

IN PRAISE OF INTELLECTUALS:

- Statement 1: It takes a certain distinct perspective on life to be an intellectual - usually not a very happy one.
- Statement 2: To be an intellectual, one needs a degree of egotism that often makes other people uncomfortable to be with.
- Statement 3: It is sometimes useful and necessary to consider life from the intellectual viewpoint.
- Statement 4: As long as one doesn't do it all of the time - then it becomes tedious for others and damaging to the self.
- Statement 5: A healthy society needs a proportion of intellectuals - like good bread needs yeast to raise the leaven.
- Statement 6: Make it the same in about the same proportions - a very little yeast to a fairly large amount of leaven.
- Statement 7: Intellectuals have a tendency to show up sloppy thinking in other people.
- Statement 8: Other people tend to show up the lacks that exist in intellectuals - and there are many.
- Statement 9: For intellectuals, include those who think a lot, also philosophers, poets, students, social psychologists, radical political thinkers, true theologans, and some essayists (a dying breed). This does not necessarily include academics.
- Statement 10: Beware - only a little thinking is a very dangerous thing.
- Statement 11: An intellectual who does not apply the wisdom of their heart directly to their thinking is even more dangerous.
- Statement 12: Scholar, academician, cerebral, egghead, highbrow, philosopher, pundit, researcher, sage savant, thinker and even ... hopefully ... wise man.