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Shallow ideas can be assimilated. Ideas that require people to reorganize their picture of the world provoke hostility.

- Leo Tolstoy

We are accustomed to having men jeer at what they do not understand.

- Goethe

Unless we put medical freedom into the Constitution, the time will come when medicine will organize into an undercover dictatorship... The Constitution of this republic should make special privilege for medical freedom as well as religious freedom.

- Benjamin Rush
  1776, Signer of the Declaration of Independence

When a true genius appears you can tell him by this sign, that all the dunces are in a confederacy against him.

- Jonathan Swift
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ACLU  American Civil Liberties Union
AMA   American Medical Association
APÖ (SDAP) Austrian Social Democrat Worker’s Party
ATIC  Air Technical Intelligence Command
Comintern  Communist International, Moscow controlled
CU    Consumers’ Union
DOR   Deadly Orgone Radiation
DPG   German Psychoanalytic Society
FBI   Federal Bureau of Investigation
FDA   Food and Drug Administration
HUAC  House Committee on Un-American Activities
IJSO  Int. Journal for Sex-Economy & Orgone Research
INS   Immigration and Naturalization Service
IPA   International Psychoanalytic Association
ISU   Illinois State University
IZP   Int. Zeitschrift (Journal) für Psychoanalyse
KGB   Soviet Secret Service (Post-NKVD)
KPD   Communist Party of Germany
KPÖ   Communist Party of Austria
LRB   London Review of Books
KU    University of Kansas
NIH   National Institutes of Health
NKVD  Soviet Secret Service (Pre-KGB)
NSF   National Science Foundation
Oranur Orgone Anti-Nuclear Radiation
OBRL  Orgone Biophysical Research Laboratory
OEB   Orgone Energy Bulletin
SAPA  Sand-Packet, a type of microscopic bion vesicle
SBHM  Sexual Behavior in the Human Male, Kinsey
SBHF  Sexual Behavior in the Human Female, Kinsey
SA    Sturmabteilung - Nazi stormtroopers
SexPol Sex-Political Organization or Movement
Venona US Army Signal Intelligence Service, which intercepted encrypted Soviet messages
VPS   Vienna Psychoanalytic Society
WLSR  World League for Sexual Reform
WRMO  Wilhelm Reich Mysteries of the Organism, film
ZPPS  Zeitschrift für Political Psychology & Sex-Economy
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“Where they burn books, they will ultimately burn people also.”

- Heinrich Heine, 1821
  German Jewish poet
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