

Random Wisdom

Every truth passes through three stages before it is recognized. In the first, it is ridiculed, in the second it is opposed, in the third it is regarded as self-evident.

Arthur Schopenhauer *19th-century philosopher*

Worry is a dividend paid to disaster before it is due.

Ian Fleming *20th-century author*

Spare the integrity, spoil the data.

Mike Britten *20th-century programmer*

My philosophy, in essence, is the concept of man as a heroic being, with his own happiness as the moral purpose of his life, with productive achievement as his noblest activity, and reason as his only absolute.

Ayn Rand, *20th-century philosopher*

Those who are enamored of practice without science are like a pilot who goes into a ship without rudder or compass and never has any certainty where he is going. Practice should always be based upon a sound knowledge of theory.

Leonardo da Vinci *Renaissance Man*

The most successful software applications are never completed – they evolve with the enterprises they serve.

Daniel D. Corkill *20th-century software executive*

Happiness is... The exercise of vital powers along lines of excellence in a life affording them scope.

Aristotle *early Philosopher*

Be attentive. Be intelligent. Be reasonable. Be responsible.

Bernard Lonergan *20th-century philosopher*

The universe runs on the complex interweaving of three elements: energy, matter, and enlightened self-interest.

G'Kar on Babylon-5, written by J. Michael Straczynski *20th Century Writer*

Programming today is a race between software engineers striving to build bigger and better idiot-proof programs, and the universe trying to produce bigger and better idiots. So far, the universe is winning.

Rick Cook *20th-century NASA mission manager (Mars Pathfinder project)*

True artists are never jealous

Mel Brooks *20th-century comedian and writer*

The power of accurate observation is commonly called cynicism by those who have not got it.

George Bernard Shaw *20th Century Writer*

Never attribute to malice that which is adequately explained by stupidity.

Robert J. Hanlon. Known as "Hanlon's Razor".

You know you have reached perfection in design, not when there is nothing more to add, but when there is nothing more to be taken away.

Antoine de Saint-Exupery