

## WORDS OF WISDOM FROM FAR AND WIDE

There is a very fine line between “hobby” and “mental illness”. – Dave Barry

“Men have forgotten this truth,” said the Fox. “But you must remember. You are responsible, forever, for what you have tamed.” -- Antoine de Saint-Exupery, from The Little Prince

Half the failures in life arise from pulling in one’s horse as he is leaping – A. W. Hare

There is a principle which is a bar against all information, which is proof against all arguments, and which cannot fail to keep a man in everlasting ignorance. That principle is contempt prior to investigation. – Herbert Spencer

Technically, everything *does* happen for a reason: quite often that reason is rampant stupidity, but occasionally it’s gravity, plate tectonics or forgetting to turn the stove off. – “maggie”, from an Internet bulletin board

Once you can accept the universe as matter expanding into nothing that is something, wearing stripes with plaid comes easy. – Albert Einstein

### **An Old Cowboy's Advice**

- \* Keep your fences horse-high, pig-tight & bull-strong.
- \* Keep skunks & bankers & lawyers at a distance.
- \* Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.
- \* A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor.
- \* Words that soak into your ears are whispered...not yelled.
- \* Meanness don't jes' happen overnight.
- \* Forgive your enemies. It messes up their heads.
- \* Don't corner something that would normally run from you.
- \* It doesn't take a very big person to carry a grudge.
- \* You cannot unsay a cruel word.
- \* Every path has a few puddles.
- \* When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty.
- \* The best sermons are lived, not preached.
- \* Most of the stuff people worry about is never gonna happen anyway.
- \* Don't judge folks by their relatives.
- \* Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.
- \* Don't interfere with somethin' that ain't botherin' you none.
- \* Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a rain dance.
- \* Sometimes you get, & sometimes you get got.
- \* Don't fix it if it ain't broke.
- \* Always drink upstream from the herd.
- \* Good judgment comes from experience, & a lot of that comes from bad judgment.
- \* If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around.
- \* Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly.

.....and finally:

Life should not be a graceful and elegant journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in an attractive and well-preserved body. Rather, one should skid in sideways with tires shrieking, fenders flapping, muffler dragging, totally worn out and thoroughly used up, screaming “WOO HOO! WHAT A RIDE!”