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We live on an island surrounded by a sea of ignorance. As our island of knowledge grows, so does the shore of our ignorance.

- Wheeler, John Archibald

The only gracious way to accept an insult is to ignore it; if you can't ignore it, top it; if you can't top it, laugh at it; if you can't laugh at it, it's probably deserved.

- Lynes, Russell

Beware of the man who works hard to learn something, learns it, and finds himself no wiser than before, Bokonon tells us. He is full of murderous resentment of people who are ignorant without having come by their ignorance the hard way.

- Vonnegut Jr., Kurt

Dignity is a mask we wear to hide our ignorance.

- Hubbard, Elbert

Education costs money, but then so does ignorance.

- Moser, Sir Claus

Great doubts deep wisdom. Small doubts little wisdom.

- Proverb, Chinese

Memory is not wisdom; idiots can by rote repeat volumes. Yet what is wisdom without memory?

- Tupper, Martin

Meditation brings wisdom; lack of mediation leaves ignorance. Know well what leads you forward and what hold you back, and choose the path that leads to wisdom.

- Buddha

A true gentleman is one who is never unintentionally rude.

- Wilde, Oscar

Rudeness is a weak imitation of strength.

- Hoffer, Eric

It is rude to silence a fool, and cruelty to let him go on.

- Unknown, Source

No one can be as calculatedly rude as the British, which amazes Americans, who do not understand studied insult and can only offer abuse as a substitute.

- Gallico, Paul

America is a model of force and freedom and moderation -- with all the coarseness and rudeness of its people.

- Byron, Lord

The challenge of leadership is to be strong, but not rude; be kind, but not weak; be bold, but not bully; be thoughtful, but not lazy; be humble, but not timid; be proud, but not arrogant; have humor, but without folly.

- Rohn, Jim

Too many of us are not living our dreams because we are living our fears.

- Brown, Les

I am an optimist. It does not seem too much use being anything else.

- Churchill, Winston

Pessimism never won any battle.

- Eisenhower, Dwight D.

Americans want action for their money. They are fascinated by its self-reproducing qualities if it's put to work. Gold-hoarding goes against the American grain; it fits in better with European pessimism than with America's traditional optimism.

- Nelson, Paula

Pessimism is, in brief, playing the sure game. You cannot lose at it; you may gain. It is the only view of life in which you can never be disappointed. Having reckoned what to do in the worst possible circumstances, when better arise, as they may, life becomes child's play.

- Hardy, Thomas

My hopes are not always realized, but I always hope.

- Ovid

To do easily what is difficult for others is the mark of talent. To do what is impossible for talent is the mark of genius.

- Amiel, Henri Frederic

Hard work without talent is a shame, but talent without hard work is a tragedy.

- Half, Robert

Advice is what we ask for when we already know the answer but wish we didn't.

- Jong, Erica

Do you want me to tell you something really subversive? Love is everything it's cracked up to be. That's why people are so cynical about it. It really is worth fighting for, being brave for, risking everything for. And the trouble is, if you don't risk anything, you risk even more.

- Jong, Erica

What is a friend? I will tell you it is someone with whom you dare to be yourself.

- Crane, Frank

There is no place in a fanatic's head where reason can enter.

- Bonaparte, Napoleon

The fanatic is incorruptible: if he kills for an idea, he can just as well get himself killed for one; in either case, tyrant or martyr, he is a monster.

- Cioran, E. M.

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

- Churchill, Winston

Music is spiritual. The music business is not.

- Morrison, Van

Money begets money.

- Proverb, Italian

The love of money grows as the money itself grows.

- Juvenal, (Decimus Junius Juvenalis)

Time will take your money, but money won't buy time.

- Taylor, James

The world's great men have not commonly been great scholars, nor its great scholars great men.

- Holmes, Oliver Wendell

Be not afraid of greatness; some are born great, some achieve greatness, and others have greatness thrust upon them.

- Shakespeare, William

Each new generation is a fresh invasion of savages.

- Allen, Hervey

People sometimes tell me that they prefer barbarism to civilization. I doubt if they have given it a long enough trial. Like the people of Alexandria, they are bored by civilization; but all the evidence suggests that the boredom of barbarism is infinitely greater.

- Clark, Kenneth, Lord

Civilization is the lamb's skin in which barbarism masquerades.

- Aldrich, Thomas B.

First you destroy those who create values. Then you destroy those who know what the values are, and who also know that those destroyed before were in fact the creators of values. But real barbarism begins when no one can any longer judge or know that what he does is barbaric.

- Kapuscinski, Ryszard

It is fortunate that each generation does not comprehend its own ignorance. We are thus enabled to call our ancestors barbarous.

- Warner, Charles Dudley

I would suggest that barbarism be considered as a permanent and universal human characteristic which becomes more or less pronounced according to the play of circumstances.

- Weil, Simone

Put not your trust in money, but put your money in trust.

- Holmes, Oliver Wendell

Friendship needs no words...

- Hammarskjold, Dag

All humans are hypocrites; the biggest hypocrite of all is the one who claims to detest hypocrisy.

- Wastholm, Peter

Of two evils, it is always best to vote for the least hypocritical.

- Proverb, American

Of mankind we may say in general they are fickle, hypocritical, and greedy of gain.

- Machiavelli, Niccolo

Life is all memory, except for the one present moment that goes by you so quickly you hardly catch it going.

- Williams, Tennessee

Get your facts first, and then you can distort them as much as you please.

- Twain, Mark

Anger ventilated often hurries towards forgiveness; anger concealed often hardens into revenge.

- Bulwer-Lytton, Edward G.

You will not be punished for your anger, you will be punished by your anger.

- Buddha

There has to be evil so that good can prove its purity above it.

- Buddha

The whole secret of existence is to have no fear. Never fear what will become of you, depend on no one. Only the moment you reject all help are you freed.

- Vivekananda, Swami

Pessimism is an excuse for not trying and a guarantee to a personal failure.

- Clinton, Bill

Idealism increases in direct proportion to one's distance from the problem.

- Galsworthy, John

No drug, not even alcohol, causes the fundamental ills of society. If we're looking for the sources of our troubles, we shouldn't test people for drugs, we should test them for stupidity, ignorance, greed and love of power.

- O'Rourke, P. J.

I don't use drugs, my dreams are frightening enough.

- Eschenbach, Marie E.

I am proud of the fact that I never invented weapons to kill.

- Edison, Thomas A.

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