

GUIDANCE FOR LIVING

Some aphorisms, sayings, maxims, adages, dictums, epigrams, proverbs, precepts attributed to Li Kiang by Albert G. Wilson

1. If there be but one life, then the pursuit of happiness may be considered a legitimate goal: but if there be many lives, then happiness must be by-passed and spiritual knowledge pursued in its stead.
2. The more you do what you want to do, the smaller your option space – but then what is an option space for?
3. Anonymity assures autonomy.
4. My feeling is that Chinese Philosophy conveys a sense of how to live (i.e. Morality, axiology: cf. life of superman, metahumans, etc.).
5. As there are steeper things, there are their specific principles- Mincius p113.
6. Only those who are in tune with nature's time can effectively control their lives.
7. The real division in the world today is not between rich and poor, but between those who have things they want to do, but lack the means to do them, and those who have the means but don't know what to do with them.
8. True hospitality is measured by the ratio of what you give to what you have.
9. Don't give me instructions how to live. Tell me how the world works, then I'll be able to write the instructions.
10. Vulnerability is proportional to visibility.
11. Liberty is getting others off your back. Freedom is getting yourself off your back.
12. "Our wealth is measured by the number and variety of options available to us." (from Li Kiang Paradox by AGW).
13. Our diachronic role is to search; Our synchronic role is to serve. (here apparently, he is using the metaphor of language to specify our function of living; diachronic involves the diversification function and synchronic involves the position at a point in time; the first is to seek awareness of diversification; the second is to synthesize by joining. Living needs both.).