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NEW FAVORITES

And now a few recent snippets, some of which Fred Shapiro might want to consider for the second edition of the Yale Book of Quotations, and some perhaps not:

John G. Roberts, Jr.:

A justice is not like a law professor, who might say, "this is my theory of this, and this is what I'm going to be faithful to and consistent with, and in twenty years we'll look back and say, I had a consistent theory of the First Amendment as applied to a particular area." ... I do think it would be good to have a commitment on the Court to acting as a Court, rather than being more concerned about the consistency and coherency of an individual judicial record. JEFFREY ROSEN, THE SUPREME COURT 224-25 (Times 2006).

Sandra Day O'Connor:

Women have different life experiences than men do. Everyone brings to a collegial institution like an appellate court a lifetime of experience and problems that help shape your views about how things should be. JAN CRAWFORD GREENBURG, SUPREME CONFLICT 214 (Penguin 2007).

Steven J. Eagle:

It might be that shopping for a befitting religion is just another shopping experience. *Economic Salvation in a Restive Age*, 56 CASE W. RES. L. REV. 569, 571 (2006).

Peter of Bologna:

[T]he punishment of one is the fear of many. MALCOLM BARBER, THE TRIAL OF THE TEMPLARS 155 (2d ed. Cambridge 2006).

David P. Currie:

With all due respect, a provision that is not unjust is not necessarily uniform. *The Civil War Congress*, 73 U. CHI. L. REV. 1131, 1170 (2006).



Thomas Jefferson:

Our laws, language, religion, politics, & manners are so deeply laid in English foundations, that we shall never cease to consider their history as a part of ours, and to study ours in that as it's origin. Letter to William Duane, Aug. 12, 1810, *in* 3 THE PAPERS OF THOMAS JEFFERSON, RETIREMENT SERIES 5 (Princeton 2006).

H.W. Brands:

[J]ust as the [Civil] war emancipated the slaves, so it emancipated the capitalists. The shackles of slavery had bound the capitalists too, as Southern senators wielded a veto over the projects the capitalists had long desired. Secession suspended the veto, leaving the party of capitalism in control of the federal government. THE MONEY MEN 132 (W.W. Norton & Co. 2006).

Jim Newton:

JFK was the venal work of a self-aggrandizing charlatan, but for those too young or too busy to compare it with the actual record, it substituted for history. ... The Stone movie was, in fact, useless as history but helpful in one regard. It provoked Congress to order a further release of theretofore sealed Warren Commission records. JUSTICE FOR ALL 448 (Riverhead 2006).