Tradition

**Tradition means giving votes to the most obscure of all classes, our ancestors. It is the democracy of the dead. Tradition refuses to submit to the small and arrogant oligarchy of those who merely happen to be walking about. *(G. K. Chesterton)***

**Without tradition, art is a flock of sheep without a shepherd. Without innovation, it is a corpse. *(Winston Churchill)***

**Dolls have been around for a very long time. It is believed that primitive cultures used dolls for reasons ranging from symbols for religious ceremonies to toys for children. Ancient dolls were made from various materials including wood, clay, animal skin and bones. Although dolls today are made mostly from plastic, they are still used for very similar reasons. So, the next time you’re playing with your doll or action figure, you’ll know that you are following a tradition that has been around for thousands of years. *(Jeff Harris, in Shortcuts)***

**Traditions are the guideposts driven deep in our subconscious minds. The most powerful ones are those we can't even describe, aren't even aware of. *(Ellen Goodman, in Turning Points)***

**Traditions are group efforts to keep the unexpected from happening. *(Barbara Tober)***

**Tradition is the living faith of the dead. *(Jan Pelikan, historian)***

**Tradition is tending the flame, it's not worshiping the ashes. *(Gustav Mahler, composer)***

**Tradition is a guide and not a jailer. *(W. Somerset Maugham)***

**Teaching is not a lost art, but the regard for it is a lost tradition. *(Jacques Barzun)***

**It is traditionalism that gives tradition such a bad name. *(Jaroslav Pelikan, historian)***

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