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Paideutices [educational methods or theories]

A good education depends on the character of an individual. Neglected education can be an advantage to a man of character who wants to know because knowledge becomes a burning desire.

Certainty does not exist.

Good and bad travels above us like clouds changing continually with the weather.

If only the old and the young could be the same age.

Good for evil is the most effective way of disarming an enemy. Your kindness robs him of his strength.

We have five senses and art should play on all of them or a work of art should play on all five of them.

All human effort, whether in conduct, work or art is a degree of self-expression revealing character.

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An accident is the inexorable result of a cause [xxx] it is predestined in time.

Life is nearly a punctuation in time.

Accept tragedy in youth and get accustomed to it. The worst it can do is to make of one a philosophy.

There is more truth in balance than in good.

Life and death cause and effect.

Hegel postulates that being and not being are the same, that non-existence included existence; nothing means everything and vice versa.

Success often observes the real character of the man and failure usually reveals it.

Imagination means nothing without doing.

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The abracadabra of law. The *cacoethes scribendi* of legal documents the [xxx] of the press; the cabalistic procedure of committee, etc., negates the protection of a man life, liberty and property.

A: Now I am a realist.

B: What is real?

Some philosophers define lie as a comic accident. If logic defines an accident as any future element or accomplishment not associated to the conceptions of it. What is it then if an accident occurs in a preconception? Then that preconception is not properly defined in logic. Otherwise the accident would not occur.

American children are spoilt, girls especially. At the age of 16, they start drinking and become [xxx] with life. To cure this, there should be a system where all children from 16 to 18 should serve for two years in government industry. Rich and poor alike should know the experience of working in a cotton mill for two years, should know what it means to wear indifferent clothes, should know what it means to obey government orders and should know punitive measures. All this would mold our women and prepare them for a richer and fuller life, would make them better wives and more.

Two or three graces

I do not believe that the cricket fields of Eton are the most important influences to imbue a man with the right knowledge and a broad-minded attitude towards the world. It can also have the opposite effect of narrowing his view to a special kind of provincialism a self-deception that is very [xxx] and I might add, a slightly off beat attitude in these modern times. It is inclined to put blinkers on that very important human element to which many Etonians and other scholarly gentlemen who have affixed that appellation known as the vulgar, the populous, the proletarian, etc. I do not think that Etonian discipline is modern enough and sufficiently rugged to equip one with the deeper understanding of life or the understanding of human beings.

After all it is the vulgar that is life. The genius, the talented, the beautiful are sluffed off or are swept away with time or in nature's hurricanes and in the world's upheavals. And we who are sentimental like to think that these influences are eternal and a joy forever.

The best we can say of them is that they become academic dogma. The knowledge of which a few fortunate Etonians can distinguish themselves from the vulgar.

Education is the path to revelation. Teach the alphabet and you sow the seeds of rebellion. The free thinker travels light along the road to truth.

Give me facts anytime to suppression.

Happiness will do more good for man than fear.

Happiness is good for the mind, good for the body and good for the soul. Fear kills the spirit, wrecks the health of the body and destroys the soul.

The unknown is not ugly or sinister. The unknown is not the feared.

It is just as perfect, as logical and as beautiful as the known.

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The unknown is in all things.