

BUMPER THINKERS

The Wit and Wisdom of

Park Teter

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Born in Oak Park, Illinois, in 1934, Daniel Park Teter was awarded “Honors with Exceptional Distinction” when he graduated *summa cum laude* from Yale in 1956. As a child shocked by Pearl Harbor and Hiroshima, he had planned a career working against war. Yale was to be followed by study abroad... then five or six years in the Foreign Service... then politics. But in 1958, when a Swedish beauty broke his heart, he “threw my career to the winds.” He dropped out the University of London’s Institute of Historical Research and hitch-hiked to Lebanon.

Wars, he reassured his conscience, do not begin in Congress or the Kremlin; they begin in the human heart. Perhaps in a different civilization, he told himself, he could find “an education of my ignorant heart.” Then he could reach the warring hearts of others by writing poetry and fiction.

His education began sooner than expected. While crossing Greece he learned from a bakery-truck driver that Lebanon had erupted in war.

Because Lebanon’s frontier was closed, he had to fly the last sixty miles from Damascus to Beirut. There he taught Western Civilization at the American University of Beirut.

And he married an Iranian student. She was to give birth to two sons... and further “education of my heart.”

Because of immigration problems, they were married in Canada. There Teter began a career in journalism as an editorial writer for the Toronto Globe and Mail. When they moved to Washington, he became news editor at Congressional Quarterly.

From 1965 to 1967 Teter was the University of Pennsylvania's Adviser in Humanities at a university in Shiraz, Iran, a city famous for its roses, its nightingales, and the poets Hafez and Saadi. The next year he evaluated U.S. Peace Corps programs in Iran, Morocco, and Afghanistan.

From 1968 to 1973, at the University of Chicago and at Princeton, he studied psychological changes in Europe during The Scientific Revolution of the 16th-17th centuries. In the age of Copernicus, Galileo, and Newton he sought the origins of two Western attitudes he felt were needed in non-Western cultures caught in an earthquake of change: 1) a passion for objectivity; 2) a willingness to abandon sacred beliefs.

Teter was then forced to abandon his own sacred belief, his Western belief in an objective physical universe, by a coincidence. He violated his own passionate commitment to rationality by “superstitious” concentration on producing a chance meeting with a troubled woman he loved. When that chance meeting took place he knew, inwardly, that it was not chance. That knowledge opened his life to floods of amazing coincidences that no rational person would attribute to chance.

Teter discovered that coincidences can be rationally explained by a new scientific paradigm that recognizes that we create physical facts in the same way that we create dream images. Since 1973, Teter has been exploring that paradigm’s revolutionary consequences for science, religion, society, and personal life.

While writing books he supported himself by part-time work for the Los Angeles Times – Washington Post News Service and by free-lance writing on topics like “Iran Between East and West” (Congressional Quarterly/Editorial Research Reports, Jan. 26, 1979), “Future Shock in Iran” (Washington Post Outlook, Dec. 10, 1978), “Princeton-Pennsylvania Accelerator: End of an Era in Particle Physics,” *Science*, July 2, 1971)

He combined a journalist's immersion in public affairs with years of reading, reflection, writing, and rewriting in the solitudes of a Lake Superior lighthouse, a Virginia farmhouse, a Rocky Mountain cabin, a cottage by a Danish fjord, and a ranch near the Pacific.

Teter’s discoveries are summarized in *The Revolution of the Species*, and analyzed in greater depth in *The Adventure*. The story of the discoveries, and their application to private and public life, is recounted in *The Personal Universe: A True Story of Passionate Love and Revolutionary Science*.

Teter has also written a novel, (*The Trial of God*), two plays (*The Winter War*, *Satan II*), a book of poetry (*Paper Wings*) and a collection of bumper stickers (*Bumper Thinkers*). The novel and stage plays will be rewritten as screenplays for popular feature movies.

All of these works, Teter explains, express “a revolution of consciousness that will replace the insanity of war with awakening, at last, to the adventure for which we exist.”

All of these works are published at TheNextCivilization.com

“How fortunate for those in power that people don’t THINK.” – Adolph Hitler

**“The splitting of the atom has changed everything save our mode of THINKING,
and therefore we drift toward unparalleled catastrophe.” – Albert Einstein**

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THE PERSONAL UNIVERSE A true story of passionate love that produced coincidences that require a new scientific paradigm.

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SATAN II (play) After his defeat in Heaven, the fearless rebel realizes that only one power is greater than the power of God: love between two mortal human beings. Satan becomes a mortal human so he can experience true love. God follows him to Earth.

THE WINTER WAR (play) In 1939, when Finland alone fought the giant Soviet Union, a crippled violinist through music and love demonstrates a heroism greater than that of warriors.

PAPER WINGS The collected poems of Park Teter

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Stuff Stuff

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My Friends Are My Celebrities

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Have You Drugged Your Kid Today?

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[Have You Hugged
Your Kid Today?]

All War Is Defeat

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Busy busy busy busy
Busy busy busy busy
Busy busy dead

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**Anyone Who Is Not Crazy
Is Insane**

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We Are All On Death Row

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Love Is The Best Aphrodisiac

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Beauty Is in the Eye Of the Beholder

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[Beauty Is in the Eye
of the Beholder]

Free Your Inner Alien

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[Free Your
Inner Child]

Eternity Is Too Little Too Late

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Say Bye-Bye To Buy-Buy

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**Instead of War
Against Terrorism
Revolution Against War**

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War Is A War Crime

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Replace Economic Growth With REAL Growth

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**Venus Does Not
Belong to Us
We Belong to Venus**

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[Earth Does Not Belong to Us
We Belong to Earth]

Matter Doesn't Matter Thought Matters

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**I pledge allegiance to
Humanity,
One nation, indivisible...**

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If You're Strong You Don't Need To Be Tough

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Interpret Dreams? Interpret Realities!

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You're Not Awake**

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Humanity Is Our Nation War Is Our Enemy

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Have You Tried Cretinous Torpor?

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**Those Who Repress
Themselves
Are Driven to Oppress
Others**

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Less Things More Time

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My Other Car Is Also an Illusion

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[My Other Car
Is a Rolls Royce]

Mentality Creates Reality

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A Plea of Sanity Is No Excuse

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God Is My Stewardess

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[God Is My Copilot]

Killing Soldiers Is As Horrible As Killing Civilians

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In Vino, Veritas In Veritas, Vino

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[Latin Proverb:
In Wine, Truth]

Matter Is Made Of Meaning

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Tailgaters Are Anal Regressive

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In Your Enemy See Your Shadow

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Earth Is Our Pet Rock

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[Pet Rock – A Recent Fad]

Reality Is Revelation

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All Religions Have Failed To End War. WHY?

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Our Scientific Age Is An Age of Slaughter. WHY?

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Replace Role Models With Droll Models

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Real Men Don't Kill

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Clarity Begins at Home

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[Charity Begins at Home]

I'd Rather Be

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[I'd Rather Be Skydiving...
or Fishing, Dancing, etc.]

In Goddess We Thrust

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[In God We Trust]

War Is Weird

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God Save Me From Piety

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Tit Happens

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[Shit Happens]

Seek the Causes Of The Causes

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Arabs & Israelis: A Pax on Both Your Houses

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["A Pox on Both Your Houses"]
Mercutio, in Shakespeare's
Romeo and Juliet

Violence Is Weakness

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You Can't Be Forgiven Because You're Not Guilty

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Invention Is the Mother of Necessity

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[Necessity Is the
Mother of Invention]

Dare To Care

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Are You Here Yet?

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["Are we there yet?"
Frequent child's question]

**Not Grow Old with Me,
Grow Bold with Me**

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Celibacy Sucks

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Not in Harm's Way, In Charm's Way

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**The More You Know
The Less You No**

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Don't Believe Everything You Fear

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[don't believe everything you hear]

Praise Sacrilege

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Revere Irreverence

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The Paranormal Is Normal

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Globalize Labor Rights

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Money Is Too Expensive

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**If it's absurd
It's probably true**

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**Do Under Others
As You Would Have Others
Do Under You**

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[Do Unto Others
As You Would Have Others
Do Unto You]

Murphy's Flaw: If Anything CAN'T Go Wrong, It Will

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[Murphy's Law:
If Anything Can
Go Wrong, It Will]

An Eye for an I A Truth for a Truth

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[An Eye for an Eye
A Tooth for a Tooth]

**From Each According to
Her ability
To Each According to
His Need.**

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[From Each According to His ability
To Each According to His Need]

Inner Acts Create Outer Facts

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**If Birth Is a Trauma
Is Life
Post Traumatic Stress?**

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Eternal Bliss Is Second Prize

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Existence is a Raison d'être

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[French: Reason to Be]

War Is Sick Sex

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Are We In Pre-traumatic Stress?

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Everyone Will Be 15 Minutes Late

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[Andy Warhol:
Everyone will be famous
For 15 minutes]

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