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Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche (October 15, 1844 – August 25, 1900) was a German philosopher, whose critiques of contemporary culture, religion, and philosophy centered around a basic question regarding the foundation of values and morality. Beyond the unique themes dealt with in his works, Nietzsche's powerful style and subtle approach are distinguishing features of his writings. Although largely overlooked during his short working life, which ended with a mental collapse at the age of 44, and frequently misunderstood and misrepresented thereafter, Nietzsche received recognition during the second half of the 20th century as a highly significant figure in modern philosophy. His influence was particularly noted by many existentialist and postmodern philosophers.

In the consciousness of the truth he has perceived, man now sees everywhere only the awfulness or the absurdity of existence and loathing seizes him.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

The irrationality of a thing is no argument against its existence, rather a condition of it.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

What doesn't kill us makes us stronger.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

How people keep correcting us when we are young! There is always some bad habit or other they tell us we ought to get over. Yet most bad habits are tools to help us through life.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Whatever is done for love always occurs beyond good and evil.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

The invalid is a parasite on society. In a certain state it is indecent to go on living. To vegetate on in cowardly dependence on physicians and medicaments after the meaning of life, the right to life, has been lost ought to entail the profound contempt of society.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

In large states public education will always be mediocre, for the same reason that in large kitchens the cooking is usually bad.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

One must learn to love oneself with a wholesome and healthy love, so that one can bear to be with oneself and need not roam.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

One ought to hold on to one's heart; for if one lets it go, one soon loses control of the

head too.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

We find nothing easier than being wise, patient, superior. We drip with the oil of forbearance and sympathy, we are absurdly just, we forgive everything. For that very reason we ought to discipline ourselves a little; for that very reason we ought to cultivate a little emotion, a little emotional vice, from time to time. It may be hard for us; and among ourselves we may perhaps laugh at the appearance we thus present. But what of that! We no longer have any other mode of self-overcoming available to us: this is our asceticism, our penance.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

He who lives by fighting with an enemy has an interest in the preservation of the enemy's life.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Believe me! The secret of reaping the greatest fruitfulness and the greatest enjoyment from life is to live dangerously!

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

The doctrine of equality! There exists no more poisonous poison: for it seems to be preached by justice itself, while it is the end of justice.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

To do great things is difficult, but to command great things is more difficult.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Existence really is an imperfect tense that never becomes a present.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

A strong and secure man digests his experiences (deeds and misdeeds alike) just as he digests his meat, even when he has some bits to swallow.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Experience, as a desire for experience, does not come off. We must not study ourselves while having an experience.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Extreme positions are not succeeded by moderate ones, but by contrary extreme positions.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

There are no facts, only interpretations.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

There are no eternal facts, as there are no absolute truths.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

It says nothing against the ripeness of a spirit that it has a few worms.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Fanatics are picturesque, mankind would rather see gestures than listen to reasons.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

If one considers how much reason every person has for anxiety and timid self-concealment, and how three-quarters of his energy and goodwill can be paralyzed and made unfruitful by it, one has to be very grateful to fashion, insofar as it sets that three-quarters free and communicates self-confidence and mutual cheerful agreeableness to those who know they are subject to its law.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

When one has not had a good father, one must create one.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Fear is the mother of morality.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Everything in woman hath a solution. It is called pregnancy.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

He who fights with monsters might take care lest he thereby become a monster. And if you gaze for long into an abyss, the abyss gazes also into you.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

A matter that becomes clear ceases to concern us.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

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?

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

We are franker towards others than towards ourselves.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

The strongest knowledge (that of the total freedom of the human will) is nonetheless the poorest in successes: for it always has the strongest opponent, human vanity.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

I assess the power of a will by how much resistance, pain, torture it endures and knows how to turn to its advantage.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

How is freedom measured, in individuals as in nations? By the resistance which has to be

overcome, by the effort it costs to stay aloft. One would have to seek the highest type of free man where the greatest resistance is constantly being overcome: five steps from tyranny, near the threshold of the danger of servitude.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

A woman may very well form a friendship with a man, but for this to endure, it must be assisted by a little physical antipathy.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

The lonely one offers his hand too quickly to whomever he encounters.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

The future influences the present just as much as the past.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

For art to exist, for any sort of aesthetic activity or perception to exist, a certain physiological precondition is indispensable: intoxication.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Where does one not find that bland degeneration which beer produces in the spirit!

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

The anarchist and the Christian have a common origin.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

I fear we are not getting rid of God because we still believe in grammar.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Is man one of God's blunders or is God one of man's blunders?

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

There is in general good reason to suppose that in several respects the gods could all benefit from instruction by us human beings. We humans are -- more humane.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

What is good? All that heightens the feeling of power, the will to power, power itself in man.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

In Heaven all the interesting people are missing.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

The kingdom of Heaven is a condition of the heart --not something that comes upon the earth or after death.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

I teach you the Superman. Man is something that should be overcome.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Man is no longer an artist, he has become a work of art.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

He that humbly himself wishes to be exalted.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

The idealist is incorrigible: if he is thrown out of his heaven he makes an ideal of his hell.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

We operate with nothing but things which do not exist, with lines, planes, bodies, atoms, divisible time, divisible space -- how should explanation even be possible when we first make everything into an image, into our own image!

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

A sedentary life is the real sin against the Holy Spirit. Only those thoughts that come by walking have any value.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

What is wanted -- whether this is admitted or not -- is nothing less than a fundamental remolding, indeed weakening and abolition of the individual: one never tires of

enumerating and indicating all that is evil and inimical, prodigal, costly, extravagant in the form individual existence has assumed hitherto, one hopes to manage more cheaply, more safely, more equitably, more uniformly if there exist only large bodies and their members.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

You have your way. I have my way. As for the right way, the correct way, and the only way, it does not exist.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Insanity in individuals is something rare -- but in groups, parties, nations, and epochs it is the rule.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Instinct. When the house burns one forgets even lunch. Yes, but one eats it later in the ashes.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

One receives as reward for much ennui, despondency, boredom --such as a solitude without friends, books, duties, passions must bring with it --those quarter-hours of profoundest contemplation within oneself and nature. He who completely entrenches himself against boredom also entrenches himself against himself: he will never get to drink the strongest refreshing draught from his own innermost fountain.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

The word Christianity is already a misunderstanding -- in reality there has been only one Christian, and he died on the Cross.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Judgments, value judgments concerning life, for or against, can in the last resort never be true: they possess value only as symptoms, they come into consideration only as symptoms -- in themselves such judgments are stupidities.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

We have no organ at all for knowledge, for truth: we know (or believe or imagine) precisely as much as may be useful in the interest of the human herd, the species: and even what is here called usefulness is in the end only a belief, something imagined and perhaps precisely that most fatal piece of stupidity by which we shall one day perish.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Our treasure lies in the beehive of our knowledge. We are perpetually on the way thither, being by nature winged insects and honey gatherers of the mind.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

The significance of language for the evolution of culture lies in this, that mankind set up in language a separate world beside the other world, a place it took to be so firmly set that, standing upon it, it could lift the rest of the world off its hinges and make itself master of it. To the extent that man has for long ages believed in the concepts and names of things as

in aeternae veritates he has appropriated to himself that pride by which he raised himself above the animal: he really thought that in language he possessed knowledge of the world.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Not by wrath does one kill, but by laughter.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

He who laughs best today, will also laughs last.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

A letter is an unannounced visit, the postman the agent of rude surprises. One ought to reserve an hour a week for receiving letters and afterwards take a bath.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

The most common lie is that which one lies to himself; lying to others is relatively an exception.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

The lie is a condition of life.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

One may sometimes tell a lie, but the grimace that accompanies it tells the truth.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

No man lies so boldly as the man who is indignant.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Let us beware of saying that death is the opposite of life. The living being is only a species of the dead, and a very rare species.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

If you believed more in life you would fling yourself less to the moment.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

I fear animals regard man as a creature of their own kind which has in a highly dangerous fashion lost its healthy animal reason -- as the mad animal, as the laughing animal, as the weeping animal, as the unhappy animal.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

The aphorism in which I am the first master among Germans, are the forms of eternity; my ambition is to say in ten sentences what everyone else says in a book -- what everyone else does not say in a book.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

In the mountains the shortest route is from peak to peak, but for that you must have long

legs. Aphorisms should be peaks: and those to whom they are spoken should be big and tall of stature.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

The architect represents neither a Dionysian nor an Apollinian condition: here it is the mighty act of will, the will which moves mountains, the intoxication of the strong will, which demands artistic expression. The most powerful men have always inspired the architects; the architect has always been influenced by power.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

One often contradicts an opinion when what is uncongenial is really the tone in which it was conveyed.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Love is a state in which a man sees things most decidedly as they are not.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

The spiritualization of sensuality is called love: it is a great triumph over Christianity.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

I love those who do not know how to live for today.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Madness is something rare in individuals -- but in groups, parties, peoples, ages it is the rule.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

The best friend is likely to acquire the best wife, because a good marriage is based on the talent for friendship.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

It is obvious that all sense has gone out of modern marriage: which is, however, no objection to marriage but to modernity.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Mathematics would certainly have not come into existence if one had known from the beginning that there was in nature no exactly straight line, no actual circle, no absolute magnitude.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

The advantage of a bad memory is that one enjoys several times the same good things for the first time.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

The true man wants two things: danger and play. For that reason he wants woman, as the most dangerous plaything.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

For the woman, the man is a means: the end is always the child.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Arrogance on the part of the meritorious is even more offensive to us than the arrogance of those without merit: for merit itself is offensive.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

What then in the last resort are the truths of mankind? They are the irrefutable errors of mankind.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Morality is the herd-instinct in the individual.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Only sick music makes money today.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Without music, life would be a mistake.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Without music, life would be an error. The German imagines even God singing songs

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Let us beware of saying there are laws in nature. There are only necessities: there is no one to command, no one to obey, no one to transgress. When you realize there are no goals or objectives, then you realize, too, that there is no chance: for only in a world of objectives does the word chance have any meaning.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Necessity is not an established fact, but rather an interpretation.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Not when truth is dirty, but when it is shallow, does the enlightened man dislike to wade into its waters.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Altered opinions do not alter a man's character (or do so very little); but they do illuminate individual aspects of the constellation of his personality which with a different constellation of opinions had hitherto remained dark and unrecognizable.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

We would not let ourselves be burned to death for our opinions: we are not sure enough of them for that. But perhaps for the right to have our opinions and to change them.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Even today a crude sort of persecution is all that is required to create an honorable name for any sect, no matter how indifferent in itself.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Everyone who has ever built anywhere a new heaven first found the power thereto in his own hell.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Man... cannot learn to forget, but hangs on the past: however far or fast he runs, that chain runs with him.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Because men really respect only that which was founded of old and has developed slowly, he who wants to live on after his death must take care not only of his posterity but even more of his past.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

The philosopher believes that the value of his philosophy lies in the whole, in the building: posterity discovers it in the bricks with which he built and which are then often used again for better building: in the fact, that is to say, that building can be destroyed and nonetheless possess value as material.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Actual philosophers... are commanders and law-givers: they say thus it shall be!, it is they

who determine the Wherefore and Whither of mankind, and they possess for this task the preliminary work of all the philosophical laborers, of all those who have subdued the past -- they reach for the future with creative hand, and everything that is or has been becomes for them a means, an instrument, a hammer. Their knowing is creating, their creating is a law giving, their will to truth is -- will to power. Are there such philosophers today? Have there been such philosophers? Must there not be such philosophers?

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Plato was a bore.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Every philosophy is the philosophy of some stage of life.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

We must be physicists in order to be creative since so far codes of values and ideals have been constructed in ignorance of physics or even in contradiction to physics.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Art raises its head where creeds relax.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Art is not merely an imitation of the reality of nature, but in truth a metaphysical supplement to the reality of nature, placed alongside thereof for its conquest.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

We have art in order not to die of the truth.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

In every ascetic morality man worships a part of himself as God and for that he needs to diabolize the other part.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

The ascetic makes a necessity of virtue.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

The newspaper reader says: this party will ruin itself if it makes errors like this. My higher politics says: a party which makes errors like this is already finished -- it is no longer secure in its instincts.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Not necessity, not desire --no, the love of power is the demon of men. Let them have everything --health, food, a place to live, entertainment --they are and remain unhappy and low-spirited: for the demon waits and waits and will be satisfied.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Has a woman who knew she was well-dressed ever caught a cold?

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

So long as you are praised think only that you are not yet on your own path but on that of another.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Undeserved praise causes more pangs of conscience later than undeserved blame, but probably only for this reason, that our power of judgment are more completely exposed by being over praised than by being unjustly underestimated.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Nothing has been purchased more dearly than the little bit of reason and sense of freedom which now constitutes our pride.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Idleness is the parent of psychology.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

All in all, punishment hardens and renders people more insensible; it concentrates; it increases the feeling of estrangement; it strengthens the power of resistance.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Distrust everyone in whom the impulse to punish is powerful!

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

To forget one's purpose is the commonest form of stupidity.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

He who has a strong enough why can bear almost any how.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

After coming into contact with a religious man I always feel I must wash my hands.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

You gave him an opportunity of showing greatness of character and he did not seize it. He will never forgive you for that.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Oh, how much is today hidden by science! Oh, how much it is expected to hide!

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

He who cannot obey himself will be commanded. That is the nature of living creatures.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

He who despises himself nevertheless esteems himself as a self-despiser.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Reason is the cause of our falsification of the evidence of the senses. In so far as the senses show becoming, passing away, change, they do not lie.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

The great man fights the elements in his time that hinder his own greatness, in other words his own freedom and sincerity.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Great intellects are skeptical.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Most of the time in married life is taken up by talk.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Once spirit was God, then it became man, and now it is even becoming mob.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

The most spiritual human beings, assuming they are the most courageous, also experience by far the most painful tragedies: but it is precisely for this reason that they honor life, because it brings against them its most formidable weapons.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

The man loves danger and sport. That is why he loves woman, the most dangerous of all sports.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

The best weapon against an enemy is another enemy.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

That which does not kill us makes us stronger.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

As regards the celebrated struggle for life, it seems to me for the present to have been rather asserted than proved. It does occur, but as the exception; the general aspect of life is not hunger and distress, but rather wealth, luxury, even absurd prodigality -- where there is a struggle it is a struggle for power.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

To give style to one's character -- a great and rare art! He exercises it who surveys all that his nature presents in strength and weakness and then moulds it to an artistic plan until everything appears as art and reason, and even the weaknesses delight the eye.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Success has always been a great liar.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

What really raises one's indignation against suffering is not suffering intrinsically, but the senselessness of suffering.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Nothing is beautiful, only man: on this piece of naivete rests all aesthetics, it is the first truth of aesthetics. Let us immediately add its second: nothing is ugly but degenerate man -- the domain of aesthetic judgment is therewith defined.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

In the beautiful, man sets himself up as the standard of perfection; in select cases he worships himself in it. Man believes that the world itself is filled with beauty --he forgets that it is he who has created it. He alone has bestowed beauty upon the world --alas! only a very human, an all too human, beauty.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Beggars should be entirely abolished! Truly, it is annoying to give to them and annoying not to give to them.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

The worst readers are those who behave like plundering troops: they take away a few things they can use, dirty and confound the remainder, and revile the whole.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Early in the morning, at break of day, in all the freshness and dawn of one's strength, to read a book --I call that vicious!

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Only the most acute and active animals are capable of boredom. -- A theme for a great poet would be God's boredom on the seventh day of creation.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Against boredom the gods themselves fight in vain.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

It is my ambition to say in ten sentences; what others say in a whole book.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

You say it is the good cause that hallows even war? I tell you: it is the good war that hallows every cause.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Convictions are more dangerous enemies of truth than lies.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

These people abstain, it is true: but the bitch Sensuality glares enviously out of all they do.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

It is always consoling to think of suicide: in that way one gets through many a bad night.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

When one does away with oneself one does the most estimable thing possible: one thereby almost deserves to live.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

All of life is a dispute over taste and tasting.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

The press, the machine, the railway, the telegraph are premises whose thousand-year conclusion no one has yet dared to draw.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

When we talk in company we lose our unique tone of voice, and this leads us to make statements which in no way correspond to our real thoughts.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Many a man fails as an original thinker simply because his memory is too good.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Thoughts are the shadows of our sensations -- always darker, emptier, simpler than these.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

When one has much to put into them, a day has a hundred pockets.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

The more abstract the truth you want to teach, the more thoroughly you must seduce the senses to accept it.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Mystical explanations are considered deep. The truth is that they are not even superficial.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Reckoned physiologically, everything ugly weakens and afflicts man. It recalls decay, danger, impotence; he actually suffers a loss of energy in its presence. The effect of the ugly can be measured with a dynamometer. Whenever man feels in any way depressed, he senses the proximity of something ugly. His feeling of power, his will to power, his courage, his pride -- they decline with the ugly, they increase with the beautiful.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

At bottom every man knows well enough that he is a unique being, only once on this earth; and by no extraordinary chance will such a marvelously picturesque piece of diversity in unity as he is, ever be put together a second time.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

All sciences are now under the obligation to prepare the ground for the future task of the philosopher, which is to solve the problem of value, to determine the true hierarchy of values.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

What is the vanity of the vainest man compared with the vanity which the most modest possesses when, in the midst of nature and the world, he feels himself to be man!

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

We do not place especial value on the possession of a virtue until we notice its total absence in our opponent.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

I know my fate. One day there will be associated with my name the recollection of something frightful -- of a crisis like no other before on earth, of the profoundest collision of conscience, of a decision evoked against everything that until then had been believed in, demanded, sanctified. I am not a man I am dynamite.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

All truly great thoughts are conceived by walking.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

War has always been the grand sagacity of every spirit which has grown too inward and too profound; its curative power lies even in the wounds one receives.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

There is more wisdom in your body than in your deepest philosophy.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Does wisdom perhaps appear on the earth as a raven which is inspired by the smell of carrion?

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

The growth of wisdom may be gauged exactly by the diminution of ill temper.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Wit is the epitaph of an emotion.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Women are considered deep -- why? Because one can never discover any bottom to them. Women are not even shallow.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

If a woman possesses manly virtues one should run away from her; and if she does not

possess them she runs away from herself.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Of all that is written, I love only what a person has written with his own blood.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

He who would learn to fly one day must first learn to stand and walk and run and climb and dance; one cannot fly into flying.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Wherever there are walls I shall inscribe this eternal accusation against Christianity upon them -- I can write in letters which make even the blind see. I call Christianity the one great curse, the one great intrinsic depravity, the one great instinct for revenge for which no expedient is sufficiently poisonous, secret, subterranean, petty -- I call it the one immortal blemish of mankind.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Two great European narcotics, alcohol and Christianity.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Christianity makes suffering contagious.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

An artist has no home in Europe except in Paris.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

To exercise power costs effort and demands courage. That is why so many fail to assert rights to which they are perfectly entitled -- because a right is a kind of power but they are too lazy or too cowardly to exercise it. The virtues which cloak these faults are called patience and forbearance.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

The surest way to corrupt a youth is to instruct him to hold in higher esteem those who think alike than those who think differently.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Again and again I am brought up against it, and again and again I resist it: I don't want to believe it, even though it is almost palpable: the vast majority lack an intellectual conscience; indeed, it often seems to me that to demand such a thing is to be in the most populous cities as solitary as in the desert.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

The desire to create continually is vulgar and betrays jealousy, envy, ambition. If one is something one really does not need to make anything --and one nonetheless does very much. There exists above the productive man a yet higher species.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

I do not know what the spirit of a philosopher could more wish to be than a good dancer. For the dance is his ideal, also his fine art, finally also the only kind of piety he knows, his divine service.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

We should consider every day lost in which we have not danced at least once.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

The secret of reaping the greatest fruitfulness and the greatest enjoyment from life is to live dangerously.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

One should die proudly when it is no longer possible to live proudly.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

One has to pay dearly for immortality; one has to die several times while one is still alive.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Star friendship.— We were friends and have become estranged. But this was right, and we do not want to conceal and obscure it from ourselves as if we had reason to feel ashamed. We are two ships each of which has its goal and course; our paths may cross and we may celebrate a feast together, as we did—and then the good ships rested so quietly in one harbor and one sunshine that it may have looked as if they had reached their goal and as if they had one goal. But then the almighty force of our tasks drove us

apart again into different seas and sunny zones, and perhaps we shall never see one another again,—perhaps we shall meet again but fail to recognize each other: our exposure to different seas and suns has changed us! That we have to become estranged is the law above us: by the same token we should also become more venerable for each other! And thus the memory of our former friendship should become more sacred! There is probably a tremendous but invisible stellar orbit in which our very different ways and goals may be included as small parts of this path,—let us rise up to this thought! But our life is too short and our power of vision too small for us to be more than friends in the sense of this sublime possibility.— Let us then believe in our star friendship even if we should be compelled to be earth enemies.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

One must have a good memory to keep the promises one has made

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Faith means not wanting to know what is true.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich



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