

COMMON SENSE TALK



"It is important that students bring a certain ragamuffin, barefoot irreverence to their studies. They are not here to worship what is known, but to question it."

Jacob Chanowski

"I arise in the morning torn between a desire to save the world and a desire to savor the world. That makes it hard to plan the day."

E.B. White

"There is nothing so desperately monotonous as the sea, and I no longer wonder at the cruelty of pirates."

James Russel Lowell

"Principles have no real force except when one is well fed."

Mark Twain

"A society in which consumption has to be artificially stimulated in order to keep production going is a society founded on trash and waste. Such a society is a house built upon sand."

Dorothy L. Sayers

"In many developing countries, water companies supply the rich with subsidized water but often don't reach poor people at all. With around 5,000 children dying every day because they drink dirty water, we must do more."

United Nations Development Program

"The instability of human knowledge is one of our few certainties. Almost everything we know, we know incompletely at best. And almost nothing we are told remains the same when retold."

Janet Malcolm

"Writing is easy. All you do is stare at a blank sheet of paper until drops of blood form on your forehead."

Gene Fowler

"Aristotle maintained that women have fewer teeth than men. Although he was twice married, it never occurred to him to verify this statement by examining his wives' mouths."

Bertrand Russel