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Good intentions and fine words no assurance against disaster. Our present plight induced by "master minding." Answers, strangely enough, can come from no designated person but only from men in a state of freedom.

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Pollution a typical collective problem; the victims are also the offenders. Pollution is a social menace. Should be inhibited, rather than practiced and encouraged by government. Real problem is to limit government to proper defensive role.

2. A ROLE FOR RATIONALITY

Civilizations rise and fall with rise and fall of freedom. Freedom has come by accident, the result of desperation rather than a rational prognosis of better things to come. Freedom itself, not its forms or organizational devices, the key to the good society. History will repeat unless we learn why freedom works its wonders—a role for rationality.

3. LET'S BE PHILOSOPHERS

Philosophy is the art of bringing truth to the surface in clarity. Findings varied and never identical; agreement neither likely nor necessary. The over-all luminosity by which we live composed of trillions of tiny truths. How we who know so little can have so much—assuming freedom.

4. YOU CAN'T TRANSPLANT A FACULTY

All creative action is volitional and contingent upon individual faculties. Faculties—inventiveness, insight, intuition, and the like — cannot be transplanted. Back-seat driving (authoritarianism) attempts to transplant faculties and, thus, must fail.

5. THE MIRACLE OF A MEAL

Praise for a good dinner! The chef—plus millions—lent a hand. Awareness of such blessings affords the incentive to preserve freedom, the worker of miracles.

6. CONFESSIONS OF A RICH MAN

Wealth depends on one's appreciation and sense of values. How you can be wealthier than Croesus or modern trillionaires. The role of appreciation; the rewards from giving one's best.

7. GOVERNMENTAL DISCIPLINE

Free-willed individuals require certain disciplines to live with one another. When the government that was instituted to curb destructive actions and keep them in bounds is pressured beyond its limited defensive role, it steps out of bounds; it becomes an instrument of plunder. A refined theory of limitation suggested.

8. FREE MARKET DISCIPLINES

The market serves all interests, good or bad, and reflects what we are. To thus view the market helps to discipline one's behavior. Reliance on the market also disciplines expenditures; it limits moon ventures and the like to amounts individuals will voluntarily subscribe.

9. THE BLOOM PRE-EXISTS IN THE SEED

Not the ends and goals, but the means employed, determine the morality of a program. An examination of the means implicit in collectivistic as distinguished from individualistic ends. An easy way to judge whether right or wrong.

10. AGREE WITH ME!

A tolerance for differences better than a demand for agreement. Truth is discovered by the correction of error; differences and disagreements are stepping stones to enlightenment. This law of polarity—tension of the opposites —essential to personal growth.

11. IF FREEDOM HAD ONLY ENEMIES

Truth not advanced by name-calling, nagging, preachments. Freedom philosophy harmed by angry protagonists. Such tactics divert attention from errors of authoritarians, no service to freedom.

12. THE ART OF DOING SOMETHING

We learn from critics. Ideas cannot be **injected** into minds of others; each person controls what he admits or rejects. The contest over ideas is a competition in magnetism. The futility of reforming others. Only he who improves **self** understands the art of doing something.

13. THE MAGIC NUMBER IS ONE

If one would promote an ideal, his problem is not how to convert the masses but how to become a teacher. Ours a learning, not a selling problem. Mass media and large audiences not important but rather an excellence that appeals to others, one by one.

14. THE NEED IS MINE

Freedom no more needs me than does righteousness or wisdom; it's the other way around: I need freedom! Recognition of that need is my motivation. Few will give thought to preserving freedom who think the need is not theirs. Self-need explained.

15. STUDENTS, WHEREVER YOU ARE

Students, frantically searching for an ideal way of life that is rarely explained at home or college, often settle for some euphemism like "democratic socialism." They look for something that isn't there. Helpful suggestions as to where the ideal may be found.

16. DOCTOR, WHOEVER YOU ARE

Come heal this sickness: the compulsive urge to feather one's nest at the expense of others. The transmutation of wishes into "rights." Medicare, for example, compels some persons to give in exchange for nothing. The cure for this sickness.

17. LET FREEDOM REIGN

Authoritarianism stems from not knowing how little one knows: the greatest ignorance of all. Instead of a ruler, let freedom be the rule; no restraints against the creative actions of anyone. The better we understand this truth, the more we can share it, and gain by so doing.

EPILOGUE

As social animals, **we** need freedom. The social significance of this mutual need. Civilizations and cultures inevitably decay unless the underlying ideology is consonant with man's destiny. Today's ideologies in conflict, none worthy of survival. Only freedom, rationally conceived and practiced, affords the opportunity to endure.

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