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8 Powerful Lessons from the book "Antifragile"

## Nassim Nicholas Taleb ANTIFRAGILE THINGS THAT GAIN FROM DISORDER

New York Times BESTSELLER

AUTHOR OF The Black Swan

"Startling... richly crammed with insights, stories, fine phrases and intriguing asides... I will have to read it again. And again." —Matt Ridley, *THE WALL STREET JOURNAL* 

1. The book is about decision-making under uncertainty/volatility.

- EVERYTHING either benefits or is harmed by volatility
- The FRAGILE is harmed (think a glass)
- The ROBUST is unchanged (think The Phoenix)
- The ANTIFRAGILE gets better (think The Hydra)
- 2. Via Negativa:

Removing is superior to Adding

- Less can be More
- Don't add, subtract
- Eliminate the Artificial
- Eliminate the Unnatural
- Eliminate the Unnecessary

Apply these in all areas of your life.

When in doubt, SUBTRACT

3. Absence of evidence is NOT evidence of absence"

Just because ...

- you can't see something doesn't mean it's not there
- something is unintelligible doesn't mean it's unintelligent
- you can't explain something doesn't mean it's not important

-->Have HUMILITY

4. If you have more than one reason to do something, just don't do it.

It does not mean that one reason is better than two, just that by invoking more than one reason you are trying to convince yourself to do something. Obvious decisions require no more than a single reason.

5. We need randomness, mess, adventures, uncertainty, self-discovery, near-traumatic episodes, all those things that make life worth living, compared to the structured, fake, and ineffective life of an empty-suit CEO with a preset schedule and an alarm clock.

6. Wind extinguishes a candle and energizes fire.

Likewise with randomness, uncertainty, chaos: you want to use them, not hide from them.

You want to be the fire and wish for the wind.

7. Tragedy of modernity: as with neurotically overprotective parents, those trying to help are often hurting us the most.

8. My characterization of a loser is someone who, after making a mistake, doesn't introspect, doesn't exploit it, feels embarrassed & defensive rather than enriched with a new piece of information.

These types often consider themselves the "victims" of some large plot.

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