The Tenets of Transcendentalism
“I learned this, at least, by my experiment; that if one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams, and endeavors to live the life which he has imagined, he will meet with a success unexpected in common hours. He will put some things behind, will pass an invisible boundary; new, universal, and more liberal laws will begin to establish themselves around and within him; or the old laws will be expanded, and interpreted in his favor in a more liberal sense, and he will live with the license of a higher order of beings.”

~ Henry David Thoreau, Walden
Nonconformity

“All persons ought to endeavor to follow what is right, and not what is established.” - Aristotle
“Nothing is at last sacred but the integrity of our own mind.” – Ralph Waldo Emerson, Self-Reliance
Confidence

“Speak what you think now in hard words, and tomorrow speak what tomorrow thinks in hard words again.” – Ralph Waldo Emerson, Self-Reliance
“I submit that an individual who breaks a law that conscience tells him is unjust, and who willingly accepts the penalty of imprisonment in order to arouse the conscience of the community over its injustice, is in reality expressing the highest respect for law.” – Martin Luther King, Jr.
“The world is emblematic. Parts of speech are metaphors, because the whole world of nature is a metaphor of the human mind.” – Ralph Waldo Emerson, Nature
Intuition over Reason

“Trust your instinct to the end, though you can render no reason.”
Ralph Waldo Emerson
Simplify, Simplify, Simplify

“A man is rich in proportion to the number of things which he can afford to let alone.” – Henry David Thoreau, Walden
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