

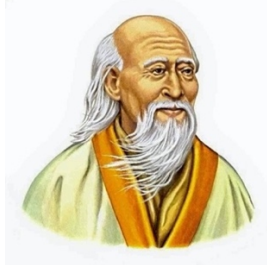
“Thoughts of the day”

A project to support the Cramer lab during their ~2 months in home office at the time of the global Corona pandemic in spring 2020.

Home office day 1 (March 24, 2020)

“The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.”

Lao Tzu, Chinese philosopher, 6th century B.C.



Home office day 2 (March 25, 2020)

“What does not engage our feelings does not long engage our thoughts either.”

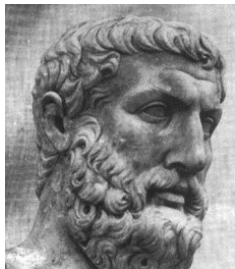
Lou Andreas-Salomé, Russian-German author and psychoanalyst,
1861 St. Petersburg – 1937 Göttingen



Home office day 3 (March 26, 2020)

“For it is the same thing that can be thought and that can be.”

Parmenides of Elea, pre-Socratic Greek philosopher, 5th century B.C.



Home office day 4 (March 27, 2020)

“What the mind doesn’t understand, it worships or fears.”

Alice Walker, African American poet and social activist, born 1944



Home office day 5 (March 28, 2020)

“Therefore in medicine we ought to know the causes of sickness and health.”

Avicenna, Persian polymath, ~980-1037



Home office day 6 (March 29, 2020)

“Peace begins with a smile“

Mother Teresa, Albanian-Indian humanitarian, 1910-1997



Home office day 7 (March 30, 2020)

“I love those who yearn for the impossible.” (Faust II, 7488)

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, German writer and naturalist, 1749-1832.



Home office day 8 (March 31, 2020)

“I wish that every human life might be pure transparent freedom.”

Simone de Beauvoir, French author and existentialist, 1908-1986



Home office day 9 (April 1, 2020)

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

Nelson Mandela, South African politician and activist, 1918-2013.



Home office day 10 (April 2, 2020)

“Everything great that ever happened in this world happened first in somebody’s imagination.”

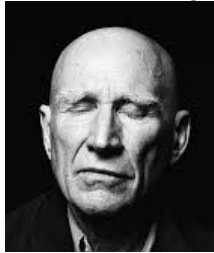
Astrid Lindgren, Swedish writer, 1907-2002



Home office day 11 (April 3, 2020)

“I looked through a lens and ended up abandoning everything else.”

Sebastiao Salgado, Brazilian photographer and peace prize winner, born 1944



Home office day 12 (April 4, 2020; Saturday)

“Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement.”

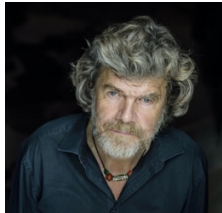
Helen Keller, American author and activist, 1880-1968.



Home office day 13 (April 5, 2020; Sunday)

“The wonderful things in life are the things you do, not the things you have.”

Reinhold Messner, Italian explorer, born 1944.



Home office day 14 (April 6, 2020)

“I am among those who think that science has great beauty.”

Marie Skłodowska Curie, Polish-French physicist and chemist, 1867-1934.



Home office day 15 (April 7, 2020)

"You can cut all the flowers but you cannot keep spring from coming."
Pablo Neruda, Chilean poet and politician, 1904-1973.



Home office day 16 (April 8, 2020)

"Arrange whatever pieces come your way."
Virginia Woolf, English modernist writer, 1882-1941.



Home office day 17 (April 9, 2020)

"With love and patience, nothing is impossible."
Daisaku Ikeda, Japanese philosopher and peacebuilder, born 1928



Home office day 18 (April 10, 2020; Good Friday)

"For we do not have an enduring city here, instead, we seek the one to come."
Author unknown, from the epistle to the Hebrews, ~70-100.



Home office day 19 (April 11, 2020)

"I am not afraid of the darkness."
Vasco da Gama, Portuguese explorer, ~1460-1524.



Home office day 20 (April 12, 2020; Easter Sunday)

“Another world is not only possible, she is on her way.”

Suzanna Arundhati Roy, Indian author and activist, born 1961



Home office day 21 (April 13, 2020)

“Anyone who knows nothing to do with the art of saying goodbye will never discover a new path and will never get anywhere.”

Christoph Ransmayr, Austrian writer, born 1954.



Home office day 22 (April 14, 2020)

“I don't think of all the misery, but of the beauty that still remains.”

Anne Frank, Dutch diarist and holocaust victim, 1929-1945.



Home office day 23 (April 15, 2020)

“I am a stubborn optimist: I was born an optimist and will remain an optimist.”

Kofi Annan, Ghanaian diplomat and 7th UN Secretary-General, 1938-2018



Home office day 24 (April 16, 2020)

“How many times have I told you not to believe everything you hear? Seek truth for yourself.”

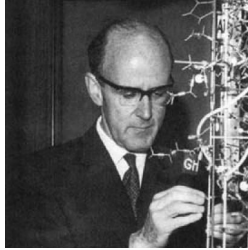
Isabel Allende, Chilean writer, born 1942



Home office day 25 (April 17, 2020)

“What is known for certain is dull.”

Max Perutz, Austrian-British molecular biologist, 1914-2002



Home office day 26 (April 18, 2020)

“Stand up for what you believe in, even if you are standing alone.”

Sophie Scholl, activist of the ‘White Rose’ resistance group, 1921-1943.



Home office day 27 (April 19, 2020)

„Life can only be understood backwards, but it must be lived forwards.“

Soren Kierkegaard, Danish philosopher, 1813-1855



Home office day 28 (April 20, 2020)

“There are no dangerous thoughts; thinking itself is dangerous.”

Hannah Arendt, German-American political theorist, 1906-1975.



Home office day 29 (April 21, 2020)

“Truth does not change because it is, or is not, believed by a majority of the people.”

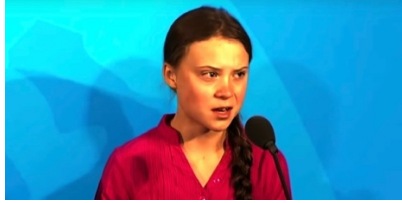
Giordano Bruno, Italian philosopher, mathematician, and cosmological theorist, 1548-1600



Home office day 30 (April 22, 2020)

“How dare you!”

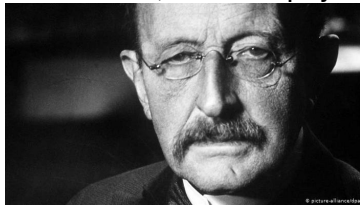
Greta Thunberg, Swedish Climate Activist, born 2003



Home office day 31 (April 23, 2020)

“Insight must precede application.”

Max Planck, German physicist, 1858 Kiel - 1947 Göttingen



Home office day 32 (April 24, 2020)

“Synergy and serendipity often play a big part in medical and scientific advances.”

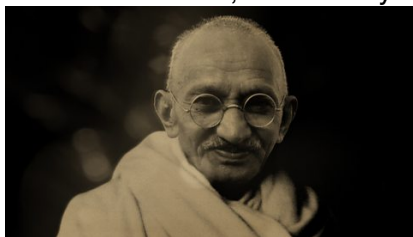
Julie Bishop, Australian politician, born 1956



Home office day 33 (April 25, 2020)

“The future depends on what you do today.”

Mahatma Gandhi, Indian lawyer and independence movement activist, 1869-1948.



Home office day 34 (April 26, 2020)

“To have courage for whatever comes in life - everything lies in that.”

Teresa of Avila, Spanish mystic, 1515-1582



Home office day 35 (April 27, 2020)

“Only in the darkness can you see the stars.”

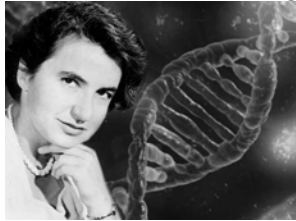
Martin Luther King Jr., American civil rights activist, 1929-1968.



Home office day 36 (April 28, 2020)

“We wish to discuss a structure for the salt of deoxyribose nucleic acid (D.N.A.).”

Rosalind Franklin, English chemist, 1920-1958.



Home office day 37 (April 29, 2020)

“The important thing in Life is not triumph, but the struggle.”

Pierre de Coubertin, French educator and historian, 1863-1937.



Home office day 38 (April 30, 2020)

“But children are the same, in Paris and in Göttingen.”

Monique Serf, French singer & pioneer of Franco-German reconciliation, 1930–1997.



Home office day 39 (May 01, 2020)

“What would life be if we had no courage to attempt anything?”

Vincent van Gogh, Dutch post-impressionist painter, 1853-1890.



Home office day 40 (May 02, 2020)

“Don’t be afraid—if you are afraid you can’t move forward.”

Malala Yousafzai, Pakistani activist and youngest Nobel laureate, born 1997.



Home office day 41 (May 03, 2020)

“Trees are poems that the earth writes upon the sky.”

Khalil Gibran, Lebanese-American writer, 1883–1931.



Home office day 42 (May 04, 2020)

“What the hand does the mind remembers.”

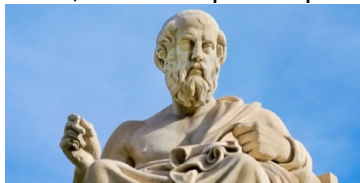
Maria Montessori, Italian physician and educator, 1870-1952.



Home office day 43 (May 05, 2020)

“Science is nothing but perception.”

Plato, Athenian philosopher, ~423-348 BC.



Home office day 44 (May 06, 2020)

“For how the children grow so will be the shape of Aotearoa.”

Dame Whina Cooper, Māori elder and activist, 1895-1994.



Home office day 45 (May 07, 2020)

“Music comes to me more readily than words.”

Ludwig van Beethoven, German composer, 1770-1827.



Home office day 46 (May 08, 2020)

“Your name is unknown.”

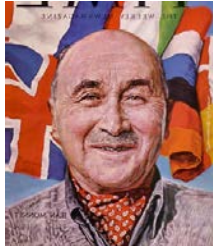
Inscription on Soviet World War II memorial. War ended on this day, 75 years ago.



Home office day 47 (May 09, 2020)

"There is no future for the people of Europe other than in union."

Jean Monnet, French entrepreneur & "The Father of Europe", 1888–1979



Home office day 48 (May 10, 2020)

“The great gift of human beings is that we have the power of empathy.”

Meryl Streep, American actress, born 1949



Home office day 49 (May 11, 2020)

“We build too many walls and not enough bridges.”

Sir Isaac Newton, English natural philosopher, 1642-1726.



Home office day 50 (May 12, 2020)

“After all, the senate is not a bathhouse.”

Emmy Noether, German mathematician, 1882-1935.



Home office day 51 (May 13, 2020)

“All life is problem solving”

Sir Karl Popper, Austrian-born British philosopher of science, 1902-1994.



Home office day 52 (May 14, 2020)

“Nothing is going to be handed to you – you have to make things happen.”

Florence Griffith Joyner, American athlete, 1959-1998



Home office day 53 (May 15, 2020)

“The noblest pleasure is the joy of understanding.”

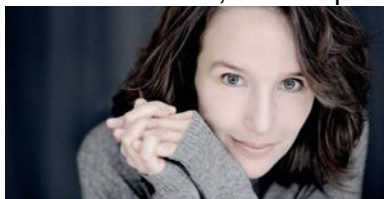
Leonardo da Vinci, Italian polymath of the Renaissance, 1452-1519



Home office day 54 (May 16, 2020)

“I am working on becoming a human being as opposed to a ‘human doing’”

Helene Grimaud, French pianist, born 1969.



Home office day 55 (May 17, 2020)

“Prediction is very difficult, especially if it's about the future.”

Niels Bohr, Danish physicist, 1885-1962.



Home office day 56 (May 18, 2020)

“We will meet again.”

Elizabeth II, Queen of the United Kingdom, born 1926, during her speech on April 5, 2020, addressing the Corona crisis.



May 18, 2020

Dear all

Today most of us will return to the lab at least part time. Therefore I will stop the ‘philosophy project’. I thank everyone for their solidarity and endurance. The crisis is not over yet and some of us still stay at home to allow many of us to work while keeping distance. And although the ‘new normal’ is not what we were used to, we will, carefully and step by step, gain back a normal life over the next weeks. So here is a last quote that summarizes our path during the spring 2020 that most likely nobody will ever forget.

All the best

Patrick

“Travelers, there is no path, paths are made by walking.”

Antonio Machado, Spanish modernist poet, 1875-1939.

