Fragments of a hopeful audience's discourse*

"Laughter and tears are both responses to frustration and exhaustion. I myself prefer to laugh, since there is less cleaning up to do afterward." Kurt Vonnegut
https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/kurt_vonnegut_104764

"It is curious that while good people go to great lengths to spare their children from suffering, few of them seem to notice that the one (and only) guaranteed way to prevent all the suffering of their children is not to bring those children into existence in the first place."
—**David Benatar**, **Better Never to Have Been: The Harm of Coming into Existence**
https://www.goodreads.com/author/quotes/354814.David_Benatar

I   can't   go   on,   I'll   go   on.
— Samuel Beckett, I Can't Go On, I'll Go On
https://quotabulary.com/quotes-about-existentialism

"It matters what matters we use to think other matters with; it matters what stories we tell to tell other stories with; it matters what knots knot knots, what thoughts think thoughts, what descriptions describe descriptions, what ties tie ties. It matters what stories make worlds, what worlds make stories."
— **Donna J. Haraway**, **Staying with the Trouble: Making Kin in the Chthulucene**
https://www.goodreads.com/work/quotes/48445485-staying-with-the-trouble-making-kin-in-the-chthulucene

"I have come to believe that the whole world is an enigma, a harmless enigma that is made terrible by our own mad attempt to interpret it as though it had an underlying truth."
— **Umberto Eco**, **Foucault's Pendulum**
https://www.goodreads.com/quotes/tag/existentialism

"With critique, you may debunk, reveal, unveil, but only as long as you establish, through this process of creative destruction, a privileged access to the world of reality behind the veils of appearances. Critique, in other words, has all the limits of utopia: it relies on the certainty of the world beyond this world. By contrast, for compositionism, there is no world of beyond. It is all about immanence. The difference is not moot, because what performs a critique cannot also compose."
–   An Attempt at a "Compositionist Manifesto" Bruno Latour
http://www.bruno-latour.fr/sites/default/files/120-NLH-finalpdf.pdf

'[We need] a revaluation of void-values, in which void-reason (the standpoint of the nothing) trumps ... stuff-reason, where a cock is merely a cigar, and where a cold, empty place is instead a place of great comfort (if the rectum is a grave, is the womb a tomb)?" - Nina Power
https://ninapower.net/2018/02/10/233/#more-233

"Accelerationists want to unleash latent productive forces. In this project, the material platform of neoliberalism does not need to be destroyed. It needs to be repurposed towards common ends. The existing infrastructure is not a capitalist stage to be smashed, but a springboard to launch towards post-capitalism."

by Alex Williams and Nick Srnicek • 14 May 2013

http://criticallegalthinking.com/2013/05/14/accelerate-manifesto-for-an-accelerationist-politics/

"(…)these tectonic shifts should open up a space for a rethinking of our attitudes towards work and leisure. Rather than lamenting what automation robs us of, why not use it to generate greater opportunities for leisure and education, as well as liberate us from our constant anxiety that we will not be able to support our families in this unstable environment?
An obvious way to do this is by way of a basic income – redistribute wealth and give all citizens a flat, unconditional income"

https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2016/jan/25/basic-income-challenge-digital-economy-jobs-automation

"Technophobia (from Greek τέχνη technē, "art, skill, craft" and φόβος phobos, **"fear"**) is the **fear** or dislike of advanced technology or complex devices, especially computers. Although there are numerous interpretations of technophobia, they become more complex as technology continues to evolve. "
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Technophobia

"I enjoyed watching the Terminator just like many other kids my age but these entertaining scenarios distract us from addressing the immediate threats posed by AI. We face major issues around bias and diversity that are much more human and much more immediate than Singularities and robot uprisings: training data with embedded biases and a lack of diversity both in the field and our datasets."

http://fortune.com/2018/01/22/artificial-intelligence-apocalypse-fear/

"People run from Rain but sit in bathtubs full of water"
- Charles Bukowski
https://bukowskiforum.com/threads/people-run-from-rain.8424/

*The structure decided upon for this session was that of using quotes copied and pasted directly from the World Wide Web. My aim being to compose with and organize/interweave the first quotes and texts which appeared on the search engine from several #topics or #authors that popped into my mind during and right after the show. I hoped this would point me in the direction of a clear sub structure with which to organize quotes but due to lack of time or skill I ended up ordering them according to a rather linear boring logic. "Is it worse to be scared than to be bored? That is the question. https://www.brainyquote.com/authors/gertrude_stein