

## Propositions

1. “It is hard to be intelligent about that which is unfamiliar” (Sitkin, 1992: 245).
2. It is hard to be intelligent about something unfamiliar but only by tapping in to that unfamiliar you can learn and become more intelligent about the next unfamiliar thing.
3. It is hard to be intelligent about something unfamiliar but if you are self-motivated and have some relevant abilities, you will push your limits forward and obtain that required intelligence.
4. “That which does not kill us, makes us stronger.” Friedrich Nietzsche, German philosopher
5. True that some levels of stretch that does not kill us, makes us stronger but it is important to be aware of mechanisms that can hinder the unintended undesirable consequences of being stretched.
6. It is never too late in professional and personal life when one pursues what she is truly curious about and believes in.
7. The endeavor to understand is the first and single basis of virtue (Baruch Spinoza) and academic community is eager to follow this but without tolerance and a positive atmosphere, not every one dares to ask questions, share novel ideas, or learns. We will lose together, then.
8. “You are a treasure, if the gems are your aim. No more than a grain, if a loaf is your claim! Recall this eternal secret while playing this game. Whatever you perused is what you became.” Rumi, Persian poet.
9. There is more to life than increasing its speed. Scientific inquiry requires time.
10. “It’s your road, and yours alone, others may walk it with you, but no one can walk it for you.” Rumi, Persian poet.
11. “Life is a balance between holding on and letting go. When you let go of who you are, you become who you might be.” Rumi, Persian poet.