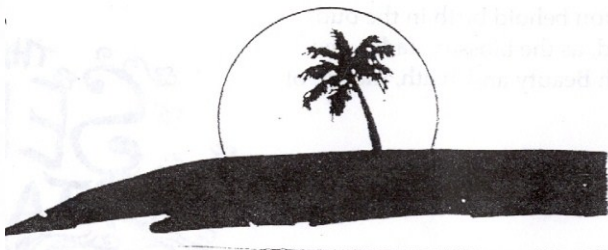


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Teilhard de Chardin's "Hymn to Matter"

Blessed be you, harsh matter, barren soil,
stubborn rock: you who yield only to violence,
you who force us to work if we would eat.
Blessed be you, perilous matter, violent sea,
untameable passion: you who unless we
fetter you will devour us.

Blessed be you, mighty matter, irresistible
march of evolution, reality ever new-born;
you who, by constantly shattering our
mental categories, force us to go ever
further in our pursuit of the truth.

— ... —

Blessed be you, mortal matter:
you who one day will undergo
the process of dissolution within us
and will thereby take us forcibly
into the very heart
of that which exists.

Without you, without your onslaughts,
without your uprooting of us,
we should remain all our lives inert,
stagnant, puerile, ignorant both
of ourselves and of God.
You who batter us and then
dress our wounds, you who
resist us and yield to us,
you who wreck and build,
you who shackle and liberate,
the sap of our souls, the hand of God,
the flesh of Christ: it is you, matter,
that I bless.

(From HYMN OF THE UNIVERSE)

**If you are patient in one moment of
anger, you will escape 100 days of
sorrow. — Chinese Proverb**

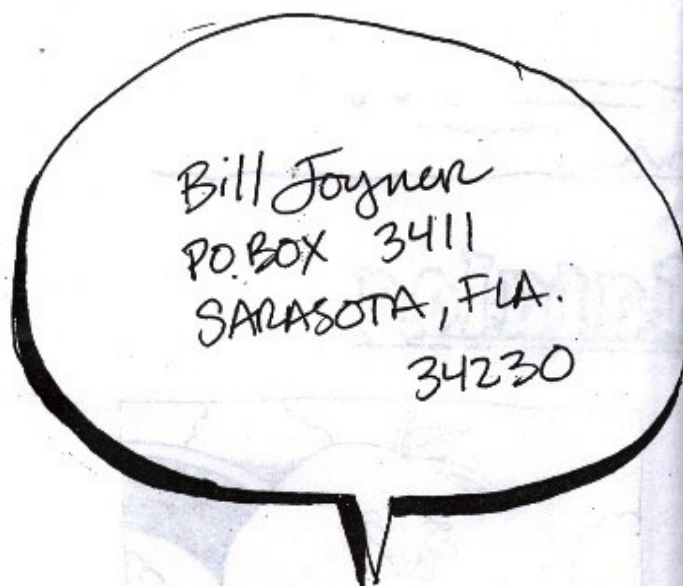


The Age of Flowers

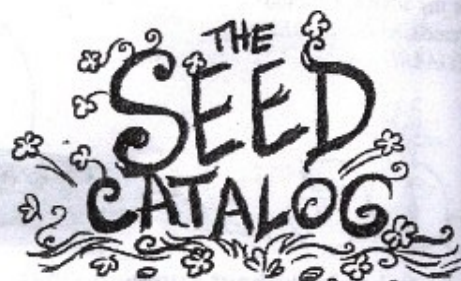
If you pay close attention to a flower, in time you behold birth in the bud,
sexuality in the bloom, decay in the fragrance and, as the blossom fades, the
passing of death making way for new birth. With Beauty and Truth, the life of
each flower reveals all you need to know.

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The movie "Seven Samurai" is, to me, one of the clearest cinematic visions ever created around the theme of proactive force in response to extreme, inhuman oppression. Here, in the social chaos of medieval Japan, is a community of farmers, knowing that an overwhelming force of marauding bandits will be back after the harvest to pillage and rape them again and that they will not be able to repel the invaders. With their limited funds, they set out to hire, if possible, a samurai warrior, who will recruit as many more capable fighters as he can find for the price — which turns out to be seven. The pure Zen quality and diversity of these men and the confidence they build up in the villagers is a profound portrait of delicate grace. They move like cats, relaxed and ready, fully prepared to go up against a much larger force of 40 armed and mounted thugs. It makes you wonder — what, if any, action would we take were we facing the dilemma of the farmers in that village? Would we offer light resistance and then simply submit to their monstrous atrocities? As, in fact, the farmers had done before. Or, would we utilize every possible resource to head off another similar disaster, as the farmers decided to do in this movie. — BJ



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A kind heart is a fountain of
gladness making everything
in its vicinity freshen into
smiles. WASHINGTON IRVING



The "courage to be"
is the courage
to begin, to continue,
and to conclude an
act, to create
from nothingness
a fact. -RJ



"The real circus with acrobats, jugglers
and bareback riders —
also an empty field transformed,
and in the tent artists and freaks,
children and pilgrims and animals
are gathered in communion
— us"

— Corita Kent

**Hast thou named all the birds without a gun?
Loved the wood-rose, and left it on its stalk?
O, be my friend, and teach me to be thine.**
RALPH WALDO EMERSON

all god's children coming of age

God seems to be
leaving an awful lot of things
up to us these days —
automation, atomic power,
contraception.
Mature people
have the agonizing task
of discriminating between
shades of good, better
and best,
and that's the reason
many of us would much rather
go on clinging
to the apron strings of God.

William T. Joyner, adapted from *Wheels in the Air*, Pilgrim Press, 1968

**A family can act as gangsters, offering each other
mutual protection against each other's violence. It
is a reciprocal terrorism with the offer of
protection/security against the violence that each
threatens the other with, and is threatened by, if
anyone steps out of line. — R.D. Laing**

DAMN EVERYTHING BUT THE CIRCUS!

* e.e. cummings

"... damn everything that is grim, dull,
motionless, unrisking, inward turning,
damn everything that won't get into the circle,
that won't enjoy,
that won't throw its heart into the tension,
surprise, fear and delight
of the circus,
the round world,
the full existence..."

— S. Helen Kelley

Let me say to you and to myself in
one breath. Cultivate the tree
which you have found to bear fruit
in your soil. HENRY DAVID THOREAU

We shall not
cease from
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the end of all our
exploring will be
to arrive where
we started and
know the place
for the first time.
T.S. ELLIOT



Thirty spokes will coverage
in the hub of a wheel;
But the use of the cart
will depend on the part
of the hub that is void.
So advantage is had
from whatever is there;
but usefulness rises
from whatever is not.
LAO TZU



The land that is nowhere,
that is the true home.
*THE SECRET OF THE
GOLDEN FLOWER*

He who does not love
remains in death.
I John 3:14



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What Does it Mean
to be Lost?

Being lost in a
a spiritual sense,
turns out to be,
I think, much the same
as being lost in a mental,
emotional, or physical sense.

There are times
when we lose hope
emotionally and regard
everything as useless.
We lose our bearings,
our faith, our confidence.
In such a state, we are
alienated, separated
from all that is
– including,
most tragically
and especially,
our own selves.

In THE YELLOW SUBMARINE,
Young Fred cries out
to the Lord Mayor
of Pepperland:

“The Blue Meanies
are coming! What
shall we do?”

And the Lord Mayor
says in his ancient,
trembling voice,

“Finish the quartet !”

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Our creative depth is the depth in which
we are quiet. – *Paul Tillich*

YOU NAME IT.



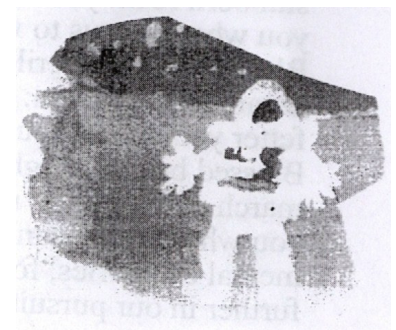
Chris
Browne

Are you in earnest? Seize this very minute!
What you can do, or dream you can, begin it.
Boldness has genius, power and magic in it.
Only engage, and then the mind grows heated.
Begin, and then the work will be completed.
Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

It is never too late to be what you might have been.
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To write a good love letter, you ought to begin without knowing what you mean to say, and to finish without knowing what you have written.

Jean Jacques Rosseau

If you neglect your work, you will dislike it; if you do it well, you will enjoy it. *SIDNEY SMITH*

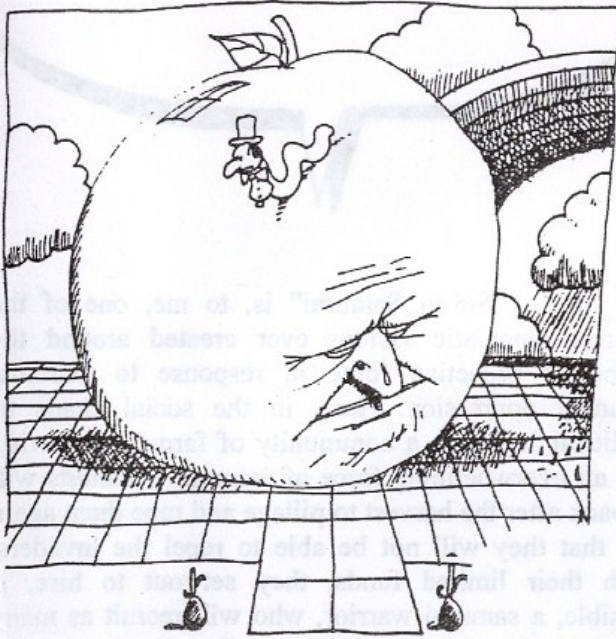
I am trying to check my habits of seeing, to counter them for the sake of greater freshness. I am trying to be unfamiliar with what I'm doing. –
John Cage

SELF-TRUST

No one can make you feel inferior without your consent. *ELEANOR ROOSEVELT (1884-1962)*

There is no wealth but life. *JOHN RUSKIN*

...to will to be that self which one truly is, is indeed the opposite of despair. *SOREN KIERKEGAARD*



All men's miseries come from
their inability to sit quiet and
alone. *BLAISE PASCAL*



LAST CHILD IN THE WOODS

Saving Our Children from
Nature-Deficit Disorder

RICHARD LOUV

"You are at the edge
of the abyss. I will not
let you fall."

"Whose abyss?"

"God's."

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Greco***

--**Nikos Kazantzakis**

If I were a doctor and were
asked for my advice, I should
reply: create silence. **SOREN
KIERKEGAARD**

If you want to take your time,
you have to have some time..

And what is it worth?
Your time?
Or mine –
which, currently and
commercially, is worth
a little over
ten dollars
an hour.

But my time,
or yours,
how much
is it really worth?

Beyond any estimation,
I'm sure.

NEW BEGINNINGS

Later is never, now is
forever. -BJ



Time is
malleable
in the moment,
then it's
history.

The future just keeps showing up ahead of time. Unexpected waves of fortune and misfortune sweep over and around us. One moment we're basking in the warm glow of self-satisfaction and applause, only to be assailed at the next by overwhelming doubt nervously improvising variations upon our once perfect scene.

Go love without the help of anything on earth!

JOYCE CARY The Horse's Mouth



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Our relationship with the earth involves something more than pragmatic use, academic understanding, or aesthetic appreciation. A truly human intimacy with the earth and with the entire natural world is needed. Our children should be properly introduced to the world in which they live, to the trees and grasses and flowers, to the birds and the insects and the various animals that roam over the land, to the entire range of natural phenomena.

Such intimacy with the universe we find with the Omaha Indians. When a child is born, the Omaha declare its newborn presence to the entire universe. First they address the sun, the moon, the stars, and every being that moves in the heavens, declaring: "Into your midst has come a new life. Consent ye, we implore! Make its path smooth, that it may reach the brow of the first hill."

The Dream of the Earth

THOMAS BERRY

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