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1) Guided by the blind:

One day during the war & the blitz London was so densely enveloped in fog that all movement in the streets had to stop. At this moment a man came out of one of the hotels frantically crying for someone to show him the way to the hospital where his wife was gravely ill. His hand was grasped by a stranger whom he could not see and who had been quickly directed to the hospital. When he reached the destination he turned to his guide and said "How could you lead me through this terrible fog?" But why not, said the guide, "I am blind!" (from James G. Thompson, "The Jews in Israel" (p. 218))

2) ^{us} In learning to obey freely & to learn to command freely.

3) Disraeli - "All the great things

things have been done by little
nations." (Tanner)

4/ "The milk of Black goats is the
same as that of white goats"
(Mt. d. Gen. 83)

5/ Coal and oil, used in our
industry for light and power
are stored sunlight - thousands
of centuries ago.
So is a great book, a great
personality, a great example.

6/ The new cosmology now speaks
of "continuous creation" Material
simply appears - it is created.
It does not come from any
where (creatio ex nihilo). At one
time the various atoms composing
the material do not exist, and at
a later time they do.
This creation drives the

reverse, causes it to expand.

Out of this created "background material", the galaxies are formed (See, "The Nature of the Universe" p. 123 ff. Fred Hoyle.)

7/ The "Open Mind" vs. the "Ascetic" —
side wind. —

8/ Ascetic

"One day the Buddha came across an ascetic who sat by the bank of a river and who had practiced austerities for 25 yrs. The Buddha asked him what he had got out of all his labor. The ascetic proudly replied that now at last he could cross the river by walking on the water. The Buddha tried to point out that this was little gain for so much labor since for one penny the ferry would take him across." (p. 105. "Buddhism - Edward Conze")

9/ Buddhism:

Aims at the extinction, the belief in individuality. Self-extinction.

An negation of will to live.

Free oneself from the world, the senses.

Suffering is basic fact of life.

World wholly ill.

Not self-preservation but self-denial
Anxiety is at the core of all being
- Inevitability is not to perpetuate
individuality but to transcend it
- Prized poverty over wealth.

10) The doctrine of other-worldly, caste, life - (poverty + contempt, 'body etc' hands are the world for those who want to grasp it" i.e. dictates, all limits - stops criticism of just. - Hence spiritualism, transcendence in means of ideal -

11) Founders of Religions do not shape the subsequent phases. No 7 these phases usually sets



the form of organization.

Jens - Paul.

Muhammed - Abu Belh.

Levin - Stalis

~~Saciputra~~

Buddh - Sariputra

St. Francis - Elias & Crotona

St. Ignatius & Loyola (Jesuit) - Layney

12/ x/2/c x/5 - doctrine of the
"transfer, merit". (opposed to
Law of Karma. -)

13/ religion like other

inferior people require "help"
and position to make up for
their inferiority with success

- 1/2 religion is 331

Sway of church makes all
important in Soc. life



14/ The difference between a ruddy complexion and a feverish one.

15/ "D, dascalio A postolorem"

3C - Syria - Church Manual -

In many moral prescriptions for followers - similar to Rabbinism. -

(1) Not to adorn one's personal beauty - "but with humility & neglect make it mean before men - not to comb hair - which is "wantonnery & lust"

(2) Avoid frocks, the heathen - (3) Avoid frequent bathing - & propitiations with men (4) Avoid festivals, the heathen (5) Avoid courts & heathen - (6) Not accept heathen testimony as lawful

(7) Not enter their congregations or assemblies - a theatres - Fairs held for sale of their idols - (8) Not sing songs of heathen (9) Not to mention names of idols



- 16/. Rejected "Second Legislation"
 = Deuterosis = whole ceremonial
 law of Pentateuch - while accepting
 Old Law = 10 commandments plus
 judgments = psalms - which preceded
 Golden calf. - After which "Second
 Legislation" was given to Israel
 as penitential - from which
 atonement sacrifice Jesus
 released them. "Second Legislation"
 ∴ included sacrifices, Sabbath (now
 only symbol) circumcision, clean
 and unclean animals, afflictment
 and purifications.
 Christ came to fulfil only the
moral law
 (So also Tranquas)

17/. Prayed towards East

18/. 1000 to be turned into
fast - bec. of crucifixion - and



should make sure always to celebrate
Easter in connection with Good 'and
be careful to perform your vigil
rather than (heart?) vulgar and broad"
[p. 92]

19/ Definition Man =
= "a feathered biped" (Kangaroo or Jerboa)

= "A Talking Animal" - Impulse
to communicate with his fellow
beings - desire and necessity
to communicate is guiding work
of his whole life

20/ "Any use of a human being in which
less is demanded of him and less is
attributed to him than his full status
is a degradation and a waste" (E.g. chain
him to an oar + use him as a source
of power - or use to him to work in a factory
which demands less than a machine)





24/ "Vermassung" - of modern life - depersonalization -
 "a bureaucratic, industrialized and unbalanced society"

✓ - Can we accept social and econ. controls and still remain a ~~free~~ liberal state.

25/ We must all die but we need not utterly perish; man must die; he need not perish

26/ No action, and progress, but non-action and resignation. Not to develop personality but to accept it.

27/ The diff. bet a medicine-man and a medical man.

28/ Aristotle repents of his philosophy. Writes a letter to his pupil Alexander and



refutes, all his phobos -
 (See 217) still p. 102 b.
 Also accepts Judas ^{Ed. Venice} 1587
 Also that Aristotle was a
 Jew -)

29/ Iron Pillar at Delhi recording
 campaigns of Chandragupta II
 (4C A.D.) in Bengal - "mass of
 iron larger & purer which European
 foundries could handle with better
 part of 19C." - fully exposed to
 the weather never rusted and
 inscription remains to-day as clear
 as when it was set."

30/ The rite of "circumambulation" (Peria)
 = of ferrying the most treasured possession
 in exchange for the life of a beloved
 Balur, (16C) founder of Mogul
 dynasty in India, on the occasion
 of his son's, Humayun, dangerous



illness, walked round his son's sick-bed and prayed "O God! If my life may be exchanged for a life, I who am Bahar give my life and my being for Humayun". His prayer was answered. He recovered. Bahar died with in 3 months.

His friend had advised him to give as a offering the great diamond Koh-i-noor - the "mountain light".

31/ There are those who must climb every mountain they see and swim every river.

32/ "Dharna" = to sit in D =

s. sitting fasting at donor's house in order to enforce redress - or payment of debt - even unto death.

Creighton

33/ Bringing all parties etc.
"under one umbrella."

34/ Evil - + Good. in Judaism.

Not forces in eternal conflict
where one must destroy the other.
(dualism). But attributes of God
which can be reconciled by faith.

See ספר חזקוני -

ספר חזקוני - Satan speaks
is referred to as מלאך מרדכי
(p. 110 ed. Wistinsky)

ספר חזקוני (ד' = א')

"ה' מ' ה' (אמר) ואלה הדברים אשר עשה
(Par. 109-110).

See also ס' חזקוני - ד' = א' -

(ד' = א') חזקוני - ד' = א' -
זכור זהו ואלה הדברים אשר עשה
מקלם זה - מלאך מרדכי אשר עשה
אל הקדוש מוקדש ואלה הדברים אשר עשה
אל הקדוש מוקדש - ואלה הדברים אשר עשה
הוי"ו בבריתו אשר עשה



See also par. 13- in which the
 2nd.

- Need of Mystery -

35/ (Kof. 3.11) ה' אלהים אין ה' אלהים
 - ה' אלהים אין ה' אלהים

36/ There are Voces which are

not only heard - but seen

וה' אלהים אין ה' אלהים

37/ - (Ex. 25.2) וה' אלהים אין ה' אלהים
ה' אלהים אין ה' אלהים
 (par. 97) ה' אלהים אין ה' אלהים

38/ The Complete Man -

ה' אלהים אין ה' אלהים
 (Dt. 18.14) Targum - ה' אלהים אין ה' אלהים

39. (Is. 2.2) ה' אלהים אין ה' אלהים
 = (Is. 14.1) ה' אלהים אין ה' אלהים





42/ ~~As~~ As regards, makes look to
 the one ^{beloved} who has less than you have
 and you will be satisfied.
 + turning look to the one ^{above} who
 has more than you have - and become
dissatisfied.

43/ חזק לומר ואל - ואלו צדקה לומר
 (Talmud 32) — ואלו
 מה ואלו צדקה לומר ואלו צדקה לומר?
 ואלו צדקה לומר

44/ קודם לומר אלהים ואלו צדקה
 ואלו צדקה לומר ואלו צדקה לומר.

45/ To convert feeling into
 form and sound and
 color and to derive ~~from~~



~~these~~ feeling from them.
 this is the mission of the artist
 and of the lover of art.

46/ It is a very thin line
 which separates the fine arts
 from the practical arts - but
 a very important line...

47/ A feudal system based
 on contracts of suzerainty
 and vassalage.

47/ His heart a fiddle



threshold for ~~the~~ all the
afflicted - for all the sorrows
of the world - for all
booted annoyance.

48- Rel. & Pol. Liberty

"Rel. liberty in the modern
world is the parent of pol.
liberty." - "It was the ^{only} rel. earnest-
ness the confessional conflicts,
and the persecuting spirit of
the 16th c. that kept alive political
liberty and saved it from a eclipse
more universal than that which
befell Republican ideas at the
beginning, The Roman Empire!"

- Cambridge Modern History Vol. III, 769

49) One World

We are now a smaller & tighter world. We can more easily to the help of parts of world suffering from drought, famine, earthquakes &c. On the other hand - we are drawn in and greatly affected by pol. & social & econ. disturbances in distant parts of the world. "In former days a catastrophe in one part, the world might pass almost unnoticed elsewhere. The fall of Rome was scarcely noticed to exist in a China almost ignorant of Rome itself. Tamerlane could build his pyramids & skulls in Central Asia without effect in Western Europe than any annoying interruption of the Spice and silk trades" ("The Human Use of Human Beings" p. 40)

50/

No Progress.

Kohélet. - the repetitive cycle in the physical world ("while the earth remaineth seed-time and harvest-time and cold and heat and summer and winter and day and night shall not cease" - which was a divine promise against future cosmic catastrophes) - makes Kohélet to conclude that a similar cycle of unprogressive repetition exists also in the eternal life / immortal. (There is nothing new under the sun... that which is crooked cannot be made straight etc.) The transient character of man's physical life in a world which abides forever - need not lead to a denial of human progress -

51/- Power & Untruth.

It was first known that reason has no foundation in science or logic, does not dispose of it by any means. It does not show that because a thing is not so, it cannot and does not exercise a profound influence on human life. Witchcraft, magic astrology and many other persistent forms of human superstitions affected the social and intellectual life of man far more seriously than known true scientific doctrines. It is no exaggeration to say that the non-existent but quite lively and omnipotent Devil exercised a far greater influence on the lives of common folk through the ages than Plato or Marx.

(?)

52/ [#] in every heart a
flowering song, as every
has a minstrelsy.

53/ $\rightarrow 3/1, 1/2 \rightarrow 1/4, 1/4$

St. Augustine = "descendite ut
ascendatis"

54/ Kelenotes = the singer of
chantes who give the rowers
their time.

55/ The sublime and the obscene
are not far apart - as red, as -
- hideous + grotesque sculptures
as beautiful cathedrals -
- Love / Lust / - close and yet
far apart

56/ "Enjoy thy youth, dear heart, & mine
 for due time, for the men will be born,
 and as for me, I shall be dead and
 changed to dark earth." (cared as
 a friend)

"I was not - I was born
 I was - now I am not.
 This is the sum. If any man
 say otherwise, he lies."

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57/ Tertullian - "De Carne Christi,"

"The Son of God was born, I am not
 ashamed, it because it is shameful;
 the Son of God died, it is credible,
 for the very reason that it is silly.
 And, having been buried, He ~~any~~ rose
 again. It is certain because it is
 impossible." (credo quia
 absurdum)

- 58/ The applied sciences misapplied
- 59/ Scholars who write not to instruct but to impress.
- 60/ Herbs and spices give out their sweet smell until they are broken and crushed.
- 61/ How wide is the Atlantic? Returns to what?
How long is life?
62. תורה נח אלה (Ex. 1)
ה' אלהינו ה' אחד
63. ג' > 22 : 2 אלה (Ex. 1)
ה' אלהינו ה' אחד
Slavery then enticement!
64. אלה אלהינו ה' אחד

65. Lack of Confidence in Israel.
 וְלֹא-יִשְׁתָּכַח מִלְּפָנֶיךָ יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ
 וְלֹא יִשְׁכַּח מִלְּפָנֶיךָ יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ
 נֶחֱמָה נָחֵם (Ex. 3.15)

[illegible]

68/ The composition of a Mission.
 Most - Tremble - Touch
 whole position for 22/52 15/2 5272
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70% Brothers - Different kinds

- (1) Sain-abel

- ⑤ Frank - Johnson

- ⑤ Fresh. Trans

- ④ Joseph - brother

- ② MnO_2 - Carbon

- ③ Joseph-Beybach

71/ Face Danger - Face Glory

אזאל אלה הפקח וטוב - (to Pharaoh) -
הלכו צדק הפקח והוא חזק וטוב
עצמן ונאמין אלוז אלוז - והוא אלוז.
לפניו אלוז אלוז אלוז אלוז אלוז אלוז
— זלזה לאלו אלוז אלוז אלוז אלוז
אזאל אלוז אלוז אלוז אלוז אלוז אלוז

(אלו הפקח אלוז אלוז אלוז אלוז אלוז אלוז)
(EX. 24.14) (EX. R. 5.17)

72. How to acquire חכמה and גבורה

ל אלוז אלוז אלוז אלוז אלוז אלוז

אלוז אלוז אלוז אלוז אלוז אלוז

(On Verse No. 1.1 - אלוז אלוז אלוז אלוז אלוז אלוז)
אלוז אלוז אלוז אלוז אלוז אלוז (Nu. R. 1.1.1)

Uncommitted. Unprejudiced -
Free for all faiths. - Modest.
- ready to endure all things

73/ The Living - The Dead

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 . 2N fl 15/16 1816 1/16
 (N.V.R. 2.7)

The dead past -

74/ Israeli citizenship is not an
 article of export.  Historic identifi-
 cation of the Jewish people with the
 land of Israel and its restoration
 is an article of religious faith
 for Jews everywhere.

Keep the relationship friendly
 friendly and non-dogmatic. If

is easy to believe; the situation
with clear obstacles. The
motives are unquestionable; the
consequences can only be harmful.

75/ Urges humility on the part
of all who are God's special
gifts and dignities —
gifts of mind and dignities
of grace

76/ Suffering - the good
suffer more because they are
good. Ber. R. 32

1221 1135 in. ~~Bar~~ Ps. 11:5
 (1) P. Her does not test defectives
 & ~~verses~~. - At first blow they buckle

(2) A flax worker beats only
 the flax which he knows to be of
 good quality. The more he beats
 at the weed it improves, the
 more it glistens

If it is of inferior quality -
 it splits at the first beating.

(3) Two cours - one strong and
 one feeder. Upon which does he
 put the yoke?

Every Arab chief maintained a
 port
 Every Scottish chief a minstrel.
 - the swords kept from their
 scabbards

1.
 - El ultimo suspiro del Moro
 = Boabdil - 1492 - Granada
 "the Moor's last sigh"

~~Bible~~
 Bible = "the arsenal which
 furnished every cause its
 weapons."

Marched into battle with
 the Koran fastened to
 their spear heads. -
 Berber - 740

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a battle in which fell
the flower of Arab chivalry





50-2 1162



1/ "Thinking makes it so" - Some people fall sick and die when they believe es to be bewitched.

2/ To escape from the present by "crawling" back into the womb of the past"

3/ Anthropology "provides ~~us~~ means to ~~tell~~ one's friends from the apes."

4/ We live at one and the same time in different times. "Part of us lives in the 'modern' age - another part in medieval or even Greek times"

5/ "The longest way round is often the shortest way home"

1) Culture is "that which binds
men together"

"Cultures create problems as
well as solve them."

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"Most cultures elaborate aspects of
their culture far beyond maximum
utility or survival value."

"A culture must contribute to the
survival of the society or to the
adjustment of the individual."

6/ You cannot teach your child the way that he should go by going another way yourself.

7/ Culture — "the total way of life of a people"

"the social legacy the individual acquires from his group"

"the mental blue-prints of the group"

8/ "One never sees gravity. One sees bodies falling in regular way. One never sees an electromagnetic field".

9/ "There is a tremendous amount of intelligence behind the working of a wireless set, but all that is required to turn it on"

12/ "Mission For Man"

Prof. Clyde Kluckhohn
Prof. of Anthropology - Harvard

10/. A map is not the territory"

11) "Ideas can spread without words"

12) "The Navaho Indians always leave part of the design in a pot, a basket or a blanket unpainted. When a medicine-man instructs an apprentice he always leaves a little bit of the story untold. This "fear of closure" is a recurrent theme in Navaho culture"

13) "Fast as an individual who has lost his memory is no longer useful, so the idea of a society becoming completely encompassed from its past culture is inconceivable"

^ "Mirror Ball" (p. 63) →



14/ There are two beginnings, in process
(a) of Vandee - Lower - 5 wheel
was could than nothing (b) of
Manfred - the "hypocrite" of his
civilization - 20th 10th 11th
the hypocrite of arts crafts -
of that was did evidently v-
tain certain dis memories
and it is dated them back
to about 5000 6000 B.C. - when
the most recent research places
the 'inventions in Europe of
domestic plants and animals for they
the plough was the seeds the
wheel metallurgy the sailing ship
arch 'best the ' (original born
probably in North East).

15/ Most significant revolution
in human history - the



("Unirwz Fa Man" - p. 58) - 5

transfers from food-collecting
to food-producing.

16/ "Not more than 10% of the
material objects used by any
people represents its own inventions."

17/ "An invention may not be
exploited to its limits." "The Greeks
of the Hellenistic period knew the prin-
ciple of the steam-engine, but it
was not used only in a toy."

18/ "War is not endemic but a
perversion of human nature."

19/ "To see big things, what
they must be seen from a
distance."

20/ "Sudden bursts" in biologic
mutates as well as in culture.

21/ People needs a great past
to justify a great future

22/ $\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4}$
See (1/10) $\times$ (1/10) = (1/100)
(p. 106).
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Angels have no free choice.
Man has, free choice.

24/ Adam - Sin - brot death.
Mx restored man to
original state before Sin.
But Mx needed it all. -
With Paul Mx did not
obviate original Sin and death.
Only pre-existent Christ
(for Paul it was Jesus)
could accomplish it. The Mx
actually aggravated the
situation.

(Romans 5.6) "Law came
in, to increase the trespass."
(Rom. 5.20)

25/ Certain Biblical laws can
be rationally explained.
Others must be sought
on faith (i) 500 (wool + linen)

② 31/11 ③ 15/12

④ $\Rightarrow x/4c \Rightarrow 10$. Satan

raise objections to them.

i.e. incites to robbery. See

Yours 67b and C13N

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הוא זהו חלק מהחומר