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The development of civilization and industry in general has always shown itself so active in the destruction of forests that everything that has been done for their conservation and production is completely insignificant in comparison.

- Marx, Karl

Experience praises the most happy the one who made the most people happy.

- Marx, Karl

The history of all hitherto existing society is the history of class struggles.

- Marx, Karl

In bourgeois society capital is independent and has individuality, while the living person is dependent and has no individuality.

- Marx, Karl

Colonial system, public debts, heavy taxes, protection, commercial wars, etc., these offshoots of the period of manufacture swell to gigantic proportions during the period of infancy of large-scale industry. The birth of the latter is celebrated by a vast, Hero-like

slaughter of the innocents.

- Marx, Karl

On a level plain, simple mounds look like hills; and the insipid flatness of our present bourgeoisie is to be measured by the altitude of its great intellects.

- Marx, Karl

I am greatly pleased with the public, authentic isolation in which we two, you and I, now find ourselves. It is wholly in accord with our attitude and our principles.

- Marx, Karl

From the outset, the Christian was the theorizing Jew, the Jew is therefore the practical Christian, and the practical Christian has become a Jew again.

- Marx, Karl

Landlords, like all other men, love to reap where they never sowed.

- Marx, Karl

Machines were, it may be said, the weapon employed by the capitalists to quell the revolt of specialized labor.

- Marx, Karl

Medicine heals doubts as well as diseases.

- Marx, Karl

While the miser is merely a capitalist gone mad, the capitalist is a rational miser.

- Marx, Karl

All social rules and all relations between individuals are eroded by a cash economy, avarice drags Pluto himself out of the bowels of the earth.

- Marx, Karl

The policy of Russia is changeless. Its methods, its tactics, its maneuvers may change, but the polar star of its policy, world domination, is a fixed star. &#91;About Russia&#93;

- Marx, Karl

It is absolutely impossible to transcend the laws of nature. What can change in historically different circumstances is only the form in which these laws expose themselves.

- Marx, Karl

Necessity is blind until it becomes conscious. Freedom is the consciousness of necessity.

- Marx, Karl

Catch a man a fish, and you can sell it to him. Teach a man to fish, and you ruin a wonderful business opportunity.

- Marx, Karl

The only antidote to mental suffering is physical pain.

- Marx, Karl

Philosophy stands in the same relation to the study of the actual world as masturbation to sexual love.

- Marx, Karl

The philosophers have only interpreted the world in various ways; the point, however, is to change it.

- Marx, Karl

The Tories in England had long imagined that they were enthusiastic about the monarchy, the church and beauties of the old English Constitution, until the day of danger wrung from them the confession that they are enthusiastic only about rent.

- Marx, Karl

The human being is in the most literal sense a political animal, not merely a gregarious animal, but an animal which can individuate itself only in the midst of society.

- Marx, Karl

In the domain of Political Economy, free scientific inquiry meets not merely the same enemies as in all other domains. The peculiar nature of the material it deals with,

summons as foes into the field of battle the most violent, mean and malignant passions of the human breast, the Furies of private interest.

- Marx, Karl

As in private life one differentiates between what a man thinks and says of himself and what he really is and does, so in historical struggles one must still more distinguish the language and the imaginary aspirations of parties from their real organism and their real interests, their conception of themselves from their reality.

- Marx, Karl

Constant revolutionizing of production distinguish the bourgeois epoch from all earlier ones. All fixed, fast-frozen relations, with their train of ancient and venerable prejudices are swept away, all new-formed ones become antiquated before they can ossify. All that is solid melts into air, all that is holy is profaned, and man is at last compelled to face with sober senses, his real conditions of life, and his relations with his kind.

- Marx, Karl

Mankind always sets itself only such tasks as it can solve; since, looking at the matter more closely, we will always find that the task itself arises only when the material conditions necessary for its solution already exist or are at least in the process of formation.

- Marx, Karl

Religion is the opium of the masses.

- Marx, Karl

Religion is the sigh of the oppressed creature, the heart of a heartless world, and the soul of soulless conditions. It is the opium of the people.

- Marx, Karl

Let the ruling classes tremble at a Communist revolution. The proletarians have nothing to lose, but their chains. .Workers of the world unite!

- Marx, Karl

In every revolution there intrude, at the side of its true agents, men of a different stamp; some of them survivors of and devotees to past revolutions, without insight into the present movement, but preserving popular influence by their known honesty and courage, or by the sheer force of tradition; others mere brawlers, who, by dint of repeating year after year the same set of stereotyped declamations against the government of the day, have sneaked into the reputation of revolutionists of the first water They are an unavoidable evil: with time they are shaken off.

- Marx, Karl

The rich will do anything for the poor but get off their backs.

- Marx, Karl

A commodity appears at first sight an extremely obvious, trivial thing. But its analysis brings out that it is a very strange thing, abounding in metaphysical subtleties and

theological niceties.

- Marx, Karl

Natural science will in time incorporate into itself the science of man, just as the science of man will incorporate into itself natural science: there will be one science.

- Marx, Karl

The product of mental labor -- science -- always stands far below its value, because the labor-time necessary to reproduce it has no relation at all to the labor-time required for its original production.

- Marx, Karl

Society does not consist of individuals but expresses the sum of interrelations, the relations within which these individuals stand.

- Marx, Karl

Capital is dead labor, which, vampire-like, lives only by sucking living labor, and lives the more, the more labor it sucks.

- Marx, Karl

Capital is money, capital is commodities. By virtue of it being value, it has acquired the occult ability to add value to itself. It brings forth living offspring, or, at the least, lays golden eggs.

- Marx, Karl

Civil servants and priests, soldiers and ballet-dancers, schoolmasters and police constables, Greek museums and Gothic steeples, civil list and services list -- the common seed within which all these fabulous beings slumber in embryo is taxation.

- Marx, Karl

We should not say that one man's hour is worth another man's hour, but rather that one man during an hour is worth just as much as another man during an hour. Time is everything, man is nothing: he is at the most time's carcass.

- Marx, Karl

The production of too many useful things results in too many useless people.

- Marx, Karl

The worker of the world has nothing to lose, but their chains, workers of the world unite.

- Marx, Karl

Nothing can have value without being an object of utility.

- Marx, Karl

In communist society, where nobody has one exclusive sphere of activity but each can become accomplished in any branch he wishes, society regulates the general production and thus makes it possible for me to do one thing today and another tomorrow, to hunt in

the morning, fish in the afternoon, rear cattle in the evening, criticize after dinner, just as I have a mind, without ever becoming hunter, fisherman, shepherd or critic.

- Marx, Karl

The writer may very well serve a movement of history as its mouthpiece, but he cannot of course create it.

- Marx, Karl

In a higher phase of communist society... only then can the narrow horizon of bourgeois right be fully left behind and society inscribe on its banners: from each according to his ability, to each according to his needs.

- Marx, Karl

The theory of the Communists may be summed up in the single sentence: Abolition of private property.

- Marx, Karl

A specter is haunting Europe -- the specter of communism.

- Marx, Karl

All I know is I'm not a Marxist.

- Marx, Karl

The ideas of the ruling class are in every epoch the ruling ideas, i.e., the class which is the ruling material force of society, is at the same time its ruling intellectual force.

- Marx, Karl

Hegel remarks somewhere that all great world-historic facts and personages appear, so to speak, twice. He forgot to add: the first time as tragedy, the second time as farce.

- Marx, Karl

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