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Always, this column is a collection of MY thoughts and words. It has been for the 520-odd previous installments, and it will be for the next 500. Except for today. The following is an assemblage of unattributed quotes related to a single topic: Self-satire. Which is not equivalent to self-sabotage. It is probably exactly the opposite. Keep these wise nuggets in mind as you read this issue in its entirety.

- Never take yourself too seriously.
- Laughing at yourself is loving yourself.
- Learn to laugh at yourself. Life will be a lot funnier.
- If you can't laugh at yourself, I'd be glad to do so for you.
- Look in the mirror, and laugh at yourself.
- Laugh at yourself first, before anyone else can.
- Laugh at yourself or else the world will laugh at you.
- If you can't laugh at yourself, who can you laugh at?
- If you can laugh at yourself, you will never cease to be amused.
- Laugh at yourself. Otherwise, you'll waste all that great material.
- Laugh at yourself, for man is most comical when he takes himself too seriously.
- You grow up the day you have the first real laugh at yourself.
- When you can laugh at yourself no one can ever make a fool of you.
- Laugh loudly, laugh often, and most important, laugh at yourself.
- Never be afraid to laugh at yourself, after all, you could be missing out on the joke of the century.
- To make mistakes is human; to stumble is commonplace; to be able to laugh at yourself is maturity.
- Inviting people to laugh with you while you are laughing at yourself is a good thing to do. You may be a fool but you're the fool in charge.
- Act as if the future of the universe depends on what you do, while laughing at yourself for thinking that your actions make any difference.
- We take ourselves way too seriously, and we don't take God seriously enough. It is not by accident that humor and humility come from the same root word.

This notion is aspirational for me, but I'm working on it. One absurdity at a time. Enjoy this special edition of The Skinnie, please.

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