



“I have a feeling that there is just about one more good flight left in my system and I hope this trip is it. Anyway, when I have finished this job, I mean to give up long distance ‘stunt’ flying.” —AMELIA EARHART

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“Not much more than a month ago, I was on the other shore of the Pacific looking westward. This evening, I looked eastward over the Pacific.”



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“In those fast-moving days which have intervened, the whole width of the world has passed behind us except this broad ocean. I shall be glad when we have the hazards of this navigation behind us.” —AMELIA EARHART



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A Conclusion

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“Vanity of vanities,” says the Preacher. “Vanity of vanities, all is vanity.” —ECCLESIASTES 1:2 NKJV

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³What profit has a man from all his labor in which he toils under the sun? ⁴One generation passes away, and another generation comes but the earth abides forever. ⁵The sun also rises, and the sun goes down, and hastens to the place where it arose. ⁶The wind goes toward the south, and turns around to the north; the wind whirls about continually, and comes again on its circuit.

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⁷All the rivers run into the sea, yet the sea is not full; to the place from which the rivers come, there they return again. ⁸All things are full of labor; man cannot express it. The eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing. ⁹That which has been is what will be, that which is done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun.

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¹⁰Is there anything of which it may be said, "See, this is new?" It has already been in ancient times before us.

—ECCLESIASTES 1:3-10 NKJV

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"We humans cannot bear very much reality."
—T.S. ELIOT

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"The mass of men lead lives of quiet desperation." —HENRY DAVID THOREAU

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"The mass of men lead lives of active desperation and dissatisfaction."

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"Most men eddy about here and there—eat and drink, chatter and love and hate, gather and squander, are raised aloft, are hurl'd in the dust, striving blindly, achieving nothing; and then they die."

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A Confession

¹³And I set my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all that is done under heaven; this burdensome task God has given to the sons of man, by which they may be exercised. ¹⁴I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and indeed, all is vanity and grasping for the wind.

—ECCLESIASTES 1:13-14 NKJV

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A Context

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He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end.

—ECCLESIASTES 3:11 NKJV

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“There is a God-shaped vacuum in the heart of every man which cannot be filled.”

—BLAISE PASCAL

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A Conflict

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⁸All things are wearisome; man is not able to tell it. The eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor is the ear filled with hearing. ⁹That which has been is that which will be, and that which has been done is that which will be done. So there is nothing new under the sun.

—ECCLESIASTES 1:8-9 NASV

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A Connection

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Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, before the difficult days come, and the years draw near when you say, “I have no pleasure in them.”

—ECCLESIASTES 12:1 NKJV

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A Conviction

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²³“Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, let not the mighty man glory in his might, nor let the rich man glory in his riches; ²⁴but let him who glories glory in this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight,” says the LORD. —JEREMIAH 9:23-24 NKJV

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“There is a God-shaped vacuum in the heart of every man which cannot be filled by any created thing, but only by God, the Creator, made known through Jesus.”

—BLAISE PASCAL

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A Commitment

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