



The great qualities, the imperious will, the rapid energy, the eager nature fit for a great crisis are not required – are impediments – in common times.

-Walter Bagehot, The English Constitution

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那些伟大的品质:独断的意志、迅猛的精力,那种适合应对危机时期的不甘寂寞的性格,在和平时期的日常生活里不但不是必须,反而会成为障碍。

——沃尔特•白芝浩



- ★ imperious a. 专横的, 傲慢的
- ★ will n. 意志
- ★ nature n. 特征,特性
- ★ impediment n. 障碍, 阻碍

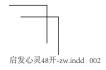
Sow an act, and you reap a habit. Sow a habit, and you reap a character. Sow a character, and you reap a destiny.

—Charles Read



行动会成为习惯,习惯会成就性格,性格会决定命运。

——查尔斯•里德







Unit 1 >>> 钻石恒久远, 真理永流传



- ★ sow v. 播种,种
- ★ reap v. 收获, 收割
- ★ character n. 性格, 角色
- ★ destiny n. 命运

When I look back on all these worries I remember the story of the old man who said on his deathbed that he had a lot of trouble in his life, most of which had never happened.

—Sir Winston Churchill



当我回顾过去有过的忧虑,我想起一个故事讲述的一位老人临终说的话,他说自己这一生有过许多困难麻烦,只是它们大部分从未真正发生过。

——温斯顿•丘吉尔



★ deathbed n. 临死所卧之床

It is easier for a man to be loyal to his club than to his planet; the by-laws are shorter and he is personally acquainted with the other members.

——E. B. White





译文

比起对整个世界忠诚,人们更容易对他的俱 乐部忠诚;因为俱乐部的守则更简短,并且他认识 其他的成员。

----E. B. 怀特



- ★ club n. 俱乐部
- ★ planet n. 星球, 世界
- ★ by-law n. (多为小型团体等的)行为守则
- ★ acquaint v. 相识,认识 acquainted a. 认识的,熟悉的(人)

The man who commands efficiently must have obeyed others in the past, and the man who obeys dutifully is worthy of being some day a commander.

---Cicero, De legibus

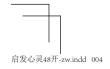


有指挥才能的人必然曾经受人指挥,能够忠 诚听命的人日后则能担当重任。

——西塞罗



- ★ command v. 指挥, 命令
- ★ obey v. 服从,遵守
- ★ dutifully adv. 尽职地
- ★ commander n. 指挥者,将官







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The fundamental cause of trouble in the world is that the stupid are cocksure while the intelligent are full of doubt.

—Bertrand Russel



这个世界根本的问题在于, 愚蠢的人们都自 信满满, 而聪明的人们却总是充满了怀疑。

——伯特兰•罗素



- ★ fundamental a. 根本的,基础的
- ★ cocksure a. (自大的) 自信, 确定

Drag your thoughts away from your troubles by the ears, by the heels, or any other way you can manage it.

——Mark Twain



把你的思想从麻烦事里面摆脱出来吧,拽它 的耳朵也好,踢脚后跟也好,随便你想怎样都行。



- ★ drag v. 拖, 拽, 拖拉
- ★ heel n. 脚后跟









I was seldom able to see an opportunity until it had ceased to be one.

——Mark Twain

译文

我总是要到机会已经消失的时候,才能察觉 到它。

——马克•吐温

- ★ seldom adv. 偶然地, 很少
- ★ cease v. 停下,停止

Never pick a fight with people who buy ink by the barrel.

----Mark Twain



永远不要跟成桶买墨水的人吵架。

——马克•吐温

- ★pick a fight with 与某人吵架
- ★ ink n. 墨水
- ★ barrel n. 桶,水桶









Great men are seldom overscrupulous in the arrangement of their attire.

---Charles Dickens



伟大的人物很少会一丝不苟地整理着装。

——查尔斯•狄更斯



- ★ seldom adv. 偶然地
- ★ scrupulous a. 一丝不苟的,极为周到的

No grand idea was ever born in a conference, but a lot of foolish ideas have died there.

----F. Scott Fitzgerald

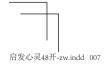


会议很少能讨论出好主意,但是能消灭很多 蠢主意。

----菲茨杰拉德



- ★ grand a. 伟大的,极好的
- ★ conference n. 会议









Often undecided whether to desert a sinking ship for one that might not float, he would make up his mind to sit on the wharf for a day.

Lord Beaverbrook ,Men and Power

不会游泳的人,通常会因为无法决定是否应 该弃船逃生,而决定在码头上坐上一天。

一比弗布鲁克勋爵



- ★ undecided a. 没有决定的,未定的
- ★ desert v. 抛弃,遗弃
- ★ sinking a. 正在沉的,要沉下去的

Where observation is concerned, chance favours only the prepared mind.

-Louis Psteur



根据观察得到的经验, 机会只青睐那些有准 备的人。

--路易•巴斯德

★ observation n. 观察; 遵守

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- ★ concern v. 涉及,关系到,担忧; where... is concerned: 就……而言
- ★ favour v. 更喜欢, 倾向于

The "sane" person is not so much a person who has eliminated all contradictions, but one who uses them and applies them in his work.

----Maurice Merleau-Ponty



神志清醒人并非没有自相矛盾,而是把它们 利用在了工作中。

——毛里斯•庞蒂



- ★ sane a. 神志清醒的,正常的
- ★ eliminate v. 消除, 除掉
- ★ contradiction n. 悖论,矛盾

We make ourselves a ladder out of our vices if we trample the vices themselves underfoot.

---St Augustine



如果我们能把错误踩在脚下,就能把它们当 作梯子走出困境。

——奥古斯丁









- ★ ladder n. 梯子
- ★ trample v. 踩踏, 践踏
- ★ vice n. 错误, 罪恶

One should look long and carefully at oneself before one considers judging others.

—Moliere, Le Misanthrope

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一个人在开始评判别人之前,先要仔仔细细 地审视过自己才行。

——莫里哀



★ judge v. 评论,评价

Time is that wherein there is opportunity, and opportunity is that wherein there is no great time.

—Hippocrates, Precepts



时间里蕴藏着机会,而机会里面挖掘不出时间。

——希波克拉底

