

and its emphasis on the student, provides an ideal starting place.

The situation indicates the need for a sharp change in direction. Someone must make the change boldly; someone must support it generously; someone must produce this minor miracle quickly. The alternative for

general education is gentle demise. The alternative for all of higher education is a half-life of useless residue. There is already a wide-open door — through well conceived existing programs of general education, and some willing leaders. — *By Sidney J. French in the Journal of General Education.*

LIFE WITHOUT PRINCIPLE

If I should sell both my forenoons and afternoons to society, as most appear to do, I am sure that, for me, there would be nothing left worth living for. I trust that I shall never thus sell my birthright for a mess of pottage. I wish to suggest that a man may be very industrious, and yet not spend his time well. There is no more fatal blunderer than he who consumes the greater part of his life getting his living. All great enterprises are self-supporting. The poet, for instance, must sustain his body by his poetry, as a steam planing-mill feeds its boilers with the shavings it makes. *You must get your living by loving.* But as it is said, of the merchants that ninety-seven in a hundred fail, so the life of men generally, tried by this standard, is a failure, and bankruptcy may be surely prophesied. — *Henry David Thoreau*