

Neither by nature, then, nor contrary to nature do the virtues arise in us; rather we are adapted by nature to receive them, and are made perfect by habit...

...States of character result from the repetition of similar activities. And so, right from our youth, it does not make a small difference to habituate ourselves one way or another, but rather a great difference, even all the difference.

Nicomachean Ethics, II, 1.

οὐτ' ἄρα φύσει οὔτε παρὰ φύσιν ἐγγίνονται αἱ ἀρεταί, ἀλλὰ πεφυκόσι μὲν ἡμῖν δέξασθαι αὐτάς, τελειούμενοις δὲ διὰ τοῦ ἔθους.

οὐ μικρὸν οὖν διαφέρει τὸ οὕτως ἢ οὕτως εὐθύς ἐκ νέων ἐθίζεσθαι, ἀλλὰ πάμπολυ, μᾶλλον δὲ τὸ πᾶν.

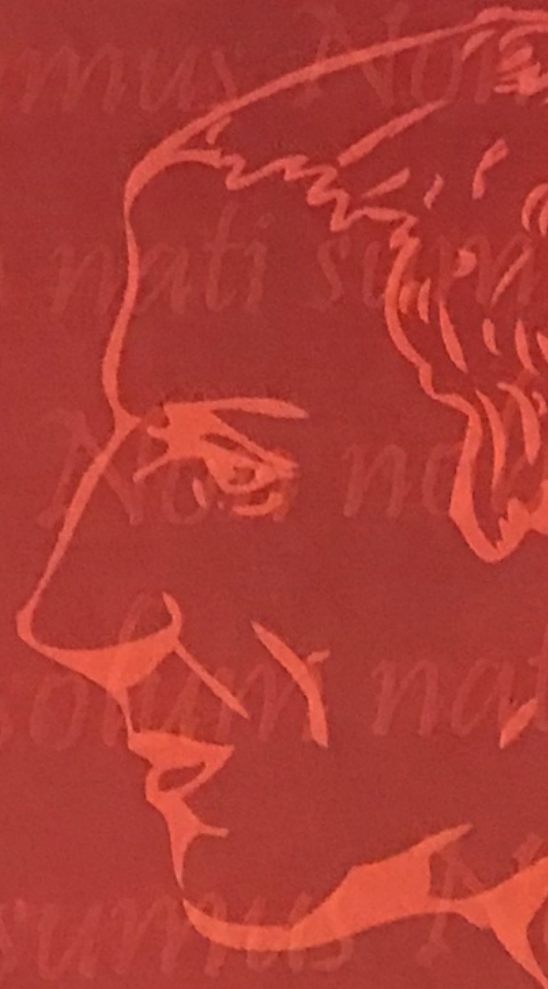
ARISTOTLE

We are not born for
ourselves alone.

De Officiis, I, 22.

Non nobis solum nati sumus

CICERO

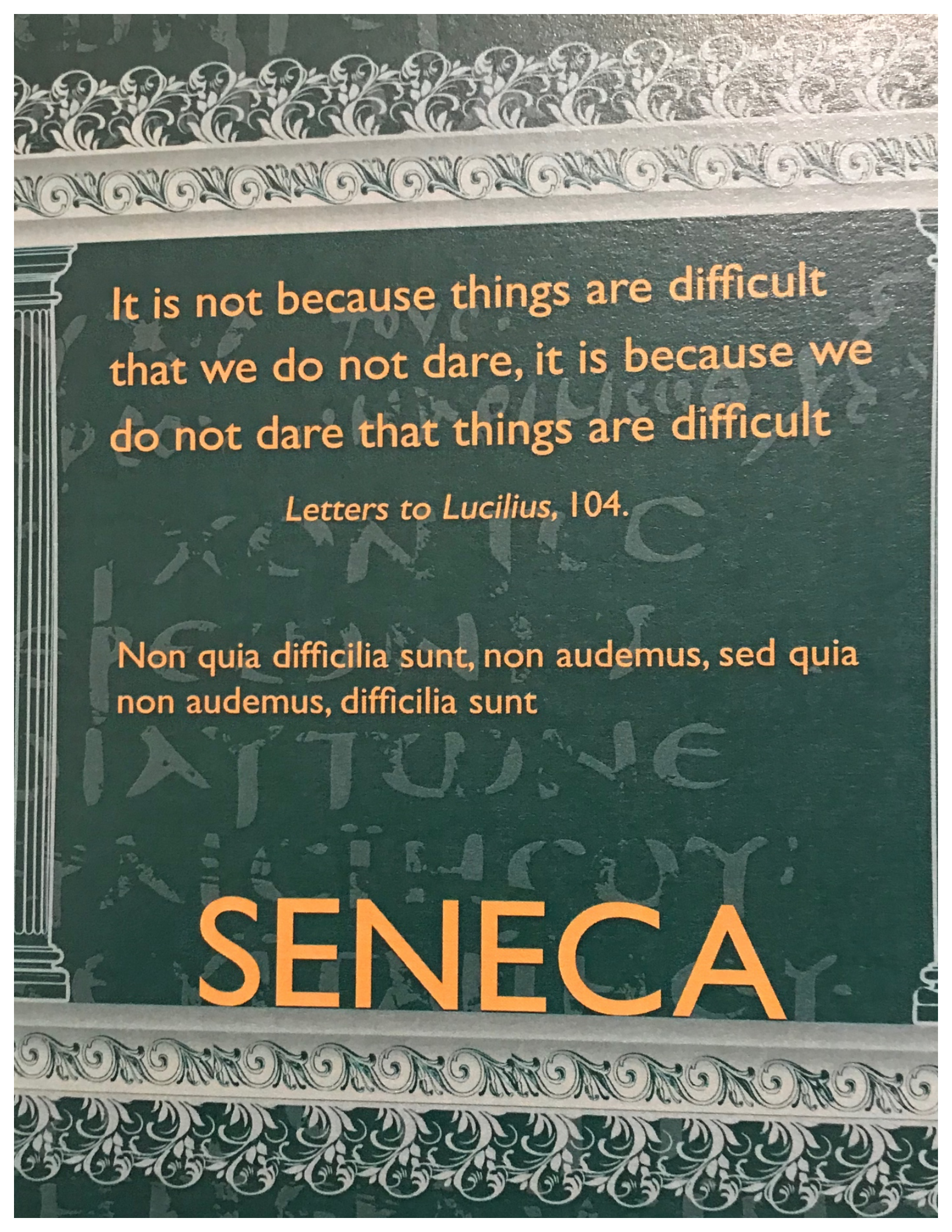


The master said, "Is it not a delight to learn
with constant perseverance and application?"

Analects, 1, 1.

子曰：學而時習之，不亦說乎？

CONFUCIUS




It is not because things are difficult
that we do not dare, it is because we
do not dare that things are difficult

Letters to Lucilius, 104.

Non quia difficilia sunt, non audemus, sed quia
non audemus, difficilia sunt


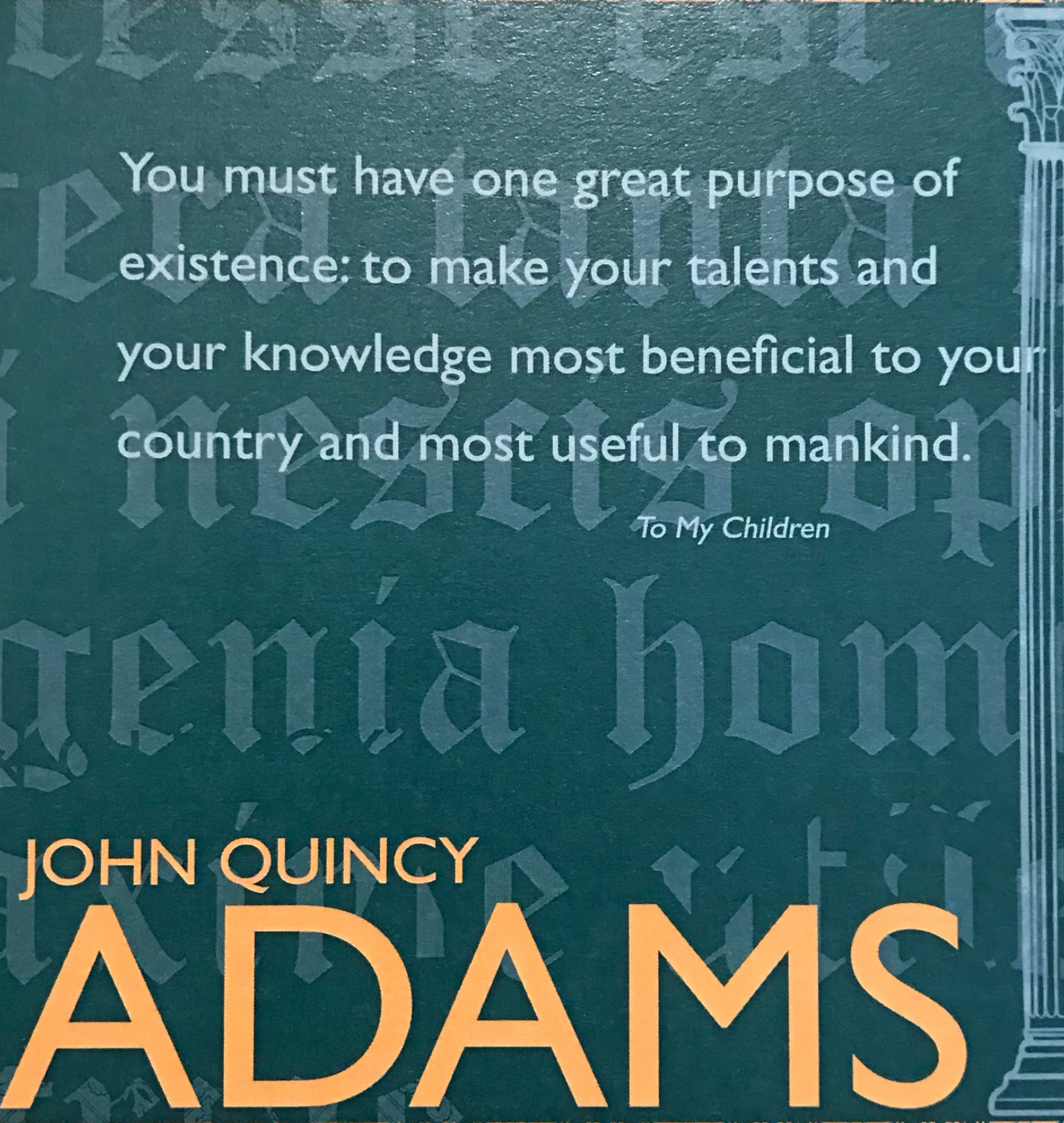


SENECA



Philosophy is written in this grand book, the universe, which stands continually open to our gaze. But the book cannot be understood unless one first learns to comprehend the language and to read the letters in which it is written. It is written in the language of mathematics.

GALILEO
GALILEI






You must have one great purpose of
existence: to make your talents and
your knowledge most beneficial to your
country and most useful to mankind.

To My Children

JOHN QUINCY

ADAMS




QUEEN ELIZABETH I

I watch and I
am silent

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And you know, if I were standing at the beginning of time, with the possibility of taking a kind of general and panoramic view of the whole of human history up to now, and the Almighty said to me "Martin Luther King, which age would you like to live in?" I would take my mental flight by Egypt, and I would watch God's children in their magnificent trek from the dark dungeons of Egypt through, or rather across the Red Sea, through the wilderness on toward the Promised Land. And in spite of its magnificence, I wouldn't stop there...

I would move on by Greece and take my mind to Mount Olympus. And I would see Plato, Aristotle, Socrates, Euripides and Aristophanes assembled around the Parthenon as they discussed the great and eternal issues of reality. But I wouldn't stop there...

I've Been to the Mountaintop

MARTIN LUTHER
KING JR.





Once you learn to read,
you will forever be free.

FREDERICK
DOUGLASS

