Great little Quotes from “Theory of Constraints”
Review of Eliyahu M. Goldratt’s (author of The Goal) works by William Dettmer

• It is more important to know where you are going than to get there quickly. Don’t mistake activity for achievement
• When both logic and intuition agree, you are always right – unknown
• Beware of half-truths, you may have got the wrong half -- unknown
• There is a mighty big difference between good sound reasons and reasons that sound good --- Burton Hillis
• Enthusiasm without knowledge is like running in the dark -- unknown
• Complex problems have easy to understand, wrong answers
• In the life cycle of virtually every organization, its ability to succeed in spite of itself runs out – Brien’s First Law
• It is simple to make things complex, it is complex to make things simple – Meyer’s Law
• The reason there are two sides to begin with usually is because neither side has all the facts – Stephen Schwambach
• Creative thinking may simply mean there is no particular virtue in doing things the way they have always been done – Rudolph Flesch
• It is not because things are difficult that we do not dare. It is because we do not dare they are difficult – Seneca
• To introduce something altogether new would mean to begin all over again, to become ignorant again, and to run the old, old risk of failing to learn. Isaac Asimov
• The chief cause of problems is solutions – Sevareid’s Law
• Nothing’s ever so bad that it can’t get worse – Gattuso’s extension of Murphy’s Law
• In our haste to deal with the things that are wrong, let us not upset the things that are right -- unknown
• What we anticipate seldom occurs. What we least expected usually happens – Benjamin Disraeli
• Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off the goal. Hanna More
• To beat bureaucracy, make your problem their problem – Principle of Displaced Hassel
• Criticism, like rain, should be gentle enough to nourish growth without destroying one’s roots – unknown
• Asking dumb question is easier than correcting dumb mistakes Launegayer’s Observation
• If you want enemies, try to change something – Woodrow Wilson