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ox-y-mor-on-i-ca (OK-se-mor-ON-uh-ca) *noun*: Any variety of tantalizing, self-contradictory statements or observations that on the surface appear false or illogical, but at a deeper level are profoundly true.

For example:

"Melancholy is the pleasure of being sad."

—Victor Hugo

"To lead the people, walk behind them."

—Lao-tzu

"You'd be surprised how much it costs to look this cheap."

—Dolly Parton

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