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25 Aphorisms

There is no beginning without disobedience.

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To steer clear of the inevitable, butt heads with the impossible.

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Living is by far the most accurate form of self-description.

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A stab is felt first by whoever grips the knife.

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Ethics is an endless series of escapes from complicity.

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Mastering a form means serving it badly.

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Mere tolerance is an abstraction of hatred.

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Servicing consumer debt is like trying cartwheels on a mudslide.

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An act of vengeance is a snapshot of frustrated will.

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Hitting bottom means discovering there is no bottom.

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The rich are sometimes taxed; the poor are always looted.

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Charity is a bridge engineered to collapse.

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For an idea to survive, something must be done about it.

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An opinion should not be held like a shotgun.

The security state sees every move you make, all the way
down to shifts in your self-regard.

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If you throw the wrong stones at the present, the future
will bleed.

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Teachers should be hackers, not programmers.

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Standardized testing is a form of intellectual vivisection.

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Rights protect us from others; others protect us from
ourselves.

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Many human decisions should be made while staring
into non-human eyes.

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Every worthwhile principle challenges some prohibition.

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If you only hack away its branches, evil will yield even
more fruit.

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Others will not know your wounds unless you let them
speak.

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“Austerity” is a spell-word cast by financial wizards to
make the poor believe that deficits are their fault.

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Always kick up some dust before you leave.