

On Creativity

Playfulness is the mother of creativity. Develop playful ways of doing routine things, of interacting, of writing, of painting, of spending leisure: in other words, nurture a playful disposition and be rewarded because playfulness is the serious work of creativity. To repeat, play with ideas, with thinking, with writing, with new modes of behaving. Don't be overly concerned with consistency because it impedes novel thinking. Indeed, as others have noted, consistency is the "playground of dull minds" as well as the "hobgoblin of little minds". So, don't be hobbled by consistency: Be creative.

Consistency is the playground of dull minds. (Y. Harari)

Foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds. (R. W. Emerson)