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There can be no deep disappointment where there is not deep love.

- King Jr. Martin Luther

Sit in reverie and watch the changing color of the waves that break upon the idle seashore of the mind.

- Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth

We have not wings we cannot soar; but, we have feet to scale and climb, by slow degrees, by more and more, the cloudy summits of our time.

- Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth

In that sweet mood when pleasant thoughts bring sad thoughts to the mind.

- Wordsworth, William

Vision without action is a daydream. Action without vision is a nightmare.

- Proverb, Japanese

Consideration for others is the basic of a good life, a good society.

- Confucius

We take greater pains to persuade others we are happy than in trying to think so ourselves.

- Confucius

A fanatic is one who can't change his mind and won't change the subject.

- Churchill, Winston

To be wronged is nothing unless you continue to remember it.

- Confucius

Mankind differs from the animals only by a little and most people throw that away.

- Confucius

At the entrance of a second person, hypocrisy begins.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

Suppose that we are wise enough to learn and know -- and yet not wise enough to control our learning and knowledge, so that we use it to destroy ourselves? Even if that is so, knowledge remains better than ignorance. It is better to know -- even if the knowledge endures only for the moment that comes before destruction -- than to gain eternal life at the price of a dull and swinish lack of comprehension of a universe that swirls unseen before us in all its wonder. That was the choice of Achilles, and it is mine, too.

- Asimov, Isaac

The price of wisdom is eternal thought.

- Birch, Frank

I have a very strong feeling that the opposite of love is not hate -- it's apathy. It's not giving a damn.

- Buscaglia, Leo

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.

- Buscaglia, Leo

Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything.

- Shaw, George Bernard

The Pause; that impressive silence, that eloquent silence, that geometrically progressive silence which often achieves a desired effect where no combination of words, however so felicitous, could accomplish it.

- Twain, Mark

There was never yet an uninteresting life. Such a thing is an impossibility. Inside of the dullest exterior there is a drama, a comedy, and a tragedy.

- Twain, Mark

A classic is something that everybody wants to have read and nobody wants to read.

- Twain, Mark

The man who does not read books has no advantage over the man that can not read them.

- Twain, Mark

If you put yourself in a position where you have to stretch outside your comfort zone, then you are forced to expand your consciousness.

- Brown, Les

If one does not understand a person, one tends to regard him as a fool.

- Jung, Carl

Show me a sane man and I will cure him for you.

- Jung, Carl

The pest of society are the egotist, they are dull and bright, sacred and profane, course and fine. It is a disease that like the flu falls on all constitutions.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

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.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

Finish each day and be done with it. You have done what you could. Some blunders and absurdities no doubt crept in; forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day; begin it well and serenely and with too high a spirit to be encumbered with your old nonsense.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

The truth is, laughter always sounds more perfect than weeping. Laughter flows in a violent riff and is effortlessly melodic. Weeping is often fought, choked, half strangled, or surrendered to with humiliation.

- Rice, Anne

We have not passed that subtle line between childhood and adulthood until we move from the passive voice to the active voice -- that is, until we have stopped saying It got lost, and say, I lost it.

- Harris, Sidney J.

The superior man understands what is right; the inferior man understands what will sell.

- Confucius

He who conquers himself is the mightiest warrior.

- Confucius

Everything has beauty, but not everyone sees it.

- Confucius

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

Chose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life.

- Confucius

May I kiss you then? On this miserable paper? I might as well open the window and kiss the night air.

- Kafka, Franz

In the human heart new passions are forever being born; the overthrow of one almost always means the rise of another.

- La Rochefoucauld, Francois De

As a bathtub lined with white porcelain, when the hot water gives out or goes tepid, so is the slow cooling of our chivalrous passion, o my much praised but-not-altogether-satisfactory lady.

- Pound, Ezra

Three passions simple but overwhelmingly strong, have governed my life; the longing for love, the search for knowledge, and unbearable pity for the suffering of mankind.

- Russell, Bertrand

Sensual pleasures are like soap bubbles, sparkling, effervescent. The pleasures of intellect are calm, beautiful, sublime, ever enduring and climbing upward to the borders of the unseen world.

- Aughey, John H.

An orange on the table, your dress on the rug, and you in my bed, sweet present of the present, cool of night, warmth of my life.

- Prevert, Jacques

The rule is perfect: in all matters of opinion our adversaries are insane.

- Twain, Mark

No, no, we are not satisfied, and we will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream.

- King Jr. Martin Luther

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

- King Jr. Martin Luther

I was nauseous and tingly all over. I was either in love or I had smallpox.

- Allen, Woody

Not all of us have to possess earthshaking talent. Just common sense and love will do.

- Auvil, Myrtle

Love works a different way in different minds, the fool it enlightens and the wise it blinds.

- Dryden, John

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

- Eliot, T. S.

Immature love says: I love you because I need you. Mature love says: I need you because I love you.

- Fromm, Erich

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

- 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

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

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

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

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

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

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

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

these.

- 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

Patience is bitter, but its fruit is sweet.

- Rousseau, Jean Jacques

Our treatment of both older people and children reflects the value we place on independence and autonomy. We do our best to make our children independent from birth. We leave them all alone in rooms with the lights out and tell them, Go to sleep by yourselves. And the old people we respect most are the ones who will fight for their independence, who would sooner starve to death than ask for help.

- Mead, Margaret

All humanity is passion; without passion, religion, history, novels, art would be ineffectual.

- Balzac, Honore De

There are strings in the human heart that had better not be vibrated.

- Dickens, Charles

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

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

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

A dreamer is one who can only find his way by moonlight, and his punishment is that he sees the dawn before the rest of the world.

- Wilde, Oscar

Fashion is a form of ugliness so intolerable that we have to alter it every six months.

- Wilde, Oscar

Some cause happiness wherever they go; others whenever they go.

- Wilde, Oscar

I sometimes think that God in creating man somewhat overestimated his ability.

- Wilde, Oscar

Imagination is a quality given a man to compensate him for what he is not, and a sense of humor was provided to console him for what he is.

- Wilde, Oscar

To do nothing at all is the most difficult thing in the world, the most difficult and the most intellectual.

- Wilde, Oscar

There are only two kinds of people who are really fascinating --people who know absolutely everything, and people who know absolutely nothing.

- Wilde, Oscar

When a man has once loved a woman, he will do anything for her, except continue to love her.

- Wilde, Oscar

There is always something ridiculous about the emotions of people whom one has ceased to love.

- Wilde, Oscar

If you are not too long, I will wait here for you all my life.

- Wilde, Oscar

No man dies for what he knows to be true. Men die for what they want to be true, for what some terror in their hearts tells them is not true.

- Wilde, Oscar

The basis of optimism is sheer terror.

- Wilde, Oscar

The person who has lived the most is not the one with the most years but the one with the richest experiences.

- Rousseau, Jean Jacques

The person who is slowest in making a promise is most faithful in its performance.

- Rousseau, Jean Jacques

Do not judge, and you will never be mistaken.

- Rousseau, Jean Jacques

Remorse sleeps during prosperity but awakes bitter consciousness during adversity.

- Rousseau, Jean Jacques

Slaves lose everything in their chains, even the desire of escaping from them.

- Rousseau, Jean Jacques

I have suffered too much in this world not to hope for another.

- Rousseau, Jean Jacques

If you are lonely when you are alone, you are in bad company.

- Sartre, Jean-Paul

It takes courage to grow up and turn out to be who you really are.

- Cummings, E.E. (Edward. E.)

Thought is the labor of the intellect, reverie is its pleasure.

- Hugo, Victor

A compliment is something like a kiss through a veil.

- Hugo, Victor

He does not weep who does not see.

- Hugo, Victor

Curiosity is the lust of the mind.

- Hobbes, Thomas

Desire to know why, and how -- curiosity, which is a lust of the mind, that a perseverance of delight in the continued and indefatigable generation of knowledge -- exceedeth the short vehemence of any carnal pleasure.

- Hobbes, Thomas

Curiosity is, in great and generous minds, the first passion and the last.

- Johnson, Samuel

Hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul -- and sings the tunes without the words -- and never stops at all.

- Dickinson, Emily

Where the telescope ends, the microscope begins. Which of the two has the grander view?

- Hugo, Victor

The cruelest thing a man can do to a woman is to portray her as perfection.

- Lawrence, D. H.

There's always the hyena of morality at the garden gate, and the real wolf at the end of the street.

- Lawrence, D. H.

A wounded deer leaps the highest.

- Dickinson, Emily

Don't part with your illusions. When they are gone you may still exist, but you have ceased to live.

- Twain, Mark

When I was young I used to think that money was the most important thing in life; now that I am old, I know it is.

- Wilde, Oscar

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