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while addressing litter boxes.

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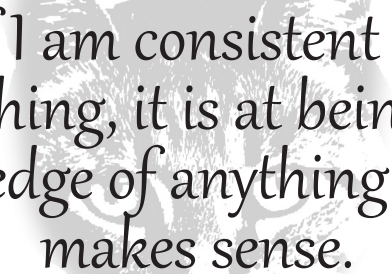


Preface

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'!





305. If I am consistent at
anything, it is at being on
the edge of anything that
makes sense.



306. I remember when
businessmen were conservative'
and artists were preposterous.

307. If only 'we' would value
the people that add to our lives
instead to our bank accounts.



308. Who owns the shadow
also owns the light.

309. There are no 'wild' animals.
Only those who know enough
to trust 'man', and those who
know enough to NOT trust 'man'.



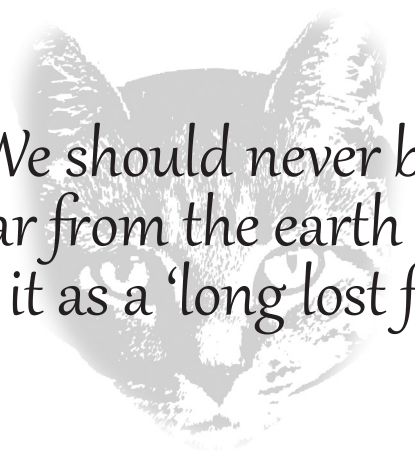
310. Empty shells.
In which once a heart, a soul,
and a life once dwelled.

311. Better to risk pain for joy
than to feel nothing at all.



312. Artists draw audiences
Celebrities draw crowds.
One comes to hear what you have to
share. The other because you
are there to share it.





313. We should never be
so far from the earth that
we see it as a 'long lost friend'.

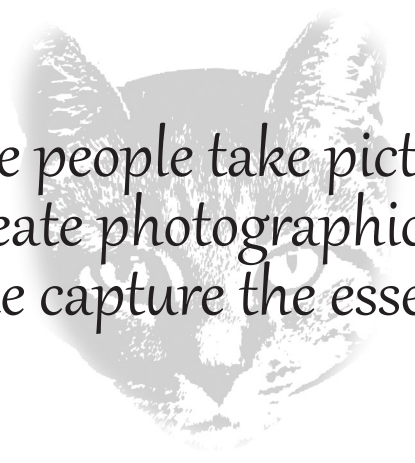


314. It takes pressure for to
make a sparkling gem out
of a piece coal.
And it takes pressure to
turn a spirit into a
shining soul.



315. I would think that 'belief'
and 'religion' be more
concerned with the course
of our destiny than with the
chronicle of our creation.





316. Some people take pictures.
Some create photographic images.
Some capture the essence.



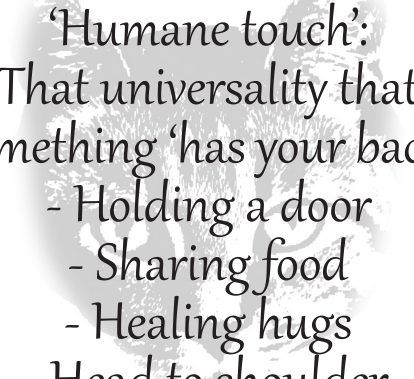
317.

'Human touch':

That special one-on-one,
face to face, 'someone is here
for you' interaction:

- Holding hands
- Linking arms
- Elbow to ribs
- Fist to face...





'Humane touch':
That universality that
something 'has your back':

- Holding a door
- Sharing food
- Healing hugs
- Head to shoulder.



318. 'In the Bible' and
'Just Natural' are debatably
mutually exclusive in many areas,
and polar opposites in others. It is
either in the heart or not, regardless
of education or persuasion. As was
brought to another thread recently.



319. 'A common
misperception, that HUMAN
has anything to do with HUMANE.
In fact, they are ALMOST counter
descriptive.' Survival of the self is
human. Survival of another
is humane.





320. Even if you don't care for
a color, the rainbow would
not be complete without it.



321. Whatever the 'reality'
 or 'truth' around us is,
 we all dwell in our own little
 'fantasies' or beliefs about that
 'reality' or 'truth'.



322. If what I observe with one eye does not concur with what my other eye perceives, how in creation can I expect anyone else to 'see things my way'.



323. I see a half empty glass,
and I see it as enough,
for now.

But am hopeful there will
be more when needed.



324. 'When one door closes...'

It is a long, dark hallway with zigs and turns, and you smash your face a few times, and you miss some black holes you didn't want to go into anyhow, but eventually, you find a door that is unlocked.



And just as you start
to hope, you find that
passage, longer, darker, and more
erratic than the first one.
But hey, it is all about
the progress, right?



325. Maintaining self-respect is not
always an easy accomplishment.
If I have difficulty respecting myself,
why would I respect those who are
'equal' to me. If you are 'other' than I, you
may gain my respect...or you suffer my rage.
Everyone has it within to choose to be
knight or knave, lady or less.



326. Perhaps it is the inner pressure of being grateful for the opportunity while being on the verge of feeling taken advantage of that drives achievement beyond everyone's expectation.



327. I know you believe
you think you understand
what it is I need, but I am not sure
you realize that what you want me
to have is not what I require.



328. Chocolates, computer, cats -
let's (un)roll.

329. Meowmy why...?
Meowmy, what is...? Meowmy,
where are...? Meowmy, when will...?
Meowmy...? Meowmy...? Meowmy...?



330. Tulips on one side,
tanks on the other. One you
can't stop from running you over,
so you might as well get run over
with a smile on your face
from the other.





331. Sometimes, you get what
is coming at you, not
what you deserve.



332. If you can't find happiness
within and with what
you have, at least be grateful.
That will plant the seed from
which happiness
will sprout.





333. Don't allow cruelty to
happen, TEACH COMPASSION!

334. Kindness and compassion
know of no 'religion',
only of belief.



335. Know and understand the difference between wealth and worth. One is about what one has, one is about what one gives away. One is rich beyond value, and the other valuable beyond any riches.



336. Know and understand the difference between excellence and perfection. One is about performance, and one is about perception. One is real, one is ideal.



337. Just because one has 'done everything', and still lost the battle, it does NOT detract from them having done everything. Some contests cannot be won, but it is the staying on the playing field that counts.



338. Sometimes tone of voice
speaks more than the
pronunciation or understanding
of the words.

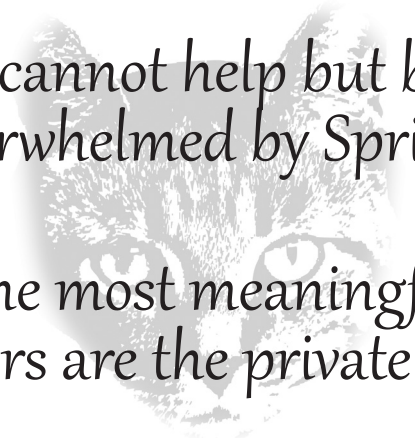
339. I am as my thoughts
create me to be.



340. Once a pebble is cast into
a pond, there is no telling
where the ripples it creates will lead.

341. If you can't share
someone else's great ideas,
then spew your own fantasies.





342. I cannot help but be
overwhelmed by Spring.

343. The most meaningful
prayers are the private ones.



344. Poets or prophets?
Entertainers or executors
of change? We hope, imagine, aspire,
dream, think, assume, and take
ourselves to be.
Or do we just put words, colors, shapes,
textures, and sounds together.



345. God is the producer,
and director - we are
the players.

346. 'Private enterprise'
has been replaced with
'corporate consumption'.



347. 'It is my own unmet expectations or ignorance that has caused my anger. Forgive this soul for it knows not what it has roiled.'

348. If you kick the earth enough, she will kick back.



349. The irony about
'common sense' is that it
does not seem to be that common.

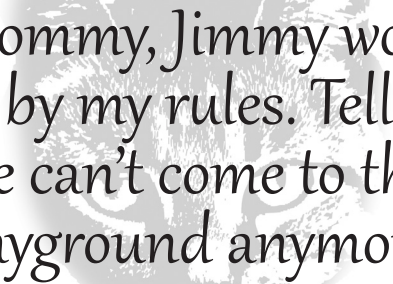
350. Sometimes one must look
up to the stars to see the ground
upon which they are standing.



351. The more thankful one is,
the more they find
to be thankful for.

352. Grammar is only
important if one wants others
to correctly interpret the message.



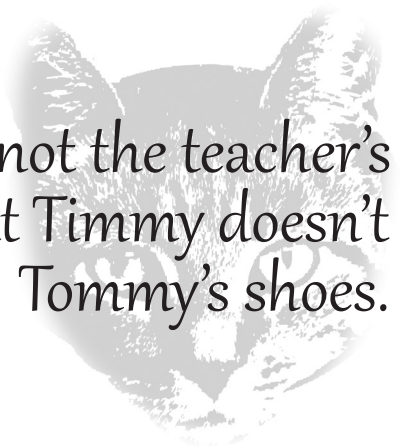


353. 'Mommy, Jimmy won't
play by my rules. Tell him
he can't come to the
playground anymore.'



354. Creationists, go bother
someone else for a while.
Momma Congress has her hands
full of evolutionists. Substitute
any race, ethnicity, belief system,
geographic heritage, whatever.





355. It is not the teacher's issue
that Timmy doesn't like
Tommy's shoes.



356. A duality of mankind:
‘I don’t know you. I better
suppress you before you overcome me.’

Or

‘I don’t know you. I wonder what we
can learn from and share with each
other, for the better of both of us.’



357. 'Everybody should believe in something. I believe I'll have another beer.' I am an advocate of the Great Mother Malt. To not be permitted to have an open beer can denies me the right to partake of my religious 'rite' of consumption.'

--Anon





358. Courage is not lack
of fear, or overcoming fear,
but proceeding in spite of it.



359. Dear Lord;
Grant me the competence
and composure to cope with
that which confronts me today.
And the Hell with everything else.
Thank you. Amen.





360. Ignorance or apathy,
the results are nothing
beneficial to anyone.



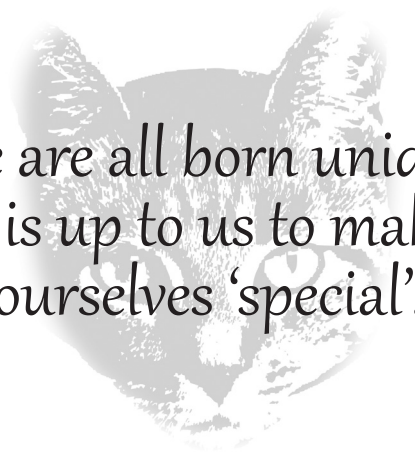
361. It sometimes takes
someone being ignorant
and hateful to allow others to
see the knowledge and love
within themselves.



362. To 'cite' something,
to learn it, and to practice it
are different matters altogether.

363. Though one may have
surrendered, it does not mean
they have given up.



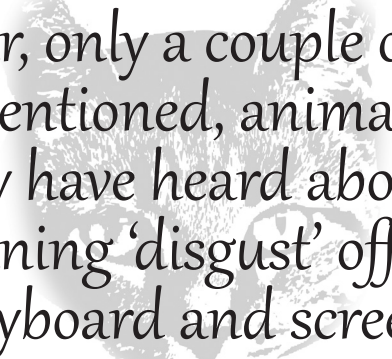


364. We are all born unique.
It is up to us to make
ourselves 'special'.



365. When the pics of dead
and diseased animals get
beyond any 'shock' value, I will
let the person who posted it
know, and about some guidelines
for publishing and obscenity
that I learned in Photography 101.





So far, only a couple of my well-intentioned, animal-loving family have heard about me cleaning 'disgust' off my keyboard and screen.



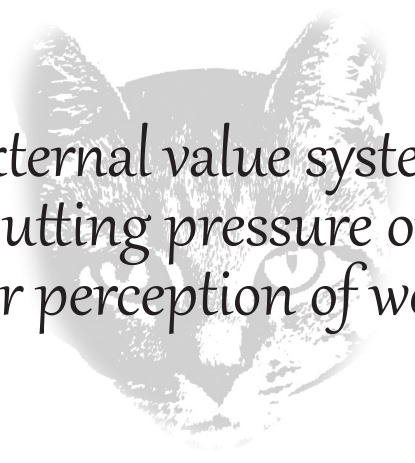
366. I am a Phoenix -
I just happen to still be
in the crash and burn mode.

367. Life is like a gift exchange-
every one knows what they brought,
but no one knows what they will get.



368. After a hundred or so years of people coming to these shores from around the globe to escape their heritage and start something new, they are now DEMANDING the rebirth of the heritage they came to escape from in the lands they came to escape from it.





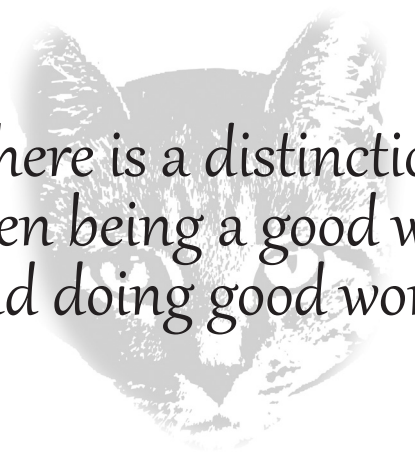
369. External value systems
are putting pressure on my
inner perception of worth.



370. It is said 'The Lord will
not give one more than
they can handle.'

Apparently, this does NOT mean
that one can't (or won't) bite off
more than they can chew.





371. There is a distinction
between being a good worker
and doing good work.



372. It is said, you can only serve one master. A house divided will fall. Yet we are born with two masters that often not only disagree or are at odds, but are frequently diametrically opposed, at opposite ends of the spectrum - our heads and our hearts.



373.

Stop.

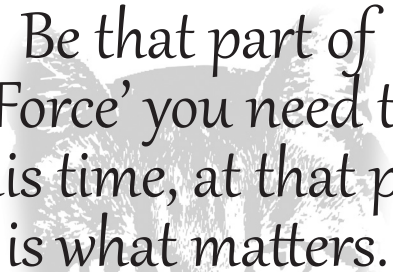
Put your feet together.
Look forward. Shake it off.

Breathe.

Clasp your hands over your chest.

Close your eyes. And point your
light saber to the sky.





Be that part of
the 'Force' you need to be.
'Of this time, at that place'*
is what matters.

Thank you, and apologies to
George Lucas and Lionell Trilling.



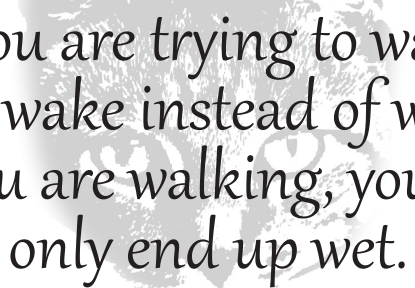
374. Often it is not what I did
that got me through the day,
but what I didn't do.

(Don't take permanent action about
a temporary circumstance.)



375. I seem to currently be
in a place where I have
much more gratitude at night
than I do expectation
at morning.





376. If you are trying to watch
your wake instead of where
you are walking, you'll
only end up wet.



377. Winter is not alone
in having exquisite beauty
hidden beneath it's bitterness.

378. A lake is great to placate.
As for me, I prefer by a
stream to dream.



379. If you keep your toes
tappin', you don't do
much ass kickin.

380. Rich people have a lot
money. Wealthy people have a lot.



381. Cats are to piles of clothes
like kids are to piles of leaves.

382. Step 1. Stop scurrying for
a piece of cheese.

Step 2. Explore the maze - don't try
to figure it out or find the exit.



383. I see both sets of cheeks moving. And something foul emitting from each as well.

384. Results may vary with attention, retention, and memory resources.



385. The more one has on their agenda, the more apt they are to get things done, and be on time with them, while when the schedule only has one item, it is much more likely to be put off, forgotten, ignored, etc.



386. Shameless or Fameless?
It usually takes one
to get the other.

387. Better to have a kind heart
than a tender heart. A tender heart
is likely to be torn out and eaten.



388. Though I may never have
amounted to anything,
I have always amounted
to something.

Though I may never have
been anyone, I have always
been someone.



389. Environment can make all
the difference in attitude.

390. Trust me, your computer
is NOT like your TV. A good
whack on the side will NOT
straighten it out.



391. One man's garbage is
another man's gold.

392. Do you paint life on like
make-up on a face, or tattoo
it into your brain.



393. I do as I see done,
not as I am told.

394. What one sees as a flaw,
another sees as a forte.



395. Do it with gusto.
'Finesse' will follow.

396. I hear your actions,
but I see nothing in
your words.



397. Learn then let go.
Remember then release.
Retain so you don't refrain.
Forgive then don't relive.

398. Neither minutes nor
miles keep hearts apart.



399. Were it not for the darkness,
we would not know light.

400. Are you painting life on,
or etching life in.



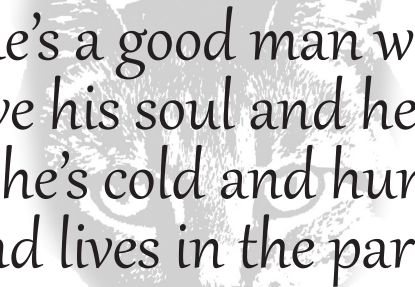
401. 'There goes the sun, do do do do,
There goes the sun, and I say,
It's alright.'

Equal time for the beauty of evenings.
If it weren't for the dusk,
there would be no dawn.
If it weren't for the night,
the morning would have nothing



to chase away.
If it weren't for the sun absorbing all those
colors, it would have nothing to
shine tomorrow.
OK. You had me until that last one.
'Two out of three ain't bad.'
Thank you, George Harrison.





402. 'He's a good man who
gave his soul and heart
But he's cold and hungry,
and lives in the park.'



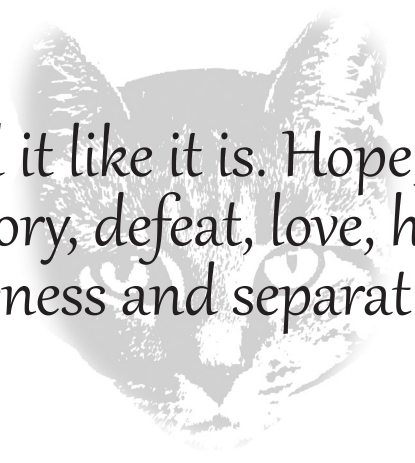
403. One does not 'train' cats,
the student and the master
(you decide which is which)
adapt to each other.

404. Today is a place I am in my
life, not a place my life is in.



405. Love has no sexual, racial,
or ethnic 'orientation'.
Priests speak words of hope.
Look up, don't look down.
Politicians speak words of promise.
Look forward, don't look back.





Poets tell it like it is. Hope, despair,
victory, defeat, love, hate,
oneness and separation.



406. As difficult as life has
been being 'non-conformist',
sensitive, emotional, etc.
I shudder at the thought of
having spent it unaware.



407. Dreamland is at least alive.
La-La--Land is full of
numbness and ignorance.

408. Beauty is in the mind,
not eye, of the beholder. Being beautiful
is in the mind of the one being beheld.





409. Honest is what one is
with or to others.
Truthful is what one is
to oneself.

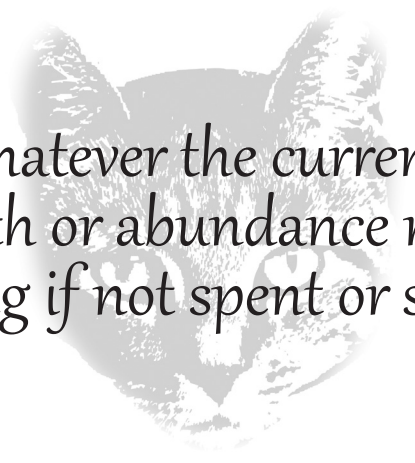


410. Besides learning words,
Scrabble is a lesson on
using what you have to its best
advantage, holding back what you
can make better use of at a
later time, and eliminating
opportunities for setbacks,



411. It is not so much that
there is art IN the world
around us, as it is that the
world around us
IS art.





412. Whatever the currency,
wealth or abundance mean
nothing if not spent or shared.



413. To some, life is cruel.

Ergo, to prevent someone or
something from suffering cruelty,
kill them.

To some life is a gift.

It is to be guarded or protected.
Its value is too much to be risked.



And yet to some, life is a journey to
be travelled, a voyage to be sailed,
a trail to be hiked, a bet to be laid.
A series of episodes of successes
and failures.



414. Life is not cruel,
cruel things occur in life.

415. Too much unsupervised
time home alone...invites
Miss Chief.



416. Fear, especially based on ignorance, is a powerful motivator, but not necessarily the best of navigators. It will get one moving, but not always to the best place to be going.



417. Just as I think my
actions might be 'over the top',
I learn that I have only begun
to climb. Just when I think I am
in over my head, I find I have
barely gotten my feet wet.



418. Real friends aren't lousy.

They maybe busy, preoccupied, even disagreeable, or currently living another part of their life, but a true friend is never lousy.

After 'The Boys of Summer' are gone,
and the kids are back in school,
we will still be here to haunt you.



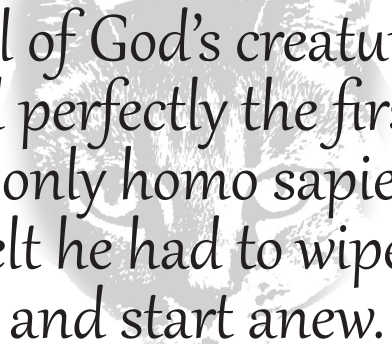
419. Peace is being something
in one's own mind and world.
Love is being something in
something else's mind and world.
Ecstasy is being the world
to someone.



420. Reaching a goal is a prize.

The AWARD is what was gained in it's achievement. It is not crossing the finish line that makes one strong, it is the training and the miles of running that built the lungs, legs, and heart and character.





421. All of God's creatures
evolved perfectly the first time.
It was only homo sapien that
he felt he had to wipe out
and start anew.



422.

Success and life
are both eternal voyages
on which one never
puts in to port.



423. Many like to live
‘in the moment’. It is
unfortunate, for many, that
there is no time like
‘the last minute’.

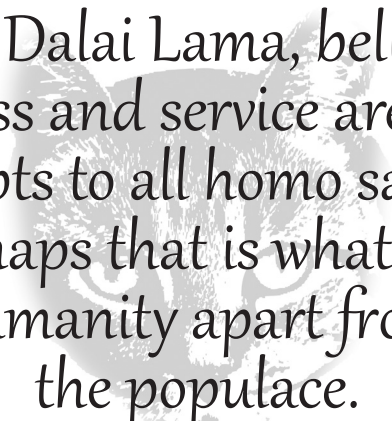


424. My new retirement plan -
Rob a bank on my 70th
birthday. One gets better treatment
as a felon in prison than
most seniors in facilities.



425. It seems that political,
social and religious leaders
feel that we, as people, need to
be taught to share and to spare.
On the other hand, poets, writers,
artists, and SPIRITUAL leaders, i.e.
Mother Teresa, Ghandi,





and the Dalai Lama, believe that
kindness and service are innate
concepts to all homo sapiens.
Perhaps that is what sets
humanity apart from
the populace.



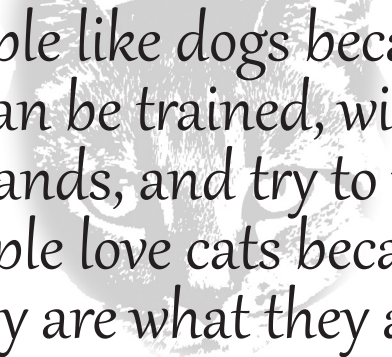
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Allow to be
rather than try to be.

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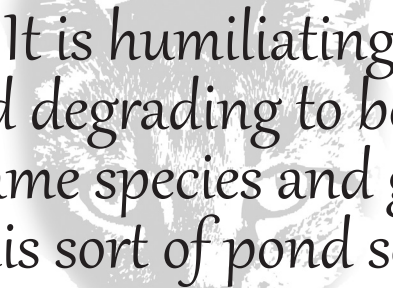
'Why' is totally irrelevant
to the present situation.





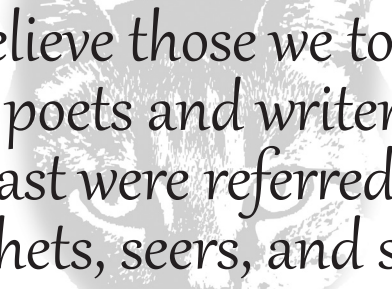
428. People like dogs because they can be trained, will obey commands, and try to please. People love cats because they are what they are.





429. It is humiliating
and degrading to be of
the same species and genus
as this sort of pond scum.





430. I believe those we today
call poets and writers in
the past were referred to as
prophets, seers, and sages.



431. I am not a label!
I am neither Democrat,
Republican, Independent or Tea. Nor am
I Liberal, Conservative, Communist, Left,
Right, Statist, Racist, anarchist nor rebel.
I have been created to be an image of a
Higher Power. When asked Its name, It
simply replied, I AM!



I have a code of morals and code of ethics
I strive to live by in order be at peace with
myself and to coexist with and provide
a mutual benefit for my community,
herd, whatever you wish to call a number
of humans massed together for safety,
effectiveness and efficiency. I am. Currently
existing in a HUMAN experience.



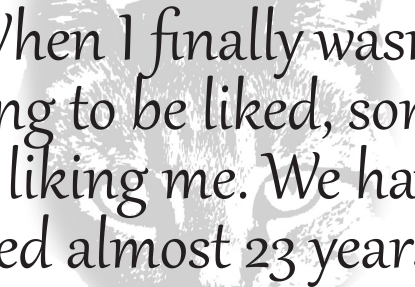
432. Am I so big that I don't
have to abide by your laws?
Are your laws so big to have to
encroach on my morality and ethic?

433. This is life. Get over it.
Get on with it.



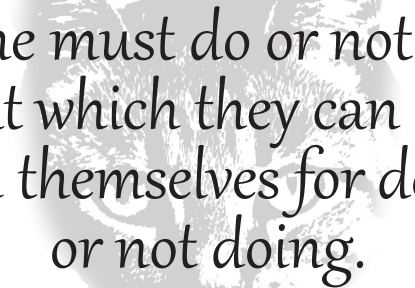
434. Watch the comments about 'over',
memory, and women. You have no idea
what happened the rest of her day that was
distracting or consuming. Let alone the fact
that if she was at work and busy, she may have
misplaced your number. One needs to put more
effort into getting what they want than to pray
and wait for it to show up.
It's OK to call back when you don't hear.





435. When I finally wasn't
Looking to be liked, someone
started liking me. We have been
married almost 23 years now.





436. One must do or not do
that which they can live
with themselves for doing
or not doing.



437. Forgiveness implies a concept of impropriety or 'wrongness'. Acceptance and understanding suggest a 'be who you need to be' outlook.



438. Don't count the days 'til,
count the ways to.

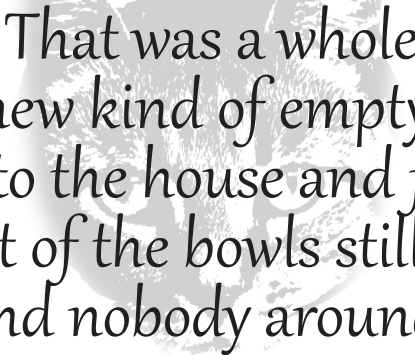
439. What was once a
solid rock cliff is now
a beach of sand, eroded by the
waves of the years.



440. I just can't get to that
next red light fast enough.

441. The mind is like fine china.
Better it get chipped and worn
than spend eternity safely locked
in a cabinet never being used.





442. That was a whole
new kind of empty.
Going to the house and finding
most of the bowls still full
and nobody around.



443. There are many performers.
Some are entertainers. And a few are
'artists'. They more than amuse or amaze,
they transport one to a different world. They
become a character, they don't 'act like' that
character would. Their words or music touch
the mind, heart and soul. They don't just tell
a story, they cause one to relive it.



444. Eliminating worry makes room
for imagination and creativity.
Eliminating doubt and fear makes room
for trust and faith. Eliminating
predisposition makes room for exploration
and discovery. Eliminating expectation
makes room for acceptance,
appreciation, tolerance and gratitude.



445. The more 'transparent'
one becomes, the less
invisible they become. The truer
one is to oneself, the more they
stand out from the crowd.





446. Don't be duped by
the drama. It is not your fault.
You were not responsible for it.



447. Wisdom is the clutch
between the engine of the
mind and the transmission
of the body and its parts,
especially the mouth. One must
learn to ease the engagement
in and out.



448. Many capture the
drama of existence,
few film wonder of life.


449. Even if no one grabs
your hand, keep reaching out.
It's your only chance.



450. Seems sometimes like the
only thing we can afford to keep
updating are the cats.

451. Faith and fear are
opposite sides of the
same coin.





452. Money is the only thing
that comes and goes faster
than time or light.

453. To live is to risk.



454. One cannot know
happiness without being
open to the possibility of hurt.

455. If it weren't for being
contradictory, some people
would have nothing to say.



456. That which protects us
from pain prevents us from
experiencing joy as well.

457. I would rather rest
hungry with a clear mind than
lie awake sated from ill-gotten gains.



458. Until one is honest
and open with themselves,
everyone they meet will be a liar
and dishonest.

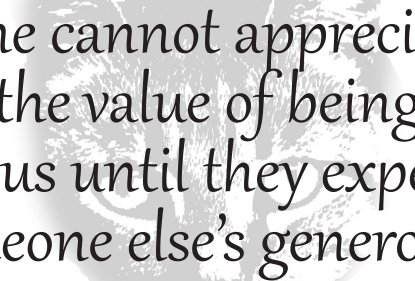
459. The longest days are
the ones spent waiting.



460. It is neither lightning rod nor antennae that connect, it is the spark, the broadcast that reaches out and completes the circuit. Whether you have read, responded, or ignored, I thank you and am grateful that you allow me to reach out to you so that I may feel I am a part of this greater whole.

‘None of us is as good as all of us.’





461. One cannot appreciate
the value of being
generous until they experience
someone else's generosity.



462. Just because our last conversation ended in an argument, doesn't mean that the next one has to start up with one.



463. It is not written until it is read.
It is not music until it is heard.
It is not art until it is seen, touched,
or otherwise experienced. Thoughts
accomplish nothing. That's the tree falling.
Speaking or acting on the thoughts bring
them to life. Reception is the other half of
creation. There is no sound until it is heard.
Otherwise it is simply molecular vibration.



464. A moment of action can
decide a lifetime of
lamentation or jubilation.
One must do what one must do
to live with themselves



465. New cars once a year
were exciting. New versions,
programs, and systems
every other month
is wearisome.



466. I was raised under the premise that part of being a 'good steward' of whatever one had meant keeping things in prime condition. Use it, but don't abuse it or use it up. Wear it, but don't wear it out. Repair it, don't throw it out.



467. You can't make a ripple
until you drop something
into the pond..

468. Science makes sense
of miracles.



469. Having long naturally curly hair means having more bad hair days than good ones. It is also like life. The longer it gets, the more unruly, out of control, and unmanageable it gets. But also the more fragile it gets, and the less inclined you are to cut it short.



470. The second of the Twelve Steps is,
‘I came to believe that I was
powerless over...’ I remember someone
once talking about that. First they came...
to a meeting, a group, whatever.
They sought others/help. Then they
came to – they became aware of something.
Then they came to believe -



that something could be different. One can do nothing until they acknowledge and become aware. We must acknowledge we are abed before we can arise, that we are hungry before we eat, that we are tired before we sleep. That we are perfectly the human experience we are destined to be before we can carry on living our lives.



471.

Life is like a game
of Scrabble. It's not the
letters one gets, it's how
one uses them.



472. The irony is that I go to therapy (aka analysis) because I am having difficulty due to my being analytical instead of accepting. So, rather than accepting that I am analytical by nature, which has caused me much grief and sadness, I analyze why I don't accept. While I would probably do better to just accept that I analyze things that I should be accepting, and that not all of my analysis will be fruitful of reasons.



473. As with many living things, including animals, plants, places, and humans - the more beautiful to behold, the more deadly to pursue, contact, or possess.



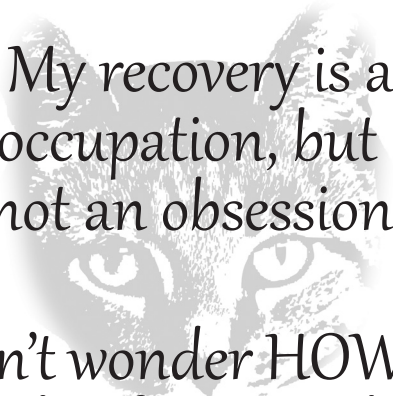
474. It's not the hour I sit next
to my student, nor the hour I spend
with the shrink, nor the hour in 'church'
Sunday, nor the 3 seconds it takes to water
the plant that is significant. It is what we do
during the week between those times when
the learning and growing takes place



475. It seems youth/students
bond together more than
adults/co-workers.

Musicians have 'sessions' to bond
at, but other adults have
'meetings' or 'appointments'
in uncomfortable chairs.





476. My recovery is a
preoccupation, but it is
not an obsession.

477. I don't wonder HOW I've
made it this far, I wonder WHY.



478. Life is an out of control train ride. You don't know where the track is leading, you just hope to stay on it.

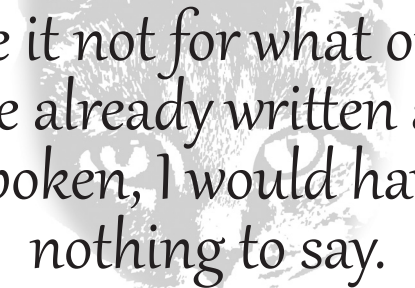
479. Chaos = life.



480. Count the ways to,
not the days 'til.

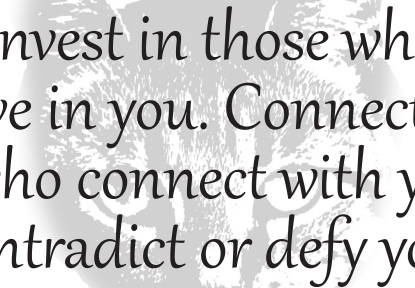
481. Family is something
you feel, not find in blood
or DNA. That is heritage.





482. Were it not for what others
have already written and
spoken, I would have
nothing to say.





483. Invest in those who
believe in you. Connect with
those who connect with you, not
contradict or defy you.



484. I have quit the Carnival.
It is NEVER my turn in the
dunk tank again.

485. You can never change
anyone's mind about anything.
They have to decide differently
for themselves.



486. Do not put too much
time, effort, energy, or
emotion into the futility
of family that are born to feud.

487. One's actions often merit
more than they earn.



488.

Before you do unto others:

- Do unto yourself as you would have others do unto you.
- Think of yourself as you would have others think of you.
- Feel about yourself as you would have others feel about you.
- Be unto yourself as you would have others be unto you.



489. Time does not march
on, it flies by. The parade is
your life marching on.
Time is the two second fly by of the
supersonic jets from the local AFB
(Air Force Base) or NAS
(Naval Air Station).



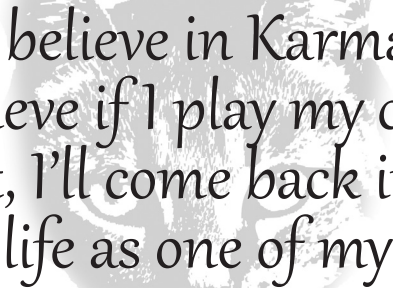
490. Cats, Macs & Chocolates.
Who said there is no heaven
on earth?

491. The 'winner's circle' can
be a lonely place sometimes...



492. I have often said that of
all the things I've been
and done here in this life on earth
the biggest influence on my
getting into Heaven will be the way
I have treated my cats.





493. I believe in Karma.
I believe if I play my cards
right, I'll come back in my
next life as one of my cats.



494. The meek may inherit,
But, only the strong will
survive. And surely the
'great' will degenerate!

495. PROfiling is UN-PROfessional!





496. The irony of one's heart.
If it is 'good', it aches a lot!

497. 'They' play in the war
room, and 'we' live
the damage.



498. You mean like 'we won't
keep you alive, but we sure
will honor you when you're dead?'

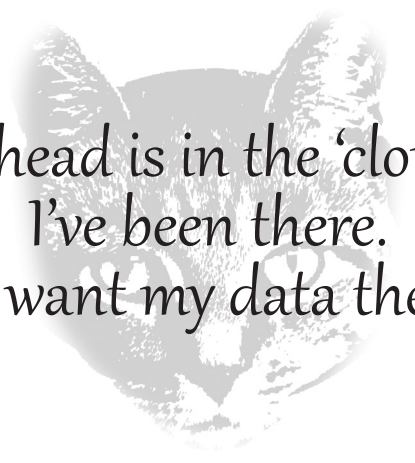
499. A cat artist's favorite media?
Why, the scratchboard!



500. Caveat that
which you create!

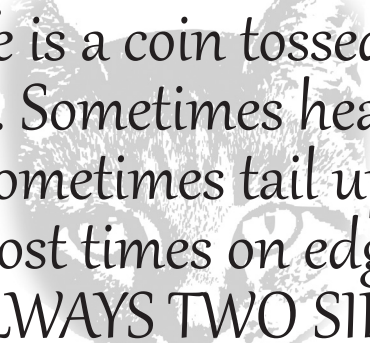
501. Not to be 'PC',
But to be aware.
Not to avoid 'offense',
But to welcome inclusion.





502. My head is in the 'clouds'.
I've been there.
I don't want my data there too.





503. Life is a coin tossed in
the air. Sometimes heads up.
Sometimes tail up.
Most times on edge.
But ALWAYS TWO SIDED!!!



504.

'Fool me once,
Shame on you!

Fool me twice, Shame on me.'

Go for three,
My wrath you'll see!



505. 'We' have added more
years of 'devolution' as well as
'evolution' to this animal called
'homo-sapien'....

'We' don't only get better with age,
but more treacherous and
deadly as well.



506. Do what you need to do...
Be who you need to be...

507. I can afford to go without
a lot of things. Friends DON'T
happen to be in that category.



508. I never would have
expected so many ripples
from such a small pebble
cast into the pond.

509. Enjoy the good parts.
Endure the rest.



510. Sometimes it is better
to simply hold things in awe
than to try to understand them.

511. I'm not 'a cat lover'.
I'm an 'ALL cats lover!'



512. I'm a direct descendent
of Adam and Eve. I love
gardens and 'forbidden fruits'.

513. The natural state is 'health'.
That's why they call it DIS-ease!



514. Performance or punctuality.
Be there, or get the job done.

515. It wasn't the heavens that
made me dizzy when I looked
up. It was the pinching of my
carotid arteries!



516. I am more for
having had and been less.

517. 'You will see in the world
what you carry in your heart.'

--Creig Crippen

I see despair so I carry compassion.



518. Fortune is oft not financial.

519. Fire. The more it builds
The more it destroys.

520. Apparently 'there is no 'I'
in 'people', either.



521. You are descendant from
a family of paupers, none
of whom ever amounted to anything
but field laborers... Your blood,
sweat, and tears only made
kings wealthy.





522. Create your plan.
Plan your creation.

523. Sometime 'this too
shall pass' is a sad thing!



524. Talk to yourself at least once a day. It may be the only meaningful conversation of the day.

525. The best/worst thing about being a critic is that it forces perfection back on the self.



526. The difference between
'great work' and a 'good job'
is in the patron's pocketbook.

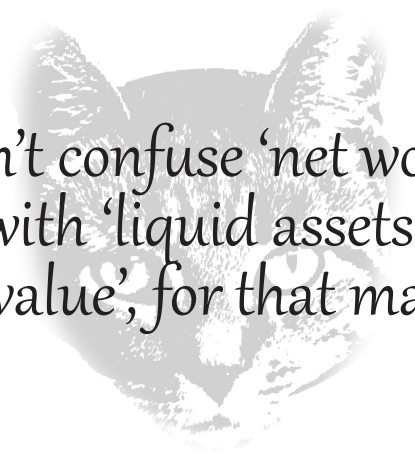
527. Acknowledge. Tolerate.
Accept. Embrace.



528. It takes a grey sky
now and then to appreciate
the blue ones.

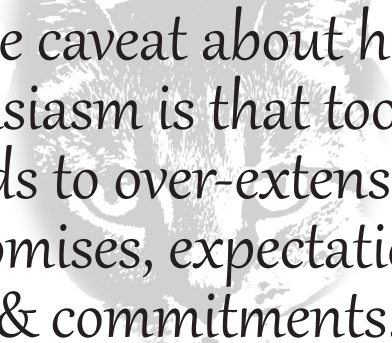
529. We are born with brains
to think. We are born with
hearts to feel.





530. Don't confuse 'net worth'
with 'liquid assets'.
Or 'value', for that matter.





531. The caveat about high enthusiasm is that too often it leads to over-extension of promises, expectations & commitments.



532. I don't know whether it is
so much that I want to do
as it is I want to be ABLE to do.

533. Who does not have fur
flying around their abode
is certainly missing out.



534. Without direction,
'we', unfortunately, seem to
revert to chaos.

535. I've surrendered to cat hair
blowing around the house. I
now just consider it as 'insulation'.



536. Healed is not
the same as whole.

537. I am allowed 'free speech'.
And my friends are allowed
'selective listening'.
And visa versa.



538. Too bad too many only see
black or white.

539. I seem to never replace
anything until the previous
one does not work anymore.



540. If only happiness spread
with the speed and reach
of a cold or flu!

541. Whine ferments, too.



542. The battle was not won
the day of the fight,
but rather in the months
and years of training.

543. Small victories overcome
giant oppositions.



544. When I cast into the
stream, I must let go of
the shore. I could now only hope
my boat worthy of the journey.

545. There is a difference between
'leaving tracks' and 'making trails'.



546. The more the onion peels,
the more tears are shed.

547. Too often evil emerges
while good needs to
be foraged for.



548. As fast as the internet
can be, it is only as timely
as the one checking their mail/
texts/whatever. TELEPHONE is still
the fastest way to get a
message through.



549. I didn't say I wasn't busy.
I said was 'doing nothing'!

550. Tear down your walls.
Put up fences, and chat over
them. Thieves like privacy
even more than you do!



551.

Creativity is often
the butterfly that lands
on your nose when you
stop chasing it.



552. When contacting your
representatives in congress...
2x4s seem to be the most effective
form of communication with them.

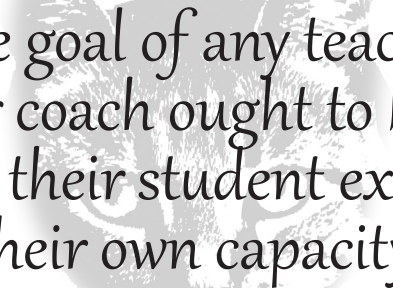
553. Neither my way nor your
way, but OUR way!!!!



554. One needs to be
in darkness now and then
to appreciate the light.

555. 'Institutions' don't cotton
to 'individuality'.





556. The goal of any teacher
or coach ought to be
that their student exceed
their own capacity.



557. Boobs or balls -
 just GROW A PAIR!
I bet more men would lose it
at the sight of boobs than women
would at the sight of scrota.
Men would blush.
Women would laugh.



558. 'System constipation' -
when the process impedes
the progress.

559. There is nothing so
inviting as 'forbidden fruit'.



560. Many portals. One
parlor. Many complexions.
One people.

561. Embrace your dreams'...
Ere your memories overwhelm
you...Such is the race for sleep.



562. We are all brass lamps.
Some of us get rubbed, and
some get caressed. Some damage
us with abrasion, others evoke
magical genies.



563. Though I do detest their overuse,
if we ARE going to 'label' people,
perhaps we ought rethink of the
'challenged' as 'Lighthouses'.

'I don't think anyone really understands
how tiring it is to act OK and always be strong
when in reality you're close to the edge.'

--Anon



564.

Make amends,
not excuses.

565. What most people dislike
in others is what they dislike
about themselves.



566. Thought we often attempt
to be consoling, often we
end up discounting. There IS
reason to be sad. There is not
reason to dwell in it forever.



567. Stones take a lot
of abrasion before becoming
polished gems...

568. Only a fool calls facts 'fake'.



569. NO SOLICITING!
In THIS house, the performer
PAYS THE AUDIENCE
to listen!

570. We would not know light
if not for darkness.



571. People pick their dogs.
Cats select their staff.

572. Irony, as literature, is
often humorous. It is
disturbing, and can be
dangerous, as a life style.



573. If you DON'T know,
that's one thing.
If you WON'T know,
well, that's another
thing altogether.



574. I've probably learned
more things NOT to do than
things TO do. Ways NOT to behave,
than ways TO behave.

575. Sometimes the smallest
pebbles make the largest ripples!



576. EVERY DAY is a good day
for a walk in the woods!
Heat, cold, rain, snow,
doesn't matter.
We ALL need to be
'barked at' regularly!



577. I love wood! Standing,
fallen, furniture, implement
or fuel.

578. One light does NOT cancel
out another, it adds to the glow.



579.

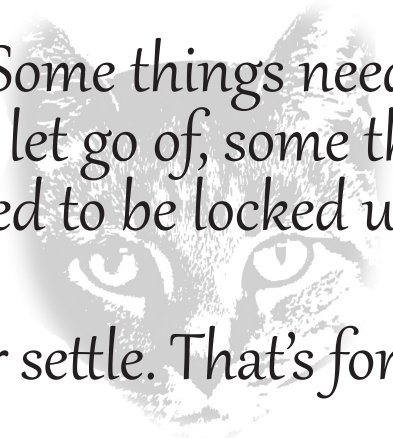
I believe the FIRST
'electronic hand held
idiot device' was the
MICROPHONE!



580. I think the best
'relationships' have been the ones
that began with being up
all night talking.

581. Once you learn what's toxic,
you can stop it any time.





582. Some things need
to be let go of, some things
need to be locked up...

583. Never settle. That's for dust.



584. These are times like
no other in history.

585. Most things on earth
are spread by the birds
and the bees. Not by
wagging tongues.



586. I am a work in progress.
Some days more work,
some days more progress.

587. Like 'change', there never
HAS BEEN and never
WILL BE any 'SPARE' time!



588. Not the years left in life
but the life left in the years.

589. Abrasion is not
necessarily unfavorable. Gems
and precious metals need it
for their true beauty to shine.



590. You can lead a cat
to comfort, but you can't
make it nap in it!

591. No company is better than
bad company.



592. There is no issue to deal
with until one is acknowledged.

593. Sisters from another mister.
We may not have been sisters
from the start but we can be
sisters from the heart



594. The more I learn,
the less I know I know.

595. Forever questioning myself...
I find I am an enigma.
Should I question others...
I find it irrelevant.



596. Ones need PAY \$\$\$
to keep one alive.
One only need PAY RESPECT
to the dead!!!!

597. Little people doing little
things make big differences.



598. The next time you think
'small stuff' doesn't matter,
remember that YOU started out
as a SINGLE CELL!!!!!!

599. The smaller the 'brave',
the bigger the 'bravado'...





