

NOTES

1. I'LL GET BY WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM MY FRIENDS: RELATIONSHIP

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2. Doyle, "A Study in Scarlet," 21.

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4. TRUST NO ONE OVER THIRTY: AUTHORITY

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7. CONSISTENCY IS THE HOBGOBLIN OF SMALL MINDS: RATIONALISM

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8. FEELING GOOD WAS GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME: TRUTH AND VALUES

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