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Massive respect to all.

Irvine Welsh,
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Scepticism was formed in Edinburgh two hundred years ago by David Hume and Adam Smith. They said: 'Let's take religion to the black man, but we won't really believe it.' It's the cutting edge of trade.

— P.R.

We should condemn more and understand less.

— Major.

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