

Reading List:

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Bhagavatgita

arbitrary to rational.

Mahabharata

Gilgamesh

The Old Testament

Homer: Iliad, Odyssey

Herodotus: Histories

Sophocles: Plays

Aeschyles: Plays

Euripides: Plays (Hippolytus, Bacchantes, Electra, The
Phoenician Women)

Thucydides: The Peloponnesian War

Plato: Dialogues

Dante: Comedia Divina (Tr. by John Ciardi)

Franko Sachetti: Novellas

Icelandic Sagas

Shakespeare

Anthony + Cleopatra, Hamlet, Macbeth, Henry V

Rabelais

Bacon

Martin Luther: Selected Works

Calvin: Institutes

Montaigne: Essays

Cervantes: Don Quixote

Descartes: Discourses

Song of Roland

Beowulf

~~Benvenuto~~ Benvenuto Cellini:

Henry Adams: Education of Henry Adams
Hobbes: Leviathan
Pascal: Pensees
Milton: Paradise Lost
John Donne, Andrew Marvell, George Herbert, Richard Crashaw
Spinoza: Treatises
Stendhal: ~~CHARTEHOUSE OF PARMA~~, RED AND BLACK, THE LIFE OF Andre Brizard
Swift: Gulliver's Travels
Lawrence Sterne: Tristram Shandy
Choderlos de Laclos: Les Liaisons Dangereuses
Montesquieu: The Persian Letters
Locke: Second Treatise on Government
Adam Smith: Wealth of Nations
Leibniz: Discourses
Hume: Everything
The Federalist Papers
Kant: Critic of Pure Reason
Soren Kierkegaard: Fear and Trembling, Either/Or, Philosophical
Fragments
Dostoevsky: Notes from the Underground, The Possessed → Goethe: Faust, Italian Journey
Tocqueville: Democracy in America
de Cuius: Journey for our Time (Empire of the Czar)
Eric Auerbach: Mimesis
Prescott: Conquest of Mexico
Octavio Paz: Labyrinths of Solitude
Sir Karl Popper: The Logic of Scientific Discovery, The Open Society and
Its Enemies
Eliac Canetti: Crowds and Power

~~International~~ Poetry Reading Suggestions:

English/American: Robert Frost, Thomas Hardy, W.B. Yeats, T.S. Eliot, W.H. Auden, Marianne Moore, Elizabeth Bishop.

German: Rainer Maria Rilke, Georg Trakl, Peter Huchel, Ingeborg Bachmann, Gottfried Benn.

Spanish: Antonio Machado, Federico Garcia Lorca, Luis Cernuda, Rafael Alberti, Juan Ramon Jimenez, Octavio Paz.

Polish: Leopold Staff, Czeslaw Milosz, Zbigniew Herbert, Wislawa Szymborska.

French: Apollinaire, Jules Supervielle, Pierre Reverdy, Blaise Cendrars, Max Jacob, Francis Jammes, Andre Breton, Paul Eluard, Victor Segalen, Henri Michaux. (Could invest in the Random House collection of 20th Century French Verse.)

Greek: Constantine Cavafy, George Seferis, Yannis Ritsos.

Dutch: Martinus Nijhoff: "Awater."

Portuguese: Fernando Pessoa, Carlos Drummond de Andrade.

Swedish: Gunnar Ekelof, Harry Martinson, Werner Aspenstrom,
Tomas Transtromer.

Russian: Marina Tsvetaeva, Osip Mandelstam, Anna Akhmatova
(tr. by Walter Arnt) Boris Pasternak, Vladislav Khodasevich,
Viktor Klebnikov, Nikolai Kluyev, Nikolai Zabolotsky.