TO USE

1. a subjective observation by me
outside the West
the primacy of reason and the pursuit of objectivity
to surmount challenges
to employ reason
there was no such thing
that is to say
the Greeks focused on a reliance on reason
the Greeks rejected monarchy of any kind
function in his full capacity
..tell you later in the course
to be at odds with sb
a would-be conqueror → "empty spot"
step into the breach → [replace smb who's suddenly unable to do a job or task]
~~to~~ it never was able to impose domination
life in the hereafter
lie at the heart of the scientific revolution
to produce (effective) resistance
man's capacity to understand and control the universe
the gulf b/w the rich and poor
a system rotting from the head down
the law of tooth and claw
Yet, to me, it seems ironic that
emergence as the exemplary civilization
useful wisdom can be found there

26. I trust = I believe

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smth is paramount
a plethora of
if u have Qs, please stop me

on my end
it's still pretty embrionic
in one sitting
encompass(es) – 3d person singular
at our core, we're engineers
is going to stem from personality traits
disruptive thinking
to prevent sth from continuing/operating in a normal way

it'd be good to marry them
a nirvana type of meeting
toolkit
remains to be seen
placard
for the life of me
I actually cleaned up the large
die in the wine

well-versed in
translucent
email blast
to loop in
to sneek peek
on your front
to connect the dots
kiss of death
humongous events
oh absolutely - no issues there
pictures are breathtaking
he's turned his dream into a plan
the cream always rises to the top
I want for time to stop
my brain is fried
too much pressure for me to handle
unsolved mystery
life happens
I'm sad to report
if I get a downtime
convoluted
all too often
chance are, that
encode smth in the memory
... from the standpoint that ...
... logical & fact-based
... with such success
for eight straight years
a good person on the inside
to grow some balls
from experience, I can ...
take out of context
to temper hopes
to be safe from prying eyes
burn → incinerate → set alight
* victimhood
she said over the weekend

how vocal they are likely to be
dry as dust (dull & boring)
in each place at each time
side question
point of completion
is there anything you'd love to get off your chest?
I had a restful holiday - as restful as it can be
it was nice to have everyone together
... before I make any promises I can't keep
to evangelize what it means for us
scroll thru a cascade of files
smth rises apace
to wear on your nerves
in the span of three weeks
to tamp down the panic
not the end of the world
the news feed
to use our judgement
for a person of my build to fit inside
they went a step further in their study
{ out of 41 people, 21 identified themselves as ...
... while the remaining 20 said ...
they're more likely than not to get us out of bed
any sliver of information
the warning signs manifest themselves in vastly diff. ways
for the elderly (those 65 and up)
while ..., smth indicates otherwise
to hunt down the person to axe them in
and the world was still on its axis
get ahead in the workplace
the findings also suggest that
smb who were deemed good looking
... than those viewed as unattractive
on the international front
said in an email / by email
receive both support & backlash on social media
a town of Foca which became a byword for mass rape ...

fire in the belly
to fire on all cylinders
state-run TV / state-owned
ad hoc ⇔ unplanned / specific
20 years after the bloodletting
heart-wrenching
see nefarious western plots everywhere
(extremely wicked)
[that the decision was ad hoc doesn't mean...]
tremendous anxiety about his erratic behavior [eccentric]
... says he to an ovation from the hall
lightning annexation of the peninsula
who has become a wide-eyed prophet predicting sth...
to revisit sb's decision
tweet out a message
traditional media outlets
because the trial was expected to last longer
would flight over it at close range
the first searches on the scene
ignited intense media interest
uni / bi / tri - lateral (ly)
to upend the stability & security of Europe
! that he became a major crusader for a barrier (Golden Gate)
! I apologize for the technical glitch here
leave them to their fate
soon thereafter, ...
please keep in the back of your mind that
issue to be settled
nothing could be further from the truth
for the reasons I've already indicated
the decisions as to what to do
keep your advice to yourselves
* the analogy - that I find illuminating
to resist communist takeover

to respond cohesively
for a host of reasons
tit for tat situation
an avalanche of lies
.. then A, B, C, or D combined.
big public outcry
a contingency plan - резервный план
the use of military muscle
Yanukovich took Ukraine westbound
the intense hunt
the search began in earnest
spiralling legal fees
planned, intended
premeditated murder = aforethought
to abide by the law
... - in part because ...
the 3 weeks initially scheduled
until after the trial

a petulant riposte
flagrant violations
coterie of trusted aides
(camp, clique, ingroup, pack, inner circle)

despondent - sad

* it was in the interest of both sides
leave us in the lurch - (in a diff. or unfair. position)
* lurch - a designated leader
retain American citizenship
huddle under the wings of the Athenians

Newspaper Phrases

отключали электричество — there have been power cuts
по ТВ показывают sh — Chilean TV broadcast pictures of ...
! a number of adobe homes were reported destroyed [pararescuemen]
необожж. кирпич
(adobe hut — глинобитная хижина)
at least 8 strong aftershocks followed in the few hours after the quake
(толчки) ⇐ tremors
министерство внутр. дел — interior ministry
она поедет в пострадавшие районы — she is to travel to the affected area
длится максимум 40 секунд — last at the very longest 40 seconds
there was a big blackout in the town after the quake
a tsunami that devasted scores of town
it was only a tempest [=storm] in a teapot
центр./домин. новое закон-во — an overarching new piece of legislation
to clamp down (clampdown) → repress or suppress / пресекать, подавлять
The police clamped / down on illegal drugs
строгий запрет
а строгие меры против торговли наркотиками — a clampdown on the sale of drugs
Он свободит кресло руководителя CBS — he will vacate CBS's chair
competition where two people try to outmaneuvre each other
shooting rampage / spree
may never determine what compelled him to kill three soldiers
Lopez's father, who shares the same name, said...
he suffered a bullet wound to his abdomen
help unravel the mystery of its fate
stand clear of the closing doors (NYC subway)
the signal beacons fall silent
!!! what we may do is start an enormous...
plane en route from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing veered so far off-course
... whose problems have gained wide reputation over the past year
The situation in Ukraine dominated the first day of talks Friday
far-reaching measures
the reclusive communist regime
make strenuous efforts to ease tensions
ranked fifth
rattling a wide swarth of Southern Calif.

blackout — failure of electric power for a general region

It's definitely a landmark moment
tighten its grip on
her whereabouts remain unknown
the scarcity of basic goods

His account of being electrocuted was punctuated by pauses and a troubled nervous laugh
Impose a life sentence with a chance of parole after 25 years
the question looming over Ukraine is not...
rise from the dustbins of history of Ukraine
These incidents bear all the hallmarks of the orchestrated campaign
in an unsparing critique [безпощадная] of the Republicans
said in a fiery speech [пламенная]
Obama waded into [нырнул] the acrid debate over the ... [срезень, едкий]
more than 3 in 4 americans
stocks soared to the dizzying heights in a short period of time
companies haven't surpassed their record highs
That's one of the reasons people are casting a questioning eye on the tech sector
while the acting president failed to make headway in trying to end the crisis
unmarked uniforms
as the evening wore on,..
in the center of town
on first reading
inspect cars with the aim of preventing...
!! an assymetry of interests
the almost-certain opposition of Moscow
soar to glory
former contractor who has fled to exile in Russia
[university] which administers the prize [Pulitzer]
Putin may be tipping the assymetry in the other direction
to sue for copyright infringement
eviscerate copyright law [make much weaker & less powerful]
viewing among people ages 25 to 64
stealing a little thunder from COS
roundtable discussion
it has to be wary of changing too fast [=осторожной]
Hartman was floored by the suggestion [greatly surprised]
... but those avenues are often incredibly expensive [=средства]
well-intentioned would-be mothers and fathers
couples looking to start a family
have a menu of options
doctors are conflicted over whether using drugs can provide...
hemophilia, a disease in which blood doesn't clot properly
we did a lot of soul-searching about how ~~to~~ do we live lives
anodyne euphemisms often indicate an uneasy conscience or a political anxiety
to emphasize strenuous disapproval of the court's ruling

Publicistic Phrases

racial preferences permitted within certain judicial enunciated parameters
he was hoist by his own progressivism
Putin's Russia has taken a dark turn
western weakness emboldens Putin [= подбодрит, давая смелость]
the only thing he respects, and can change his calculus, is greater strength
one of the most confounding mysteries of the universe
the agreement last week was hailed as a breakthrough
... who had twice cheated death on the world's highest mountain
throw off the yoke of the Soviet Union
throngs of pilgrims crammed into St. Peter's square
... bestowing sainthood on two looming figures who left outsized marks on the church (victimhood, boyhood, parenthood)
he upended church traditions [= перевернуть, опрокинуть]
a gifted orator, he railed against birth control and divorce
yet amid the celebratory mood, there remained a cloud over him
... who spoke in arcane terms but plainly and simply
a sing of pope's stalwart [поборник, приверженец]
... mission as it unfolded in real time
he felt a degree of resentment
his name was androgynous
service members must serve in austere environments
henious crime [= extremely wicked, deeply criminal]
the issue (that) scientists are wrestling with
dazzling - [exceptionally bright] - supernova
local television footage shows that...
understanding the hows and whys of volcanic eruptions
conjure examples of thin air here are the two ends of the spectrum
beleaguered economy [= experiencing a lot of difficulties, opposition, & criticism]
approve a $17bn bailout [= фин. помощь; спасение от банкротства]
defuse the crisis
a scientific waypoint
tantalizing clues
... zipping thru our atmosphere
scorching heat [= палящий, обжигающий]
mayhem of lightning [= chaos]
it left researchers befuddled

officialdom
propagate
delve into
propel
menace
spawn new world
= tremendous
the full energy is stupendous
disruptions with powerlines
nothing even remotely similar to a star
we'd die - that's the bottom line
it's a confounding mystery
deadly secrets
unlock the mystery

the latest skirmish over... [minor short-term fight]
the opposition mounted [ideas]
Given what happened in NJ this week, it might be
and then the wrath unfolded
* in high dudgeon [обида, возмущение]
share their repugnant views [противоречит.]
he used mr. Putin as a way of lampooning some conservative commentators
this caveat is important : confessed under duress [по принуждению]
this was the second such incidence this year
the ferocious carnivore [=fierce, savage]
report by a bipartisan panel of criminal justice experts
attention was riveted on Manhattan auction
restoration of historic justice
... what had been a secondary issue has suddenly burst to the fore
it's flagrant & thinly veiled [грубовато, вопиюще]
He deflected the Qs with humor
one maverick theory contends that
to bolster the central hypothesis
* the cost of cholesterol tests range from $15 to $343, a 23-fold differential
D.C. falls in the middle [как-се посередине]
hospitals nationwide showed a large variation for...
a level that was sustained until 2011
some countries bucked the trend [бросили вызов, сопрот-ся]
people who bear the brunt of the economic crisis [бремя]
they have traded thoughts on the news events with each other
... prototypical Neanderthals that roamed ice age Europe
in a harsh environment marked by advancing & retreating ice sheets
... is an ongoing source of debate and contentiousness [свара] among highly credentialed scientists
the new discoveries add to the mounting evidence that
the unsatisfying answer continues to be
standardized tests
with a one-year hiatus (delay, pause)
city's teaching corps
beneath its story lurks a stunning reality
clanks shut behind you [doors]
Medusa's beauty is off limits

a protruding nose [=sticking out]

healthful - оздоровительный

dungeon - темница, склеп

the overriding feeling is
it changed the calculus [system of reasoning]

to downsmart the gods
shifts its focus

she's smitten with him [без ума]
cold blooded murder
to equalize in the closing minutes [сравнять счёт]
to squander many chances to complain describing his feet of superhuman strengths
the charges could be amended following further investigation
the boat capsized (=overturned accidentally)
to be in distress = in extreme physical pain
they unearthed the plot to kill the President
a pollster conducts public opinion polls
kids talk about it offhandedly [w/o considerate thought]
check their appearances in mirrors compulsively
when promulgated by social media [announced, stated]
glamorize the path of excessive weight loss
lean, skeletal, sometimes emaciated women
=lacking excess flesh very thin (←disease, hunger)
printed atop the image is the message
and implore followers to exercise [beg, pray; entreat
it will be regarded in retrospect as...
Gotze demonstrated commendable calm [praiseworthy]
a nail-biting 1-0 win
unrelenting tension [stern, relentless, implacable] never-ceasing
they were changed for the worse by events
much tougher than most men
cruise lines are at the forefront of this change
it would cost you more than double that amount
I would not wish that on my worst enemy
as rental companies have cracked down on customers smoking in their vehicles,
they've revved up their cleaning fee [≈clamp down; repress, supress; 2) speed up]
the report card falls short in highlighting weaknesses
Mao Zedong elevated his personal brand to mythic proportions
People's Daily, a party's flagship newspaper [chief]
a slew of campaigns [a large number of]
the epidemic also leapfrogged by air [progress by large jumps]
a fundamental conundrum of human existence [difficult problem]
she backpedalled [a) pedal backwards; b) modify one's opinion, make it less strong]
legions of readers
whimsical illustrations [capricious, impulsive, vagarious]

thrilling match
a pulsating finale

abatement - interruption in the intensity, hiatus, reprieve

a frugal man = economical

enrapture = enchant, fascinate

triumphant
ecstatic
vibrant
jubilant
spellbound
euphorical

helmsman - капитан корабля

tore their eyes from their readings to register their outrage
the sleek yet strange new edition of the book [well-groomed, neatly tailored]
therein lies the problem with modern reprintings: A revamped cover can help
sell an old story to a new audience (=repaired, renovated, restored)
a NY-based graphic designer who churns out* about 75 books a year
after some discussion we finally patched up (came to terms, conciliated, settled)
the couple were prowling for easy targets *churn out = produce sth at a fast rate
the classics are sort of these touchstones for people [criterion, measure, standard]
Last summer, when Scribner put Leo DiCaprio on the jacket of "The Great Gatsby"
to capitalize on the popularity of the Baz Luhrmann movie, the book world revolted.
familiar book covers serve as a kind of tether in a [поводок] make revolution
world of frenetic Twitter feeds & glowing smartphone screens disgust, repel
— were arrested and arraigned Friday [call before a court to answer an indictment]
Searchers scoured [=examined minutely] the
community of 4,000 people, but were hampered
[prevent the progress] by a lack of photos of the girls
Their unique skin [sharks'] makes for a
bow-drag glide thru the water that engineers envy.
it doesn't make sense to brood over past mistakes
think a lot seriously & unhappily
the argument is more trenchant [clear + effective + forceful]
a twitching attempt to — в судорожной попытке twitchy - nervous, anxious
a little nugget of wisdom [крупица]
a freestanding identity unconnected to anyone else [= independent, autonomous]
nature and nurture appear to be walking in lockstep
what prompted your interest in writing? [побуждать]
it [writing] was always prominent in the pull-down menu of possible careers
I'm not predisposed to like poetry
I was so single-minded about it [concentrated only on 1 purpose]
there's another alternate timeline where I did get the job
the offer is off the table [снимается с повестки дня]
R u frightened of being pinned as a snob?
so far, my books have all been one-off experiments [happening once]
at the outbreak of war
for the rest of recorded history I wish her well
social progress is a 2-way street
with his words, he crossed a red line

auto-da-fé = the burning to death of heretics

affidavit = declaration made under oath | письм. показание под присягой

the soldier barricaded herself inside an office
was pronounced dead
to quell any concerns [= calm, placate, tranquillize]
smth lends a deeper understanding of smth
international fast-food behemoth "Burger King"
to help curb the manoeuvre [= control & keep within limits]
her slow emergence from the cloud of shock & grief
his show was axed in March due to falling ratings [ended suddenly, w/o discussion]
The primetime programme launched in Jan 2011 to audiences of around
2 million, but they dwindled to some 270,000 [diminish gradually in size]
said the veteran broadcaster
languages in the Himalayas are at risk, such as Bahing in Nepal, which
has an estimated eight speakers
The challenge from Moscow is two-fold
Russia's behaviour in Ukraine is a blatant breach of the principles [bad + obvious]
to nibble away at the territory of countries that used to be part of the Soviet Union
torrential rains - проливные дожди
Much of central & southern Japan is mountainous, with many homes nestled
into steep slopes
but experts say not to worry, unusually strong winds are the likely culprit = cause of a problem
state-run / government-run news agency
Such a situation has occurred only a handful of times in the last 100 years
was "torn between two poles"
large swathes of territory
Russia, by the law of averages, is likely to have > than 10 mln gays & lesbians
a cataclysmic problem
at the very nadir of social hierarchy
to have bigger fish to fry
he spoke on the topic of Russian women
workers should organize together
physical stamina
shark-infested waters
laws of physics r still in play
left an indelible impact (on the conciousness)
island's troubled past
to stare into abyss
this tumultuous period

with no luck on the 1st attempt, ...
last vestiges of ...
endemic warfare
...happen in timescales of 10 to 15 years
a disaster is looming
resolutely hang on to the belief

songs extoll the virtues of Kim Il Sung
His trendily askew baseball cap read "Don it all," while his Nike T-Shirt exhorted: "Man up or shut up."
didn't know how to use credit cards or smartphones — essentials of life
they beg and scrounge for food [= forage, look around for] in the South
Many left behind children who made no choice but to fend for themselves
to promote awareness of what is happening north of the border [= manage w/o help]
with a halo brace screwed into her skull to buttress her broken neck
quadriplegic [paralyzed in both arms and both legs]
cessation of food and water intake [= stopping]
greeted each other beneath the gaze of 3 TV cameras * bovine eyes?
performing surgery is exhilarating
empty, vacuous cocktail talk
being a surgeon is markedly different than being a politician
you're privy to a lot of things [= allowed to know about the secret]
in the ensuing days, we learned much more than we already knew
Washington ranked 5th
with his eyes downcast
the catalogue of horrors is unremitting [= never less intense]
skeletal figures wait limply for help
there remain conflicting opinions as to why the project had been shelved
undergraduate course are the place the film should be, not a year-nine classroom w/ 13- and 14-year-olds
electronics eventually go haywire [= not functioning properly; insane] in a space environment that is flush with radiation
the charred remnants of the great telescope would sink to the bottom of the sea
keep auditory hallucinations at bay [at a distance]
Chile's National Emergency Office ordered an evacuation in a 20km radius and flights over the volcano were suspended
Chilean volcano spews huge ash clouds * breach of trust
a bundle of photos stashed in a family chest
shot by a teenage gunman
feel strangely free from the social mores, norms and rules that ordinarily govern our behavior
By removing face-to-face aspect of human interaction, the internet dehumanises people, and our imagination often turns them into inflated monsters, more terrifying because they are in the shadows

one in 2,000 children have tracheobronchomalacia
* to conscript: enrol into service compulsorily
grad school may not be on his immediate horizon, but good grades still matter to him
fulfil his 21 months of mandatory service in the Korean military and finish college
d'Eon had an illustrious public career [=admired]
The likelihood of it coming down and hitting someone is so remote as to be miniscule
beads of sweat begin to form on my face and chest
I have no right to doubt their [visionary claims] veracity
Such was the public outcry that a week later Gap did an about turn and scrapped the change
scientific attribution does not require certainty; it deals in probabilities
Russian contestant Gagarina was beaten by Zelmerlow after being neck-and-neck for much of the voting
Yet YouTube is chockablock with recordings of video-monitored workers doing the wrong thing
The capital Chisinau saw angry demonstrations in May
the Venusian atmosphere | Venusian volcanoes
plumes of gas surging from beneath the surface
on Venus, as on Earth, we can have a variety of styles of volcanism
silence filters through the room
there is a distinct gravitas in their [men] stately possession
his face breaks into an engaging smile
the country complained that it was being inundated with asylum applications
Ebola seems to be abating [=become less intense]
[she] runs the restaurant like a well-oiled machine
[malaria deaths] will far exceed the number of Ebola deaths in the country — which now stand at 2,444
The odds of survival for a stowaway who climbs into the small space above a wheel seem tiny, assuming they're not crushed to death when the wheel draws up or they don't fall out as it lowers ahead of landing
The South Africa stowaway is not the first wheel well-climber to survive a jet flight
The character of Atticus Finch, the widower and small-town lawyer who defends a black man wrongly accused of rape, became an iconic figure after the publication of To Kill a Mockingbird.

"Everyone in the village is living on their nerves..."
foreign ministers issued a strongly worded statement urging Israel to abandon plans for the ...
Ms. Holleran was the third of six Penn students to commit suicide in a 13-month stretch
In 2003, Duke jolted academe with a report describing how its female students felt pressure to be "effortlessly perfect": smart, accomplished, fit, beautiful, and popular, all w/o visible effort. At Stanford, it's called the Duck Syndrome. A duck appears to glide calmly across the water, while beneath the surface it frantically, relentlessly paddles.
While she says her parents are not overbearing, she relishes their praise for performing well
Every day, she grew more desponclent [= hopeless]
Her career plans are up in the air, an uncertainty that would have been intolerable to her former self
...are on the cusp of enjoying full equality under the law
... is on a far more solid footing than the marriage equality movement
it may not be much help in solving the vexing mystery of where to find the plane's wreckage
an area that search crews have been scouring fruitlessly
Yet new questions are already flaring
he still has a glimmer of hope
And while time and currents will have washed away any blast residue, a pattern of little pits or gashes in the metal could indicate an explosion
in far-flung places [= distant, remote], but arriving in Tehran made me nervous, as a single, white female, I stuck out.
The number of European tourists who visited the country in spring 2014 was more than double the number who visited in the same period a year earlier
do the complete, polar, 180-degree opposite of what everyone is telling me to do
when he felt that little tug of curiosity, he followed it
he just had to stretch his thinning to get there [to his goal]
a major isn't a life-long sentence; it's a jumping-off point
The first day of college I was a ball of nerves
the old-fashioned, out-of-pace-with-the-times approach
The hypocrisy that has been shown toward this is really disconcerting [= ˌdɪskənˈsɜːtɪŋ] [causing emotional disturbance]
they spent the night [in the woods] bereft of food and water
↓
deprived, lacking

The accompanying hashtag has now been used almost half a million times on Twitter and prompted a sprawling debate
Yet such is the level of desperation among those uprooted from their homes that neither the abysmal camp conditions nor the death-defying crossings have been a deterrant
They placed fifth, fourth and seventh, respectively; the gold went to Britain's Gary Hunt

Phrases from the speech

hold on to your seats
we were hearing bad things - you can refute them
it turned to a shouting match
why were they so uptight
I'm not gonna stand there like Chicken Little [Цыплёнок Цыпа]
it kind of jars me to hear the terminology
intrepid reporter / space traveller (= adventurous, fearless, acts bravely)
his understanding of ... and ... is really unmatched
I like to work with open people who are honest, collegial
to see through the other person's eyes
it's such a gruelling experience to run for president, to write a book
wasn't handed to me in a plate, definitely
the patience of being a good loser — it's not about winning all the time
oodles of money / time
rumors fly || even I admit this readily
pigeon-holed
a preso [= presentation]

~~preposterous~~
preposterous
= absurd, foolish

it's more fun to have a conversation rather than me speechifying
when you hear rhetoric "We want Our Country Back", ...
asked you about mayor Bloomberg and his stance on gun violence
... start parsing (= analysing) a gun issue
for everybody else, can I fill in the background? || I don't endorse this view
all I can tell you: I respectfully disagree
he lost by more than two to one (2-1)
he speaks very deliberately; it is unnerving
broadcast around the clock
if that's hostile, then I'm guilty
he won the day
this an old hardline commie...
my plane was held up for an hour
for starters, we have to hear
we need to have a sit-down talk
a catastrophe that has my eyes bleeding
I give it a stamp of rejection
you've reduced me to tears
take my word for it — поверьте мне на слово

to stymie access to the Inet

condescending

it's give-and-take