ANACROGRAMS 3: QUOTATIONS

ANIL's earlier Anacrograms were in May and August 2006.

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Anacrograms, introduced in May, are anagrams of the acrostics (first letters) of expressions, a sort of wheels-within-wheels word play. Part 2 in August gave examples from common idioms and sayings. Here are examples from a wide variety of quotations, familiar and not. All results—paraphrases, follow-ons and 'antonyms'—are combined in alphabetical order by author, except for a dozen of the more successful efforts which are featured on this page in no particular order.

* indicates quotations are modified very slightly—without changing or adding meaning.

n indicates poly-anagrams, n = the number of anagrams of the acrostic employed.

The quotes are mostly from L.C. Henry, Best Quotations (Fawcett,'55), R.P. Warren, Six Centuries of Great Poetry (Dell,'55), J. Geary, We Are What We Think (Murray,'05), A. Martin, Funny You Should Say That (Penguin,'05), D. MacHale, Ultimate Wit (Prion,'02), Cassell Dictionaries of: Insulting Quotations (Green,'96), Humorous Quotations (Rees,'98), Proverbs (Pickering,'01) and Catchphrases (2nd, Rees,'05).

Spike Milligan:
I'm Irish. We think sideways.
Is wit.
[Lateral thinking is the essence of wit in both senses.]

Jonathan Swift:
Big fleas have little fleas
that sit upon and bite 'em,
And little fleas have lesser fleas,
and so ad infinitum.
Ah, sub-habits! (flea, fla, fl, f...)

Lord Mancroft:
Cricket: a game which the English, not being a spiritual people, have invented in order to give themselves a conception of eternity.
Go, ...hope, ...wait, ...sit can, ...gab, ...etc,
...sit, ...gab, ...go can, ...wait, ...hope, ...etc,
etc, ...a big wait, ...scant hope, ...go, ...

Harry S Truman (from Gen. Harry Vaughan):
If you can't stand the heat get out of the kitchen.
Sticky hot? Go!

Homer:
Birds of a feather flock together.
"Off, bat!"

Emmanuel Swedenborg:
Love in essence is spiritual fire.
Is life!

Dante Alighieri:
Woe... Abandon all hope ye who enter here.
Aw, Yahweh!
[Stop whinging and eat what's on your fate.]

Nicolas Chamfort:
The only thing stopping God sending a second flood is the first one was useless.
Sog us fat-wits off?

Phyllis McGinley:
In Australia, not reading poetry is the national pastime.
Print? Pain!

Thomas Dewing:
Why, if you're not in New York you are camping out.
I? No way, icy NY!

Henry George:
Capital is a result of labor, and is used by labor to assist it in further production.
Labor is the active and initial force, and labor is therefore the employer of capital.
If I, labour, fail to act, I tie, all capital.

Murray Kempton:
It is a function of government to invent philosophies to explain the demands of its own convenience.
I got code to tip flat.
Dean Acheson: The first requirement of a statesman is that he be dull. This is not always easy to achieve. First, don’t be a hit at a frost-bit anti-heat ad. 2

Joseph Addison: Husband a lie, then trump it up in some extraordinary emergency. 4
I use that lie. [Any resemblance to current events is purely coincidental. But compare:]

Alexander Pope: Fools rush in where angels are scared to tread. 9
A fartwit’s swift art: a fast war, it. 3

Anonymous: Because life is so short, first eat dessert! Bliss-fed. [an acronym]
There is so much good in the worst of us, And so much bad in the best of us, That it never behooves any of us To talk about the rest of us. Trim not us “bums” I await to tout big about.
Polution is cirrhosis of the river. “tropic rot” pic (Crop it)! 3

Neal Ascherson: I am always fascinated when people talk about ‘the forging of a nation’. Most nations are forgeries, perpetrated in the last century or so. (1985) ‘Map’ nations, clip off at a waft. [Impetally created borders (eg, Iraq) were whimsical or “blowing in the wind” and only made sense on an abstract map.]

Francis Bacon: The general root of superstition is to observe when things hit, and not when they miss; and commit to memory the one, and forget and pass over the other.
“Wow, hot fit!” tag’s moot: am part, not Act.
Money is like muck, not good except it be spread. ‘Big’ men, slim! [Compare: (who copied whom?)]

Ben Jonson: Riches are like muck, which stink in a heap but spread abroad make the earth fruitful. Share ‘m -- a swift balm! Same warm shit flab shames, bit farm law. 3

Hilaire Belloc: Be kind and tender to the frog, and do not call it names, As ‘Slimy-skin,’ or ‘Polly-wog,’ or likewise ‘Ugly-James,’ Or ‘Gape-a-grin,’ or ‘Toad-gone-wrong,’ or ‘Billy-bandk-knees’;
A frog is rightly sensitive to epithets like these.
No animal will more repay a treatment kind and fair, At least so lonely people say who keep a frog (and, by the way, they are extremely rare). 2
Frog (a weird, fab flat pet for a kook) was blatant, lit swamp. Attack not, blunt ass!

Alan Bennett: Definition of a classic: a book everyone is assumed to have read, and often thinks they have. a hobo cat: “I read that!”

William Blake: If the doors of perception were cleansed everything would appear to man as it is, infinite. I wipe “dim” coat, wait pic w. awe... (Do it? I am it.) 2

Robert Burns: The best laid plans of mice and men go oft astray. Am plot, ...go bam!
O wad some power the giftie gie us to see ousrel’s as ither’s see us! Go ‘out’, gist-swap us. [Trade places with another. (This quote is in the original Scots; the preceding one is Anglicised.)

Joseph Campbell: A computer is like an old testament god, with a lot of rules and no mercy.
Glacial, nor am a tow. [cold and hard]

Thomas Carlyle: Personal biography is the only true history. 2 http://bio

A.P. Carter: Keep on the sunny side, always on the sunny side of life. Toss “OK” at loss.
Geoffrey Chaucer (modernised; after Proverbs): **Three things drive a man out of his house:**

1. smoke; 2. rain; and 3. a scolding wife. Dash? What at rooms throws a host mad? 1) a hot sweat as do harm; 2) a most hard wash-to; 3) Dam as worth a shot! 5

*Cicero:* **Man is his own worst enemy.** Him woe? Him owe! 2

*Richard Henry Dana:* O sin, what hast thou done to this our fair earth? theft t’ woods

*Malcolm De Chazal:* The act of love turns the spinal column into a finger as if to feel and caress the brain from within. tactic w. a stiff flat bloat

*Benjamin Disraeli:* As a general rule no one has money who ought to have it. "A worm, not a High Worth man!" (I, a hog??) 2

*Marsha Doble:* I have to exercise in the morning before my brain figures out what I’m doing. How I’m fit: be bit dam.

*John Donne:* No man is an island. 1) Main, 1. 2) I am in. 2) from Sue Melton)

*Albert Einstein:* Nationalism is an infantile disease. It is the measles of mankind. idiot maimin’

*Ralph Waldo Emerson:* People wish to be settled; only as far as they are unsettled is there any hope for them. Sat fat? But a POW faith. *an out of POW, of course*

*Epicurus:* Pleasure is the beginning and end of the blessed life. 1) babe plot, it 2) table op. bit, potable bit 3) pot-able bit; bop a bottle; tabble 1 bop 4) lit at bebop 5) bebop at Lit.; poet 6) lab bit; pi belt 7) boat; bobtail pet 8) “Top, able!” bit 9) top, it be ball! 10) a bit bet op.; opal bet bit 11) Bible at top; be total p.i.b. 12) battle I bop to; Babel pit 19

(An run down of divers versions of pleasure: 1) sex, love; 2) food and drink; 3) drugs; 4) music; 5) reading, writing; 6) science and maths; 7) the outdoors, Nature and animals; 8) achievement and praise; 9) sports (ball might also mean dancing or sex); 10) getting rich (gaming, prospecting); 11) religion; cynicism (p.i.b. is slang for people in black, goths)—or other philosophy; 12) fighting—warmongering, arguing or politics.)

*Desiderius Erasmus?*: Speech is the index of the mind. Most I, it.

*W. C. Fields:* Women are like elephants. I like to look at them but I wouldn’t want to own one. Wow to, but ail wallet?

*graffiti:* Life is a binge, then you diet. (Lady bit it badly.) 2

Reality is a delusion created by an alcohol deficiency. (AA card bid?)

*Lesley Hall:* Every man reaps what he sows in this life—except the amateur gardener.

Grew thistle, Ma. (Thistle might be the harvest of either group.)

*Butch Hancock:* Life in Lubbock, Texas, taught me two things: One is that God loves you and you are going to burn in hell. The other is that sex is the most awful, filthy thing on earth and you should save it for someone you love.

Fig fails my big toy, tatty titty soils ’m, I toast at hell.

(The fig leaf fails as female parts dirty my soul, condemning me to burn. (Q: Does God quit loving you after you go to hell??))
Robert Helpman: I don’t despair about the cultural scene in Australia because there isn’t one here to despair about. Its bad act I did oath.

George Herbert: Wouldst thou both eat thy cake and have it? Bite + watch? Chew + tab it? Eat + bitch w.? 3

Bill Hacks: Australians were the criminals of England, and England in order to punish them sent them to Australia, their own prehistoric, Eden-like continent. Bummer! 4 Booth east to top? We accept it! 5 [Eden East is seen “down under” as the top of the world]

Samuel Hoffenstein: Fear not the atom in fission. The cradle will outwit the hearse; Man on this earth has a mission—To survive and go on getting worse. “Go, Man, to fight them wow-at facts!” (Mote ham got off—what scant twig!) 2

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Shakespeare: It is a wise father that knows his own child. wick o’ faith (here wick = penis)

Victor Hugo: No army can withstand the strength of an idea whose time has come. Can’t cowl what is a co-want switch. 2

Thomas Jefferson: Resort is made to ridicule only when reason is against us. I roar rum “wit”, I ram our writ, Our raw rim, it. 3

Jesus: It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Tight, ace, fatter of not make it.

Eat, drink and be merry. Be mad! [double: 1) enjoy life wildly; 2) You’re crazy to sin—He’s quoting an evildoer. Compare Isaiah: Let us eat and drink for tomorrow we shall die. Wed lust fad. and Ecclesiastes: Every man should eat and drink and enjoy the good of all his labour. Ate, had soma glee. (Unlike Jesus and Isaiah, this one is not ironic but God’s will.)

C.E.M. Joad: It will be said of this generation that it found England a land of beauty and left it a land of beauty spots. I loot, I bog, I wall fab beasts as ill foliage boots wabbit. (As I, big fool, allow bite-stab.) 3 [A wascally wabbit? A wascally waplist!]

Samuel Johnson: I propose it as a moral question to these masters of the public ear [advertisers] whether they do not sometimes play too wantonly with our passions. Twat IQ tapped wants to mop wimp.

John Keats: ‘Beauty is truth, truth beauty’—that is all ye know on earth and all ye need to know. (Batty beatnik? Okay it?)

Omar Khayyam: Myself when young did eagerly frequent Doctor and Saint, and heard great argument About it and about: but evermore came out by the same door that in I went. Bid fight academia at way so based. Dust unto dust, and under dust to lie, sans wine, sans song, sans singer and—sans end. Lad’s sussed was dust.
The Moving Finger writes; and having writ, Moves on; nor all your piety nor wit
Shall lure it back to cancel half a line, Nor all your tears wipe out a word of it.
Man, I watch it flow by non-stop, 'wham law' way.

Charles Lamb: I never knew an enemy to puns who was not an ill-natured man.
Pain me, Wankwit. (I, a wink man, wept, main WW pet akin.) 3

François, Duc de La Rochefoucauld: Have we not all of us sufficient fortitude to bear the
misfortunes of others? 4 Moan, but how soft!
A refusal of praise is a secret desire to be praised twice. 6 Opt 'rabid' pats, pad boast trip. 2

Abraham Lincoln: Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent
a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created
equal. Last fact/act of fab "many=one" 1D pact: accept total Af-Am. bond as fancy-fit. 2
Labor is prior to, and independent of, capital. Capital is only the fruit of labor, and could
never have existed if labor had not first existed. Labor is the superior of capital, and deserves
much the higher consideration. Oh? Accede if action lift cash, notch pilot mill.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow: Lives of great men all remind us we can make our lives sublime,
and, departing, leave behind us footprints on the sands of time. Comb soul data, grow most full.

Richard Lovelace: Stone walls do not a prison make, nor iron bars a cage. Camp bind's wan.

James Russell Lowell: Solitude is as needful to the imagination as society is wholesome for
the character. 'If' wits, 'saint' act [Both 'imagine' and 'behave']

Groucho Marx: I nevertheless say I find television very educational. The minute somebody
turns it on, I go to a library and read a good book. Same-brain it? TV is flag to 'git!'

Edna St. Vincent Millay: My candle burns at both ends; It will not last the night: But, ah,
my foes, and, oh, my friends, It gives a lovely light. Falcon wing lit bam-bam flambé.

John Milton: O as to embrace me she enclined, I waked, she fled, and day brought back my
night. Won m’babe, ...Miss t' fade!

Monty Python: Always look on the bright side of life. Sob to all? Boost all! 2

Ogden Nash: I think that I shall never see A billboard lovely as a tree. Perhaps unless the billboards fall I’ll never see a tree at all.
'Tis a 'plant' is at, but ain't as fish.

Jack Nicholson: My mother never saw the irony of calling me a son of a bitch. Mamma t’ scion: "SOB!". (Isn’t Ma mom o’ “scab?”) 2

Friedrich Nietzsche: Man alone suffers so excruciatingly in the world that he was compelled
to invent laughter. Ma, let's switch, wit twitch stems wait. 2
C. Northcote Parkinson: It's a commonplace observation that work expands so as to fill the time available for its completion. We fit act. "Fat, I coast." [Contrast]

Douglas Hofstadter: Hofstadter's Rule: Everything always takes longer than you expect, even when you take Hofstadter's Rule into account. They err, hit way late.

Saint Paul: temperate in all things "at it!" [antonym]
The love of money is the root of all evil. 1) Toil at "More loot!" Mire at. 2)
2) "a merit tool o' mortal tie" 2) antonym, economic rationalism, which Paul would consider evil
Though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and yet have not charity, I am nothing. 6) Many rich faith antics finish airy, can't match man in his charity. (Fact) 3
[Antonym] "My Christian faith can farm chastity, chain in sin, fain match charity!" 3

Alexander Pope: A little learning is a dangerous thing. Ill data lit a lad "i' aid all!" 3
[The road to hell (or fanaticism) is paved with good intentions—and partial knowledge]

Never elated while one man's oppress'd; never dejected while another's blessed.
Now bowed-man bed w. moan; now bed man on "wow!" 3

Cole Porter: Birds do it, bees do it, even educated fleas do it. Let's do it, let's fall in love.
Life bid, I did fill bed. [...] and so ad infinitum.

Proverbs: Better a dinner of herbs than a stalled ewe where hate is. 4) How bad is hate? Who abided th as, hot-bed awash, I laho a bad stew as hath bid woe? A wheat dish, bo! 8
[This is a sheepish version of the original proverb, which said ox and gave a weak acronym (see article 2 in August).]

Michael Redmond: And on the eighth day God said, "OK, Murphy, you can take over now." demons' "Go toy!" Act

Leonard Robbins: How a minority, reaching majority, seizing authority, hates a minority!
Ham rams ham. (Am sham, harm.) 2

Mickey Rooney: I'm in pretty good shape for the shape I'm in. Is pig? Is fit!

George Santayana: Those who ignore the past are condemned to repeat it. Twit pact 'r' I.
(The Collective Unconsciousness [an acronym])

Charles Schulz: I love mankind. It's you people that I can't stand. 6)
(I clip misty simplicity, city is limp.) 3) [Sentimental benevolence, even though hypocritical, supports society]

Seneca: In a calm sea every man is a pilot. I'm Sea Cap! I!
Lookers on see more of the game, log most.
Revenge is an inhuman word. "I war I." [opposite of 'I and I']

William Shakespeare: Brevity is the soul of wit. Sow "bit" So b' wit, Bow, sit. 3
Life... a tale told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing. Sat on fatal fibs, fat, flat, no basis. 2

Wilfred Sheed: The American male doesn't mature until he has exhausted all other possibilities. 1) a hump-head 'tom' 2) Ah, dump at home. 2
Alfred, Lord Tennyson: That which we are, we are—one equal temper of heroic hearts, made weak by time and fate, but strong in will to strive, to seek, to find and not to yield! (Wow, what bottom fantasy whets fab twist?)

Mark Twain: Man is the only animal that blushes—or needs to. taint o’ tomb-mob at it (not anti-bottom)  2
A natural death is where you die entirely by yourself without the aid of a doctor.° Died a body-want way: ’dead body, Way Twain’. 2  [In ‘Way Twain’ the body does its own thing unaided. Compare the later.]
Anonymous: An American paper spoke of a man who ‘died without the aid of a doctor’. Such instances of death are very rare. Avow a pass w/o MD aid or a pat.

Henry Vaughan: I saw Eternity the other night. It’s One.

Queen Victoria (of Gladstone): He speaks to me as if I were a public meeting. PM I am with, as with PA, maims. 2  [PA system is an anacronym anachronism. Perhaps she meant megaphone?]  

Voltaire: In general the art of government consists in taking as much money as possible from one party of the citizens so as to give to the other.° Fat cat commits, got pot. I got a gap. [commits to crimes to widen the poverty gap]

Evelyn Waugh: The dictionary is an endless source of surprise and pleasure. So tap ideas.

Mae West: A hard man is good to find. gift ham
Marriage is a great institution, but I’m not ready for an institution yet. I’m fair, I nay big.

John Greenleaf Whittier: For of all sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest are these, “It might have been!” I’m “was to” path, sob oft.

Oscar Wilde: Fashion is a form of ugliness so intolerable that we have to alter it every six months. I am “fash”—ie, out swift.
Nothing succeeds like excess. lens lens 2  [two much magnification]

Steven Wright: I recently went to an extraordinary museum that had all the heads and arms missing from the statues in the other museums.° What! I’m at omits aftermath!

Robert Zimmerman (Bob Dylan): The answer my friend is blowing in the wind. I’m waft bit.