

You should handle everything as tactfully as you can, and what you can't put right, you should try to make as little wrong as possible. For things will never be perfect, until human beings are perfect – which I don't expect for quite some time!

– *Sir Thomas More. Utopia (1516)*

But man, proud man,  
Drest in a little brief authority,  
Most ignorant of what he's most assured,  
His glassy essence, like an angry ape,  
Plays such fantastic tricks before high heaven  
As make the angels weep.

– *Shakespeare – Measure for Measure. Act ii. Sc. 2.*

Of all the words of thought or pen,  
The saddest are these, it might have been.

– *Whittier*

Reasonable men adapt themselves to the world.  
Unreasonable men adapt the world to themselves.  
That's why all progress depends on unreasonable men.

– *George Bernard Shaw*

If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away.

– *Thoreau*