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An accumulation of adages amassed
while addressing litter boxes.

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Preface

It is not that I believe my thoughts and words any more creative, clever, or profound, than anyone else's, it is only that I made the time to write them down and the effort to organize them.

If this book inspires you AT ALL, even simply by existing, well, then,
'Mission Accomplished'!



1. Love, time, energy.
The trilogy of 'rings' that
link us to one another.
Sometimes faith needs to
hold place for one of rings.



2. Greed is the seed
from which hate breeds.

3. Seems every time I get a nickel,
someone is asking me for a dime.



4. I'll get over it. Or through it.
But there is no skirting it.
5. I might as well give it away.
Someone is going to take it
anyhow! And I'd rather lose it
freely than have it yanked away!

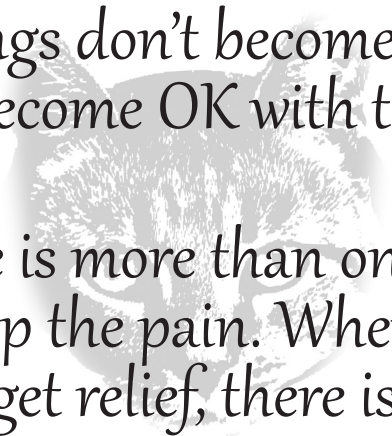




6. Start the lesson.
The teacher will appear.

7. 'Health and Wellness'
or 'Wealth and Hell-ness'?



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8. Things don't become OK.
WE become OK with things,
 9. There is more than one way
to stop the pain. When one
cannot get relief, there is release.



10. To say that money ran
through my fingers like water
would imply I had a chance to retain
or take advantage of some of it.
It is more like it passes over my hands
like a desert wind, carrying with it
just a little more than it brought.



11. When you're up to your neck
in feeling lousy it's hard to
remember that your
initial objective was
to be happy.



12. Do good.
Do good without
expecting a return.
Do good when feeling lousy.
You'll feel better.
And do good when feeling good,
to perpetuate that feeling.



13. *Politics impedes progress.*

14. *Many internal sparks
need to be kindled and fed.
And many need to be doused,
stirred, and doused again.*



15. I post. Therefore I am.

16. Praying hands are
closed on each other.
Giving hands are open.



17. If one disputes 'equality',
we ALL come into the world
bare-ass naked and screaming
and we all leave cold and still.

18. Desperate times oft call
for desperate actions.



19. The 'LCD' is to 'love another' -
whatever, whomever.

20. Wings -
like minds and parachutes...





21. Now THERE'S an air that
ought not get aired!

22. I am only as smart
as what I glean from others.



23. Sometimes one must
surrender being 'happy' with
where they are to know that
they are better off there.

24. Some things take gall, some
take guts, and some take grit.



25. You WILL go!
Quietly or in chains
are your options.

26. Trickle down
actually means peed upon!



28. Uncivil is oft the
 only response to uncivil.

29. Alliteration is lost
 on the illiterate!



30. Forgiveness...

Perhaps 'acknowledge' is more understandable. I recognize that there are buttheads in this world, and that so-and-so is one of them! And I choose to not be available nor allow myself to be his toilet paper!



31. The bigger the herd, the more hands you need to handle it!

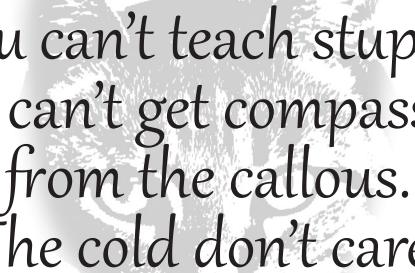
32. I seem to be collecting many more memes than I am sharing. I must have much more to learn than to teach.



33. Sometimes we must realize
that 'OK' is as good as it gets.

34. One chooses
to believe in a religion.
One must acknowledge reality.





35. You can't teach stupid.
You can't get compassion
from the callous.
The cold don't care.



36. Sometimes 'goodbye'
is all that is left to be said

37. 'Why' is often irrelevant.

38. Everything one endures
is a 'prerequisite'...



39. Being 'educated'
does not make one 'smart'.

40. Let kids be kids.
Youth passes much too rapidly.



41. What 'man' touches
too oft turns to trash.

42. Small wonder they are
afraid of 'immigrants'. Afraid
they will confront themselves.



43. Time Magazine needs
to look beyond politics
for people of influence.

44. When I am gone, don't
remember me for what I had,
remember me for what I did.



45. ...and protected you
from perils unperceived.

46. Expectations are the
primary cause of disappointments.



47. Old folks don't die. They
get sent back for refitting...

48. Despite what science may
proclaim, the most common
element on earth is irony.



49. Things are SO different
when they are by choice
and not by force.

50. I don't wish to be rich.
I wish to be valuable.



51. I'm no quitter,
but I'll be damned if I'm
gonna tango with someone who
isn't playing with a full deck!

52. Nothing to hide.
Nothing to fear.



53.

The best is
not necessarily the ideal.

54.

Small stuff...
Makes a big difference...



55. Vote as if your kid's lives depended on it... Because your kid's lives **DEPEND** on it!!!

56. If you can't be anything else, at least be grateful.



57. The only 'value' to rudeness
is that it teaches one
compassion and kindness.

58. The more CONTROL
one attempts to EXERT, the
more CONTROLLED one is.



59. Open armed, not armed.

60. The entire history
of mankind is a series of peoples
displacing others. Some for power,
some for wealth, and some for life.



61. Birth is a traumatic
and solo experience!

62. Others may influence you,
but never let anyone
decide for you.



63. There is only ONE vibe!
One is either in harmony,
or in dissonance.

64. Money before meds.



65. 'Love makes the world go round', but hatred keeps it spinning.

66. Winning teams don't need pep rallies! Their victories are their incentive.



67. We have foxes running
the hen houses and
wolves watching the sheep.

68. 'Foggy Mental Breakdown!'
It's not just
'bluegrass' anymore!



69. Far be it from me to
tell ANYONE what to do
or how to think.
Other people do it SO MUCH
more eloquently...



70. Expectation is the heart
of disappointment.

71. Sticks and stones
build bridges and homes
But words fade in the wind.



72. We learn most from that which is most uncomfortable.

73. The 'bar' has dropped so low one needs a backhoe or a metal detector to find it!



74. “To perceive is to suffer.” —

Aristotle

To experience is to manifest.

To know is to endure.

75. Death is not an end,
but a doorway.



76. The journey
IS its own destination.

77. Eventually, the eddy
stops swirling and the dross
goes down stream or the drain.



78. Necessity may be the
'mother of invention', but pain
is the slap on the butt that puts
her into action!

79. Government ought guide
people's thoughts rather than
rule their actions.



80. That I near flunked physics
in eleventh grade does
not mean the rules don't apply.

81. No one knows you
without a label...



82. Sparkle.
But don't endeavor
to outshine.

83. If your 'friends'
won't acknowledge you,
suck up to your enemies!



84. Sometimes one must look
at their feet. Lest they trip
over them, and see stars...

85. I may not be 'better'
than anyone else, but
I am also not any worse!





86. Cherish everything. It will teach you what happiness is.

87. ‘Trickle down’ is corporate incontinence on constituents.



88. I forgive for me.
I also don't forget for me...

89. The world is rather bleak
when viewed through
caca colored glasses...



90. It is said that the sense of smell is the strongest for recall, but I think it depends on what you are listening to.

91. Even if you are the only one to reward you, do it anyway.



92. Once the people are
GONE, the planet WILL
reclaim itself, in some form
or another, and 'life', as we
do not know it, will continue
without us.



93. Every show is an opportunity to influence someone, to change their mood or attitude, to make a difference.

94. Build something better.
Don't just raze the rotten.



95. How does one 'discover'
something that another
has already known?

96. It will not be my first,
nor last, obstruction and
hurdle to 'serenity'.



97. Sometimes we let go
of our grasp, but the damn
thing clings on!

98. Somewhere between my
perspective and your
perception is a probability.



99. Lines are simply
where shapes end.

100. Just because there is
no 'evidence', does not mean
something did not occur.



101. 'Broken' to one
is 'flawless' to another.

102. My mind is manic. Yet
my voice is mute. And my hands
still. Not knowing where to begin.



103. Detach without
disconnecting.

104. Don't just MAKE a
difference, BE a difference!



105. Silence oft speaks
louder than words.

106. Practice doesn't
make perfect.
Practice makes pattern.





107. It only takes one person
one step to start a movement
and become a 'leader'.

108. Nearly EVERYTHING
is better with chocolate!



109. Diversion is
the best tactic when one
has no defense.

110. I never heard a butterfly
come out of a cocoon and say,
'Wow! That was easy!'



111. I believe some are not at
'inner peace' unless they are at
'outer war' with someone else.

112. 'Popular' does NOT
make 'proper'.



113.

Half the time they
never bother to look back
at the ruin and rubbish
they've left in their wake.



114. Entertainment
is pretty much lost unless
there is also enlightenment.

115. I didn't say my NAME was
Eddie, I said I WAS
an EDDY!!!!



116. We may not need the arts
to survive, but we do need
them to live. Or is it the other
way around...

117. The wronger one is,
the louder they get.



118. Having someone 'hear'
for you is as important as
having someone 'here' for you.

119. Compassion is the bridge
between 'grrrr' attitude
and gratitude.



120. Erelong everyone will
want or NEED a body cam
24/7 to protect their innocence!

121. Blood type is
the ONLY SIGNIFICANT
difference among people.



122. Few things spark interest
like not showing interest.

123. Boyz will be boyz...
Until gentlemen and ladies
teach them otherwise.



124. Finding oneself is a prerequisite to 'finding God'...

125. Few appreciate the value of a sympathetic ear or a friendly face like the ones who have needed it in the past.



126. Sometimes one must
rumble and shake before
they settle into a vibration.

127. One can only bait and
cast the hook. They cannot
make the fish bite.



128. There is nothing like a
friend met in the pages of fiction.

129. Just because I am watching
where I am going doesn't mean
that I am not making mistakes
and bumping into things.



130. Just because I hiss at you,
doesn't mean I don't want to
hug you too!

131. Sometimes it takes going
through a lot of 'grrrr' to
get to grateful.



132. Grrrrr-attitude
often precedes gratitude.

133. We are 'man-KIND'
individually, and
'man-CRUEL' in numbers!



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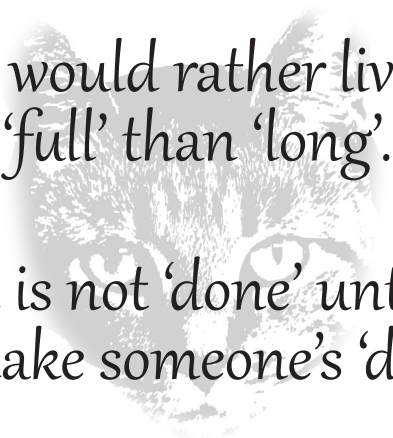
It is kind of
self destructive when one
puts down their own choice
of friends or mate.



135. How one 'defines'
them self says nothing.
How one conducts
them self says everything.

136. My 'lessons' from yesterday
do affect my today.





137. I would rather live
'full' than 'long'.

138. It is not 'done' until
I make someone's 'day'.



139. What I was and what I am
are sometimes strangers
to each other.

140. Nothing gets reflected back
until something is emitted.



141. 'Home is where the heart is'
sometimes, not where one
hangs their hat.

142. One can 'teach' another,
but one can not make
another learn!



143. Experience is only wasted
if you learned NOTHING.

144. One must be ready to
adapt in order to 'align'...



145. Few paths
do not include detours.

146. Love 'Mother Earth'.
She is a constant provider.
Respect Father Time.
He is a fleeting thief.



147. Nothing is fixed
by breaking something else.

148. I get tossed and lost
sometimes between needing
a hug and needing to
hiss at someone!



149.

I think my 'vibes'
have oscillated themselves
into oblivion.



150. The only things in life
that fit perfectly the first time
they meet are pieces of
a jigsaw puzzle.
And they were MADE that way
on purpose!



151. Sometimes I get so
mired down in the abundance
of messes and absence of means,
I become blind to my meaning,
merit, and the miracles around me.



152. Nothing is 'wasted'
unless there is no learning.

153. The land will be left to the
cockroaches, and the seas will be
dominated by jellyfish!



154. Sometimes an audience
of one is all one needs.

155. Even to an audience of one,
your song has meaning and
ought be heard!



156. EVERYTHING can
do SOMETHING for you.
Even if it is just bring
a short moment of joy.

157. 'Diversity' is doorway
to exploration and discovery.

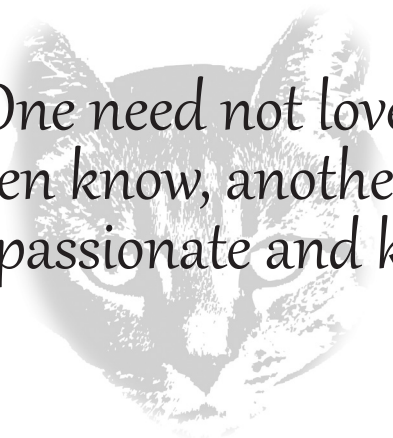




158. Master the moment.
The day will take care of itself.

159. We may share the track,
but I am my own train...





160. One need not love,
nor even know, another to be
compassionate and kind.



161. Some like to
revel in their every victory.
Some prefer to
be humbly grateful.

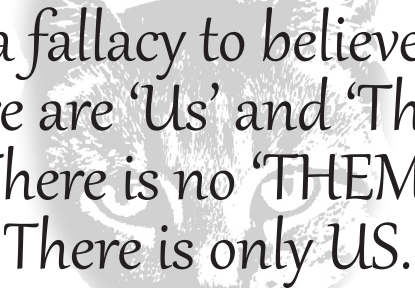
162. It's not 'God' that is
lacking, it is empathy
and compassion.



163. When I've a
migraine in my brain
nothing is the same!!!

164. The 'revenge' card is oft
best left for Karma to play...





165. It is a fallacy to believe that
there are 'Us' and 'Them'.
There is no 'THEM'.
There is only US.



166. 'Prayers' are what one sends when they can't do squat but don't want to ignore the request or admit they don't have a solution or answer.



167. For every act of lunacy,
some innocent pays a price.

168. Without competition,
the need to improve is lost.



169. Sometimes one needs
to paint on the smile
and pretend enthusiasm.

170. The brightest light is
the one shining on others,
not outshining them.



171. Beware what you air.
Say as you dare.
It's all public out there!

172. When the oppressed are
repressed long enough, there
is bound to be an eruption.



173. 'Every time one points
their finger at another,
there are three pointing
back at them.'--Anon
For every blame you lay,
you have three to pay.



174. There may be wisdom with
age, but hope is only
with youth.

175. Nothing is 'wrong'
if you can get away with it.



176. Danger is in the hands
of the beholder.

177. Cats speak
louder than words.



178. I've yet to encounter an
'ugly' waterway, except
for what man(un)kind
has defiled.

179. Every convenience
carries a risk.



180. A little influence
always helps with
a tough decision.

181. Look for compassion.
Empathy lives next door.



182. You're not even worth my
irk, let alone my wrath!

183. No one better understands
the value of something
likethose to whom it is denied,
and must be fought for.



184. 'Free' speech is paid for
with consequences.

185. What I don't say is what
you need to hear the most.



186. Prayers ought spur action,
not be the end of it.

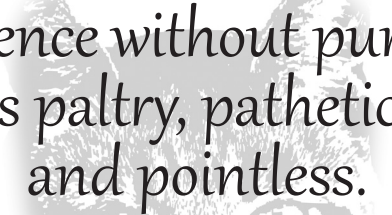
187. Learn to listen
to what isn't being said.



188. The best of orations,
articulations, and addresses
are lost when they fall
on deaf ears.

189. To have run is often a
greater award than to have won.





190. Presence without purpose
is paltry, pathetic,
and pointless.

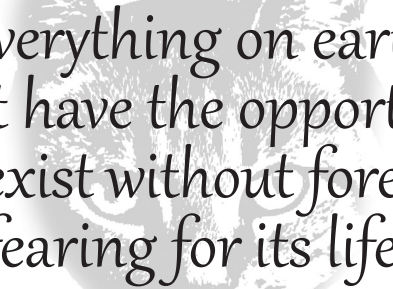
191. Smarts, heart, and hardiness
will get you through anything.



192. The masses detest that
which the masses cannot do.

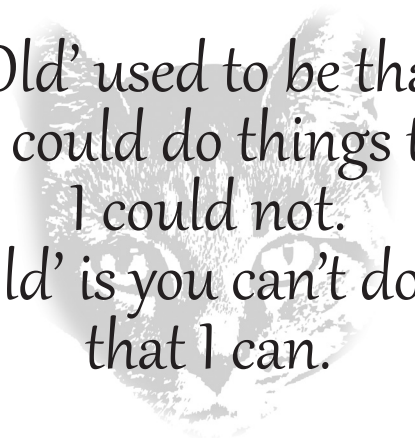
193. The rubber band that
is stretched the most is
the one that stings the most.





194. Everything on earth
ought have the opportunity
to exist without forever
fearing for its life.





195. 'Old' used to be that
you could do things that
I could not.

Now 'Old' is you can't do things
that I can.



196. Expectation is
a portal to disappointment.
To truly love is to do so without
anticipating reciprocation.

197. You can't be smart
for everyone.



198. Sometimes it's not
the light, but what blocks it.

199. Only the immoral
are corruptible.





200. Sometimes there just isn't
a light table big enough
to see all your ideas.





201. It's all in one's mind!
But not all one's decision.

202. I am audience.
Hear me applaud.



203. He is a very thoughtful
and caring person.

Having seen how he cares, and
learned what he thinks, I just wish
he would not think and care
about so much.



204. Living is a tradition
I prefer to carry on.

205. I don't look to impress
anyone. I don't have the lung
power to keep much ego inflated.



206. If men are often deemed
‘smarter’ than women, it is
likely because of the sense they
used in selecting their partner.
If women are considered ‘less
intelligent’ than men, it is likely
for the same reason.



207. The thing about
ignorance, is that it affects
EVERYONE but the ignorant!

208. It is often better
to explain one's actions
than to wait for approval.



209. A successful CORPORATION
uses many to benefit a few.
A successful GOVERNMENT
uses a few to benefit many.

210. All it takes is a little sense...
Insistence, Persistence, Consistence.



211. That popping noises
emit from my neck, is no
reason to call me
a 'crack head'.

212. If I could shut off my brain
I'd be free of this pain.





213. 'My trail is clear.
My path is tangled.'

214. Pipelines, Panels, Propellers.
'Two out of three ain't bad...'



215. To be above reproach
be above reprehensible.

216. It is not what one knows,
but what one DOES
with what they know.



217. When one makes
themselves as a target, they
best expect to take a few hits.

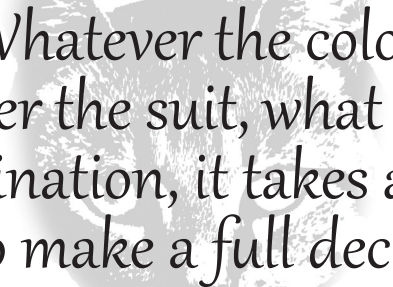
218. Once you step into
the footlights, there are
no 'asides'.



219. Blind hate.

Another toxin we cannot
keep from erupting, spilling over,
and contaminating everything
on the continent.





220. Whatever the color,
 what ever the suit, what ever the
 denomination, it takes all of us
 to make a full deck.



221. It seems that poverty
breeds compassion, where
as abundance breeds greed.
The more one has, the more they
want. When one learns to live on
necessities, they want less and less.



222. No one appreciates a
good con like a
professional con man.

223. 'Building ruins' is
NOT the 'alternate fact' to
destruction and devastation.



224. Costume
cannot cover character.

225. If you were raised
to question the system that
raised you, you were raised well.



226. 100 unread books
 on the wall,
 100 unread books,
 You peruse through one
 That is one volume done,
 99 unread books on the wall...



227. One is not an 'idiot'
because they disagree.
However, they may be an
**hole for what they do believe.

228. It is only in doing what
we thought we could not that we grow.



229. Just because one can
stir the pot, doesn't mean
they know how to make soup.

230. The complexities
we must endure to savor
the simple things.



231. Disagreement or difference
need not advance to dislike.

232. I'd rather be loved
by animals than envied
by people.



233. Gamma rays come out at night and light the flames of imagination and creation.

234. Few things are more difficult to let go of than to hold onto than hope and hands.



235. One is as dirty as the
'game' they choose to play.

236. Every time an animal is
rescued, a falling star is caught.



237. The only thing worse
than being told what you
can or can not do is being told
what you must do.

238. That one has stopped
fighting, does not mean
they are beaten.



239. 'Procedure' is nice on
paper, but is lost
under pressure.

240. When every body becomes
somebody, no body
becomes any body.



241. All too often, my mind
goes to sad times when
I attempt to turn it off. And the
sadness is as hard to shake as
the physical pains that
keep me from rest.



242. It is sad that it seems
with humanity, when one
sees a light, rather than seeking
its glow, they seek to extinguish it.

243. There is much to learn
in what we fear.



244. Just because I slept,
doesn't mean I rested.

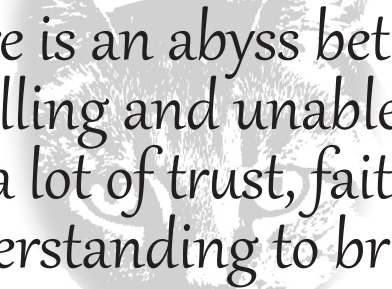
245. Sometimes it just seems that
the more we teach it, the more
we 'preach' it, the more we seek it, the
further we get from reaching it.



246. Clothes or character?
The most wonderful gifts
sometime come in plain
cardboard boxes and brown bags.

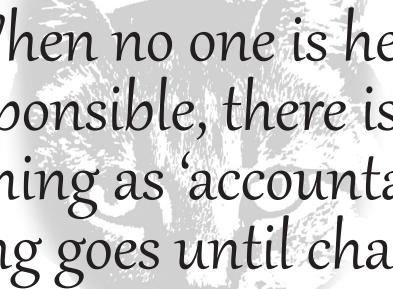
247. Nothing is so permanent
as the winds of change.





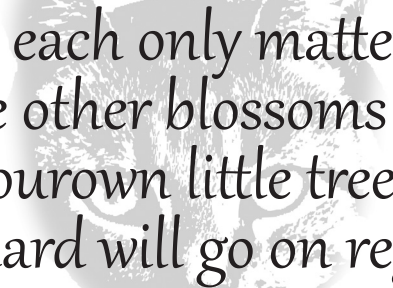
248. There is an abyss between
unwilling and unable that
takes a lot of trust, faith, and
understanding to bridge.





249. When no one is held responsible, there is no such thing as 'accountability'. Anything goes until challenged.





250. We each only matter to
the other blossoms on
ourown little tree.
The orchard will go on regardless.



251. The universe holds
no secrets. Most are deaf
to the volumes it speaks.

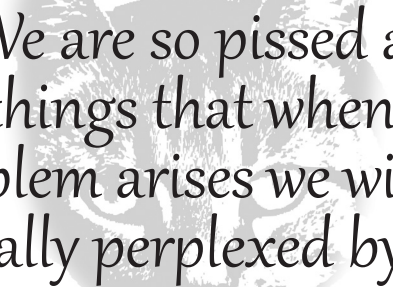
252. There may be victors
in mortal combat. But there
are no winners in war.



253. Do you burn the orchard
for one bad apple?

254. Laws of Man and
Laws of Nature don't always
run on the same tracks.





255. We are so pissed at petty things that when a real problem arises we will be totally perplexed by it.



256. Remorse and regret are two different things. I may have remorse about what I have done, and regret having to do it, without apologizing for doing what was needed.

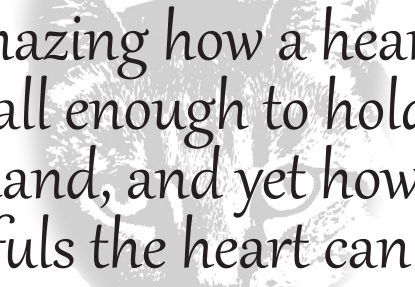


257.

CRUNCH!

That was the gears
of thought engaging the
gears of emotion.





258. 'Amazing how a heart is
small enough to hold in
ones hand, and yet how many
handfuls the heart can hold.'



259. My schooling taught me
to find answers. My life has
taught me to seek solutions.

260. One must be
uncomfortable before
they can be comfortable.



261. Man or mankind?
Perhaps some eon they will
come together.

262. Before the slumber comes,
three things must be contained.
One must align the signals from
the body, brain, and pain.



263. It's the distance, not
the time. We all travel
through the same time. It is the
path we walk that makes
the difference.



264. 'Some days are diamonds,
some days are coal.' But all
come from the same source.

265. One needs to know what
they are seeking in order
to know they have found it.



266. Ahhh, wisdom. Nearly anyone can amass knowledge, and many can acquire smarts via experience and practice, but wisdom - wisdom is as fleeting as happiness. One often does not realize it was present until after it was put to use.



267. Like many things, just because
one knows HOW to do something,
doesn't mean they should do it.

Opening one's mouth is a common example.
In the arts the saying goes, 'You must learn
the rules...So that you can break them.' The
hardest think about learning any language
is knowing when not to use any.



268. You play, we pay.
You don't play, you pay.

269. Nothing like the sound
of the trickle of a drizzle
and the smell of newly wetted dirt.



270. Nothing lifts the heart,
nor breaks it, like love.

271. Too often it is that when
opportunity strikes,
ethics crumple.



272.

Just another
bass in the bucket.
Another fish in the school.
Another tuna in the tide
An anemone in the pool...



273. It is not so much that
I 'give up' on humanity
as much as I 'surrender' it
in the realm of 'wisdom to
know the difference'.



274. A single grain of sand
 only makes a difference in
 an hourglass (or a contact lens).
On the beach, each grain means little.
It is the number of grains that matter.
In my hourglass, I can be a difference.
 I am lost on the beach.



275. Without direction, there is
no destination. And without
destination, there is no progress.
Without progress there is no purpose.
And when I get it without working for it,
there is no direction, destination,
or progress - or meaning.



276. Not everyone who 'helps'
is your friend, and not everyone
who hinders is your enemy.

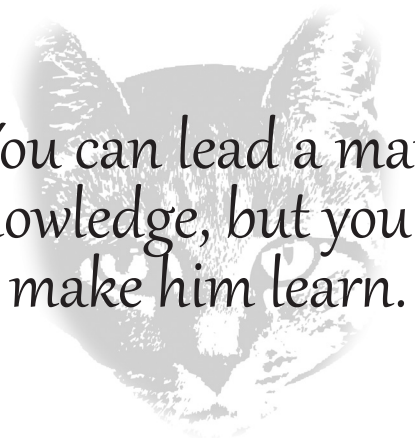
277. Had it not been for
stumbling blocks, I would not
have learned how high I could climb.



278. Seems people hate most
that which they crave
and cannot have.

279. Forgiveness is for benefit
of the forgiver, not
the forgiven.





280. You can lead a man
to knowledge, but you can't
make him learn.



281. It is said 'It is easier to raise a strong child than to heal a broken man.' The same goes with our 'leaders'. If 'we' picked them right the first time, we would not be so bogged down with getting rid of 'our' bad choices.



282. People mostly hate that
which they do not understand.
They secondly hate that which
they envy, and cannot have.

283. It takes strength to be kind.
But it is not difficult.



284. Too often it takes getting help to appreciate giving help.

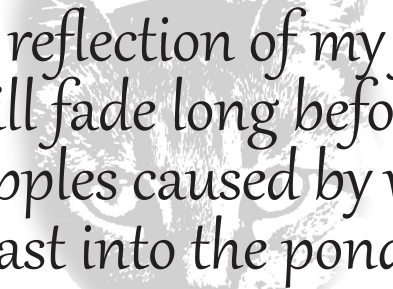
285. One never knows what minutia will become a giant.



286. Walk a mile in my shoes.
Spend a day in my body.
Live an hour in my head.

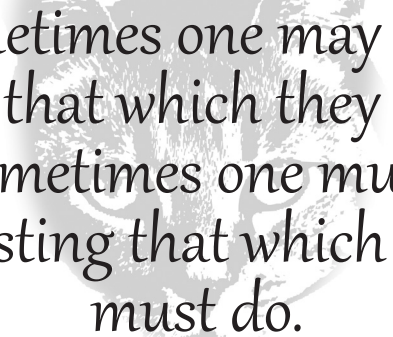
287. The only thing harder than
living without the ones we've lost,
is living with the ones we still have.





288. The reflection of my face
will fade long before
the ripples caused by what I
cast into the pond.





289. Sometimes one may stop
doing that which they abhor,
and sometimes one must stop
detesting that which they
must do.





290. It is neither defective
nor deficient to not be what
someone else desires.



291. Even though 'Resistance is Futile',
and darkness does seem to prevail
more and more, the 'positive' posts and
thoughts I get on FB are stars in the void
and that there is a glimmer of hope.
Thanks to all for giving me something to
focus on rather than being consumed by the
foul black smoke of a flameless fire.



292. Close your eyes.
Click your heels three times,
and repeat,
‘I DO believe in Faeries.
I do believe in miracles.
I do believe my social media.’



293. I am not always that strong. Often I must retreat to the 'world' around me. My voice 'out there' is lost. My whispers to my friends, family, and community are loud and clear.



294. Sometimes art is like love.
If you seek it, you will miss it.
If you are quiet, it will find you.

295. I don't take much 'offense',
because whatever you say
about 'them' is not about me.



296. I am not my past.
I am the consequence of it.

297. Don't be loud about it,
be active about it. Ultimately, the
play is called by the coach, and in the
huddle, not by cheering crowd.



298.

Art DISCOVERS,
Science INVESTIGATES,
and Politics EXPLOITS.



299. The history of man's triumphs is also the history of his defeats. Every nation that has been surrendered to has also ultimately had to surrender itself.



300. What I can do is nothing
compared to what my
'circle of friends' can do.

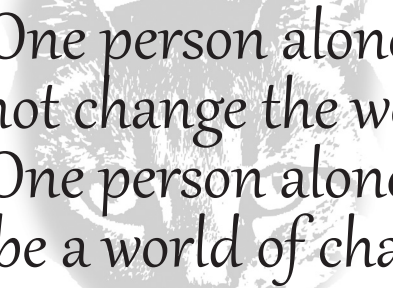
301. 'Ditto' doesn't do it for
duplicating deeds.



302. Even that which is
'carved into stone'
oft crumbles and fades.

303. Sometimes the best of
thoughts and ideas get lost
in the worst of grammar.





304. One person alone
cannot change the world.
One person alone
can be a world of change.







