

# Thoughts For Gear Technologists

*Gear Technology's* bimonthly aberration — gear trivia, humor, weirdness and oddments for the edification and amusement of our readers. Contributions are welcome.

**E**very now and then, it strikes us as wise to keep our thoughts to ourselves and let our betters speak for us. Therefore, we present to you a collection of observations on work, science and other items of interest to gear engineers.

The opinions expressed are those of the people cited, not the Addendum team, although a number of them appear on various bulletin boards around the office.

## On Work

It is impossible to enjoy idling thoroughly unless one has plenty of work to do. — *Jerome K. Jerome*

If you have great talents, industry will improve them: If you have but moderate abilities, industry will supply their deficiency. — *Joshua Reynolds*

I have long been of the opinion that if work were such a splendid thing, the rich would have kept more of it for themselves. — *Bruce Grocott*

That state is a state of slavery in which a man does what he likes to do in his spare time and in his working time that which is required of him. — *Eric Gill*

The test of a vocation is the love of the drudgery it involves. — *Logan Pearsall Smith*



*Philosophy is written in that great book which ever lies before our eyes—I mean the universe . . . this book is written in mathematical language, and its characters are triangles, circles and other geometrical figures, without whose help . . . one wanders in vain through a dark labyrinth. — Galileo*

A man who has no office to go to—I don't care who he is—is a trial of which you can have no conception. — *George Bernard Shaw*

It is wonderful, when a calculation is made, how little the mind is actually employed in the discharge of any profession. — *Samuel Johnson*

Work is love made visible. If you cannot work with love, but only with distaste, it is better that you should leave your work and sit at the gate of the temple and beg alms of those who work with joy. — *Kahlil Gibran*

## On Engineering & Science

Let no one enter who does not know geometry. — *Inscription on Plato's door, probably at the Academy of Athens.*

Praise without end the go-ahead zeal Of whoever it was invented the wheel; But never a word for the poor soul's

Sake that thought ahead, and invented the brake. — *Howard Nemerov*

God made the integers. All else is the work of man. — *Leopold Kronecker*

Someone told me that each equation I included in the book would halve the sales. — *Stephen Hawking on A Brief History of Time.*

There are no such things as applied sciences, only applications of science. — *Louis Pasteur*

## On Working With Others

Never explain—your friends do not need it, and your enemies will not believe you anyway. — *Elbert Hubbard*

The world is divided into people who do things and people who get the credit. Try, if you can, to belong to the first class. There's far less competition. — *Dwight Morrow*

People who could not tell a lathe from a lawn mover and have never carried the responsibilities of management never tire of telling management off for its alleged inefficiency. — *Keith Joseph*

And finally, an Addendum All-Purpose Solution of Last Resort for awkward situations . . .

. . . there are few situations in life that cannot be honorably settled, and without loss of time, either by suicide, a bag of gold, or by thrusting a despised antagonist over the edge of a precipice upon a dark night. — *Ernest Bramah* ☪

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