class. I could have been a contender. I could have been somebody instead of a bum, which is what I am.

Failure is never quite so frightening as regret.

It takes practice and skill to live without regret.
Relationships

I love that word "relationship." Covers all manner of sins, doesn't it?
—Prime Minister, Love Actually (2003)

A relationship, I think, is like a shark. You know? It has to constantly move forward or it dies. And I think what we got on our hands is a dead shark.
—Alvy Singer, Annie Hall (1977)

All we've got is that maybe you love me and maybe I love you.
—Sam Spade, The Maltese Falcon (1941)

Relationships based on intense experiences never work.
—Jack, Speed (1994)
Religion

Fellow ain’t got a soul of his own, just a little piece of the big soul.
—Tom, Grapes of Wrath (1940)

The word "religion" is as vague and uncertain as any in the English language.
—Mr. Square, Tom Jones (1963)

I'm just trying to follow the example of Jesus, who said that a person is not as bad as his worst deed.
—Sister Helen Prejean, Dead Man Walking (1995)

A Muslim must be strikingly upright, an outstanding example so that those in the darkness can see the power of the light.
—Baines, Malcolm X (1992)

The only result of the Crusades was that Muslim ideas entered the Christian world.
—Capitán Cristóbal Quijano, La otra conquista (1998)

There is no God, but I hope someone looks after you.

It's not the idea behind Christianity I'm faulting, or Judaism, or any religion. It's the professionals who've made it into corporate business. There's big money in the god racket, big money.
—Boris Yelnikoff, Whatever Works (2009)

I’m a Hindu and a Christian and a Jew and so are all of you.
—Gandhi, Gandhi (1982)
Reputation

With enough courage, you can do without a reputation.
—Rhett Butler, Gone with the Wind (1939)

Our reputations precede us.

We're always quickest to doubt people who have a reputation for being honest.
—Det. Milton Arbogast, Psycho (1960)

A fake reputation is all a man has.
—Flynn Rider, Tangled (2010)

The great advantage of having a reputation for being stupid: People are less suspicious of you.
—Tom, Four Weddings and a Funeral (1994)
Respect

I despise you. But that doesn't suggest I don't respect you.

You've got to prove yourself from day one. You've got to win their respect.

Respect for one's elders gives character.
— The Wolf, Pulp Fiction (1994)

I'm no martyr. I did it for the money. But it's not worth much if you can't face yourself in the mirror. Respect is the ultimate currency.

Have some respect for yourself. Don't you know, if you let people walk over you now, they'll be walking over you for the rest of your life.
— Goldie Wilson, Back to the Future (1985)
Responsibility

With great power comes great responsibility.
—Peter Parker, Spider-Man (2002)

You're not responsible for everybody. Just you.
—Kathryn, Get Low (2009)

I'm looking for the least possible amount of responsibility.
—Lester Burnham, American Beauty (1999)

Those who have the ability to take action have the responsibility to take action.

I'm not responsible for what people think, Pat, only for what I am.
—James McKay, The Big Country (1958)

Just as a flower does not choose its color, we are not responsible for what we have come to be. Only once you realize this do you become free, and to become adult is to become free.
—India Stoker, Stoker (2013)

Being a leader isn't about ability. It's about responsibility.

You can't hold a whole fraternity responsible for the behavior of a few sick, perverted individuals. For if you do, then shouldn't we blame the whole fraternity system? And if the whole fraternity system is guilty, then isn't this an indictment of our educational institutions in general? I put it to you, Greg! Isn't this an indictment of our entire American society? Well, you can do what you want to us, but we're not going to sit here and listen to you bad-mouth the United States of America!
—Otter, Animal House (1978)
Revenge

If you point a gun at someone, you'd better make sure you shoot him, and if you shoot him you'd better make sure he's dead, because if he isn't then he's gonna get up and try to kill you

Revenge is never a straight line. It's a forest. And like a forest it's easy to lose your way. To get lost. To forget where you came in.

You've got an overdeveloped sense of vengeance. It's going to get you into trouble someday.

Revenge is not a valid motive. It's an emotional response.
Revolution

It's hard to start a revolution. Even harder to continue it. And hardest of all to win it.

A bandit by himself is nothing but a bandit. A bandit and a lawyer... that's a revolution.

Sometimes a revolution is exactly what is needed for cleaning out the system. One giant enema.

Revolution is like the pox. It spreads from person to person.

Violence and revolution are the only pure acts.
—Mick Travis, *If....* (1968)

They always need lawyers after a revolution to straighten out the legal end.
—Pat Brady, *The Last Tycoon* (1976)

The goal of revolution isn't death, but to change fate. Young people are sacrificing themselves for the revolution, so that the living can lead better lives.
—Sun Yat-Sen, *1911* (2011)

The revolution? When the shooting stops, and the dead are buried, and the politicians take over, it all adds up to one thing: a lost cause.

Do you know why being a revolutionary doesn't work in this country? Being a revolutionary in America is like being a spoilsport at an orgy. All these goodies being passed around and you feel like a shit when you say no.

A revolution isn't a gala dinner. It cannot be created like a book, a drawing or a tapestry. It cannot unfold with such elegance, tranquility and delicacy. Or such sweetness, affability. Courtesy, restraint and generosity. A revolution is an uprising, a violent act by which one class overthrows another.
The people who read the books go to the people who can't read the books, the poor people, and say, "We have to have a change." So, the poor people make the change, ah? And then, the people who read the books, they all sit around the big polished tables, and they talk and talk and talk and eat and eat and eat, eh? But what has happened to the poor people? They're dead! That's your revolution.
—Juan Miranda, Duck, You Sucker (1971)
Rewards

If you want big rewards, you gotta take big risks.
—Tenley, *Summer Catch* (2001)

Every man is afraid when he does something for the first time. But those who overcome their fears will rightly earn their rewards.
—Columbus, *1492: Conquest of Paradise* (1992)

My reward, my purpose, my life, is the work itself - my work done my way! Nothing else matters to me!
—Howard Roark, *The Fountainhead* (1949)

Sometimes the truth isn't good enough. Sometimes people deserve more. Sometimes people deserve to have their faith rewarded.

Your reward is your life.

It's this whole stupid capitalist system, you know? It's set up to heap rewards on the advantaged and the aggressive

God doesn't punish the wicked and reward the righteous. Everyone dies. Some die because they deserve to; others die simply because they come from Minneapolis. It's random and it's meaningless.

If you do ordinary things in your life, you will only be rewarded with an ordinary life.
Risk Taking

Have you never wanted to do anything that was dangerous?
—Henry Frankenstein, Frankenstein (1931)

What's life without a little risk taking?
—Tom Baxter, The Purple Rose of Cairo (1985)

Well it's very simple: do whatever it takes.

Find adventure, fall in love, take risks.
—Matthew Morgan, Last Love (2013)

When was the last time you took a risk?
—Roy McAvoy, Tin Cup (1996)

There are people who'll do anything to win. People who take risks and never play it safe.
—Natasha Martin, Redline (2007)

Some take a chance for the rush of winning. Some for love. But you can't have your dream without laying something on the line.

What'll you ever be? What'll you ever do? How will you ever know if you don't take a chance?
—Mona Leslie, Reckless (1935)

I'd rather take a chance with my heart than a sure thing with my mind.
—Stephanie Taylor, Digits (2011)
Robots

Never send a human to do a machine's job.

A thinking robot could be the end of mankind!
—CEO, Chappie (2015)

“More human than human” is our motto.
—Tyrell, Blade Runner (1982)

Desire is irrelevant. I am a machine.

It isn't just a question of creating a robot that can love. Isn't the real conundrum: Can you get a human to love them back?
—Female Colleague, A.I. Artificial Intelligence (2001)

I would rather die a man, than live for all eternity a machine.
—Andrew Martin, Bicentennial Man (1999)

Ultimately, we're all just robots programmed arbitrarily by nature's genetic code.

A machine does not know what it feels like to be human. It can't understand the value of human life. Why should it be allowed to take one? To legislate over life and death, we need people who understand right from wrong. What do your machines feel?
—Senator Hubert Dreyfuss, RoboCop (2014)
Romance

Everybody likes romance.
—Weston, *King Kong* (1933)

It's not how long you wait, it's who you're waiting for!
—Junior, *Some Like It Hot* (1959)

Well, I think I’ll get saddled up and go looking for a woman. Shouldn’t take more than a couple of days. I’m not picky. As long as she’s smart, pretty, and sweet, and gentle, and tender, and refined, and lovely, and carefree.
Rudeness

Rudeness is merely an expression of fear. People fear they won't get what they want.—M. Gustave, *The Grand Budapest Hotel* (2014)

Not to introduce yourself is considered extremely rude, even among enemies.

You're not being rude, dear, you're just being yourself.
—Gerry Jeffers, *The Palm Beach Story* (1942)

It's surprising how even rudeness can be pleasant coming from an attractive woman.
Rules

It's sort of exciting, isn't it, breaking the rules.
—Hermione Granger, Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (2007)

Without rules we wouldn't survive long.

Rules are what make order out of chaos.
—Mother, Mother's Day (2010)

The only sensible way to live in this world is without rules.
—The Joker, The Dark Knight (2008)

Murder was the only way that everybody stayed in line. You got out of line, you got whacked. Everybody knew the rules.
—Henry Hill, Goodfellas (1990)

There is only one rule that binds all people, one governing principle that defines every relationship on God's green earth: The weak are meat, and the strong do eat.
—Dr. Henry Goose, Cloud Atlas (2012)
Sacrifice

No sacrifice, no victory!
—Sam Witwicky, Transformers (2007)

Sacrifice. To some, it is just a word. To others, it is a code.
—General Mandible, Antz (1998)

If by my life or death I can protect you, I will.

Unwilling to make sacrifices. That's what makes you weak.

To get anything of value, you have to sacrifice.

Real women sacrifice!
—Mary, Precious (2009)

Sacrifice won’t take away pain and loss, but it wins the battle against bitterness, the bitterness that dims the light on all of the true value in our lives.
—Reverend Stephens, Beautiful Creatures (2013)

Anything can happen in a war. Slap in the middle of absolute insanity people pull out the most extraordinary resources: ingenuity, courage, self-sacrifice. Pity we can't meet the problems of peace in the same way.

Few of us are given the opportunity, even fewer the courage, to sacrifice ourselves for the lives of our comrades. In daily life, even as in battle, each one of us is mysteriously and irrevocably bound to our fellow man. And yet, it is only in death that the power of this bond is finally tested and proven. And who among us really knows how he might respond when the moment comes?
—The President, Courage Under Fire (1996)
Sarcasm

Sarcasm is losers trying to bring winners down to their level.

Sarcasm is anger's ugly cousin.

If I want sarcasm, Mr. Tanner, I'll talk to my children,

Sarcasm is the recourse of the weak mind.

The irony's free. It's the sarcasm you're paying for.
—Kim, *Chalet Girl* (2011)
Scams

Our ability to manufacture fraud now exceeds our ability to detect it.
—Viktor, S1m0ne (2002)

A word of advice: You want to pull a scam, don't make your wife a partner.
—John Trent, In the Mouth of Madness (1994)
Science

There are no enemies in science, only phenomena to be studied.
—Dr. Arthur Carrington, The Thing from Another World (1951)

It isn’t faith that makes good science, Mr. Klaatu. It’s curiosity.
—Jacob Barnhardt, The Day the Earth Stood Still (1951)

Science has great beauty and, with its great spiritual strength, will in time cleanse this world of its evils, its ignorance, its poverty, diseases, wars, and heartaches. Look for the clear light of truth. Look for unknown.
—Marie Curie, Madame Curie (1943)

Is the world fundamentally a better place because of science and technology? We shop at home, we surf the Web. At the same time, we feel emptier, lonelier and more cut off from each other than at any other time in human history.
—Palmer Joss, Contact (1997)
Secrets

Don't go into business with a guy without finding out his dirty secrets.

You looked happy. Happy with a secret.

There’s no keeping secrets from God,

We all have secrets: the ones we keep and the ones that are kept from us.

People do a lot of things in private they couldn't possibly explain in public.

A woman’s heart is a deep ocean of secrets.
Seduction

Why don’t you come up sometime and see me?
—Lady Lou, *She Done Him Wrong* (1933)

You had me at “Hello.”

I've been thinking about you all day.
Self

No matter where you may run, you can never run away from yourself.
—Grandmother, A Star Is Born (1937)

You are alone in the world, absolved of all responsibility except to your own interest.
—Davalo, Seconds (1966)

A man can convince anyone he's somebody else, but never himself.

Until you start believing in yourself, ya ain't gonna have a life!

We're all afraid of the dark inside ourselves.
—Dr. Sam Loomis, Halloween II (1981)

If you think you're in control, then you're being an idiot!
—Katie, Paranormal Activity (2007)

I am big! It's the pictures that got small.
—Norma Desmond, Sunset Boulevard (1950)

You can never replace anyone because everyone is made up of such beautiful specific details.

I felt puny and absurd, a ludicrous midget. Easy enough to talk of soul and spirit and existential worth, but not when you're three feet tall. I loathed myself, our home, the caricature my life with Lou had become. I had to get out. I had to get away.
—Scott Carey, The Incredible Shrinking Man (1957)

When it all goes quiet behind my eyes, I see everything that made me lying around in invisible pieces. When I look too hard, it goes away. And when it all goes quiet, I see they are right here. I see that I'm a little piece in a big, big universe. And that makes things right. When I die, the scientists of the future, they're gonna find it all. They gonna know, once there was a Hushpuppy, and she live with her daddy in the Bathtub.
—Hushpuppy, Beasts of the Southern Wild (2012)
Self-awareness

You are better than you think you are.

The more you know who you are, and what you want, the less you let things upset you.

Is there someone inside you?
—Doctor, *Exorcist*

The world is made for people who aren’t cursed with self-awareness.

I’m insignificant, but with attitude.

Why don't you look at yourself and write down what you see? Or maybe you’re afraid to.

You can’t hide from your shadow.

My evil self is at that door, and I have no power to stop it!
—Dr. Edward Morbius, *Forbidden Planet* (1956)
Self-reliance

I stepped into a private trap back there, and I’d like to go back and try to pull myself out it before it’s too late.
—Mary, *Psycho* (1960)

No one gives it to you. You have to take it.

Don’t make my mistake, kid. Don’t follow orders your whole life. Think for yourself.

Me? I’m with me.

Everything that we need is already in us. We just got to clear away the crap that it's buried under. Love is buried under fear, and partnership is right there under competition, and there’s compassion underneath the greed.
Senses

What we find pleasing to the touch and pleasing to the eye is seldom the same.

How do you tell how good bread is without tasting it? Not the smell, not the look, but the sound of the crust. Listen.
Sex

Women need a reason for having sex, men just need a place.
—Mitch Robbins, City Slickers (1991)

It's not how long it takes. It's who's taking you.
—Sugar, Some Like It Hot (1959)

Perform sex? Uh, uh, I don't think I'm up to a performance, but I'll rehearse with you if you like.
—Miles Monroe, Sleeper (1973)

It's not the quantity of your sexual relations that counts. It's the quality. On the other hand if the quantity drops below once every eight months, I would definitely look into it.
—Boris, Love and Death (1975)

A lot depends on who's in the saddle.
—Vivian, The Big Sleep (1946)

When it comes to sex, men can't help lying and women can't keep from telling the truth. I don't know which is worse.
—Cathy, Boys' Night Out (1962)

Making love is like hitting a baseball: You just gotta relax and concentrate.

You know, there's nothing I like better than to meet a high-class mama that can snap 'em back at ya. 'Cause the colder they are, the hotter they get. That's what I always say. Yes, sir, when a cold mama gets hot, boy, how she sizzles. Ha, ha, ha, ha.
—Oscar Shapeley, It Happened One Night (1934)
Sexism

Some famous male writer once wrote, "You can't sleep with all the women in the world, but you must try!" That pretty much sums up the attitude of every man I've ever known, except my daddy.

The trouble with women is they ask too many questions. They should spend all their time just being beautiful.
—Captain Warren 'Rip' Murdock, *Dead Reckoning* (1947)

You know how women are with firearms—hey have no sense of timing.
—Scott ffollriott, *Foreign Correspondent* (1940)

Women and children can be careless but not men.

All over the world simple pleasures of the flesh are being ruined by women screaming to be understood.

Women just can’t help being a bother. Made that way I guess.
—Driscoll, *King Kong* (1933)

That’s a very sexist way to talk about these bitches!

Careers and higher education are leading to the masculinization of women, with enormously dangerous consequences to the home, the children, and our country.

How did I fail women's studies? I love bitches!
Silence

It takes more energy to keep quiet than it does to speak the mind.
—John, Day of the Dead (1985)

That’s when you know you’ve found somebody special. When you can just shut the fuck up for a minute and comfortably enjoy the silence.
—Mia, Pulp Fiction (1994)

Silence affects everyone in the end.

You have the grand gift of silence, Watson. It makes you quite invaluable as a companion.
—Sherlock Holmes, Sherlock Holmes (2009)

I vow to help you love life, to always hold you with tenderness and to have the patience that love demands, To speak when words are needed and to share the silence when they are not.
—Paige, The Vow (2012)

Somehow the silence seemed to connect us in a way like words never could.

I’ve had moments of absolute clarity, when for a few brief seconds the silence drowns out the noise and I can feel rather than think, and things seem so sharp. And the world seems so fresh as though it had all just come into existence.
—George, A Single Man (2009)

Sometimes the smartest remark is silence.
Simplicity

A great impression of simplicity can only be achieved by great agony of body and spirit.
—Boris Lermontov, *The Red Shoes* (1948)

Simplicity provides a fine line between elegance and plainness.

It's so simple it's brilliant.

I'm only interested in the simple things, like how much this is going to hurt!

If it's so simple, why haven't you done it already?

No idea is simple when you have to plant it in someone else's mind.
**Sin**

In our obsession of original sin, we too often forget original innocence.
—Pope Innocent III, *Brother Sun, Sister Moon* (1972)

Think on your sins.

Selling sin is easy.

People say you should always do the right thing, but sometimes there is no right thing. And then, you just have to pick the sin you can live with.

Curiosity is not a sin.

The further you run from your sins, the more exhausted you are when they catch up to you.
Slavery

When a free man dies, he loses the pleasure of life. A slave loses his pain. Death is the only freedom a slave knows. That's why he's not afraid of it. That's why we'll win.
—Spartacus, *Spartacus* (1960)

I do question a system that defends its own freedom while it denies it to an entire race of men.

They became alert to the concept of slavery and—as their numbers grew—to slavery's antidote which, of course, is unity.
—Cornelius, *Escape from the Planet of the Apes* (1971)

Quite an experience to live in fear, isn't it? That's what it is to be a slave.

Until every man is free, we are all slaves.
Sleep

You should know better than to wake a man when he's sleepin'. It's bad luck.

You only get one shot at life. Why waste it on sleep?

You can sleep when you're dead!

I wish I could just sleep until I was eighteen and skip all this crap-high school and everything

Did you know that during REM sleep the human body produces a neural chemical, which paralyses every muscle in the body but the heart and the eyes? This prevents us from acting out our dreams.

A good cop can't sleep because he's missing a piece of the puzzle. And a bad cop can't sleep because his conscience won't let him.
**Smiling**

You gotta learn to hide the anger. Practice smiling in the mirror. It's like putting on a mask.

Your murderers come with smiles. They come as your friends, the people who've cared for you all of your life.

Death smiles at us all. All a man can do is smile back.

When dealing with aliens, try to be polite, but firm. And always remember that a smile is cheaper than a bullet.

It's not easy having a good time! Even smiling makes my face ache!

As my plastic surgeon always said: If you gotta go, go with a smile.

Keep smiling and never give up even when things get you down.
Society

Test-tube conception, laboratory birth, TV education, brave new dreams, brave new hates, brave new wars; a beautifully purposeless process of society suicide.
—Charly Gordon, Charly (1968)

Some look for scapegoats, others look for conspiracies, but this much is clear: violence breeds violence, repression brings retaliation, and only a cleansing of our whole society can remove this sickness from our soul.
—Bobby Kennedy, Bobby (2006)

A hierarchical society is only possible on the basis of poverty and ignorance.

None of the ants previously seen by man were more than an inch in length, most considerably under that size. But even the most minute of them have an instinct and talent for industry, social organization, and savagery that makes man look feeble by comparison.
—Dr. Harold Medford, Them (1954)

There's a new spirit abroad in the land. The old days of grab and greed are on their way out. We're beginning to think of what we owe the other fellow, not just what we're compelled to give him. The time is coming, Watson, when we cannot fill our bellies in comfort while the other fellow goes hungry, or sleep in warm beds while others shiver in the cold. And we shan't be able to kneel and thank God for blessings before our shining altars while men anywhere are kneeling in either physical or spiritual subjection.
—Sherlock Holmes, Sherlock Holmes Faces Death (1943)
Solitude

Solitude’s always better with somebody else around, ya know?
—Harold Gorton, House (1986)

I want to be alone.
—Grusinskaya, Grand Hotel (1932)

You seek oblivion in solitude. But solitude only makes you wither.
—Matthew Morgan, Last Love (2013)

Only the birds and the beasts live in solitude.
—Hidetora Ichimonji, Ran (1985)
Soul

There never was a struggle in the soul of a good man that wasn't hard.

I've tasted life to the fullest, and still my tortured soul cries out, “More! More!”

Through all of the chaos that is our history; through all of the wrongs and the discord; through all of the pain and suffering; through all of our times, there is one thing that has nourished our souls, and elevated our species above its origins, and that is our courage.
—President, Armageddon (1998)

A man who sells his soul for love has the power to change the world.
—Caretaker, Ghost Rider (2007)
Spies & Spying

He's the spy. His secrets have secrets.

A spy in love is a tool that has outlived its usefulness.
—Andriani, *Mata Hari* (1931)

Our parents can't be spies.. They're not cool enough!

Spy on us, we'll spy on you.

Why does a spy risk his life, for what possible reason? If the spy wins, he's ignored. If he loses, he's shot.
—Lt. Dick Rennick, *Decision Before Dawn* (1951)

We've wiped-out entire cultures! And for what? Not one C.I.A. agent has ever been tried, much less accused of any crimes. You guys think you're above the law. Well, you ain't above mine.

What the hell do you think spies are? Moral philosophers measuring everything they do against the word of God or Karl Marx? They're not! They're just a bunch of seedy, squalid bastards like me: little men, drunkards, queers, hen-pecked husbands, civil servants playing cowboys and Indians to brighten their rotten little lives. Do you think they sit like monks in a cell, balancing right against wrong?
—Alec Leamas, *The Spy Who Came in from the Cold* (1965)
Spirituality

What you take into your hand, you take into your heart.

Make this trip a spiritual journey where each of us seek the unknown, and we learn about it.

The spirit has been reaffirmed in the face of modern scientific materialism.

I don’t think a lot about the big picture. I’m a rationalist and I’m a romantic. That doesn’t leave a lot of time for spiritual bullshit.

This blanket is a necessity. It keeps me from cracking up. It may be regarded as a spiritual tourniquet.

Evil is a spiritual being, alive and living, perverted and perverting, weaving its way insidiously into the very fabric of life.
—Father Lamont, *Exorcist II: The Heretic* (1977)

Nature abhors a vacuum, even a spiritual one. People who’ve lost their beliefs, they’re like empty vessels, more susceptible to having their lives taken over by forces bigger than themselves.

It's great to live by the spirit, to testify day by day for eternity, only what's spiritual in people's minds. But sometimes I'm fed up with my spiritual existence. Instead of forever hovering above I'd like to feel a weight grow in me to end the infinity and to tie me to earth.

Spirituality is not religion. Religion divides people. Belief in something unites them.
So much of what we perceive cannot be expressed. It's unspeakable. And yet you know, when we communicate with one another and we feel that we have connected and we think that we're understood I think we have a feeling of almost spiritual communion. And that feeling might be transient, but I think it's what we live for.

They say that when you experience a spiritual truth, that it comes to you through sound. If you let this sound go through you, it changes you, you know? Puts you back into harmony. You know, it makes you like a tuning fork of God.
Sports

It's not a sport if you don't sweat.
—Paul, Big (1988)

Stay in school and use your brain. Be a doctor, be a lawyer, carry a leather briefcase. Forget about sports as a profession. Sports make ya grunt and smell. See, be a thinker, not a stinker.
—Apollo Creed, Rocky (1976)

Found a new sport that I like. Know what it is? Golf. Know why I like it? Because golf is walking through a park with a purpose

Greco-Roman wrestling is the fastest growing sport in America, except for soccer, baseball, badminton, and certain equestrian events.
— General Schweinkopf, Façade (1999)

In Britain, we have a national therapy. We call it cricket. Unlike other sports, it doesn't involve anxieties or pressures. It's leisurely and lyrical. It's the song of willow on leather.
—Michael James, What's New Pussycat? (1965)
Stock Market

The name of the game: moving the money from the client's pocket to your pocket.

The stock market is money and emotion. There's hope when you start out, greed on the way up, fear on the way down.
—Henry Tyroon, The Wheeler Dealers (1963)

I'm not your best friend. I'm your only friend. I don't make anything? I'm making you money. And lest we forget, that's the only reason any of you became stockholders in the first place. You want to make money! You don't care if they manufacture wire and cable, fried chicken, or grow tangerines! You want to make money! I'm the only friend you've got. I'm making you money. Take the money. Invest it somewhere else. Maybe, maybe you'll get lucky and it'll be used productively. And if it is, you'll create new jobs and provide a service for the economy and, God forbid, even make a few bucks for yourselves.
—Lawrence Garfield, Other People’s Money (1991)
Stupidity

Stupid is as stupid does.
—Forrest Gump, Forrest Gump (1994)

I’m impatient with stupidity. My people have learned to live without it.
—Klattu, The Day the Earth Stood Still (1951)

You should never underestimate the predictability of stupidity.
—Bullet Tooth Tony, Snatch (2000)

The only reason you are still alive is that I find your stupidity mildly amusing.
—Shen, Kung Fu Panda 2 (2011)

There’s optimism, and then there’s stupidity. It's a very fine line.
—Marty Livingston, Storytelling (2001)

Einstein said, "Only two things are infinite: the universe and human stupidity; and I'm not sure about the universe."
—Spencer Olham, Impostor (2001)
Success

Confound it, man, are you afraid of success?
—Mr. Potter, It’s a Wonderful Life (1946)

Wealth can be wonderful, but you know, success can test one's mettle as surely as the strongest adversary.
—The Wizard, Conan the Barbarian (1982)

Just think ‘I’m gonna do it!’ Program yourself. See yourself making it. It’ll happen. I know ‘cause I just read this article in Cosmo, and it was about that very thing.
—Paula, An Officer and a Gentleman (1982)

Sometimes when I think of how good my book is going to be, I can’t breathe.
—Truman Capote, Capote (2005)

With this little brain you go out and you buy a piece of cloth and you cut that cloth in two and you go and sell it for a penny more than you paid for it. Then you run right out and buy another piece of cloth, cut it into three pieces and sell it for three pennies profit. But, my friend, during that time you must never succumb to buying an extra piece of bread for the table or a toy for a child, no. You must immediately run out and get yourself a still larger piece cloth and so you repeat this process over.
—Sol Nazerman, The Pawnbroker (1964)
Suffering

To love is to suffer. To avoid suffering one must not love. But then one suffers from not loving.
—Sonja, Love and Death (1975)

We have to be greater than what we suffer.

A little suffering’s good for the soul.
—Bones, Star Trek (2009)

Life is suffering. It is hard. The world is cursed. But still, you find reasons to keep living.
—Osa, Princess Mononoke (1997)

I'm sure there must be a good reason for our suffering.

Without suffering there would be no compassion.
—Jamie, A Walk to Remember (2002)

Fear is the path to the dark side. Fear leads to anger. Anger leads to hate. Hate leads to suffering. I sense much fear in you.

Did you know that the first Matrix was designed to be a perfect human world? Where none suffered, where everyone would be happy. It was a disaster. No one would accept the program. Entire crops were lost. Some believed we lacked the programming language to describe your perfect world. But I believe that, as a species, human beings define their reality through suffering and misery.
Superstition

Fighting against superstition is as hard as fighting against Satan himself.
—Reverend Norman, *The Wolf Man* (1941)

The superstition of yesterday can become the scientific reality of today.
—Van Helsing, *Dracula* (1931)

You can buck the system but you can't buck the dark forces that lie hidden beneath the surface. The ones some people call superstitions.

One man's superstition is another man's religion!

You'll find superstition a contagious thing. Some people let it get the better of them.
—Paul Holland, *I Walked with a Zombie* (1943)

Keep your superstitions to yourself.

It stands to reason that if one is superstitious, even on a small, seemingly insignificant level, one must be vulnerable to all superstitions

Like most living creatures, the pigeon quickly associates the pressing of the lever with the reward. But when a timer releases a seed automatically every 20 seconds, the pigeon wonders, what did I do to deserve this? If it was flapping its wings at the time, it will continue to flap, convinced that its actions have the decisive influence on what happens. We call this "pigeon superstition".
Survival

Adaptation is the key to survival.
—Dr. Allan Chaffee, Village of the Damned (1995)

Sometimes you bend with the breeze, or you break.
—Vin, The Magnificent Seven (1960)

Don’t say nothin’, keep quiet, you’ll live longer.
—Pop, On the Waterfront (1954)

If human beings are unable or unwilling to sacrifice individual desires for the greater good of your species, you will have no chance for survival.

People have always put up with shit, right? We survive. That’s what we do. We survived the fucking Romans. We survived the Crusades. We survived the Black Plague! We survived fucking world wars! We survived everything! All right? It’s just nature's way of thinning us out, you know? Leaving the best to survive and build a better world. That’s what’s gonna happen now. I’m gonna survive. I’m gonna build you a better world!

Survival kit contents check. In them you'll find: one forty-five caliber automatic; two boxes of ammunition; four days' concentrated emergency rations; one drug issue containing antibiotics, morphine, vitamin pills, pep pills, sleeping pills, tranquilizer pills; one miniature combination Russian phrase book and Bible; one hundred dollars in rubles; one hundred dollars in gold; nine packs of chewing gum; one issue of prophylactics; three lipsticks; three pair of nylon stockings. Shoot, a fella' could have a pretty good weekend in Vegas with all that stuff.
— Major T. J. "King" Kong, Dr. Strangelove (1964)

We can't be consumed by our petty differences anymore. We will be united in our common interests. Perhaps it's fate that today is the Fourth of July, and you will once again be fighting for our freedom. Not from tyranny, oppression, or persecution but from annihilation. We are fighting for our right to live. To exist. And should we win the day, the Fourth of July will no longer be known as an American holiday but as the day the world declared in one voice: “We will not go quietly into the night! We will not vanish without a fight! We're going to live on! We're going to survive! Today we celebrate our Independence Day!”
System

The whole system makes me feel insignificant.

The Matrix is a system, Neo. That system is our enemy. But when you're inside, you look around, what do you see? Businessmen, teachers, lawyers, carpenters. The very minds of the people we are trying to save. But until we do, these people are still a part of that system and that makes them our enemy. You have to understand: most of these people are not ready to be unplugged. And many of them are so inured, so hopelessly dependent on the system, that they will fight to protect it.
Talent

Talent is luck. The important thing in life is courage.
—Isaac Davis, *Manhattan* (1979)

You got a gift. When you were a baby, the Gods reached down and turned your right arm into a thunderbolt. You got a Hall-of-Fame arm, but you're pissing it away.

Talent is a common thing. People waste it every day. They abuse it. They take it for granted. Success comes not from what God has given you but what you do with it. It's really up to you.
Talking

If I don’t talk about this, how am I gonna find out what’s to know?
—Roy Neary, Close Encounters of the Third Kind (1977)

War is young men dying and old men talking.
—Odysseus, Troy (2004)

The problem most men have is they don't know how to talk to women.
—CAL, The 40 Year Old Virgin (2005)
Taxes

One thing is true of all governments: their most reliable records are tax records.

Taxes are there to be hated by some, spent by others.

A heavy tax shall be levied against all parasites and spongers, such as the elderly, the infirm, and especially little children.

I don’t cheat on my taxes. You can’t cheat on something you never committed to.

We made a hundred and twelve million dollars before taxes, only we didn’t pay no taxes!
—Little Bonaparte, *Some Like It Hot* (1959)

What can you expect from a society that itself spends 44% of its tax dollars on killing?

If the suckers ever guessed where their taxes were going, they’d start a revolution.

Are you telling me you can speak six languages and fly a jetliner but you don’t know how to file a tax return?
Teachers

We're teachers, we answer silly questions all the time.
—Art, The Man from Earth (2007)

A teacher is two jobs. Fill young minds with knowledge, yes. But more important, give those minds a compass so that that knowledge doesn't go to waste.
—Principal Jacobs, Mr. Holland's Opus (1995)

The man who honors his teacher honors himself.

I've always thought of God as a teacher; a bringer of light, wisdom, and understanding.

I'm attracted to teachers. Yeah, I took out an English teacher. That didn't work out at all. I sent her a love letter. She corrected it!
—Thornton Melon, Back to School (1986)

I am a teacher! First, last, always!
Teamwork

Haven't you ever wanted to be part of something special?

You will unite or you will fail.

Join me and we can rule the galaxy as father and son.
—Darth Vader, Star Wars: Episode V - The Empire Strikes Back (1980)

The most important thing is, we have to work as a team, which means: you do everything I tell you.
—Rocky, Chicken Run (2000)
Technology

I wouldn't put on an electric blanket for any reason. First, I'd be worried if I get electrocuted. No, I don't trust technology. But I mean, the main thing, Wally, is that I think that kind of comfort just separates you from reality in a very direct way.

Violence and technology: not good bedfellows!

I'm not against technology, doctor. I'm against the men who deify it at the expense of human truth.
—Palmer Joss, *Contact* (1997)

We are faced with the very gravest of challenges. The Bible calls this day "Armageddon"—the end of all things. And yet, for the first time in the history of the planet, a species has the technology to prevent its own extinction.

Technology. We thought it was man's new best friend, but with it came its garbage, its pollution, its poisons, its new attitudes.

God isn't interested in technology. He cares nothing for the microchip or the silicon revolution. Look how he spends his time: forty-three species of parrots! Nipples for men!
Television

Television in the main is being used to distract, delude, amuse, and insulate us.

I'm not an idiot man. I watch TV.

We were developing a narcotic dependence on television—the marital aid that enables a couple to endure each other, without having to talk.

I've seen TV, I know you can't come in here without a warrant or writ or something!

Television can control public opinion more effectively than armies of secret police, because television is entirely voluntary. The American government forces our children to attend school, but nobody forces them to watch T.V. Americans of all ages submit to television. Television is the American ideal. Persuasion without coercion. Nobody makes us watch. Who could have predicted that a free people would voluntarily spend one fifth of their lives sitting in front of a box with pictures?
Terrorism

Failure to a terrorist is just a rehearsal for success!

Expressing my opinion is not a terrorist action.
—Kat Stratford, *10 Things I Hate About You* (1999)

One man's terrorist is another man's freedom fighter.

This is the problem with terrorists: They're really inconsiderate when it comes to people's schedules.

That's right, people. We educated half the world's terrorists.

We can't let it get to us. Otherwise the terrorists win.

Some people call me a terrorist. I consider myself a teacher. America, ready for another lesson? In 1864, in Sand Creek, Colorado, the U.S. Military waited until the friendly Cheyenne Braves had all gone hunting. Waited to attack and slaughter the families left behind. And claim their land. Thirty-nine hours ago, the Ali al-Salam Air Base in Kuwait was attacked. I, I, I did that. A quaint military church, filled with wives and children, of course. The soldiers were out on maneuvers. The 'Braves' were away. President Ellis, you continue to resist my attempts to educate you, sir. And now, you've missed me again. You don’t know who I am. You don’t know where I am. And you'll NEVER see me coming.
Theater

Wherever there's magic and make-believe and an audience, there's theater.
—Bill Sampson, *All About Eve* (1950)

Allow me to explain about the theater business. The natural condition is one of insurmountable obstacles on the road to imminent disaster.
Thinking

Computers and the programs will start thinking and the people will stop.
—Dr. Walter Gibbs, TRON (1982)

If I say, “I know,” I stop thinking. As long as I keep thinking, I come to understand. That way, I might approach some truth.
—The Professor, Insignificance (1985)
**Threats**

Go ahead, make my day.

I’ll be back.

I’m not feeling the love here, Danny.

My bite is much worse than my bark.

I promise you, you’ll be dead by dawn.

And then he calls me a jerk and says the last guy who thought he was a jerk was dead now. So I don’t say nothin’ and he says, ‘What do ya think about that?’ So I says, ‘Well, that don’t sound like too good a deal for him then.’
Time

All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given to us.

We pass the time of day to forget how time passes.

Waste everything except time. Time is your most valuable commodity.
—Dr. Cole Hendron, *When Worlds Collide* (1951)

You know, squeezin' that watch won't stop time.

Time is now the currency. We earn it and spend it. The rich can live forever. And the rest of us? I just want to wake up with more time on my hand than hours in the day.
—Will Salas, *In Time* (2011)
Time Travel

What if you could go back in time and take all those hours of pain and darkness and replace them with something better?
—Gretchen, *Donnie Darko* (2001)

We all have our time machines, don't we? Those that take us back are memories. And those that carry us forward, are dreams.

Lesson Number One: All the time traveling in the world can't make someone love you.

A time-traveler would have to be careful, but he could do a surprising number of things. He could observe, for one. He could find out once and for all who was on the grassy knoll that day in Dallas.

Time travel has not yet been invented. But thirty years from now, it will have been. It will be instantly outlawed, used only in secret by only the largest criminal organizations.

Who wouldn't want to go back? It's an amazing opportunity. To go back in time, you know? See gladiators, and watch dinosaurs with my own eyes. Have sex with a pilgrim?

Do not lose that time device or you will be stuck in 1969! It wasn't the best time for your people.
Toughness

Girlie, tough ain’t enough.
—Frankie Dunn, Million Dollar Baby (2004)

I don’t get tough with anyone, Mr. Gittes. My lawyer does.
—Evelyn Mulwray, Chinatown (1974)

Mental toughness is the ability to accept the fact that you're human and that you're going to make mistakes—lots of 'em—all your life. And some of them are gonna hurt people that you love very badly. But you have the guts to accept the fact that you ain't perfect. And you don't let your mistakes crush you and keep you from doing the very best that you can.
—Billy Jack, Billy Jack (1971)

The world ain't all sunshine and rainbows. It's a very mean and nasty place and I don't care how tough you are it will beat you to your knees and keep you there permanently if you let it. You, me, or nobody is gonna hit as hard as life. But it ain't about how hard ya hit. It's about how hard you can get it and keep moving forward. How much you can take and keep moving forward. That’s how winning is done!
Training

Remember your training, and you will make it out alive!
—Lieutenant Willy, Starship Troopers (1997)

The training is nothing. The will to take control is everything.
—Henri Ducard, Batman Begins (2005)

To ensure ongoing quality of service, your death may be monitored for training purposes.

Training is useful, but there is no substitute for experience.
—Rosa Klebb, From Russia with Love (1963)

He who questions training only trains himself at asking questions.
—The Sphinx, Mystery Men (1999)

Pick 'em up! Move 'em down! Pick 'em on up! Move 'em on down! Ain't no time to celebrate! You are old and overweight! Gotta lose a million pounds! Get your fat butt off the ground! Reach on down and touch your toes! How long since you looked at those? Shape up! Lose weight! Get thin! Gotta win! Jumping jacks are good for you! Now your face is turning blue! Swing your arms around your back! Give yourself a heart attack! Gotta train! In the rain! In the sun! In the snow! Ten below! Gotta move! Gotta do!
—Don't Ask and Ace, Hook (1991)
Travel

Toto, I’ve a feeling we’re not in Kansas anymore.
—Dorothy Gale, The Wizard of Oz (1939)

We’re not in the middle of nowhere, but we can see it from here.
—Louise, Thelma & Louise (1991)

I just feel like if I don’t get away I’d bust.
—George Bailey It’s a Wonderful Life (1946)

About all the travelin’ I ever done is round a coffee pot lookin’ for the handle.
—Ennis Del Mar, Brokeback Mountain (2005)

I don’t know where we’ve been, and I’ve just been there.
—Butch Cassidy, Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid (1969)
Troubles

Well, here’s another nice mess you’ve gotten me into.
—Oliver Hardy, *Sons of the Desert* (1933)

I don’t want my troubles to be none of yours.
—Joe Starrett, *Shane* (1953)

This definitely rates about a 9.0 on my weird-shit-o-meter.

Don't tell me buddy, I know. Your trouble is women.
—Cabby, *Dark Passage* (1947)

The world is full o' complainers. An' the fact is, nothin' comes with a guarantee. Now I don't care if you're the pope of Rome, President of the United States or Man of the Year; somethin' can all go wrong. Now go on ahead, y'know, complain, tell your problems to your neighbor, ask for help, 'n watch him fly.
Trust

Always get a receipt.
—Burt Hadley, Memento (2000)

Well, I'll tell you what. You make it through tomorrow without killing anybody, especially me, or yourself, then I'll start trusting you.
—Roger Murtaugh, Lethal Weapon (1987)

Me? I'm dishonest, and a dishonest man you can always trust to be dishonest. Honestly. It's the honest ones you want to watch out for, because you can never predict when they're going to do something incredibly stupid.
Truth

I didn’t say it would be easy, Neo. I just said it would be the truth.

I always tell the truth. Even when I lie.
—Tony Montana, Scarface (1983)

The likelihood of one individual being right increases in direct proportion to the intensity with which others are trying to prove him wrong.
—Mr. Jordan, Heaven Can Wait (1978)

People don’t want the truth anymore, Matt. It’s too messy. Keeps them up nights.
—Harlan Whitford, Safe House (2012)

People are dumb, panicky dangerous animals and you know it. Everything they’ve ever known has been proven to be wrong. A thousand years ago everybody knew as a fact, that the earth was the center of the universe. Five hundred years ago, everybody knew that the Earth was flat, and fifteen minutes ago, you knew that humans were alone on it. Imagine what you’ll know tomorrow.
—Kay, Men in Black (1997)
Understanding

If there's any kind of magic in this world it must be in the attempt of understanding someone.
—Celine, Before Sunrise (1995)

If I leave here without understanding you, the world will see you as a monster. Always. And I don’t want that.
—Truman Capote, Capote (2005)

Criminals thrive on the indulgence of society's understanding.
—Henri Ducard, Batman Begins (2005)

Legends are a way of understanding things greater than ourselves.
—Caretaker, Ghost Rider (2007)

There are forces at work beyond our understanding.
—Elliot Moore, The Happening (2008)

I'm sure when I'm older, I'll understand.
Vampires

There are worse things out tonight than vampires.

Vampires, gargoyles, warlocks, they're all the same: best when cooked well.

I have seen the soul of the vampire, and let me tell you that it is far more pure than that of any man.
—Black Hat, *Priest* (2011)

Every story you've ever heard about vampires, werewolves, or aliens, is the system assimilating some program that's doing something they're not supposed to be doing.

I was a newborn vampire weeping at the beauty of the night.
—Louis, *Interview with the Vampire: The Vampire Chronicles* (1994)

I don't believe in vampires, but I believe in my own two eyes, and what I saw is fucking vampires!

When a vampire bites it, it's never a pretty sight. No two bloodsuckers go the same way. Some yell and scream, some go quietly, some explode, some implode, but all will try to take you with them.

All a vampire has is time.
Vanity

Vanity and happiness are incompatible.
—Marquise de Merteuil, Dangerous Liaisons (1988)

Vanity working on a weak mind produces every kind of mischief.
—Mr. Knightley, Emma (1996)

Vanity requires an audience.

Do not punish yourself for your feelings of vanity. Simply learn to control them.
—Jor-El, Superman (1978)

It was vanity to force our religion upon other men.
**Victory**

Without disappointment you cannot appreciate victory.

Victory belongs to those who believe in it the most and believe in it the longest.

No sacrifice, no victory.

If you can love your enemy, you already have victory.
—Preacher Green, *The Help* (2011)

There is no defeat in death, Master Bruce. Victory comes in defending what we know is right while we still live.
Violence

You can’t blame real life violence on entertainment.
—Cici, Scream 2 (1997)

I have been running away from violence my whole life. I should have been running towards it. It’s in our nature. Earliest human skeletons had spearheads in their heads and ribcages.
—Yuri Orlov, Lord of War (2005)

Until mankind is peaceful enough not to have violence on the news, there’s no point in taking it out of shows that need it for entertainment value!
—Cher, Clueless (1995)

Remember what the MPAA says: Horrific, deplorable violence is okay, as long as people don’t say any naughty words!
—Sheila Broflovski, South Park: Bigger Longer & Uncut (1999)

Naked force has settled more issues in history than any other factor. The contrary opinion—“violence never solves anything”—is wishful thinking at its worst. People who forget that always pay. They pay with their lives and their freedom.”
—Jean Rasczak, Starship Troopers (1997)

Violence can be used for good.
—V, V for Vendetta (2005)

If only I could be like father and crave violence and go to war and stand up to the lions of injustice.
—Jo, Little Women (1994)

It is no concern of ours how you run your own planet, but if you threaten to extend your violence, this Earth of yours will be reduced to a burned-out cinder. Your choice is simple: join us and live in peace, or pursue your present course and face obliteration. We shall be waiting for your answer. The decision rests with you.
—Klaatu, The Day the Earth Stood Still (1951)
Virus

If you're going to reprogram human genetic material, you need a delivery system, and nothing works better than virus. It's like a suitcase.
—Dr. Marta Shearing, The Bourne Legacy (2012)

It's human nature to seek even the smallest comfort in reason, or logic for events as catastrophic as these. But a virus doesn't choose a time or place. It doesn't hate or even care. It just happens.
—Kane, Doomsday (2008)

Imagine a virus—the most terrifying virus you can—and then imagine that you and you alone have the cure. But if your ultimate goal is power, how best to use such a weapon?
—V, V for Vendetta (2005)

It started as rioting. But right from the beginning you knew this was different. Because it was happening in small villages, market towns. And then it wasn't on the TV any more. It was in the street outside. It was coming in through your windows. It was a virus. An infection. You didn't need a doctor to tell you that. It was the blood. It was something in the blood.
—Selena, 28 Days Later (2002)
Vision

I believe a man is as big as what he’s seeking.
—Reno Smith, *Bad Day at Black Rock* (1955)

You will pay the price for your lack of vision!

The glory and the memory of men will always belong to the ones who follow their great visions.
Voyeurism

We've become a race of Peeping Toms.
— Stella, Rear Window (1954)

Even when you're alone, someone's still watching you.
— Chad Morgan, The Darkness Within (2009)

I like to watch.
— Chance the Gardener, Being There (1979)

Don't worry, I'm just observing.

I've been watching you for some time, but there are great gaps in my knowledge.
— Roger North, John Dies at the End (2012)
War

You don't win wars with niceness, doctor. You win wars with guts.

Gentlemen, you can’t fight in here! This is the War Room!
—President Merkin Muffley, *Dr. Strangelove* (1964)

I love the smell of napalm in the morning.

If we stop fighting our enemies, the world will die.
—Victor Lazlo, *Casablanca* (1942)

You have many slaves, Xerxes, but few warriors. It won't be long before they fear my spears more than your whips.

We don't know who struck first, us or them.

It's not war that's unnatural to us, it's virtue. As long as valor remains a virtue, we shall have soldiers. So, I preach cowardice. Through cowardice, we shall all be saved.

I don't even know what to say to you any more, Martha. There's not much I can tell you about this war. It's like all wars, I guess. The undertakers are winning. And the politicians who talk about the glory of it. And the old men who talk about the need of it. And the soldiers, well, they just wanna go home.

I don't have a lot of patience with this, "What are we fighting for?" stuff. We're in a war, a shooting war. We've got to fight. And some of us have got to die. I'm not trying to tell you not to be afraid. Fear is normal. But stop worrying about it and about yourselves. Stop making plans. Forget about going home. Consider yourselves already dead. Once you accept that idea, it won't be so tough.
—General Frank Savage, *Twelve O’Clock High* (1949)

You hear people talk about the horrors of war all the time, but the dirty little secret is, if you're just reporting it, war has its bright side as well. I know, I know, I'm sacrilegious
but, being that close to death, being that alive, it's completely addictive. And if anyone tells you otherwise, they're lying.


**Wealth**

If you got nothin’, you don’t need nothin’.

The prettiest sight in this fine pretty world is the privileged class enjoying its privileges.

I don't care how rich he is, as long as he has a yacht, his own private railroad car, and his own toothpaste.
—Sugar, *Some Like It Hot* (1959)

The wealth of this world isn't in the ground: it's all around us.
— Dr. Grace Augustine, *Avatar* (1967)

The richest one percent of this country owns half our country’s wealth, five trillion dollars. One third of that comes from hard work, two thirds comes from inheritance, interest on interest accumulating to widows and idiot sons and what I do, stock and real estate speculation. It's bullshit. You got ninety percent of the American public out there with little or no net worth. I create nothing. I own. We make the rules, pal. The news, war, peace, famine, upheaval, the price per paper clip. We pick that rabbit out of the hat while everybody sits out there wondering how the hell we did it.
**Weapons**

I always thought the mind was the best weapon.

How do you think I got rich? I invented weapons.

Theatricality and deception are powerful weapons.

General Patton has said that wars are fought with weapons but are won by men.

We face each other as God intended: sportsmanlike, no tricks, no weapons, skill against skill alone.

Here, on the battlefield of the Senate his weapons are common sense and hope.

Will has always been our sole weapon against the forces of darkness in the universe. But as that power began to seem insufficient, a great debate arose among us. Should we exploit another source of power, one we had long since sworn should never be used: fear?
Werewolves

The werewolf instinctively seeks to kill the thing it loves best.
—Dr. Yogami, Werewolf of London (1935)

I didn't choose to become a werewolf. I can't face the fact that I've got to go around killing and eating people for the rest of my life.

What do you get when you cross a vampire with a werewolf? You get a fur coat that sticks to your neck!

I guess there's no such thing as safe sex with a werewolf.
—Joanie, Cursed (2005)

They believe they will change, and in that moment they do.
—Aiden, Blood and Chocolate (2007)
Winning

It don't matter if you win by an inch or a mile. Winning's winning.

If you want to win the hand, you've gotta stay 'til the end.

Sometimes you gotta lose before you finally win.

On any given Sunday you're gonna win or you're gonna lose. The point is: can you win or lose like a man?

I've known the fear of losing but now I am almost too frightened to win.

You gotta have two things to win: you gotta have brains and you gotta have balls. Now, you got too much of one and not enough of the other.

Like old momma said, next best thing to playing and winning is playing and losing.

I can hardly remember how I built my bankroll, but I can't stop thinking about the way I lost it.

Always take your time. That's the difference between winning and losing.

Sometimes when you win, you really lose, and sometimes when you lose, you really win, and sometimes when you win or lose, you actually tie, and sometimes when you tie, you actually win or lose. Winning or losing is all one organic mechanism, from which one extracts what one needs.
Now I'm going to tell you something I've kept to myself for years. None of you ever knew George Gipp. He was long before your time, but you all know what a tradition he is at Notre Dame. And the last thing he said to me, "Rock," he said, "sometime when the team is up against it and the breaks are beating the boys, tell them to go out there with all they've got and win just one for the Gipper. I don't know where I'll be then, Rock," he said, "but I'll know about it and I'll be happy."
—Knute Rockne, *Knute Rockne All American* (1940)
Wisdom

For all my education, accomplishments and so-called wisdom, I can't fathom my own heart.
—Elliot, Hannah and Her Sisters (1986)

You are under the unfortunate impression that just because you run away you have no courage. You're confusing courage with wisdom.
—Wizard of Oz, The Wizard of Oz (1939)

It's these funny little cuts on the side that give it away. Those analysis droids only focus on symbols. Huh! I should think that you Jedi would have more respect for the difference between knowledge and wisdom.
Women

I know all about women. About as much as there is to know. No two are ever alike.

You have everything it takes to make a lovely woman except the one essential: an understanding heart. And without that you might just as well be made of bronze.
—Seth Lord, *Philadelphia Story* (1940)

There are some things a woman doesn't want other women to understand.
—Irena Dubrovna, *Cat People* (1942)

Oh I know what y'all really want is some gross, caricature of a woman to prove some idiotic point that power makes a woman masculine, or masculine women are ugly. Well shame on you for letting a man do that, or any man that does that.

Most women use more brains picking a horse in the third at Belmont than they do picking a husband.
—Schatze Page, *How to Marry a Millionaire* (1953)

When women cease to attract men, they often turn to reform as a second option.
Words

As far as I'm concerned, the written word is mankind's greatest achievement.

Words will always retain their power. Words offer the means to meaning, and for those who will listen, the enunciation of truth.

I'll use small words so that you'll be sure to understand.

Words are, in my not-so-humble opinion, our most inexhaustible source of magic.

You know what's more destructive than a nuclear bomb? Words.

Some things are best left unsaid.
Work

You get a job, you become the job.
—Wizard, Taxi Driver (1976)

It's the sweat and blood of the little men that makes this country the great country that it is, not the greed of the so-called big ones.
—Lucky Randall, Saddles and Sagebrush (1943)

I’m the guy who does his job. You must be the other guy.

I work for myself. Done enough working for others.
—Joe Starrett, Shane (1953)

The report read “Routine retirement of a replicant.” That didn’t make me feel any better about shooting a woman in the back.
—Rick Decard, Blade Runner (1982)

Labor? What do you know about labor? How would you feel if you were expected to give birth every 10 seconds for the rest of your life?
—Bala, Antz (1998)

If you've ever seen the look on somebody’s face the day they finally get a job, I've had some experience with this, they look like they could fly. And it's not about the paycheck, it's about respect, it's about looking in the mirror and knowing that you've done something valuable with your day. And if one person could start to feel this way, and then another person, and then another person, soon all these other problems may not seem so impossible.
—Dave, Dave (1993)
Worry

Why do you have to paint everything so black? Suppose you got hit by a truck. Suppose the stock market crashes. Suppose Mary Pickford divorces Douglas Fairbanks. Suppose the Dodgers leave Brooklyn!
— Joe, *Some Like It Hot* (1959)

It is very common here to live to a very ripe old age. Climate, diet—the mountain water you might say. But we like to believe it's the absence of struggle in the way we live. In your countries, on the over hand, how often do you hear the expression, "He worried himself to death."
— Robert Conway, *Lost Horizon* (1937)
Writing

Go write your own stories.

Why don't you look at yourself and write down what you see? Or maybe you're afraid to.

I'll write a book and draw the pictures. Then maybe people will understand me.
—Donnie, *Donnie Darko* (2001)

It is an extremely common mistake. People think the writer's imagination is always at work, that he's constantly inventing an endless supply of incidents and episodes; that he simply dreams up his stories out of thin air. In point of fact, the opposite is true. Once the public knows you're a writer, they bring the characters and events to you.
Zombies

Zombies don’t mess with other zombies.
—Bill Murray, Zombieland (2009)

We are being punished for our sins! The dead are rising, and Judgment Day is upon us!
—Reverend John Hicks, Night of the Living Dead (1968)

Form a circle of salt to protect from zombies, witches, and old boyfriends.
—Allison, Hocus Pocus (1993)

Most zombies are slow. You can outrun them.

Every person we save is one less zombie to fight.

When there is no more room in hell, the dead will walk the earth.

We got to get these things to learn to eat something other than us.
—Seamus Muldoon, Survival of the Dead (2009)

How do you kill something that’s already dead?
—Freddy, The Return of the Living Dead (1985)