

Random Thoughts 2000

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1. The Left wants to punish people today for things they may be guilty of in the future.
2. Never force someone to be your eternal enemy; this is the intellectual's burden to carry.
3. Finding a Muslim peacenik is like finding a tolerant Nazi.
4. I believe in God. I believe I am an extension of God.
5. The Greatest Generation worked with leadership and freed my generation of the need for it. They do not understand how we function without it. I (we) must recognize this when dealing with them.
6. Fighting evil is reactive; doing good is proactive.
7. Students learn history, and I, as a teacher, teach what history **is** (non-Clinton definition).
8. The job of intelligence is to figure out the individual's place in God's existence.
9. To understand me, one must know I was a conservative in the Sixty's. The modifier in this sentence is "conservative" and the fact is the "Sixty's".
10. I am Scratch. I was Scratch. I am proud of who Scratch is, but Scratch could not grow to contain me: I am Bill.
11. Marshall, Truman and Eisenhower invented the product of the late '40s and '50s for the US. They came up with the upwardly mobile middle class and made the world want it. The world did and freedom of the individual has been on the march ever since.
12. The difference between tribalism and civilization is the same as the difference is between rhythm and music.
13. Each individual is part of God.
14. For 20th Century America, the product is freedom.
15. Today (7/13/00), I met a member of the Wehrmacht. He fought in Poland, Russia, Crete, Sicily and Czechoslovakia, which he said was the worst. He was captured in Southern France in July 1944. He knew I was Jewish and he told me that the front line troops did not know the extent of what was going on. I watched him as he said this and I believe him. I think some Germans did not know. A rewarding and interesting experience. Also disturbing.
16. If you believe in demons, there are demons. If you don't believe in demons, they do not exist.
17. I am a globalizer; I want the world to join us, because our ideas work.
18. Americans turn goals into products.
19. The world of the individual is going into hibernation. I am fighting a holding action. When Space opens up, individualism will cause a renaissance of infinite growth.

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20. Having a society built on freedom of the individual insures that the right person shows up at a time when the talent needed to solve a given problem is required by that society. So much for luck.
21. Italy is a country in real time that has a libertarian government that has gone wrong.
22. Be proud of what you do, and not ashamed of what you cannot do.