**Understanding**

**Give therefore to thy servant an understanding heart   
to judge thy people and to discern   
between good and bad.  *(1 Kings 3:9)***

**God thunders with his voice;   
great and marvelous things does he,   
which we cannot understand.  *(Job 37:5)***

**Give me understanding, that I may keep your law**

**and observe it with my whole heart.**

***(Psalm 119:34)***

**Blessed is the man who finds wisdom,   
and the son of the man   
who finds understanding.  *(Proverbs 3:13)***

**Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom;   
and with all your substance get understanding.  *(Proverbs 4:7)***

**And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us**

**understanding so that we may know him who is true.**

***(St. John 5:20)***

**Now we have received the Spirit that is from God,**

**so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.**

***(1 Corinthians 2:12)***

**Though I have the gift of prophecy,   
and understand all mysteries and all knowledge,   
and have not love in my heart, I am nothing.  *(1 Corinthians 13:2)***

**When I was a child, I spoke as a child,   
I understood as a child, I thought as a child;   
but when I became a man,   
I put away childish things.  *(1 Corinthians 13:11)***

**And the peace of God,   
which passes all understanding,   
shall keep your hearts   
and minds through Jesus Christ. *(Philippians 4:7)***

**Think over what I say,**

**for the Lord will give you understanding in all things.**

***(2 Timothy 2:7)***

**And we know that the Son of God has come**

**and has given us understanding**

**so that we may know him who is true.**

***(1 John 5:20)***

**Affirmation: “Christ of my being, I acknowledge Your presence within me, and I allow You to harmonize all of my relationships. Help me to see the Christ in all others.” *(Richard & Mary-Alice Jafolla, in The Quest, p. 312)***

**I can't understand why a person will take a year or two to write a novel when he can easily buy one for a few dollars. *(Fred Allen, American comedian)***

**In Florida, we saw a live alligator exhibit. The trainer got into a glass room and took turns handling each of the gators. However, there was one alligator the trainer did not touch. So during the question period, someone asked, “What about the one in the corner?” “Let's just say we have an understanding,” the trainer replied. “I understand not to touch him, and he understands I'm not dinner.” *(Wendy Thompson, in Reader's Digest)***

**When we understand another person’s life better, our sense of being personally offended and threatened diminishes. Out of deep, authentic listening and speaking, new solutions are born. Einstein is credited with saying “We can't solve problems by using the same kind of thinking we used when we created them.” When we see beyond our familiar beliefs and values into those of others, we discover that our willingness to hear can create useful, synergistic solutions to the profound challenges we face today. We must forgive others for seeing the world differently than we do to get real resolution. We must hear them out and finally understand what's behind their stated opinions. We must be heard ourselves and share what's behind our stated opinions. When we do these things in our personal lives, we create openings for others to learn how to do this in their lives. The growth of such a practice can transform our world, spilling over into the workplace and into our civic and governmental interactions as well. *(Rev. Mary Murray Shelton)***

**It is not necessary to understand things in order to argue about them. *(Pierre Augustin Caron de Beaumarchais, French author and dramatist)***

**As soon as I get the idea I understand someone, I feel it is a good corrective to remind myself I probably don’t. *(Hilary Mantel)***

**One half of the world cannot understand the pleasures of the other. *(Jane Austen)***

**Claim is that men in some primitive tribes even today do not understand they have anything to do with the begetting of the tribe’s children. In their view, it’s just something that happens to women from time to time for unknown reasons. Only in fairly recent human history, might add, did men anywhere understand otherwise. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**There's nothing that can help you understand your beliefs more than trying to explain them to an inquisitive child. *(Frank A. Clark, Register and Tribune Syndicate)***

**If you really want to understand something, the best way is to try and explain it to someone else. *(Douglas Adams, author)***

**We can understand things better. We can never understand things fully. *(David Deutsch, physicist)***

**I firmly believe kids don't want your understanding. They want your trust, your compassion, your blinding love, and your car keys, but try to understand them and you're in big trouble. *(Erma Bombeck)***

**Sooner or later, children begin to understand each other better than their own parents understand them. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**Walter P. Chrysler was 35 and a master mechanic on a railroad when he bought his first automobile, a $5000 four-door Locomobile, on borrowed money. The car was freighted to his hometown in Iowa and towed to a barn at the Chrysler home. Chrysler studied that car for three months before he attempted to drive it. Referring to the instruction book, he took the vehicle apart, spread the pieces on newspapers and made sketches; then he put it back together. When he was sure he understood it, he drove it. *(Leo Aikman, in Atlanta Journal-Constitution)***

**One thing is clear: being understood by me is not very high on the world's agenda. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**Charlie Brown: “You have to understand I’m not complaining.” Snoopy: “I understand.” Charlie Brown: “I simply learned that we shouldn’t always expect to get everything we ask for.” Snoopy: “That’s called ‘preaching to the converted’!” *(Charles M. Schulz, in Peanuts comic strip)***

***\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\**Woman to marriage counselor: “It was a dating computer that was responsible for our marriage. I'll never understand what the machine saw in him!” *(Lichty, North America Syndicate)***

**Grandpa: “What’s that you’re doing, Nelson?” Nelson: “The computer was running slow so I’ve disabled a bunch of programs in the system configuration utility, defragmented the hard drive and now I’m deleting all the cookies in the temporary piles cache.” Grandpa: “If you can’t explain what you’re doing to someone over sixty then either you don’t understand it very well or else it’s not very important.” *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)***

***\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\**Confidence is the feeling you get just before you understand a situation. *(The Friday Letter)***

**The gentleman understands what is moral. The small man understands what is profitable. *(Confucius)***

**The fourth step in creation is the development of the “two great lights,” the will and the understanding, or the sun (the spiritual I AM) and the moon (the intellect). These are but reflectors of the true light; for God had said, “Let there be light: and there was light”--before the sun and the moon were created. *(Charles Fillmore, in Mysteries of Genesis, p. 19)***

**Al: “This crossword puzzle is beyond human understanding.” Axel: “Don’t you mean it’s beyond your understanding, Al?” Al: “Same thing.” *(J. C. Duffy, in The Fusco Brothers comic strip)***

**Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less. *(Marie Curie, Nobel-Prize winning chemist)***

**While eating in a restaurant, I reprimanded my four-year-old son for speaking with his mouth full. “Mump umn kmpfhm,” was all I heard. “Drew,” I scolded, “no one can understand a word you're saying.” “He says he wants some ketchup,” my husband said calmly. A woman sitting nearby leaned over and asked, “How in the world did you understand him?” “I'm a dentist,” my husband explained. *(Julia Denton, in Reader's Digest)***

**Son: “Just stop telling me that you understand me. Okay, Mom? Because you don't. I'm different from other people! My problems are unique! Nobody knows what it feels like to be me but me!” Mom: “Everybody feels that way sometimes, Honey.” Son: “Not only don't you understand me, you don't understand that you don't understand me!” *(Jerry Scott & Jim Borgman, in Zits comic strip)***

**As we understand doctors, you can live longer if you quit everything that makes you want to. *(The Chateau Chatter)***

**We were trying to explain to our 5-year-old granddaughter, Deanna, that one of our two Great Danes is deaf and couldn’t hear what she was saying. The deaf dog has been taught to obey hand signals, which we give as we tell the other dog what we want. Before we could explain all this to Deanna, she asked, “How does the dog understand what you’re saying? Does it read lips?” *(June Kirby Jones, in Country magazine)***

**The understanding of his spiritual individuality makes man more real, more formidable in truth, and enables him to conquer sin, disease, and death. *(Mary Baker Eddy, in Science and Health)***

**Education in youth results in learning, but understanding comes with age and experience. *(Land Title Guarantee Company calendar)***

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**There are things which we come to know so well that we do not know how we know them. Perhaps we live best and do things best when we are not too conscious of how and why we do them. *(Albert Einstein)***

**The wife of Albert Einstein was once asked whether she understood everything her famous husband wrote. “I understand the words,” she replied, “but not the sentences.” *(Bits & Pieces)***

**If you can't explain it to a 6-year-old, you don't understand it yourself. *(Albert Einstein)***

**The hardest thing in the world to understand is the income tax. *(Albert Einstein)***

**Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better. *(Albert Einstein)***

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**The errand of life is to be able to understand as many perspectives as you can. *(John Damielle)***

**Sometimes I think I understand everything; then I regain consciousness. *(Rocky Mountain News)***

**We do not arrive at self-knowledge by thinking, but by doing; it is only through an examination of our actions, not of our thoughts, that we can understand what we are really like. *(Sydney J. Harris, Chicago News)***

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**Amy Tan, author of The Joy Luck Club, says that she didn't think she'd ever be able to fulfill her parents’ expectations: “If I got straight A's, they'd want straight A-pluses. If I got straight A-pluses, I'd have to win a Rhodes scholarship. When I finished The Joy Luck Club, it went on the New York Times best-seller list at No. 4, way beyond anyone's expectations.” My mother said, “Hmmm. No. 4. Who is this No. 3? No. 2? No. 1?” But right after that, she said, “I'm not disappointed you're No. 4; I just think you're so good that you always deserve to be No. 1.” It finally hit me. I remember being so angry when I was younger, not understanding. I brought her to a talk I gave, and she sat stone-faced throughout the whole reading, never changing her expression. “Did you like what I read?” I asked her when it was over. “I wasn't listening,” she replied. “All I could do was look at you and say, ‘That's my daughter.’” *(Mark Morrison, in USA Weekend)***

***\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\**Is it my fault for not understanding? or yours, for being so hard to understand? *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**Our daughter was filling us in on her date the night before. They had driven to a neighboring city for dinner and a show. When her father asked her where the restaurant was located, she said, “You know, I really can't tell you. I was enjoying the ride, the company and the scenery, and all of a sudden we were there.” “I understand perfectly,” her father said. “That's exactly how your mother and I arrived at middle age!” *(Bernice Maddux, in Reader's Digest)***

**To understand is to forgive, even oneself. *(Alexander Chase)***

**A previously unknown poem by Robert Frost has been found by a graduate student at the University of Virginia. Written in 1918 in Frost’s own hand, the poem was inscribed in a small leather-bound book in a school library. Entitled “War Thoughts at Home,” it’s about a woman pondering the Great War. “She thinks of a winter camp / Where soldiers for France are made,” it reads in part. “She draws down the window shade / And it glows with an early lamp.” The 35-line poem was published this week in the Virginia Quarterly Review. “Finding the poem is the easiest part,” said Robert Stilling, who made the discovery. “Learning to understand it takes a long time.” *(The Week magazine, October 13, 2006)***

**When Italian-Catholic Sonia Maino became engaged to Rajiv Gandhi, now prime minister of India, her future mother-in-law, Indira Gandhi, was sympathetic. At their first meeting, Sonia told the Hindu magazine Dharmayug, Indira recounted her own controversial marriage to Rajiv's father, a middle-class Parsi. Indira's family were Brahmans. “Sonia, I am a mother,” Indira said. “You need not be afraid of me. I was also a girl like you in love with a boy from a different community and religion. I can understand your love.” As Sonia prepared to leave, Indira beckoned to her, took out a needle and thread, asked her to turn around and then mended a loose hem on her dress. *(Elisabeth Bumiller, in Washington Post)***

**Making sweeping generalizations: As adults, we are prone to use very general statements to explain dislikes or problems. Take someone who says he hates New England winters. If he lets his thoughts become more particular, he may discover he dislikes feeling restricted by heavy clothing. A down parka or a better heater in his car might change his outlook. *(Ellen Langer, in Reader's Digest)***

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**Understanding is the beginning of approving. *(Andre Gide)***

**Each of us really understands in others only those feelings he is capable of producing himself. *(Andre Gide)***

**Knowledge is the beginning of the discovery of something we don’t understand. *(Andre Gide)***

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**Life is the first gift, love is the second, and understanding the third. *(Marge Piercy, American writer)***

**What we do not understand we do not possess. *(Goethe)***

***\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\**The two great lights represent the faculties of understanding and will, which should function together. Understanding itself is of little value unless it is expressed by the activity of the will, and man’s will is a power for good only when it is grounded in understanding. *(Elizabeth Sand Turner, in Let There Be Light, p. 17)***

**The “greater light,” in mind, is understanding and the “lesser light” is the will. The greater light rules “the day,” that realm of consciousness which has been illumined by Spirit. The lesser light rules “the night,” that is, the will; which has no illumination (“light” or “day”) but whose office is to execute the demands of understanding. The will does not reason, but in its harmonious relation acts easily and naturally upon the inspiration of Spirit. Divine will expresses itself as the I AM in man. *(Charles Fillmore, Mysteries of Genesis, p. 20)***

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**The handwriting on the wall is often Greek to most of us. *(Olin Miller, in Atlanta Journal)***

**It's hard to understand what makes people tick. The same kids who refuse to eat spinach grow up and stand in line to buy yogurt. *(Sandy teller, NANA)***

**You have to grow up, start paying the rent, and have your heart broken before you understand country music. *(Emmylou Harris)***

**There would be no society if living together depended upon understanding each other. *(Eric Hoffer)***

**Go beyond the headlines and you'll find people who are affected by what's happening. Understanding their story is what matters. *(Lester Holt)***

**You don't really understand human nature unless you know why a child on a merry-go-round will wave at his parents every time around -- and why his parents will always wave back. *(William D. Tammeus, in Kansas City Star)***

**Once we realize that imperfect understanding is the human condition. there is no shame in being wrong, only in failing to correct our mistakes. *(George Soros, in Soros on Soros)***

**Intellectual understanding comes first in the soul’s development, then a deeper understanding of principles follows, until the whole man ripens into wisdom. *(Charles Fillmore, in The Twelve Powers of Man, p. 84)***

**Only one man in a million understands the international situation. Isn't it odd how we keep running into him? *(The Baltimore Sun)***

**Dad: “Well, I can’t figure out why the Internet is down. Do you have any ideas, Jeremy?” Jeremy: “Why would I have any ideas?” Dad: “You’re a teenager, aren’t you?” Jeremy: “So? There are teenagers who understand this stuff, and there are those of us who have moved on to the next level of technology?” Dad: “What level is that?” Jeremy: “The one where we expect other people to understand it for us.” *(Jerry Scott & Jim Borgman, in Zits comic strip)***

**Tell me and I forget; show me and I may remember; involve me and I'll understand. *(Chinese proverb)***

**There is no worse lie than a truth misunderstood by those who hear it. *(William James)***

**It's amazing the number of office and factory workers who do certain jobs day after day without understanding exactly why. They know how to perform the task, sure. But they don't really understand why they do it. Nobody has ever bothered to explain it to them. Explaining why you want people to do something is a lot better than just ordering them around. It shows that what you want them to do makes sense. If they don't agree with your reasoning, the door is wide open for them to speak up and say why. A little personal explanation makes rules more palatable too. When people understand why rules are necessary, they accept them a lot more readily. People like to be in on things. They like to be treated as intelligent creatures. Explaining things thoroughly gives people a better understanding of their jobs. It enables them to use their heads as well as their hands, enables them to make suggestions and makes them feel that they are a part of a team. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**Everything that irritates us about others can lead us to an understanding of ourselves. *(Carl Jung)***

**I'm on the side of keeping things mysterious; I have never enjoyed understanding things. *(John Cage)***

**Quick study -- almost: It is amazing how quickly the kids learn to drive a car, yet are unable to understand the lawn mower, snow-blower, or vacuum cleaner. *(Ben Bergor, in Catholic Digest)***

**Life must be lived forwards but can only be understood backwards. *(Soren Kierkegaard)***

**Shallow understanding from people of good will is more frustrating than absolute misunderstanding from people of ill will. *(Martin Luther King, Jr.)***

**Nothing is more difficult for Americans to understand than the possibility of tragedy. *(Henry A. Kissinger)***

**Life is what happens to you while you’re planning other things. *(John Lennon)***

***\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\**Life is good -- don’t spoil it by trying to understand it. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**Life is fascinating, but I'll go out of it understanding no more than when I came in. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

***\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\**How do we try understand one another when there are so many levels on which we operate? Every one of us is an integrated network of living systems, each changing from day to day but always following a natural path of evolution. These living systems are so many and so complex that it is virtually impossible to completely understand them. The truth isw, there is no fixed location that can be defined as "you." You are a work in progress, a dynamic living system. And you function within a series of other living systems. So when you study "you," you are not studying a painting or photograph that never changes. You are studying a moving picture from every conceivable camera angle. The best any of us can do is to sustain a lifelong process of self-exploration. Only by continually noticing more and more about ourselves will we come to understand who we truly are. *(Jim Cathcart, in The Acorn Principle: Know Yourself, Grow Yourself)***

**If you couldn’t love what you don’t understand, family life would often be impossible. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**Man says to woman: “I’m going to have several more martinis and then phone my girlfriend, after which I hope to be able to truthfully tell you that she doesn’t understand me.” *(J. C. Duffy, in The Fusco Brothers comic strip)***

**Dylan: “I did the assignment you gave me, Miss Patterson.” Miss Patterson: “Thank you, Dylan.” Dylan: “It was fun!” Miss Patterson then says to another teacher: “I asked him to write a short story without using the letters ‘A’, ‘B’, ‘C’, or ‘T’ -- and he did it! He's a bright boy, Mrs. Tessier.” Mrs. Tessier: “He is in English, but he's failing Math. He only works hard at the things he likes!” Miss Patterson: “But Math can be fun! It can be like a game or a puzzle! You just have to understand it!” Mrs. Tessier: “You have to want to understand it, Elizabeth.” *(Lynn Johnson, in For Better Or For Worse comic strip)***

**To understand a man, you must know his memories. The same is true of a nation. *(Anthony Quayle on "The Heart of the Dragon," South Carolina ETV)***

**It is easier to know (and understand) men in general than one man in particular. *(La Rochefoucauld)***

**If you are sure you understand everything that is going on, you are hopelessly confused. *(Walter F. Mondale)***

**A man of understanding has lost nothing, if he has himself. *(Michel de Montaigne)***

**I would imagine that if you could understand Morse code, a tap dancer would drive you crazy. *(Mitch Hedberg, comedian)***

**The motto should not be “forgive one another,” rather, “understand one another.” *(Emma Goldman) 17935***

**I want, by understanding myself, to understand others. I want to be all that I am capable of becoming. *(Katherine Mansfield)***

**To understand a new idea, break an old habit. *(Jean Toomer, poet)***

**Before you can be reasonably convinced you are right about an idea, you should be sure that you understand the objections of your most articulate antagonists. The person who can state his antagonist’s point of view to the satisfaction of the antagonist is more likely to be correct than the person who cannot. *(Paul G. Hewitt, in Conceptual Physics)***

**General Billy Mitchell, father of the United States Air Force, found that when his orders were not followed it was usually because they were not understood. “I always kept an officer at my headquarters to whom I read all the orders,” he said. “If he could understand them, anybody could. He was not particularly bright, but he was one of my most useful officers for that reason.” *(Bits & Pieces)***

**When it comes to money, it’s better to do nothing than to do something you don’t understand. *(Suze Orman, in O magazine)***

**Only the doctor who has the disease really understands it. *(William Osler, physician)***

**Woman says to flight attendant: “I don’t think you understand! I said, ‘The pacifier fell out somewhere back in the airport!’ Tell the pilot to turn the plane around – now.” *(John McPherson, in Close To Home comic strip)***

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**To understand your parents’ love, you must raise children of your own. *(Chinese proverb)***

***\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\**Overheard: “My wife and I have perfect understanding. I don’t try to run her life, and I don’t try to run mine.” *(Orben’s Current Comedy)***

**Girl says to Mom: “Dad says piano lessons will make me a better shortstop. We can add that to the list of things I’ll understand when I’m older.” *(Tom Milner, in Able County comic strip)***

**Poets utter great and wise things which they do not themselves understand. *(Plato)***

**Angry son says: “I can’t understand why people think throwing playing cards is difficult.” Dad: “You’re supposed to take them out of the box first!” *(Bill Amend, in Foxtrot comic strip)***

**Make contact Christ to Christ. Pray to God for understanding, so that you can put yourself “in the other person’s shoes” and have a realization of why he or she is really acting in this manner. *(Richard & Mary-Alice Jafolla, in The Quest, p. 310)***

**One day an eight-year-old boy went to the pet store with his dad to buy a puppy. The store manager showed them to a pen where five little furry balls huddled together. After a while, the boy noticed one of the litter all by itself in an adjacent pen. The boy asked, “Why is that puppy all alone?” The manager explained, “That puppy was born with a bad leg and would be crippled for life, so we’re going to have to put him to sleep.” “You’re going to kill this little puppy?” the boy said sadly while patting it. “You have to realize that this puppy would never be able to run and play with a boy like you.” After a short conversation with his boy, the dad told the manager that they wanted to buy the puppy with the bad leg. “For the same amount of money, you could have one of the healthy ones. Why would you want this one?” To answer the manager’s question, the boy bent over and pulled up the pants on his right leg, exposed the brace underneath and said, “Mister, I want this one because I understand what’s he’s going through.” *(Bits & Pieces)***

***\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\**I got a fortune cookie that said, “To remember is to understand.” I have never forgotten it. A good judge remembers what it was like to be a lawyer. A good editor remembers being a writer. A good parent remembers what it was like to be a child. *(Anna Quindlen, in Thinking Out Loud)***

**Why is it so hard to remember when I last really understood what was going on? *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot Shots)***

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**Every question is a cry to understand the world. There is no such thing as a dumb question. *(Carl Sagan)***

**Seek not to understand that you may believe, but to believe that you may understand. *(St. Augustine)***

**It’s funny. All you have to do is say something nobody understands and they’ll do practically anything you want them to. *(J. D. Salinger)***

**Charlie Brown: “Why would they ban Miss Sweetstory's book from the school library?” Linus: “I can't believe it. I just can't believe it!” Charlie Brown: “Maybe there are some things in her book that we don't understand.” Linus: “In that case, they should also ban my math book!” *(Charles Schulz, in Peanuts comic strip)***

**If you would judge, understand. *(Seneca)***

**Dr. Herbert H. Clark, s psychologist from John Hopkins University, discovered that it takes the average person about 48 percent longer to understand a sentence using a negative than it does to understand a positive, or affirmative sentence. This is confirmation of something every successful person knows: the secret of good communication is positive affirmation. It is not what you won’t or can’t do that interests people, but what you will or can do. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**Spectators can never understand what it is like to be a player. *(Joe Sabah)***

**Though I give you mountains of money, it would be nothing compared with the awakening in you of spiritual understanding. (*Charles Fillmore)***

**It takes a long time to understand nothing. *(Edward Dahberg, American author and critic)***

**Mailman: “Those Yorkshire terriers hate me as much as I fear them.” Little girl: “Don’t take it personally, all dogs dislike mailmen.” Mailman: “You don’t understand . . . They loathe me on a much deeper level. For you see . . . those Yorkies used to be mine.” *(Steve Breen, in Grand Avenue comic strip)***

**Not until we are lost do we begin to understand ourselves. *(Henry David Thoreau)***

**How can I understand your thoughts, if I can’t even understand your words? *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**Most people are bothered by those passages in Scripture they cannot understand, but as for me, I always noticed the passages in Scripture which trouble me most are those I do understand. *(Mark Twain)***

**The universe is under no obligation to make sense to you. *(Neil deGrasse Tyson, astrophysicist)***

**Understanding is another kind of vision -- that's why we say “I see,” when we mean “I understand.” *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**Drabble: “Wanna go for a walk, Wally? How come he understands ‘Go for a walk,’ but he never understands ‘Hey, stop that!’?” *(Kevin Fagan, in Drabble comic strip)***

**We cannot really be for something we don’t understand. *(Bits & Pieces) 29020***

**If you understand only 70 percent of what you hear, you are just about average. Or so says a professor who studies mental matters. But the brain, he says, automatically fills in the gaps. His brain, maybe. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**My Life, I have come to see, is not so much about learning who I am but about understanding and living in the light of Whose I am. *(Donald Spoto)***

**Hagar: “My wife doesn't understand me.” Woman: “What's to understand? You drink too much, you eat too much, and you fight and gamble too much!” Hagar: “Who asked you?” *(Dik Browne, in Hagar the Horrible comic strip)***

**Understanding itself is of little value unless it is expressed by the activity of the will, and man’s will is a power for good only when it is grounded in understanding. *(Elizabeth Sand Turner, in Let There Be Light, p. 17)***

**Wisdom and understanding are two separate things. Wisdom is the source of knowledge, and understanding is knowing how to use wisdom. Therefore, wisdom without understanding is dangerous. *(George M. Lamsa, in Old Testament Light, p. 550)***

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**If you don't understand how a woman could both love her sister dearly and want to wring her neck at the same time, then you were probably an only child. *(Linda Sunshine, author)***

**Show me a man who understands women, and I'll show you a man who is in for a big surprise. *(The Chateau Chatter)***

**Ziggy: “I wonder if one of the reasons women think men get lost trying to understand them is ‘cause they say men never stop to ask for directions!” *(Tom Wilson, in Ziggy comic strip)***

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**The world cannot always understand a person's profession of faith, but it can understand service. *(Ian Maclaren)***

**Why did I understand so much more when I was younger than I do now? *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**If you don’t understand yourself you don’t understand anybody else. *(Nikki Giovanni)***

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