

QUOTATION LIST: Final Exam, English 245 Fall 2011

QUOTE: "The shift was delayed seven minutes. They did not get home for seven minutes. The master schedule was thrown off by seven minutes. Quotas were delayed by inoperative slidewalks for seven minutes. He had tapped the first domino in the line, and one after another, like chik chik chik, the others had fallen"

SOURCE: Harlan Ellison "Repent, Harlequin!" Said the Ticktockman" (P762)

QUOTE: Scare someone else. I'd rather be dead than live in a dumb world with a boogeyman like you.

SOURCE: Harlan Ellison, "Repent, Harlequin! Said the Ticktockman p.767

QUOTE: ...we no longer let time serve us, we serve time and we are slaves of the schedule, worshippers of the sun's passing; bound into a life predicated on restrictions because the system will not function if we don't keep the schedule tight.

SOURCE: Harlan Ellison "Repent, Harlequin!" Said the Ticktockman". P. 763

QUOTE: "That's ridiculous!" murmured the Ticktockman behind his mask. "Check your watch." And then we went into his office, going mrmee, mrmee, mrmee, mrmee.

SOURCE: Harlan Ellison. "Repent, Harlequin!" Said the Ticktockman" Pg. 768

QUOTE: I stare at the crucifix that hangs on the cabin wall above the Mark VI Computer, and for the first time in my life I wonder if it is no more than an empty symbol.

SOURCE: Arthur C. Clarke, "The Star".. Page 1

QUOTE: And sinking into the sea, still warm and friendly and life-giving, is the sun that will soon turn traitor and obliterate all this innocent happiness.

SOURCE: Arthur C. Clarke, "The Star".

QUOTE: Whether that race has done good or evil during its lifetime will make no difference in the end: there is no divine justice, for there is no God.

SOURCE: Arthur C. Clarke, "The Star," Pg. 3

QUOTE: But to be destroyed so completely in the full flower of its achievement, leaving no survivors – how could that be reconciled with the mercy of God?

SOURCE: Arthur C. Clarke, "The Star," page four.

QUOTE: Anyone who clings to the historically untrue — and thoroughly immoral — doctrine that "violence never solves anything" I would advise to conjure up the ghosts of Napoleon Bonaparte and of the Duke of Wellington and let them debate it. The ghost of Hitler could referee, and the jury might well be the Dodo, the Great Auk, and the Passenger Pigeon. Violence, naked force, has settled more issues in history than has any other factor, and the contrary opinion is wishful thinking at its worst. Breeds that forget this basic truth have always paid for it with their lives and freedoms.

SOURCE: Robert A. Heinlein. *Starship Troopers*.P26

QUOTE: The most noble fate a man can endure is to place his own mortal body between his loved home and the war's desolation.

SOURCE: Robert A. Heinlein *Starship troopers*, Page 91

QUOTE: But it is that “hump” that counts – and, knowing you, lad, I know that I have waited long enough to be sure that you are past your “hump” – or you would be home now.

SOURCE: Robert Heinlein, *Starship Troopers*, page 114.

QUOTE: The best things in life are beyond money; their price is agony and sweat and devotion... and the price demanded for the most precious of all things in life is life itself- ultimate cost for ultimate value.

SOURCE: Robert A. Heinlein, *Starship Troopers*, p. 119

QUOTE: “their citizens (all of them counted as such) glorified their mythology of ‘rights’...and lost track of their duties. No nation, so constituted, can endure.”

SOURCE: Robert A. Heinlein, *Starship Troopers*. Pg. 120

QUOTE: He got slowly up. “Okay, Johnnie,” he said, shaking his head, “I’ve had my lesson. You won’t have any more lip out of me... nor out of anybody in the section, Okay?”

I nodded and my head hurt.

“Shake?” he asked.

We shook on it, and that hurt, too.

SOURCE: Robert A. Heinlein *Starship Troopers* P151

QUOTE: Everything of any importance is founded on mathematics.

SOURCE: Robert A. Heinlein, *Starship Troopers* (p.204)

QUOTE: ““There are no dangerous weapons; there are only dangerous men.”

SOURCE: Robert A. Heinlein, *Starship Troopers*

QUOTE: It's pride. My boy is going to be an officer. My little Johnnie—Oh, it's disappointment too.

SOURCE: Robert A. Heinlein. *Starship Troopers*. P214

QUOTE: It was a glorious evening and well worth flunking two classes the next day. It was somewhat dimmed by the fact that we had each heard about Carl—killed when the Bugs smashed our research station on Pluto.

SOURCE: Robert A. Heinlein, *Starship Troopers*, Pg. 233

QUOTE: Blake understood. Treated it like a joke, but he understood. He saw the cracks in society, saw the little men in masks trying to hold it together... He saw the true face of the twentieth century and chose to become a reflection, a parody of it. No one else saw the joke. That's why he was lonely.

SOURCE: Alan Moore and Dave Gibbons *Watchmen* CII P27

QUOTE: Yeah. Yeah, that's right. Pregnant woman. Gunned her down. Bang. And y'know what? You watched me. You coulda changed the gun into steam or the bullets into mercury or the bottle into god damn snowflakes! You coulda teleported either of us to goddamn Australia...but you didn't lift a finger! You don't really give a damn about human beings. I've watched you. You never cared about what's her name, Janey Slater, even before you ditched her. Soon you won't be interested in Sally Jupiter's little girl, either. You're driftin' outta touch, Doc. You're turnin' into a flake. God help us all.

SOURCE: Alan Moore and Dave Gibbons *Watchmen* CII P27

QUOTE: I do not believe that we have a man to end wars. I believe that we have made a man to end worlds.

SOURCE: Alan Moore and Dave Gibbons, *Watchmen*. Dr. Manhattan: Super-powers and the Superpowers. Pg. II

QUOTE: I see the world didn't end yesterday. – Are you sure?

SOURCE: Alan Moore/Dave Gibbons. *Watchmen*. P3:22

QUOTE: This rudderless world is not shaped by vague metaphysical forces. It is not God who kills the children. Not fate that butchers them or destiny that feeds them to the dogs. It's us. Only us.

SOURCE: Alan Moore and Dave Gibbons, *Watchmen*, Ch 6, p. 26

QUOTE: I looked at the Rorschach blot. I tried to pretend it looked like a spreading tree, shadows pooled beneath it, but it didn't. It looked more like a dead cat I once found, the fat, glistening grubs writhing blindly, squirming over each other, frantically tunneling away from the light. But even that is avoiding the real horror. The horror is this: In the end, it is simply a picture of empty meaningless blackness. We are alone. There is nothing else.

SOURCE: : Alan Moore and Dave Gibbons, *Watchmen*, Chapter 6, p.28

QUOTE: "Soon there will be war. Millions will burn. Millions will perish in sickness and misery. Why does one death matter against so many? Because there is good and there is evil, and evil must be punished. Even in the face of Armageddon I shall not compromise in this. But there are so many deserving of retribution ... and there is so little time."

SOURCE: Alan Moore and Dave Gibbons, *Watchmen*.

QUOTE: Thermo-dynamic miracles... events with odds against so astronomical they're effectively impossible, like oxygen spontaneously becoming gold. I long to observe such a thing. And yet, in each human coupling, a thousand million sperm vie for a single egg. Multiply those odds by countless generations, against the odds of your ancestors being alive; meeting; siring this precise son; that precise daughter until your mother loves a man she has every reason to hate, and of that union, of the thousand million children competing for fertilization, it was you, only you that emerged. To distill so specific a form from that chaos of improbability, like turning air into gold... that is the crowning unlikelihood. The thermo-dynamic miracle.

SOURCE: Alan Moore and Dave Gibbons, *Watchmen*, Ch 9, p. 26-27

QUOTE: Dan, I'm not a Republic serial villain. Do you seriously think I'd explain my masterstroke if there remained the slightest chance of you affecting its outcome? I did it thirty-five minutes ago. – Veidt

SOURCE: Alan Moore and Dave Gibbons, *Watchmen*, pg. 27 of issue 11.

QUOTE: Never compromise. Not even in the face of Armageddon. That's always been the difference between us, Daniel.

SOURCE: Alan Moore and Dave Gibbons, *Watchmen*.

QUOTE: "In the End"? **Nothing** ends, Adrian. Nothing **ever** ends.

SOURCE: Alan Moore and Dave Gibbons, *Watchmen*, Ch12P27

QUOTE: "What do you mean, why's it got to be built?" he said. "It's a bypass. You've got to build bypasses."

SOURCE: Douglas Adams, *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, Pg. 7

QUOTE: A towel is about the most massively useful thing an interstellar hitchhiker can have.

SOURCE: Douglas Adams. *The Hitchhikers Guide To The Galaxy*.

QUOTE: "Oh, that was easy," says Man, and for an encore goes on to prove that black is white and gets himself killed at the next zebra crossing.

SOURCE: Douglas Adams, *Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, p. 42

QUOTE: "Curiously enough, the only thing that went through the mind of the bowl of petunias as it fell was Oh no, not again. Many people have speculated that if we knew exactly why the bowl of petunias had thought that we would know a lot more about the nature of the Universe than we do now."

SOURCE: Douglas Adams, *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* (P91)

QUOTE: It wasn't infinity in fact. Infinity itself looks flat and uninteresting. Looking up into the night sky is looking into infinity- distance is incomprehensible and therefore meaningless. The chamber into which the aircar emerged was anything but infinite, it was just very very big, so big that it gave the impression of infinity far better than infinity itself.

SOURCE: Douglas Adams, *Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, p. 107

QUOTE: The last ever dolphin message was misinterpreted as a surprisingly sophisticated attempt to do a double-backwards-somersault through a hoop whilst whistling the 'Star Spangled Banner', but in fact the message was this: So long and thanks for all the fish.

SOURCE: Douglas Adams, *The Hitchhiker's Guide To The Galaxy*, p. 141

QUOTE: "It committed suicide," said Marvin, and stalked off back to the Heart of Gold.

SOURCE: Douglas Adams, *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, Pg. 142

QUOTE: For instance, on the planet Earth, man had always assumed that he was more intelligent than dolphins because he had achieved so much — the wheel, New York, wars and so on — whilst all the dolphins had ever done was muck about in the water having a good time. But conversely, the dolphins had always believed that they were far more intelligent than man — for precisely the same reasons.

SOURCE: Douglas Adams. *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*. P156

QUOTE: "Forty-two," said Deep Thought, with infinite majesty and calm.

SOURCE: Douglas Adams *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* P181

QUOTE: "...the chances of finding out what's really going on in the universe are so remote, the only thing to do is hang the sense of it and keep yourself occupied."

SOURCE: Douglas Adams, *The Hitchhiker's Guide To The Galaxy*, 193

QUOTE: We'll take in a quick bite at the Restaurant at the End of the Universe.

SOURCE Douglas Adams, *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* (p.215)

QUOTE: I belong to a new underclass, no longer determined by social status or the color of your skin. We now have discrimination down to a science.

SOURCE: Andrew Niccol, *Gattaca*.

QUOTE: I'll never understand what possessed my mother to put her faith in God's hands, rather than her local geneticist.

SOURCE: Andrew Niccol, *Gattaca*

QUOTE: "You want to know how I did it? This is how I did it, Anton: I never saved anything for the swim back."

SOURCE: Andrew Niccol *Gattaca*

QUOTE: There's no gene for fate.

SOURCE: Andrew Niccol *Gattaca*

QUOTE: They've got you looking so hard for any flaw, that after a while, that's all that you see .

SOURCE: Andrew Niccol, *Gattaca*, towards the end

QUOTE: Unfortunately, my son's not all that they promised. But then, who knows what he could do. Right?

SOURCE: Andrew Niccol, *Gattaca*

QUOTE: WAR IS PEACE, FREEDOM IS SLAVERY, IGNORANCE IS STRENGTH.

SOURCE: George Orwell – *Nineteen Eighty-Four* (pg.6)

QUOTE: Nothing was your own except the few cubic centimeters inside your skull.

SOURCE: George Orwell, *Nineteen Eighty-Four*. Pg. 27

QUOTE: He was a lonely ghost uttering a truth that nobody would ever hear. But so long as he uttered it, in some obscure way the continuity was not broken.

SOURCE: George Orwell, *Nineteen Eighty-Four*, Pg. 28

QUOTE: And so it was with every class of recorded fact, great or small. Everything faded away into a shadow-world in which, finally, even the date of the year had become uncertain.

SOURCE: George Orwell, *Nineteen Eighty-Four*. Pg. 42

QUOTE: Every concept that can ever be needed, will be expressed by exactly *one* word, with its meaning rigidly defined and all its subsidiary meanings rubbed out and forgotten.

SOURCE: George Orwell, *Nineteen Eighty-Four*, 53-54

QUOTE : Freedom is the freedom to say two plus two equals four. If that is granted, all else follows.

SOURCE: George Orwell, *Nineteen Eighty-Four*, p.81

QUOTE: Not merely the validity of experience, but the very existence of external reality was tacitly denied by their philosophy.

SOURCE: George Orwell, *Nineteen Eighty-Four*, page 83.

QUOTE: He tried to think of O'Brien, for whom, or to whom, the diary was written, but instead he began thinking of the thing that would happen to him after the Thought Police took him away.

SOURCE: George Orwell, *Nineteen Eighty-Four* P103

QUOTE: We are not interested in those stupid crimes you have committed. The party is not interested in the overt act: the thought is all we care about. We do not merely destroy our enemies; we change them.

SOURCE: George Orwell, 1984, p.253

QUOTE: "You asked me once," said O'Brien, "what was in [Room 101](#). I told you that you knew the answer already. Everyone knows it. The thing that is in Room 101 is the worst thing in the world." (P293)

SOURCE: George Orwell, *Nineteen Eighty-Four*.

QUOTE: Two gin-scented tears trickled down the sides of his nose. But it was all right, everything was all right, the struggle was finished. He had won the victory over himself. He loved Big Brother.

SOURCE: George Orwell 1984 P298

QUOTE: Terror becomes total when it becomes independent of all opposition; it rules supreme when nobody any longer stands in its way.

SOURCE: Hannah Arendt, "Ideology and Terror: A Novel Form of Government" p. 851

QUOTE: "Under conditions of total terror not even fear can longer serve as an advisor of how to behave, because terror chooses its victims without reference to individual actions or thoughts, exclusively in accordance with the objective necessity of the natural or historical process." (P857)

SOURCE: Hannah Arendt "Ideology and Terror: A Novel form of Government"

QUOTE: But there remains also the truth that every end in history necessarily contains a new beginning; this beginning is the promise, the only "message" which the end can ever produce.

SOURCE: Arendt: Ideology and Terror: A Novel Form of Government, pg. 863