

The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing. one cannot help but be in awe when he contemplates the mysteries of eternity, of life, of the marvelous structure of reality. It is enough if one tries merely to comprehend a little of this mystery everyday. Never lose a holy curiosity.

~ Albert Einstein

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~ Martin Luther King

I came to the conclusion long ago ... that all religions were true and also that all had some error in them, and whilst I hold by my own, I should hold others as dear as Hinduism. So we can only pray, if we are Hindus, not that a Christian should become a Hindu ... But our innermost prayer should be a Hindu should be a better Hindu, a Muslim a better Muslim, a Christian a better Christian. (Young India: January 19, 1928)

~ Mohandas Gandhi

When I despair, I remember that all through history the way of truth and love has always won. There have been tyrants and murderers and for a time they seem invincible, but in the end, they always fall - think of it, always.

~ Mohandas Gandhi

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

~ [Hebrews 11:1]

Faith moves mountains, but you have to keep pushing while you are praying.

~ Cooley, Mason

Truth alone will endure; all the rest will be swept away before the tide of time.

~ Mohandas Gandhi

Whether humanity will consciously follow the law of love, I do not know. But that need not disturb me. The law will work just as the law of gravitation works, whether we accept it or not. The person who discovered the law of love was a far greater scientist than any of our modern scientists. only our explorations have not gone far enough and so it is not possible for everyone to see all its workings.

~ Mohandas Gandhi

Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. . . . Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness, that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, who am I to be brilliant, to be gorgeous, talented, and fabulous. Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small doesn't serve the world. There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that others won't feel insecure around you. We are born to make manifest the glory of God within us. And as we let our light shine, we consciously give others permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our fear, our presence automatically liberates others.

~ Nelson Mandela

If a man is called to be a street sweeper, he should sweep streets even as Michelangelo painted, or Beethoven played music, or Shakespeare wrote poetry. He should sweep streets so well that all the hosts of heaven and earth will pause to say, here lived a great street sweeper who did his job well.

~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

And so I say to you today that I still stand by nonviolence. And I am still convinced that it is the most potent weapon available to the Negro in his struggle for justice in this country. And the other thing is that I am concerned about a better world. I'm concerned about justice. I'm concerned about brotherhood. I'm concerned about truth. And when one is concerned about these, he can never advocate violence. For through violence you may murder a murderer but you can't murder murder. Through violence you may murder a liar but you can't establish truth. Through violence you may murder a hater, but you can't murder hate. Darkness cannot put out darkness. only light can do that.

~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

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The ultimate weakness of violence is that it is a descending spiral, begetting the very thing it seeks to destroy. Instead of diminishing evil, it multiplies it. Through violence you may murder the liar, but you cannot murder the lie, nor establish the truth. Through violence you may murder the hater, but you do not murder hate. In fact, violence merely increases hate. So it goes. Returning violence for violence multiplies violence, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that. Hate multiplies hate, violence multiplies violence, and toughness multiplies toughness in a descending spiral of destruction.... The chain reaction of evil -- hate begetting hate, wars producing more wars -- must be broken, or we shall be plunged into the dark abyss of annihilation. The ultimate weakness of violence is that it is a descending spiral, begetting the very thing it seeks to destroy. Instead of diminishing evil, it multiplies it. Through violence you may murder the liar, but you cannot murder the lie, nor establish the truth. Through violence you may murder the hater, but you do not murder hate. In fact, violence merely increases hate. So it goes. Returning violence for violence multiplies violence, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that. Hate multiplies hate, violence multiplies violence, and toughness multiplies toughness in a descending spiral of destruction.... The chain reaction of evil -- hate begetting hate, wars producing more wars -- must be broken, or we shall be plunged into the dark abyss of annihilation. But science can only be created by those who are thoroughly imbued with the aspiration toward truth and understanding. This source of feeling, however, springs from the sphere of religion. To this there also belongs the faith in the possibility that the regulations valid for the world of existence are rational, that is, comprehensible to reason. I cannot conceive of a genuine scientist without that profound faith. The situation may be expressed by an image: science without religion is lame, religion without science is blind. Though I have asserted above that in truth a legitimate conflict between religion and science cannot exist, I must nevertheless qualify this assertion once again on an essential point, with reference to the actual content of historical religions. This qualification has to do with the concept of God. During the youthful period of mankind's spiritual evolution human fantasy created gods in man's own image, who, by the operations of their will were supposed to determine, or

at any rate to influence, the phenomenal world. Man sought to alter the disposition of these gods in his own favor by means of magic and prayer. The idea of God in the religions taught at present is a sublimation of that old concept of the gods. Its anthropomorphic character is shown, for instance, by the fact that men appeal to the Divine Being in prayers and plead for the fulfillment of their wishes. How strange is the lot of us mortals! Each of us is here for a brief sojourn; for what purpose he knows not, though he sometimes thinks he senses it. But without deeper reflection one knows from daily life that one exists for other people--first of all for those upon whose smiles and well-being our own happiness is wholly dependent, and then for the many, unknown to us, to whose destinies we are bound by the ties of sympathy. A hundred times every day I remind myself that my inner and outer life are based on the labors of other men, living and dead, and that I must exert myself in order to give in the same measure as I have received and am still receiving... The most beautiful experience we can have is the mysterious. It is the fundamental emotion that stands at the cradle of true art and true science. Whoever does not know it and can no longer wonder, no longer marvel, is as good as dead, and his eyes are dimmed. It was the experience of mystery--even if mixed with fear--that engendered religion. A knowledge of the existence of something we cannot penetrate, our perceptions of the profoundest reason and the most radiant beauty, which only in their most primitive forms are accessible to our minds: it is this knowledge and this emotion that constitute true religiosity. In this sense, and only this sense, I am a deeply religious man. The most beautiful experience we can have is the mysterious. It is the fundamental emotion that stands at the cradle of true art and true science. Whoever does not know it and can no longer wonder, no longer marvel, is as good as dead, and his eyes are dimmed. It was the experience of mystery--even if mixed with fear--that engendered religion. A knowledge of the existence of something we cannot penetrate, our perceptions of the profoundest reason and the most radiant beauty, which only in their most primitive forms are accessible to our minds: it is this knowledge and this emotion that constitute true religiosity. In this sense, and only this sense, I am a deeply religious man.

~ Albert Einstein

A human being is part of a whole, called by us the Universe, a part limited in time and space. He experiences himself, his thoughts and feelings, as something separated from the rest--a kind of optical delusion of his consciousness. This delusion is a kind of prison for us, restricting us to our personal desires and to affection for a few persons nearest us. Our task must be to free ourselves from this prison by widening our circles of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature in its beauty.

~ Albert Einstein

A coward is incapable of exhibiting love; it is the prerogative of the brave.

~ Mahatma Gandhi

Any intelligent fool can make things bigger and more complex... It takes a touch of genius--and a lot of courage -- to move in the opposite direction.

~ Albert Einstein

Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength while loving someone deeply gives you courage.

~ Lao Tzu

Courage consists of the power of self-recovery.

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

Courage is like love, it must have hope for nourishment.

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Courage is not the lack of fear. It is acting in spite of it.

~ Mark Twain

Courage is rightly esteemed the first of human qualities because it is the quality which guarantees all others.

~ Sir Winston Churchill

Enlightenment is man's emergence from his self-imposed immaturity. Immaturity is the inability to use one's understanding without guidance from another. This immaturity is self-imposed when its cause lies not in the lack of understanding, but in the lack of resolve and courage to use it without guidance from another. Have courage to use your own understanding!

~ Immanuel Kant

It is curious--curious that physical courage should be so common in the world, and moral courage so rare.

~ Mark Twain

Last, but by no means least, courage--moral courage, the courage of one's convictions, the courage to see things through. The world is in a constant conspiracy against the brave. It's the age-old struggle -- the roar of the crowd on one side and the voice of your conscience on the other.

~ Douglas MacArthur

Not one of us knows what effect his life produces, and what he gives to others; that is hidden from us and must remain so, though we are often allowed to see some little fraction of it, so that we may not lose courage. The way in which power works is a mystery.

~ Albert Schweitzer

Personal mastery teaches us to choose. Choosing is a courageous act: picking the results and actions which you will make into your destiny.

~ Peter Senge

The courage of life is often a less dramatic spectacle than the courage of the final moment; but it is no less a magnificent mixture of triumph and tragedy. A man does what he must in spite of personal consequences; in spite of obstacles and dangers and pressures -- and that is the basis of all morality.

~ John F. Kennedy

To have courage for whatever comes in life -- everything lies in that.

~ Mother Teresa

To see what is right and not to do it, is want of courage.

~ Confucius

Whatever you do, you need courage. Whatever course you decide upon, there is always someone to tell you that you are wrong. There are always difficulties arising that tempt you to believe your critics are right. To map out a course of action and follow it to an end requires some of the same courage that a soldier needs. Peace has its victories, but it takes brave men and women to win them.

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You are able to say to yourself, 'I have lived through this horror. I can take the next thing that comes along.' You must do the thing you think you cannot do.

~ Eleanor Roosevelt

All you need is already within you, only you must approach your self with reverence and love. Self-condemnation and self-distrust are grievous errors. Your constant flight from pain and search for pleasure is a sign of love you bear for your self, all I plead with you is this: make love of your self perfect. Deny yourself nothing -- glue your self infinity and eternity and discover that you do not need them; you are beyond.

~ Sri Nisargadatta Maharaj

And remember, my sentimental friend, that a heart is not judged by how much you love, but by how much you are loved by others.

~ Professor Marvel, Wizard of Oz

And let there be no purpose in friendship save the deepening of the spirit. For love that seeks aught but the disclosure of its own mystery is not love but a net cast forth: and only the unprofitable is caught.

~ The Prophet by Khalil Gibran

And think not, you can direct the course of love; for love, if it finds you worthy, directs your course.

~ Khalil Gibran

At the touch of love, everyone becomes a poet.

~ Plato

Hatred paralyzes life; love releases it. Hatred confuses life; love harmonizes it. Hatred darkens life; love illuminates it.

~ Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

He is not a lover who does not love forever.

~ Euripides

I have found the paradox that if I love until it hurts, then there is no hurt, but only more love.

~ Mother Teresa

I've made the most important discovery of my life. It's only in the mysterious equation of love that any logical reasons can be found.

~ John Nash, in A Beautiful Mind

If I know what love is, it is because of you.

~ Hermann Hesse

If you deceive someone, you lose one of life's greatest treasures, you lose the capacity to trust. Because without trust, love is not possible.

~ Osho

Love demands all, and has a right to all.

~ Beethoven

Love does not dominate; it cultivates.

~ Goethe

Love has a hem to her garment that reaches to the very dust. It sweeps the stains from the streets and lanes, and because it can, it must.

~ Mother Teresa

Love is a fruit in season at all times, and within reach of every hand.

~ Mother Teresa

Love is a smoke made with the fume of sighs, Being purged, a fire sparkling in lovers' eyes, Being vexed, a sea nourished with lovers' tears. What is it else? A madness most discreet, A choking gall and a preserving sweet.

~ William Shakespeare, Romeo and Juliet, act 1, sc. 1.

Love is most nearly itself when here and now cease to matter.

~ T.S. Eliot

Love is not love Which alters when it alteration finds, Or bends with the remover to remove: O, no! it is an ever-fixed mark, That looks on tempests and is never shaken.

~ William Shakespeare

Love suffers long, and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.... And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

~ Paul of Tarsus, 1 Corinthians 13:4 - 8 (New King James Version)

Science has sometimes been said to be opposed to faith, and inconsistent with it. But all science, in fact, rests on a basis of faith, for it assumes the permanence and uniformity of natural laws -- a thing which can never be demonstrated.

~ Tryon Edwards

To know what is impenetrable to us really exists, manifesting itself as the highest wisdom and the most radiant beauty... this knowledge, this feeling is at the center of true religiousness.

~ Albert Einstein

Our faith comes in moments... yet there is a depth in those brief moments which constrains us to ascribe more reality to them than to all other experiences.

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

Just as a small fire is extinguished by the storm whereas a large fire is enhanced by it-likewise a weak faith is weakened by predicament and catastrophes whereas a strong faith is strengthened by them.

~ Viktor E. Frankl

I recommend that the Statue of Liberty be supplemented by a Statue of Responsibility on the west coast.

~ Viktor E. Frankl

Ever more people today have the means to live, but no meaning to live for.

~ Viktor E. Frankl

Challenging the meaning of life is the truest expression of the state of being human.

~ Viktor E. Frankl

Live as if you were living a second time, and as though you had acted wrongly the first time.

~ Viktor E. Frankl

Love's not Time's fool, though rosy lips and cheeks
Within his bending sickle's compass come; Love
alters not with his brief hours and weeks, But bears it out even to the edge of doom. If this be error and
upon me prov'd, I never writ, nor no man ever lov'd.

~ William Shakespeare

Love your neighbor as yourself, but don't take down the fence.

~ Carl Sandburg

My love is as boundless as the sea, My love as deep; the more I give to thee, The more I have, for both
are infinite.

~ William Shakespeare in Romeo and Juliet

My Mind has been the most discontented and restless one that ever was put into a body too small for it.
I never felt my Mind repose upon anything with complete and undistracted enjoyment--upon no person
but you. When you are in the room my thoughts never fly out of window: you always concentrate my
whole senses.

~ John Keats (Letters to Fanny)

Only through love can we obtain communion with God.

~ Albert Schweitzer

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with
the heart.

~ Helen Keller

The heart has its reasons, of which reason knows nothing.

~ Pascal

The success of love is in the loving--it is not in the result of loving. Of course it is natural in love to
want the best for the other person, but whether it turns out that way or not does not determine the value
of what we have done.

~ Mother Teresa

The truth of love is the truth of the universe: it is the lamp of the soul that reveals the secrets of
darkness.

~ Kabir

To him she seemed so beautiful, so seductive, so different from ordinary people, that he could not understand why no one was as disturbed as he by the clicking of her heels on the paving stones, why no one else's heart was wild with the breeze stirred by the sighs of her veils, why everyone did not go mad with the movements of her braid, the flight of her hands, the gold of her laughter. He had not missed a single one of her gestures, not one of the indications of her character, but he did not dare approach her for fear of destroying the spell.

~ Gabriel Garcia Marquez (from Love in the Time of Cholera)

We are shaped and fashioned by what we love.

~ Goethe

When two people understand each other in their inmost hearts, their words are sweet and strong, like the fragrance of orchids.

~ I Ching

Where love rules, there is no will to power; and where power predominates, there love is lacking. The one is the shadow of the other.

~ Friedrich Nietzsche

When you fish for love, bait with your heart, not your brain.

~ Mark Twain

Everything passes away - suffering, pain, blood, hunger, pestilence. The sword will pass away too, but the stars will still remain when the shadows of our presence and our deeds have vanished from the earth. There is no man who does not know that. Why, then, will we not turn our eyes towards the stars? Why?

~ Mikhail Bulgakov, from 'The White Guard'

Hope begins in the dark, the stubborn hope that if you just show up and try to do the right thing, the dawn will come. You wait and watch and work: you don't give up.

~ Anne Lamott

Hope is a state of mind, not of the world. Hope, in this deep and powerful sense, is not the same as joy that things are going well, or willingness to invest in enterprises that are obviously heading for success, but rather an ability to work for something because it is good.

~ Vaclav Havel

Hope is the thing with feathers That perches in the soul, And sings the tune without the words, And never stops at all.

~ Emily Dickinson

Hope is a waking dream.

~ Aristotle

Hope is not the conviction that something will turn out well, but the certainty that something makes sense regardless of how it turns out.

~ Vaclav Havel

Hope sees the invisible, feels the intangible and achieves the impossible.

~ Anonymous

I steer my bark with hope in the head, leaving fear astern. My hopes indeed sometimes fail, but not oftener than the forebodings of the gloomy.

~ Thomas Jefferson

Strong hope is a much greater stimulant to life than any single realized joy could be.

~ Friedrich Nietzsche

To hope means to be ready at every moment for that which is not yet born, and yet not become desperate if there is no birth in our lifetime.

~ Erich Fromm

We must accept finite disappointment, but we must never lose infinite hope.

~ Martin Luther King

Your hopes, dreams and aspirations are legitimate. They are trying to take you airborne, above the clouds, above the storms, if you only let them.

~ William James

While there's life, there's hope!

~ Ancient Proverb

All things are implicated with one another, and the bond is holy; and there is hardly anything unconnected with any other things. For things have been co-ordinated, and they combine to make up the same universe. For there is one universe made up of all things, and one God who pervades all things, and one substance, and one law, and one reason.

~ Marcus Aurelius

Belief consists in accepting the affirmations of the soul; Unbelief, in denying them.

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

Buddhism has the characteristics of what would be expected in a cosmic religion for the future: It transcends a personal God, avoids dogmas and theology; it covers both the natural and the spiritual, and it is based on a religious sense aspiring from the experience of all things, natural and spiritual, as a meaningful unity.

~ Albert Einstein

Captain, my religious belief teaches me to feel as safe in battle as in bed. God has fixed the time for my death. I do not concern myself about that, but to be always ready, no matter when it may overtake me ... That is the way all men should live, and then all would be equally brave.


~ Stonewall Jackson

Creation is too grand, too glorious, too complex and too mysterious to be captured in any narrow creed or reflected in any single metaphor. It is exactly because we so cherish the world in all its multi-hued grandeur that we resist the temptation to see it through only one lens. Our conviction is that we will come a little closer to the truth about the world

~ William F. Schultz

Deep, solemn optimism, it seems to me, should spring from this firm belief in the presence of God in the individual; not a remote, unapproachable governor of the universe, but a God who is very near every one of us, who is present not only in earth, sea and sky, but also in every pure and noble impulse of our hearts, 'the source and centre of all minds, their only point of rest'.

~ Helen Keller

Even as a tree has a single trunk but many branches and leaves, there is one religion -human religion--but any number of faiths.

~ Mahatma Gandhi

Even in the slightest breeze you can hear the voice of the cottonwood tree; this we understand is its prayer to the Great Spirit, for not only men, but all things and all beings pray to Him continually in different ways.

~ Black Elk

He who steadily observes the moral precepts in which all religions concur, will never be questioned at the gates of heaven as to the dogmas in which they all differ.

~ Thomas Jefferson

I never spoke with God, Nor visited in heaven; Yet certain am I of the spot As if the chart were given.

~ Emily Dickinson

I saw my Lord with the Eye of my heart, And I said: Truly there is no doubt that it is You. It is You that I see in everything; And I do not see You through anything (but You).

~ Al-Hallaj

My country is the world, and my religion is to do good.

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

My effort should never be to undermine another's faith but to make him a better follower of his own faith.",Mahatma Gandhi,7/18/14 11:00 My religion consists of a humble admiration of the illimitable superior spirit who reveals himself in the slight details we are able to perceive with our frail and feeble mind. ,Albert Einstein,7/18/14 11:00 "Religion is to do right. It is to love, it is to serve, it is to think, it is to be humble.

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

Religion itself is nothing else but Love to God and Man. He that lives in Love lives in God, says the Beloved Disciple: And to be sure a Man can live no where better.

~ William Penn

Though earth and moon were gone, And suns and universes ceased to be, And Thou wert left alone, Every existence would exist in Thee.

~ Emily Brontë 

We have now learned from our generalizations of the great complexity of the interactions of principles... that what <I>is approached</I> is eternal and instant awareness of absolute reality of all that ever existed. All the great metaphysical integrity of all the individuals, which is potential and inherent in the complex interactions of generalized principles, will always and only coexist eternally.

~ Buckminster Fuller

We must forgive our enemies. I can truly say that not a day has passed since the war began that I have not prayed for them.

~ General Robert E. Lee

What do I know about God and the purpose of life? I know that this world exists.

~ Ludwig Wittgenstein

With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan -- to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace, among ourselves, and with all nations.

~ Abraham Lincoln

You and I didn't design people. God designed people. What I am trying to do is to discover why God included humans in Universe.

~ Buckminster Fuller

All ... religions show the same disparity between belief and practice, and each is safe till it tries to exclude the rest. Test each sect by its best or its worst as you will, by its high-water mark of virtue or its low-water mark of vice. But falsehood begins when you measure the ebb of any other religion against the flood-tide of your own. There is a noble and a base side to every history.

~ Thomas Wentworth Higginson

Forgive him, for he believes that the customs of his tribe are the laws of nature!

~ George Bernard Shaw

I do not feel obliged to believe that the same God who has endowed us with sense, reason, and intellect has intended us to forgo their use.

~ Galileo Galilei

I never told my own religion nor scrutinized that of another. I never attempted to make a convert, nor wished to change another's creed. I am satisfied that yours must be an excellent religion to have produced a life of such exemplary virtue and correctness. For it is in our lives, and not from our words, that our religion must be judged.

~ Thomas Jefferson

In the matter of religion, people eagerly fasten their eyes on the difference between their own creed and yours; whilst the charm of the study is in finding the agreements and identities in all the religions of humanity.

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

Man is the religious animal. He is the only religious animal. He is the only animal that has the True Religion--several of them. He is the only animal that loves his neighbor as himself and cuts his throat, if his theology isn't straight. He has made a graveyard of the globe in trying his honest best to smooth his brother's path to happiness and heaven.

~ Mark Twain

Matter and mind are not separate, they are aspects of one energy. Look at the mind as a function of matter and you have science; look at matter as the product of the mind and you have religion.

~ Sri Nisargadatta Maharaj

So many gods, so many creeds; So many paths that wind and wind, While just the art of being kind Is all the sad world needs.

~ Ella Wheeler Wilcox

The word religion is extremely rare in the New Testament or the writings of mystics. The reason is simple. Those attitudes and practises to which we give the collective name of religion are themselves concerned with religion hardly at all. To be religious is to have one's attention fixed on God and on one's neighbor in relation to God. Therefore, almost by definition, a religious man, or a man when he is being religious, is not thinking about religion; he hasn't the time. Religion is what we (or he himself at a later moment) call his activity from the outside.

~ C.S. Lewis

We do not destroy religion by destroying superstition.

~ Cicero

We do not want churches because they will teach us to quarrel about God, as the Catholics and Protestants do. We do not want that. We may quarrel with men about things on earth, but we never quarrel about the Great Spirit.

~ Chief Joseph

I tried to find Him on the Christian cross, but He was not there; I went to the Temple of the Hindus and to the old pagodas, but I could not find a trace of Him anywhere. I searched on the mountains and in the valleys but neither in the heights nor in the depths was I able to find Him. I went to the Caaba in Mecca, but He was not there either. I questioned the scholars and philosophers but He was beyond their understanding. I then looked into my heart and it was there where He dwelled that i saw him; he was nowhere else to be found.

~ Jelaluddin Rumi

If a man aspires towards a righteous life, his first act of abstinence is from injury to animals.

~ Leo Tolstoy

All things in this world are impermanent. They have the nature to rise and pass away. To be in harmony with this truth brings true happiness.

~ Buddhist chant

Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing himself.

~ Tolstoy

Of the forces which are imperceptible forces, none is greater than that of change ... all things are ever in the state of change ... therefore the I of the past is no longer the I of today.

~ Chang-tzu

In the same way as the tree bears the same fruit year after year, but each time new fruit, all lastingly valuable ideas in thinking must always be reborn.

~ Albert Schweitzer

History may not repeat itself, but it does rhyme a lot.
~ Mark Twain

In times of profound change, the learners inherit the earth, while the learned find themselves beautifully equipped to deal with a world that no longer exists.
~ Eric Hoffer

Study nature, love nature, stay close to nature. It will never fail you.
~ Frank Lloyd Wright

I believe in God, only I spell it Nature.
~ Frank Lloyd Wright

The conservationist's most Important task, if we are to save the earth, is to educate.
~ Peter Scott

It seems to me that we all look at Nature too much, and live with her too little.
~ Oscar Wilde

We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children.
~ Native American Proverb

To waste, to destroy our natural resources, to skin and exhaust the land instead of using it so as to increase its usefulness, will result in undermining in the days of our children the very prosperity which we ought by right to hand down to them amplified and developed.
~ Theodore Roosevelt

While the farmer holds the title to the land, actually, it belongs to all the people because civilization itself rests upon the soil.
~ Thomas Jefferson

A nation that destroys its soils destroys itself. Forests are the lungs of our land, purifying the air and giving fresh strength to our people.
~ Franklin Roosevelt

I have never let my schooling interfere with my education.
~ Mark Twain

A Poor Teacher Complains, An Average Teacher Explains, A Good Teacher Teaches, A Great Teacher Inspires
~ H. Narasimhaiah

I know, (there is) no safe depository of the ultimate powers of society, but the people themselves; and if we think them not enlightened enough to exercise their control with wholesome discretion, the remedy is not to take it from them, but to inform their discretion by education. This is the true corrective of abuses of constitutional power.
~ Thomas Jefferson

We must encourage [each other] -- once we have grasped the basic points -- to interconnecting everything else on our own, to use memory to guide our original thinking, and to accept what someone else says as a starting point, a seed to be nourished and grow. For the correct analogy for the mind is not a vessel that needs filling but wood that needs igniting -- no more -- and then it motivates one towards originality and instills the desire for truth. Suppose someone were to go and ask his neighbors for fire and find a substantial blaze there, and just stay there continually warming himself: that is no different from someone who goes to someone else to get to some of his rationality, and fails to realize that he ought to ignite his own flame, his own intellect, but is happy to sit entranced by the lecture, and the words trigger only associative thinking and bring, as it were, only a flush to his cheeks and a glow to his limbs; but he has not dispelled or dispersed, in the warm light of philosophy, the internal dank gloom of his mind.

~ Plutarch

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.

~ Eleanor Roosevelt

The vast possibilities of our great future will become realities only if we make ourselves responsible for that future.

~ Gifford Pinchot

The best way to predict the future is to invent it.

~ Alan Kay

Run to meet the future or it's going to run you down.

~ Anthony J. D'Angelo

Happiness depends upon ourselves.

~ Aristotle

It is necessary to the happiness of man that he be mentally faithful to himself.

~ Thomas Paine

Happiness is a how, not a what; a talent, not an object.

~ Hermann Hesse

How simple and frugal a thing is happiness: a glass of wine, a roast chestnut, a wretched little brazier, the sound of the sea. . . . All that is required to feel that here and now is happiness is a simple, frugal heart.

~ Nikos Kazantzakis

Happiness is not achieved by the conscious pursuit of happiness; it is generally the by-product of other activities.

~ Aldous Huxley

Sometimes we are required to do what others will shirk from, the action is what separates the hero from the coward.

~ Sgt. Jamie Shrope

The only boundaries to our imaginations are the ones we imagine ourselves.

~ Jan Kaim

What lies before us and what lies behind us are small matters compared to what lies within us. And when we bring what is within out into the world, miracles happen.

~ Henry David Thoreau

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you.

~ The Bible, John 14.27

If a man sings of God and hears of Him, And lets love of God sprout within him, All his sorrows shall vanish, And in his mind, God will bestow abiding peace.

~ Adi Granth, Japuji 5, M.1, p. 2

Men do not mirror themselves in running water, they mirror themselves in still water. only what is still can still the stillness of other things.

~ Chuang Tzu 5

This is peace, this is the excellent, namely the calm of all the impulses, the casting out of all basis, the extinction of craving, dispassion, stopping, Nirvana.

~ Anguttara Nikaya v.322

The Master said, In the morning, hear the Way; in the evening, die content!

~ Analects 4.8

As rivers flow into the ocean but cannot make the vast ocean overflow, so flow the streams of the sense-world into the sea of peace that is the sage.

~ Bhagavad Gita 2.70

Justice is conscience, not a personal conscience but the conscience of the whole of humanity. Those who clearly recognize the voice of their own conscience usually recognize also the voice of justice.

~ Alexander Solzhenitsyn

Moral excellence comes about as a result of habit. We become just by doing just acts, temperate by doing temperate acts, brave by doing brave acts.

~ Aristotle

Charity begins at home and justice begins next door.

~ Charles Dickens

Better to die on your feet than live on your knees.

~ Aeschylus

True peace is not merely the absence of tension: it is the presence of justice.

~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

I am still learning.

~ Michelangelo's motto

It is looking at things for a long time that ripens you and gives you a deeper understanding.

~ Vincent Van Gogh

My schooling not only failed to teach me what it professed to be teaching, but prevented me from being educated to an extent which infuriates me when I think of all I might have learned at home by myself.

~ George Bernard Shaw

Education that consists in learning things and not the meaning of them is feeding upon the husks and not the corn.

~ Mark Twain

I suppose it is because nearly all children go to school nowadays, and have things arranged for them, that they seem so forlornly unable to produce their own ideas.

~ Agatha Christie

Success is the ability to go from one failure to another with no loss of enthusiasm.

~ Churchill

Don't listen to what they say. Go see.

~ Chinese proverb

Go forth on your path, as it exists only through your walking.

~ Saint Augustin

Look at the stars lighting up the sky: no one of them stays in the same place.

~ Seneca

The wise man's home is the universe.

~ Democrites

Who lives sees much. Who travels sees more.

~ Arab proverb

Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness.

~ Mark Twain

I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality. That is why right, temporarily defeated, is stronger than evil triumphant.

~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

But such is the irresistible nature of truth, that all it asks, and all it wants, is the liberty of appearing. The sun needs no inscription to distinguish him from darkness.

~ Thomas Paine

If you would be a real seeker after truth, you must at least once in your life doubt, as far as possible, all things.

~ René Descartes

Everything you add to the truth subtracts from the truth.

~ Alexander Solzhenitsyn

Truth resides in every human heart, and one has to search for it there, and to be guided by truth as one sees it. But no one has a right to coerce others to act according to his own view of truth.

~ Mahatma Gandhi

Man is fed with fables through life, and leaves it in the belief he knows something of what has been passing, when in truth he has known nothing but what has passed under his own eye.

~ Thomas Jefferson

You may fool all the people some of the time; you can even fool some of the people all the time; but you can't fool all of the people all the time."

~ Abraham Lincoln

In seeking wisdom, the first step is silence; the second, listening the third, remembering; the fourth, practicing; the fifth, teaching others.

~ Ibn Gabirol

A wise man will desire no more than what he may get justly, use soberly, distribute cheerfully, and leave contentedly.

~ Benjamin Franklin

As human beings, our greatness lies not so much in being able to remake the world--that is the myth of the atomic age--as in being able to remake ourselves.

~ Mahatma Gandhi

By three methods we may learn wisdom: First, by reflection, which is noblest; Second, by imitation, which is easiest; and third by experience, which is the bitterest.

~ Confucius

If the only prayer you say in your entire life is Thank you, that would suffice.

~ Meister Eckhart

It is the province of knowledge to speak and it is the privilege of wisdom to listen.

~ Oliver Wendell Holmes

Philosophy is harmonized knowledge making a harmonious life; it is the self-discipline which lifts us to serenity and freedom. Knowledge is power, but only wisdom is liberty.

~ Will Durant

The best and safest thing is to keep a balance in your life, acknowledge the great powers around us and in us. If you can do that, and live that way, you are really a wise man.

~ Euripides

The wisdom of life consists in the elimination of nonessentials.

~ Lin Yutang

The plainest sign of wisdom is a continual cheerfulness: her state is like that of things in the regions above the moon, always clear and serene.

~ Michel de Montaigne

The wise man doesn't give the right answers, he poses the right questions.

~ Claude Levi-Strauss

Water is fluid, soft, and yielding. But water will wear away rock, which is rigid and cannot yield. As a rule, whatever is fluid, soft, and yielding will overcome whatever is rigid and hard. This is another paradox: what is soft is strong.

~ Lao Zi (Lao-Tzu)

Wisdom is the daughter of experience.

~ Leonardo da Vinci

Let us realize that the privilege to work is a gift, that power to work is a blessing, that love of work is Success

~ David O. McKay

It is one of the strange ironies of this strange life [that] those who work the hardest, who subject themselves to the strictest discipline, who give up certain pleasurable things in order to achieve a goal, are the happiest people.

~ Brutus Hamilton

My grandfather once told me that there were two kinds of people: those who do the work and those who take the credit. He told me to try to be in the first group; there was much less competition.

~ Indira Gandhi

Individual commitment to a group effort -- that is what makes a team work a company work, a society work, a civilization work.

~ Vince Lombardi

It is not true that the more sex that you have, the more it interferes with your work. I find that the more sex you have, the better work you do.

~ H. G. Wells

Without friends the world is but a wilderness. There is no man that imparteth his joys to his friends, but he joyeth the more; and no man that imparteth his grieves to his friend, but he grieveth the less.

~ Francis Bacon

The rule of friendship means there should be mutual sympathy between them, each supplying what the other lacks and trying to benefit the other, always using friendly and sincere words.

~ Buddha

What sweetness is left in life, if you take away friendship? Robbing life of friendship is like robbing the world of the sun. A true friend is more to be esteemed than kinsfolk.

~ Cicero

The glory of friendship is not in the outstretched hand, nor the kindly smile, nor the joy of companionship; it is in the spiritual inspiration that comes to one when he discovers that someone else believes in him and is willing to trust him.

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

The good man is the friend of all living things.

~ Mahatma Gandhi

I shot an arrow into the air, It fell to earth, I knew not where; For so swiftly it flew, the sight Could not follow it in its flight. I breathed a song into the air, It fell to earth, I knew not where; For, who has sight so keen and strong That it can follow the flight of song? Long, long afterward, in an oak I found the arrow, still unbroken; And the song, from beginning to end, I found again in the heart of a friend.

~ Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

We will win the world when we realize that fellowship, not evangelism, must be our primary emphasis. When we demonstrate the Big Miracle of Love, it won't be necessary for us to go out -- they will come in.

~ Jess Moody

If you have no friends to share or rejoice in your success in life -- if you cannot look back to those whom you owe gratitude, or forward to those to whom you ought to afford protection, still it is no less incumbent on you to move steadily in the path of duty; for your active exertions are due not only to society; but in humble gratitude to the Being who made you a member of it, with powers to save yourself and others.

~ Sir Walter Scott

Good friends, good books and a sleepy conscience: this is the ideal life. The conviction of the rich that the poor are happier is no more foolish than the conviction of the poor that the rich are.

~ Mark Twain

The book is closed, the year is done, The pages full of tasks begun. A little joy, a little care, Along with dreams, are written there. This new day brings another year, Renewing hope, dispelling fear. And we may find before the end, A deep content, another friend.

~ Arch Ward

There is a magnet in your heart that will attract true friends. That magnet is unselfishness, thinking of others first... when you learn to live for others, they will live for you.

~ Paramahansa Yogananda

The first requisite for success is the ability to apply your physical and mental energies to one problem incessantly without growing weary.

~ Thomas Edison

The really unhappy person is the one who leaves undone what they can do, and starts doing what they don't understand; no wonder they come to grief.

~ Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe

As life is action and passion, it is required of a man that he should share the passion and action of his time, at the peril of being not to have lived.

~ Oliver Wendell Holmes

Ability may get you to the top, but it takes character to keep you there.

~ John Wooden

Everything you need you already have. You are complete right now, you are a whole, total person, not an apprentice person on the way to someplace else. Your completeness must be understood by you and experienced in your thoughts as your own personal reality.

~ Wayne Dyer,

Nothing is enough for the man to whom enough is to little.

~ Epicurus

May it not be that, just as we have to have faith in Him, God has to have faith in us and, considering the history of the human race so far, may it not be that faith is even more difficult for Him than it is for us?

~ W. H. Auden

Life has no other discipline to impose, if we would but realize it, than to accept life unquestioningly. Everything we shut our eyes to, everything we run away from, everything we deny, denigrate or despise, serves to defeat us in the end. What seems nasty, painful, evil, can become a source of beauty, joy and strength, if faced with an open mind. Every moment is a golden one for him who has the vision to recognize it as such.

~ Henry Miller

Only the person who has faith in himself is able to be faithful to others.

~ Erich Fromm,

Faith is the highest passion in a human being. Many in every generation may not come that far, but none comes further.

~ Soren Kierkegaard

There are many things that are essential to arriving at true peace of mind, and one of the most important is faith, which cannot be acquired without prayer.

~ John Wooden

Celebrity-worship and hero-worship should not be confused. Yet we confuse them every day, and by doing so we come dangerously close to depriving ourselves of all real models. We lose sight of the men and women who do not simply seem great because they are famous but are famous because they are great. We come closer and closer to degrading all fame into notoriety.

~ Daniel J. Boorstin

America has been a land of dreams. A land where the aspirations of people from countries cluttered with rich, cumbersome, aristocratic, ideological pasts can reach for what once seemed unattainable. Here they have tried to make dreams come true. Yet now... we are threatened by a new and particularly American menace. It is not the menace of class war, of ideology, of poverty, of disease, of illiteracy, or demagoguery, or of tyranny, though these now plague most of the world. It is the menace of unreality.

~ Daniel J. Boorstin

The traditional novel form continues to enlarge our experience in those very areas where the wide-angle lens and the Cinema screen tend to narrow it.

~ Daniel J. Boorstin

The most refined skills of color printing, the intricate techniques of wide-angle photography, provide us pictures of trivia bigger and more real than life. We forget that we see trivia and notice only that the reproduction is so good. Man fulfills his dream and by photographic magic produces a precise image of the Grand Canyon. The result is not that he adores nature or beauty the more. Instead he adores his camera -- and himself.

~ Daniel J. Boorstin

Time makes heroes but dissolves celebrities.

~ Daniel J. Boorstin

Not so many years ago there was no simpler or more intelligible notion than that of going on a journey. Travel --movement through space --provided the universal metaphor for change. one of the subtle confusions --perhaps one of the secret terrors --of modern life is that we have lost this refuge. No longer do we move through space as we once did.

~ Daniel J. Boorstin

Of all the nations in the world, the United States was built in nobody's image. It was the land of the unexpected, of unbounded hope, of ideals, of quest for an unknown perfection. It is all the more unfitting that we should offer ourselves in images. And all the more fitting that the images which we make wittingly or unwittingly to sell America to the world should come back to haunt and curse us.

~ Daniel J. Boorstin

As individuals and as a nation, we now suffer from social narcissism. The beloved Echo of our ancestors, the virgin America, has been abandoned. We have fallen in love with our own image, with images of our making, which turn out to be images of ourselves.

~ Daniel J. Boorstin

I would much rather have men ask why I have no statue than why I have one.

~ Cato The Elder

True glory takes root, and even spreads; all false pretences, like flowers, fall to the ground; nor can any counterfeit last long.

~ Marcus T. Cicero

Fame is like a shaved pig with a greased tail, and it is only after it has slipped through the hands of some thousands, that some fellow, by mere chance, holds on to it!

~ Davy Crockett

If you would not be forgotten as soon as you are dead, either write things worth reading or do things worth writing.

~ Benjamin Franklin

Wood burns because it has the proper stuff in it; and a man becomes famous because he has the proper stuff in him.

~ Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe

True glory consists in doing what deserves to be written; in writing what deserves to be read; and in so living as to make the world happier and better for our living in it.

~ Pliny The Elder

The family is the test of freedom; because the family is the only thing that the free man makes for himself and by himself.

~ Gilbert K. Chesterton,

The happiest moments of my life have been the few which I have passed at home in the bosom of my family.

~ Thomas Jefferson,

Women know what men have long forgotten. The ultimate economic and spiritual unit of any civilization is still the family.

~ Clare Boothe Luce

The Family is the Country of the heart. There is an angel in the Family who, by the mysterious influence of grace, of sweetness, and of love, renders the fulfillment of duties less wearisome, sorrows less bitter. The only pure joys unmixed with sadness which it is given to man to taste upon earth are, thanks to this angel, the joys of the Family.

~ Giuseppe Mazzini

Having a family is like having a bowling alley installed in your brain.

~ Martin Mull

We are always too busy for our children; we never give them the time or interest they deserve. We lavish gifts upon them; but the most precious gift, our personal association, which means so much to them, we give grudgingly.

~ Mark Twain

Giving The best thing to give to your enemy is forgiveness; to an opponent, tolerance; to a friend, your heart; to your child, a good example; to a father, deference; to your mother, conduct that will make her proud of you; to yourself, respect; to all men.

~ Henry Ward Beecher

And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

~ [Ephesians 4:32]

Love thy neighbor as thyself: Do not to others what thou wouldn't not wish be done to thyself: Forgive injuries. Forgive thy enemy, be reconciled to him, give him assistance, invoke God in his behalf.

~ Confucius

And if your friend does evil to you, say to him, I forgive you for what you did to me, but how can I forgive you for what you did to yourself?

~ Friedrich Nietzsche

Failure is unimportant. It takes courage to make a fool of yourself.

~ Charlie Chaplin

We have always held to the hope, the belief, the conviction that there is a better life, a better world, beyond the horizon.

~ Franklin D. Roosevelt

The past is of no importance. The present is of no importance. It is with the future that we have to deal. For the past is what man should not have been. The present is what man ought not to be. The future is what artists are.

~ Oscar Wilde