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## EDUCATION BEGINS

Edward A. Filene

become more like us.”

“We now know that when a person finishes college, one’s education has just about begun!”



## HAVING INFLUENCE

Henry George

“Let no man or woman imagine that he or she has no influence. Whoever one may be, and wherever one may be placed, *the man or woman who thinks* becomes a light and a power.”

## TELLING STORIES

*Lincoln on Leadership*

“[Abraham] Lincoln to a friend explained: ‘They say I tell a great many stories. I reckon I do; but I have learned from long experience that plain people, take them as they run, are more easily influenced through the medium of a broad and humorous illustration than in any other way.’”

## THE INNER JOURNEY

George Aschenbrenner, SJ

“People will remain spiritually primitive until a need or desire for some reflective slowing down and questioning of their natural spontaneity grows in their hearts.

## ON WISDOM

Leo Marks

“Don’t grow old too quickly and don’t stay young too long.”

All sorts of life experiences, whether dramatically critical or boringly ordinary, can frustrate and dissatisfy enough to provoke this need or desire for greater reflection on the spiritual and radically religious meaning of life. And as the spiritually primitive person stirs out of unreflectiveness and moves toward greater seriousness, precisely what is needed is enlightenment in faith.”

## AWARENESS

Anthony De Mello, SJ

“Spirituality means waking up. Most people, even though they don’t know it are asleep. They’re born asleep, they live asleep,...they die in their sleep without ever waking up.

Francis Stroud said, ‘[De Mello’s] work was all about waking people up to the reality of their greatness....proclaiming the message of awareness, seeing the light we are to ourselves and to others, recognizing we are better than we know.’”

## UNEDUCATED CHILD

George Santayana

“A child educated only at school is an uneducated child.”

## DENIAL

Dr. Conrad Baars, *Born Only Once*

“Denial as a way of relating to another person seems to be much easier for most of us than affirmation. It seems second nature for many of us to spot the faults and shortcomings of another person, and to point them out to him. Whether we do this in order to make him feel ashamed ‘for his own good’ or because we want to appear helpful, it cannot be considered affirmation. And if we claim that we accept another it may be only too often in the expectation that he change and

## FRIENDSHIP

CHRISTOPHER NOTES, April ‘79

“...We need friends. A friend is at the heart of our life — someone with whom we can be ourselves, with whom we can share our feelings, experiences and deepest thoughts. However the relationship is defined, it calls for effort on the part of both persons. Friendship needs nourishing.”

## VIRTUE OF VICE

Anonymous

“Moderation in temper is a virtue, but moderation in principle is always a vice.”



**REAL RELIGIOUS PROBLEM** Thomas Merton

“The big problem that confronts Christianity is not Christ’s enemies. Persecution has never done much harm to the inner life of the Church. The real religious problem exists in the souls of those of us who in their hearts believe in God, and who recognize their obligation to love Him and serve Him — yet don’t.”

**ON OPINIONS** Bertrand Russell, 1929

“The fact that an opinion has been widely held is no evidence that it is not utterly absurd; indeed in view of the silliness of the majority of people, a widespread belief is more often likely to be foolish than sensible.”

**ONLY HALF AWAKE** William James

“Compared with what we ought to be, we are only half awake. Our fires are damped, our drafts are checked. We are making use of only a small part of our possible mental and physical resources.”

**“SANCTIFYING TIME, PLACE AND PEOPLE”**

Don E. Saliers, *Weavings*, Vol. II, #5

“Something deep within our existence creates a restlessness for God, yet we live and move and work in a culture of technology, efficiency and the tyranny of the literal. The hunger for holiness coexists uneasily with the practical atheism of our way of life. Still, the deepest language of the Christian biblical tradition claims that the created world itself already reflects the goodness of God but also groans in travail for sanctification and re-creation. The time and place where these tensions intersect is the gathered church at worship.”

**OLD TRUTHS** Earl Nightingale

“It may be true that there’s nothing new under the sun; but we’d sure be a lot better off if we could just remember some of the old truths that we all really know but tend to forget.”

**CREATIVE THINKING** Clifton Fadiman,  
*The Little, Brown Book of Anecdotes*

“Thomas Edison had a summer residence of which he was very proud. He enjoyed showing visitors around his property, pointing out the

various labor-saving devices. At one point it was necessary to pass through a turnstile in order to take the main path back to the house. Considerable effort was needed to move the turnstile. A guest asked Edison why it was that, with all the other clever gadgets around, he had such a heavy turnstile. Edison replied, ‘Well, you see, everyone who pushes the turnstile around pumps eight gallons of water into the tank on my roof.’”

**ON CONSCIENCE** John Ellis Large

“The most painful wound in the world is a stab of conscience.”

**THE FOUR BONES** Leo Aikman,  
*Atlanta Constitution*

“The body of every organization is structured from four kinds of bones. There are the *wishbones*, who spend all their time wishing someone would do the work. Then there are the *jawbones*, who do all the talking, but little else. The *knucklebones* knock everything anybody else tries to do. Fortunately, in every organization there are also the *backbones*, who get under the load and do most of the work.”

**EXCELLENCE IN WORK** Ted W. Angstrom  
*The Pursuit of Excellence*

“Striving for excellence in our work, whatever it is, is not only our Christian duty, but a basic form of Christian witness.”

**LEARN FROM EXPERIENCE** PULPIT HELPS, 7/2004, p. 8

Two teachers applied for the same vice-principal position at a local high school. One had been teaching a total of 8 years and the other a total of 20 years. Everyone expected the teacher with the greater experience to get the job, but the position was given to the one with 8 years of teaching experience.

The passed-over teacher complained bitterly: “I’ve got 20 years teaching to her 8!” he cried. “So, obviously I’m vastly more qualified.”

The school board’s reply went like this, “Yes sir, you do have 20 years of teaching to her 8, but where she has 8 years of experience you have one year of experience repeated 20 times.”

Simply experiencing the passage of time does not mean we have grown or learned from those things we experience during that time.

