

# Needlework

## *Pokes and Turns of Thought*



Mankind's three deepest imponderables are infinity, eternity, and stupidity.



A good friendship, like a good river, comes back together after hitting a rock.



Even when things are all in place, they're very close to being out of place.



Most of us know someone whose purity of soul smells a bit like bleach.



Richest blessings move slowly because so much moves.



As for best-laid plans, mice do much better.



What could be sweeter than success, or briefer?



A teardrop is a liqueur to the future.



Quantitative psychology sticks its pins through living butterflies.



Retail marketing is the last frontier of nonsense.



Picture your worst fear. Now don't. Feel better?



Friends have love without vows, faithfulness without reason.



Who deserves to beg? At some time, everybody.



Ride in your car; ride in a mystery.



Insurance companies and doctors agree on one thing: nothing.



The kindness of a kind teacher is the kindest kindness of all.



Scientists have discovered few forms of life that behave more predictably than a manager on the way up.



When the chariot swings low for my soul, slip the horses some extra oats, okay?



Our commencement speaker revealed at length his firm grasp of the obvious.



Every new human being is an impossibility become inevitable.



Diet-conscious cannibals may eat only vegetarians.



Few besides Realtors love a snob.



In an emotional universe, kisses are the gravity.



Rumors are disagreeable to many; but then, so is the truth.



Anything you can get away with, you can't.



Christmas and a minimum universe both require a star and some generosity.



Friendships with others bring us heaven before heaven.



Brilliance needs words; character, pauses.



Fame is a sea that washes up new names like foam onto beaches.



### **Morning Prayer**

Now I wake me up from bed;  
I thank the Lord I'm still not dead.  
The Lord declined my soul to take  
for reasons which remain opaque.



Consensus usually belongs to the first one who dares to ahem and summarize.



"Employees Must Wash Hands" posted in the restroom translates to  
"Dine Elsewhere" even if no cockroaches are currently visible.



Need we be terribly surprised at the shortcomings of a world  
that is substantially run by the personalities who dominate meetings?



Today remains our only hope for tomorrow's yesterday.



Nothing deepens character like a firmly balanced dilemma.



The corn husk will never understand the corn.



#### **Hint to Bottom-Line CEO's**

Reducing employees to digits  
may cause a cessation of widgets.



To find order in chaos, stop looking there.



Everybody is said to be unique, but most people are unique in about the same way.



Even as a bud, given water, becomes a flower,  
the office sycophant, given power, will become an autocrat.



For chest cold recovery, we must learn to always expectorate the unexpectated.



Leave the past behind you, but if part of it gets back in front of you, ask it why.



In truest love, giving and taking become moot.



The teeth of adversity grow directly behind the smile of fortune.



A local church begins as a fire in people's hearts,  
and sometimes ends as a structure whose windows no one wants to wash.



For TV addicts, death may cause minor personality changes.



He deceived her in ways which made her feel so loved.



A newborn's first thought: "Now what?"



Adolph Hitler was reputedly the Dictatorian of his high school graduating class.



It is better to have tried and failed than never to have failed at all.



After a motivational seminar I feel like new frosting on an old cake.



During college his deepest thought never got down as far as his knees.



### **Morning Glory Manager**

He smiled his way to power,  
enjoyed his sunny hour,  
then made some big boys frown  
and smiled his way back down.



A politician walked up to the Pearly Gates, shook St. Peter's hand vigorously,  
and announced, "God has my full support."



If you would hear the song of the infinite, listen quietly through the ends of your  
toes.



He carefully hid his feeling of superiority behind a smug expression.



All of life is a near-death experience.



Choose bravely; learn deeply.



Tears are from the soul wetting its pants.



Every day is more evidence of forever.



Motherhood is hereditary. If you never had a mother,  
chances are your children won't have one either.



After all I've been through, hell should be a breeze.



Dogs offer you humility, while cats invite it.



A shelf in need is a floor indeed.



Exits from the freeway of truth begin at a small angle.



Walk where your feet are.



The hell you feel is the one that's real.



Why can't we not worry by not wanting to worry?



Reality is what's left to us after all of our failures to find it.



Hell provides a room  
for people who assume,  
which gets some ventilation,  
but my, what a population!



Kind acts never die,  
and what is kind in yourself  
was waiting for you.



His dark blue suit had yes written all over it.



It's easy to be critical, but it's even easier to be bureaucratic,  
which is why bureaucracy is always ahead of its critics.



The caskets of beggars and vice presidents close with the same snap.



Hell is an archive of souls too interesting for heaven.



Technology offers a profusion of easier ways to live a life we don't understand.



If God had forbidden the snake too, would Adam and Eve have eaten it for dessert?



In his climb up the corporate ladder he was able to overcome all vestiges of past humility.



Senile? Not me. I can't remember the last time I forgot something.



A lottery consists of a few million poor fools chipping in to create a rich one.



God hells those who hell themselves.



Infinity is the quickest shortcut to the unknown.



People you have to interrupt so they can see your side, won't.



Nice days are more made than had.



I have my life well under control except for:

how much I eat,  
how much I sleep,  
what I say  
what I do.



You know you're getting old when you notice that  
your first name is being given to babies again.





**Pessimist:** looks both ways before crossing a one-way street.  
**Corpse:** didn't.



Is this a user-friendly universe?



Computers won't ever become minds until they can cry--and mean it.



Creativity leads to crisis, which leads to creativity.



American work ethic: busy is good, frantic is excellent, and burnt-out is sublime.



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