The impulse to dream was slowly beaten out of me by experience. Now it surged up again and I hungered for books, new ways of looking and seeing.

Richard Wright

Men can starve from a lack of self-realization as much as they can from a lack of bread.

Richard Wright

What you have lost will not be returned to you. It will always be lost. You're left with only your scars to mark the void. All you can choose to do

is go on or not. But if you go on, it's knowing you carry your scars with you.

Charles Fraizer

It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men. Frederick Douglas

But if thought corrupts language, language can also corrupt thought. George Orwell

To see what is in front of one's nose needs a constant struggle. George Orwell

Prose: Words in their best order. Poetry: The best words in the best order. Samuel Taylor Coleridge I have come to believe that a great teacher is a great artist and that there are as few as there are any other great artists. Teaching might even be

the greatest of the arts since the medium is the human mind and spirit.

John Steinbeck

This I believe: That the free, exploring mind of the individual human is the most valuable thing in the world. And this I

would fight for: the freedom of the mind to take any direction it wishes, undirected. And this I must fight against: any idea, religion, or

government which limits or destroys the individual.

John Steinbeck

As happens sometimes, a moment settled and hovered and remained for much more than a moment. And sound stopped and movement

stopped for much, much more than a moment. John Steinbeck

A journey is a person in itself; no two are alike. And all plans, safeguards, policing, and coercion are fruitless. We find that after years of struggle

that we do not take a trip; a trip takes us. John Steinbeck