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*In Memory of Mom & Dad*







**“Man suffers only because he takes seriously what the gods made for fun.”**

**Alan Watts**

**“I’m always amazed that people take what I say seriously. I don’t even take what I say seriously.”**

**David Bowie**

**“I don’t believe in being serious about anything. I think life is too serious to be taken seriously.”**

**Ray Bradbury**



# Introduction

Hello!

I'm the very strange man who wrote this book.

I find the universe fascinating. Human beings amaze me and frighten me, as do lions, tigers and mathematics.

Experiencing the carnival of life and existence is mind-blowing. I think it's cool to be here, and I also think it'll be groovy not to be here someday.

Thanks for taking time to read my musings before you're not here!

*Hunter Vaughan*



# The News

You can watch it, listen to it, read it, spread it. It's ubiquitous, sensational, biased, commercialized, and 99% bad. It stresses you out and brings you down.

Every now and again, some upbeat, happy news makes the cut but it doesn't help.

Feeling good watching the news is like trying to enjoy a steak dolloped with pig shit.



# Pro Sports

Cowboys, Warriors, Yankees. We're crazy about our sports teams. *Literally!*

The combined payroll and team values for the NFL, MLB, and NBA is \$315,000,000,000. Outlays for beer and pizza on game days? Incalculable.

Meanwhile, all 50 state governments invest a comparable amount to educate 49,000,000 kids in K-12 schools. I'll be the first to admit I own a 49ers tee shirt, but \$315 billion to watch grown men play with their balls?



# Politics

One's political views boil down to whose ox is being gored. If it's your ox, you'll protect it. If the ox is not yours... "Let the fucker die, I'm watching Netflix!"

If you have kids in public school, you'll stand in freezing rain to advocate for increased funding. If your kids are now adults living out of state, you'll use your tax savings to add HBO Max to your streaming services.





# Social Media

The tragic offspring of the internet, Facebook went on to spawn an ever-growing progeny of evil mutations.

Together they've unleashed a cesspool of shameless grandstanding, egocentric posturing, cowardly attacks, misinformation, ignorant judgments, and hatred.



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