

Sources of Quotations

This is taken from notes I prepared for and with my very patient and brilliant German translator, Andrea Pannister, having pasted together the contents of several e-mails. The page numbers refer to the UK hardback edition. Sometimes I give, for example, a page within a chapter, rather than within the book as a whole, because this is going to make it easier to find in translation or the original German. It is not complete in cases where Andrea knew where to find the source without needing to ask me.

19 – Lewis Carroll – paraphrase of *Alice in Wonderland*, chapter 6, the Cheshire cat episode

24 – “Any piece of flotsam or jetsam within our grasp should be considered as a precipitate of our desire.” – Andre Breton, an essay called ‘Surrealist Exhibition of Objects’ from *Cahiers d'Art*, May 1936, reproduced in *Surrealism and Painting* by Andre Breton, Icon 1963.

25-6 Bob Dylan *Chronicles I*, 6 paras from end chap 4

30 Italo Calvino *The Literature Machine*, essay on Odysseus, 4th page

37 – “as soon as you try to put a thought into words it ceases to be true” – Schopenhauer Complete works vol. 5: *Parerga und Paralipomena* – my quote was a brief paraphrase from memory, but the original, much longer passage is wonderful and much more explicit.

53 CS Lewis *Magician's Nephew* – beginning of chapter 9

68 German medieval poem – *Wartburg War*, strophe 143

70 Nietzsche – prologue to *Also Sprach Zarathustra* – section 5

73 Enoch 7,11

75 Fragments of *Berosus: The Chaldean Account of Genesis* by George Smith (1876)

78 “The women who seduced the angels were of such lewdness that their seducers could not now desire to return into heaven” – Commodianus, *Instructiones adversus gentium deos*, cIII.

79 Roberto Calasso, *Marriage of Cadmus and Harmony* – chapter 4 after 12 line breaks, para begins ‘Ananke belongs..’

83 “Make a tree yield fruit or ears of wheat grow as tall as the cedars of Lebanon.”, *Sagas of the Jews* – collected by Micha Joseph bin Gorion 1.263

88 Dialogue between Midas the Phrygian and Silenus recorded by Theopompus of Chios, quoted in *The Secret of the West* by Dimitri Merezhkovsky

89 *Herodotus, the Histories* – end volume 2, paras 143 and 171 – you’ll see I’ve woven in bits of the visit to the labyrinth adjacent

97 British traveller – quoted on p22 of *Annotation on the Sacred Writings of the Hindus* by E Sellon (1902)

98 *Book of the Dead*, I shall not rot – Papyrus of Nu, Sheet 18, para 3

99 Sartre ‘reify’ – *Being and Nothingness* – section on ‘Concrete Relations with Others II’

105 “... human flesh itself had become perverse.” – quoted in Merezhkovsky – see p88 above

118 Timaeus 36b8. This ideologically slanted interpretation originated with Justin Martyr's commentary *On Plato's Foretelling of the Cross*.

121 Marcellus – quoted in Ignatius Donnelly, 6th page of chapter 3, *Aristotle Fragments*

122 Graham Hancock – from his website

126 *Zend Avesta – Zarathustra* by DJ Von Bemmelen chapter 1, p17

128 “the ‘Lost Word’ must be sought among the sages of Tibet and Tartary” – Swedenborg, *Spiritual Diary Entry 6067*

131 “Behold the beautiful splendour of Savitri the Sun-God of the swastika to inspire our visions” – from the mantra tat savitur varenyam

139 “killing animals by staring at them” – van Helmont; *De magnetica vulnerum curatione* 142, Opp p727

141 “If you fight your death, you’ll feel the demons tearing away at your life, but if you have the right attitude to death, you will be able to see that the devils are really angels setting your spirit free” – There is a large body of sayings not found embedded in the sermons that have come down to us, but attributed to Meister Eckhart. There are many on the net because Eckhart is popular with Anglo-American theologians and clerics who like him because his teachings are consonant with eastern religions. This one is very popular because it was quoted in the film *Jacob's Ladder*.

142 Plutarch “Finally a wonderful light.” *Ex Opere de Anima* 2.6

143 *Fragments on Gods, The Chaldean Genesis* – see above – chapter 14, column II

145 initiation of Cagliostro above a London pub, I imagine the Pillars of Hercules, comes from Iain McCalman's *The Seven Ordeals of Count Cagliostro*

147 Krishna sayings quoted in Wilkins's *Hindu Mythology* (1882) chapter 12, part 8

156 John Wisdom Comes from his Gifford lecture of 1950, *The Discovery of the Transcendental*

159 Gilgamesh to Ziusdra – *Epic of Gilgamesh* – this episode is three quarters of the way through – I've used Robert Temple's wonderful translation, *He Who Saw Everything*.

170 WQ Judge, *Vernal Blooms*, chapter entitled ‘Astral Intoxication’, 2nd page

176 hymn to Akhenaten – widely available – but eg *From Fetish to God in Ancient Egypt* by Wallis Budge p416

183 autobiography of a Yogi Chapter 19 – 2nd para, *The Republic* – the ‘descent into Hades’

190 “One who knows the higher truths, finds the serious values of society difficult to take seriously. Eternity is a child at play.” – Heraklit, found in the German edition of Heraklit's *Fragments*.

191 Lao Tsu – I've run several sayings together – line 1 = book 2 LXVI.160, Book 2 LXXXI line9, Book2 LXIII.150, Book 1.XXVI line 2

193 “Happy is he who has seen the Mysteries before being buried beneath the ground, because he knows what happens as life ends.” – Pindar, *Fragment 137*

193 “Thrice happy are those who have seen the Mysteries before they die. They will have life after death.” – Sophocles, *Fragment 719*

194 “... the rushing forms of troops of earthly demons.” – Proclus, partial paraphrase given in Franz Cumont's *Afterlife in Roman Paganism*, p88 Proclus In Remp. Pplat., I 121, 23 ss., Kroll

195 “I thought I felt the god draw near and I touched him, I was somewhere between waking and sleeping. My spirit was so light – in a way someone who hasn't been initiated

wouldn't understand." – Aristides, quoted in *Christianity as a Mystical Fact* by Rudolf Steiner, p195

198 Ouspensky festschrift, *The Bridge* volume 12 'Essay by Alan Bray', 1st page

200 Pythagoras *The Golden Verses of Pythagoras* selected by Florence M Firth (1912), Golden verse no 12, sentences recorded by Democrates no 50

200 "it opens the human condition a little wider" – Saul Bellow, *The Dean's December*, Chapter 1.

202 Goethe, *Conversations with Goethe*, Eckermann, October 1st 1827, 4th page

207 "...to live joyfully and to die hopefully" *The Nature of the Gods*. Book 2 p13 Q: "...to live joyfully and to die hopefully" – Cicero, *De Legibus* 2.14 verse 36

210 Marcus Aurelius *Meditations*, Virgil 4th Eclogue – end 2nd para

224 "Blood is a frightening mystery, he says. It carries life, and when it is spilled and the ground stained... – José Ortega y Gasset, *Meditations on Hunting*, the essay called 'The Ethics of Hunting' – quotes melded together from p3-5

226 Gospel of St Philip, quoted in *Fragments of a Faith Forgotten* by GRS Meade

227 also the Krishna-like dance of Jesus

1st colour section, table 6 – "Let the crowd of spectators take pleasure in the spectacle. The higher import will not escape the initiated." – Goethe; *Conversations with Eckerman*, 25th Jan 1827

1st colour tables, table 7 – "weaving of the wedding garment" – Böhme, quoted in *Love is Stronger than Death* by Cynthia Bourgeault, a commentary on Bohme's *Three Principles of the Divine Essence*. For 'wedding garment' see Matt 22.8

240 "light beyond the light of the intellect" – Augustinus, *Confessions* 7.10

243 "Koran - melding together phrases from chapters 13 to 16.

246 "I have melded the overlapping stories two old men of the mountains, Hassan i-Sabbah and Rashid al-Din, as sometimes happens in the teaching literature

259 "What black tidings lie beneath that cowl!" – *The End of Time* by Damian Thompson

264 "We value virginity above everything", sagte ein Zeuge.
 "We do not sleep with our wives but love them as we would our sisters. We never eat meat. We hold our possessions in common." – *The Birth of Popular Heresy* by RI Moore.

268 "It is possible to make engines of navigation which have no need of men to navigate them, so that very large sea-going ships may go along with one man to steer and at greater speed than if they were full of men working them. And cars could be made that would move at inestimable speed without animals to draw them. Flying machines can be built so that a man sitting in the middle of the machine may turn an instrument by which wings artificially made will beat there..." *Opus Majus* – but also any popular collection of quotations

269 "What has been revealed to men now, makes all I've written worth no more to me than a stack of straw." – Thomas Aquinas quoted in Prummer, *Manual of Moral Theology* p43. But this is routinely quoted, for instance in English encyclopaedia entries on Aquinas, with minor variations

278 "... desire to return to the body" Virgil, *Aeneid* 6.724

280 "Our spirit if it has been intent upon the work and upon the stars through imagination, and emotion is joined together with the very spirit of the world and with the rays of the stars through which the world-spirits act." – Ficino's influence on popular

music – *The Music of the Spheres: Ficino and Renaissance Harmonia*. There are similar sentiments in the 3rd part of Ficino's *Book of Life*.

283 "Hers is the head ...fallen day about her" Walter Pater, *The Renaissance*, 20th page of 'Leonardo' chapter

285 "behind events there are evolutionary forces which transcend our ordinary needs and which use individuals for purposes far transcending that of keeping those individuals alive and prosperous and respectable and safe and happy." – George Bernard Shaw, preface to his play *St Joan*.

287 "Laugh and face it out boldly whatever it may be" – Rabelais – quoted in *The Laughing Philosopher* by MP Willocks, p24.

290 "There are great indications suggesting the proximity of the earthly Paradise, for not only does it correspond in mathematical position with the opinions of the holy and learned theologians, but all other sages concur to make it probable." *The Imaginative Landscape of CC* p149

302 "Ich bitte Gott, dass er mich Gottes quitt mache"

((<http://www.textlog.de/21502.html>))

"If I myself were not, God would not be either.

If I were Not, God would not be God.

God is within, we are without."

Das Auge, darinnen ich Gott sehe, das ist dasselbe Auge, darinnen mich Gott sieht. ((Dt. Eckhart Homepage: <http://www.eckhart.de/index.htm?karrer2.htm>))

304 "These sages whose number is small are children of light. Their business is to do as much good to humanity as is in their power and to drink wisdom from the eternal fountain of truth. Some live in Europe, others in Africa, but they are bound together by the harmony of their souls, and they are therefore one. They are joined even though they may be thousands of miles apart from each other. They understand each other, although they speak in different tongues, because the language of the sages is spiritual perception. No evil person could possibly live among them, because he would be recognized immediately." – quoted in *Life and Prophecies* by Franz Hartmann, MD, Introduction by Paul M Allen, footnote on p199

305 "One can spin, another make shoes and these are the gifts of the Holy Spirit." – Tauler: *Sermon for the 10th Sunday after Trinity*

305 "Nowhere in either Latin or German have I found more wholesome, powerful teaching, nor any that more fully agrees with the Gospels." – Luther, *Letters to Spalatin*, 1516, Kostlin, *Life of M Luther*, 117 sq.126

306 "...all that man could desire, ask and hope for." – Andreae's *The Fama*

309 "I am a rough man, born into a rough country." – Paracelsus's *The Treasure of the Alchemists* – chapter concerning 'The Green Lion', para 4

309 "If only your artists knew that their prince Galen – they call none like him – was sticky in Hell from where he has sent letters to me, they would make the sign of the cross upon themselves with a fox's tail." – *Paracelsus* by Hartmann, as above p17

309/310 "I desire neither to live comfortably, nor do I wish to become rich. Happiness is better than riches and happy is he who wanders about, possessing nothing that requires his care. He who wants to study the book of nature must wander with his feet over its leaves." – *Paracelsus* by Hartmann as above, p18

313 “The Lion knoweth not where I walk, neither do the beasts of the field understand me. I am deflowered, yet a virgin; I sanctify and am not sanctified. Happy is he that embraceth me: for in the night season I am sweet... my lips are sweeter than health itself, I am a harlot for such as ravish me, and a virgin with such as know me not. Purge your streets, O ye sons of men, and wash your houses clean...” – Quoted in article by Andrew Gaze in the much missed *Gnosis Magazine*. Also John Dee: essential readings ed. Gerald Suster.

315 “allegory and secret meaning” – *The table Talk of Martin Luther*, translated by W Hazlitt p326

316 “Jakob, thou art yet but little, but the time will come when thou shalt be great and the wold shall be moved at thee. Read the Holy Scriptures where thou wilt find comfort and instruction, for thou must endure much misery and poverty and suffer persecution. But be courageous and persevere, for God loves thee.” – Böhme quoted in *Three Famous Mystics* by AE Waite and WP Swainson, p80

317 “In one quarter of an hour I saw and knew more than if I had been at university for many years.” – *Of Heaven and Hell* – dialogue between a student and his master – para on new beginning

323 Rosenkreuzer bezeichnen diesen Vorgang als “building a hut by the palace of wisdom”. – Rosenkreuzer quoted in *History and Doctrines of the Rose Croix* by Paul Sedir.

323 “Take, Lord, and receive all my memory, my understanding and my whole will, everything I have.” - Loyola, *Spiritual Exercises*, Penguin edition, additional material – para 234.

325 “held commerce with Aerial and Heavenly Spirites – that Schools and Professors of this noble Art had been frequent in all Parts of the World, and still were so in Spain at Toledo, Cordova, Grenada and other Places that they had also been formerly celebrated in Germany, but for the most part had failed since Luther had sown the seeds of his Heresy, and began to have so many Followers: that in France and in England it was still secretly preserved, as it were by Tradition, in the families of certain Gentlemen; but that only the initiated were admitted into the Sacred Rites; to the exclusion of profane Persons.” - de Thou, *History of His Own Time* ed. B Wilson pCXXXIX

325 “Out of God we are born, We die in Jesus, We will be reborn through the Holy Spirit.” - Rosencreutz, *The Fama*

330 “There are transformations from one species to another, as from stone to earth, from earth to grass, from grass to sheep, from sheep to human flesh, from human flesh to the lowest species of man, and from these to the noblest spirits.” 330 Anne (Lady) Conway’s *The Principles of the Most Ancient and Modern Philosophy*, Chapter IX. 5.5

330 “There is nothing in the world, not even among silent things such as dust and stones that does not possess a certain life, spiritual nature, a particular planet and its perfect form in the heavens.” – 330 Luria: *De Revolutionibus Animarum*, KD, vol. 2. 2:415

333 “The year of grace 1654, Monday 23 November, day of St Clement, Pope and Martyr. From about half-past ten in the evening until about half-past twelve at night, FIRE.” – extracted called ‘The Memorial’, a short passage usually appended to *Pensees*.

334 “It is no less true in this human kingdom of knowledge than in God’s kingdom of heaven that no man shall enter into it ,except he become first as a little child.” ‘It is no less true..’ Francis Bacon’s *Valerius Terminus of the Interpretation of Nature* Ch 1.

334 “Only he who desires with his whole heart will find and to him only who knocks vehemently shall the door be opened.” *Paracelsus: Selected Writings*, ed Jolanda Jacobi

335 “There is a book inside us, written by the finger of God, through which we may read all things.” - van Helmont – also quoted by Paul Sedir, as above.

335 “To drink the interior life in a long draft is to see the higher life. He who discovers the interior, discovers what is in space.” – Maier – Sedir again

337 “My father Backhouse lying sick in Fleet streete over against St. Dunstans Church, and not knowing whether he should live or dye, about eleven o’clock told me in S.lables the true Matter of the Philosophers Stone which he bequethed to me as a Legacy.” - E Ashmole, *Theatrum Chemicum Britannicum*, edition of 1968 p5.

340 “the symbol of the chymic art – gold – comes forth from creation for those who rescue and purify the divine soul chained in the elements.” – Zosimos quoted in Jung’s *Alchemical Studies*, chapter on the Visions of Zosimos,

340 “First transmute the earth of your body into water”, sagt er. “This means your heart that is as hard as a stone, material and lazy, must become subtle and vigilant.” Dorn's commentary on Trithemius’s alchemical treatise.

355 “When we dwell on the good qualities of others, we are expressing esteem for our own finer feelings” – *La Rochefoucauld*, in edition by Constantine Fitzgibbon, this is maxim no 143.

356 “No matter how well we are spoken of”, sagte er, „we learn nothing we do not already know.” - *La Rochefoucauld* – as above maxim no 303

357 The story of Lesebrun comes from Somerset Maugham's *The Magician*

362 “The whole world is nothing but a great republic. We strive for the reunion of all people of an enlightened mind... not only through the love of the fine arts, but even more through the elevated principles of virtue, science and religion, in which the interests of the brotherhood and that of the entire family of humankind can meet each other... and from which the subjects of all kingdoms can learn to love each other.” – Ramsay’s Oration is in *History of Freemasonry* (1883) by Robert Freke Gould.

363 “Dreams of antique science, proclaiming that the reality behind the dreams must be sought in the spirit of dreams.” – Waite: *The French Mystic and the Story of Modern Martinism* – chapter 1.

363 Voltaire... “who held the keys – who had forged the key – which opened up the door to this reality and unfolded amazing vistas of possibility... Condemned practices, forbidden arts might lead through some clouds of mystery into the light of knowledge.” – Waite, as above

364 “soulless little dancing masters who did not understand the inner life of man”. – in *The Roots of Romanticism*, Isaiah Berlin attributes this sentiment to JG Herder.

365 “Sometimes I was reduced into a state of insensibility as to the body senses, thus almost unto the state of dying persons, retaining however my interior life unimpaired, attended with the power of thinking and with sufficient breathing for life.” - Swedenborg, *Arcana Coelestia* verse 169, *The Economy of the Animal Kingdom* 1.9

365 “there is a certain cheering light and joyful, confirmatory brightness that plays around the sphere of the mind, and a kind of mysterious radiation... that darts through some temple in the brain... the soul is called into a more inward communion, and has returned at that moment into the golden age of its intellectual perfections. The mind... in

the kindling flame of its love despises all in comparison... all merely corporeal pleasures.” - Swedenborg, 367 *Spiritual Diary* #4408

370 “in concealment lies a great part of our strength. For this reason we must cover ourselves in the namen of another society. The lodges that are under Freemasonry are the most suitable cloak for our higher purpose.”

“Seek the society of young people”, rät er einem seiner Mitverschwörer.

“Watch them, and if one of them pleases you, lay your hand on him.”

“Do you realize sufficiently what it means to rule – to rule in a secret society? Not only over the more important of the populace, but over the best men, over men of all races, nations and religions, to rule without external force... the final aim of our Society is nothing less than to win power and riches... and to obtain mastery of the world.” –

Weishaupt Webster, Chapter on Bavarian Illuminati

371 “the program to put into action by the French Constitutional Assembly in 1789 had been put together by German Illuminati in 1776.” –Webster, as above

371 “People of France, I am innocent, I forgive those who are responsible for my death. I pray God that the blood spilled here never falls on France or on you, my unfortunate people...” - Ludwig XVI. The king’s farewell speech was transcribed by a man called Charles Henri Sanson

373 “The daemon ought to lead us every day and tell us what we ought to do un every occasion. But the good spirit leaves us in the lurch, and we grope about in the dark. Napoleon was the man! Always illuminated, always clear and decided and endowed at every hour with energy enough to carry out whatever he considered necessary. His lofe was the stride of a demi-god, from battle to battle, and from victory to victory. It might be said he was in a state of continual illumination... In later years this illumination appears to have forsaken him, as well as his fortune and his good star.” – Goethe, *Conversations with Eckermann*, 11th March 1828

378 “Come to the edge, he said.
They said, We are afraid.
Come to the edge, he said.
The came. He pushed them.
They flew.” - Apollinaire

This is an odd one! This poem is everywhere on the Internet – and often in different versions – attributed to Apollinaire, but when my friend Kevin Jackson, who's a big Apollinaire fan told me it definitely wasn't by him, I did some digging around. It turns out it first appeared on a poster pasted up around London – shades of the Rosicrucian pamphlets in Paris – on which the British poet Christopher Logue wrote 'Apollinaire said.' followed by this poem. My best guess, therefore, is that it was written by Logue, as it were, in the spirit of Apollinaire.

381 Rilke, *Letters to A Young Poet* letter 6 para 3

382 “The spirit cheats us, the spirit intrigues, the spirit lies, the spirit triumphs.” – Quoted by Isaiah Berlin in *The Roots of Romanticism*, chapter 5 , 14th page – notes give as 'untraced paraphrase'.

383 “like apes with a fierce face... a horrible countenance” – 383 Swedenborg, *True Christian Religion* para 568

384 “Illumination must be sought and in extreme cases the whole body will be illumined too.” – Maximus the Confessor, Chapters on knowledge, para 228 in *Maximus Confessor: selected writings*, translated GC Berthold.

387 “surrendering himself to secret laws” – Odilon Redon, quoted in *Symbolists and Symbolism* by Robert Delaney p61

392 “I am the cleverness in the dice” – *Baghavad Gita* – Chapter 10, verse 3.

396 “you will be free of fear of kings, people, robbers, tigers, even death.”

“It is my certain conviction that with every thread I draw, I am spinning the destiny of India.” – Yogesh Chadha’s *Rediscovering Gandhi*, end of chapter 21, as above, chapter 27, 7th para.