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Like everything which is not the involuntary result of fleeting emotion but the creation of time and will, any marriage, happy or unhappy, is infinitely more interesting than any romance, however passionate.

- Auden, W. H.

I do not love you

I do not love you as if you were salt-rose, or topaz,

or the arrow of carnations the fire shoots off.

I love you as certain dark things are to be loved,

in secret, between the shadow and the soul.

I love you as the plant that never blooms

but carries in itself the light of hidden flowers;

thanks to your love a certain solid fragrance,

risen from the earth, lives darkly in my body.

I love you without knowing how, or when, or from where.

I love you straightforwardly, without complexities or pride;

so I love you because I know no other way

that this: where I does not exist, nor you,

so close that your hand on my chest is my hand,

so close that your eyes close as I fall asleep.

- Neruda, Pablo

To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else is the greatest accomplishment.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

What we achieve inwardly will change outer reality.

- Rank, Otto

Never follow the crowd.

- Baruch, Bernard M.

The privilege of a lifetime is being who you are.

- Campell, Joseph

Follow your own star!

- Dante Alighieri

If I am not for myself, who will be for me? If I am not for others, what am I? And if not now, when?

- Hillel, Rabbi

The shoe that fits one person pinches another; there is no recipe for living that suits all cases.

- Jung, Carl

One must marry one's feelings to one's beliefs and ideas. That is probably the only way to achieve a measure of harmony in one's life.

- Hilsum, Etty

There is a woman at the beginning of all great things.

- Lamartine, Alphonse De

Success is not measured by what you accomplish, but by the opposition you have encountered, and the courage with which you have maintained the struggle against overwhelming odds.

- Marden, Orison Swett

Trust yourself. Create the kind of self that you will be happy to live with all your life. Make the most of yourself by fanning the tiny, inner sparks of possibility into flames of achievement.

- Mcclellan, Foster C.

I am always doing things I can't do, that's how I get to do them.

- Picasso, Pablo

Every man who is high up loves to think that he has done it all himself; and the wife smiles, and lets it go at that.

- Barrie, Sir James M.

My most brilliant achievement was my ability to be able to persuade my wife to marry me.

- Churchill, Winston

Every great achievement is the victory of a flaming heart.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

You can change your beliefs so they empower your dreams and desires. Create a strong belief in yourself and what you want.

- Wieder, Marcia

Creation is a better means of self-expression than possession; it is through creating, not possessing, that life is revealed.

- Scudder, Vida D.

What is passion? It is surely the becoming of a person. Are we not, for most of our lives, marking time? Most of our being is at rest, unlived. In passion, the body and the spirit seek expression outside of self. Passion is all that is other from self. Sex is only

interesting when it releases passion. The more extreme and the more expressed that passion is, the more unbearable does life seem without it. It reminds us that if passion dies or is denied, we are partly dead and that soon, come what may, we will be wholly so.

- Boorman, John

Self-reverence, self-knowledge, self-control; these three alone lead one to sovereign power.

- Tennyson, Lord Alfred

Self-observation brings man to the realization of the necessity of self-change. And in observing himself a man notices that self-observation itself brings about certain changes in his inner processes. He begins to understand that self-observation is an instrument of self-change, a means of awakening.

- Gurdjieff, George

Relentless, repetitive self talk is what changes our self-image.

- Waitley, Denis

Self-love, is not so vile a sin as self-neglecting.

- Shakespeare, William

One important key to success is self-confidence. An important key to self-confidence is preparation.

- Ashe, Arthur

One's philosophy is not best expressed in words; it is expressed in the choices one makes. In the long run, we shape our lives and we shape ourselves. The process never ends until we die. And, the choices we make are ultimately our own responsibility.

- Roosevelt, Eleanor

I quote others in order to better express myself.

- Montaigne, Michel Eyquem De

What is conceived well is expressed clearly.

- Destouches, Philippe Nericault

CREATIVITY is thinking up new things. INNOVATION is doing new things.

- Levitt, Theodore

Creativity requires the courage to let go of certainties.

- Fromm, Erich

It takes vision and courage to create -- it takes faith and courage to prove.

- Young, Owen D.

The woman's vision is deep reaching, the man's far reaching. With the man the world is his heart, with the woman the heart is her world.

- Grable, Betty

Create a vision and never let the environment, other people's beliefs, or the limits of what has been done in the past shape your decisions. Ignore conventional wisdom.

- Robbins, Anthony

A dream is your creative vision for your life in the future. You must break out of your current comfort zone and become comfortable with the unfamiliar and the unknown.

- Waitley, Denis

Be daring, be different, be impractical, be anything that will assert integrity of purpose and imaginative vision against the play-it-safers, the creatures of the commonplace, the slaves of the ordinary.

- Beaton, Sir Cecil

To accomplish great things we must first dream, then visualize, then plan... believe... act!

- Montapert, Alfred A.

Achievement is not the most important thing -- Authenticity is

- Unknown, Source

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