“To be a human being is to be a problem, and the problem expresses itself in anguish, in the mental suffering of man.” – Abraham Joshua Heschel

“[I]t is only prudent to make a very high estimate of human nature, first of all in order to contain the worst impulses of human nature, and then to liberate its best impulses.” – Marilynne Robinson

“As for what [human beings] are inherently, they can become good.” – Mengzi