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Most of the shadows of this life are caused by standing in one's own sunshine

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

Once you make a decision, the universe conspires to make it happen.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

There is nothing capricious in nature and the implanting of a desire indicates that its gratification is in the constitution of the creature that feel it.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

Sow a thought and you reap an action; sow an act and you reap a habit; sow a habit and you reap a character; sow a character and you reap a destiny.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

I know this world is ruled by infinite intelligence. Everything that surrounds us- everything that exists -- proves that there are infinite laws behind it. There can be no denying this fact. It is mathematical in its precision.

- Edison, Thomas A.

The chief function of the body is to carry the brain around

- Edison, Thomas A.

Education is the progressive realization of our ignorance.

- Einstein, Albert

The only source of knowledge is experience.

- Einstein, Albert

I know quite certainly that I myself have no special talent; curiosity, obsession and dogged endurance, combined with self-criticism have brought me to my ideas.

- Einstein, Albert

I can't believe that God plays dice with the universe.

- Einstein, Albert

Two things are infinite: the universe and human stupidity; and I'm not sure about the universe.

- Einstein, Albert

A human being is part of the whole, called by us 'universe,' a part limited in time and space. He experiences himself, his thoughts and feelings, as something separate from the rest -- a kind of optical delusion of consciousness. This delusion is a kind of prison for us, restricting us to our personal desires and to affection for a few persons nearest to us. Our

task must be to free ourselves from this prison by widening our circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature in its beauty.

- Einstein, Albert

Imagination is everything. It is the preview of life's coming attractions.

- Einstein, Albert

Imagination is more important than knowledge. For knowledge is limited to all we now know and understand, while imagination embraces the entire world, and all there ever will be to know and understand.

- Einstein, Albert

When I was born I was so surprised I didn't talk for a year and a half.

- Allen, Gracie

By words the mind is winged.

- Aristophanes

All words are pegs to hang ideas on.

- Beecher, Henry Ward

My general theory since 1971 has been that the word is literally a virus, and that it has not been recognized as such because it has achieved a state of relatively stable symbiosis

with its human host; that is to say, the word virus (the Other Half) has established itself so firmly as an accepted part of the human organism that it can now sneer at gangster viruses like smallpox and turn them in to the Pasteur Institute.

- Burroughs, William S.

But words are things, and a small drop of ink, falling like dew, upon a thought, produces that which makes thousands, perhaps millions, think.

- Byron, Lord

Among my most prized possessions are words that I have never spoken.

- Card, Orson Scott

You have it easily in your power to increase the sum total of this world's happiness now. How? By giving a few words of sincere appreciation to someone who is lonely or discouraged. Perhaps you will forget tomorrow the kind words you say today, but the recipient may cherish them over a lifetime.

- Carnegie, Dale

Give the people a new word and they think they have a new fact.

- Cather, Willa

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

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

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

- 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

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

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

Each department of knowledge passes through three stages. The theoretic stage; the theological stage and the metaphysical or abstract stage.

- Comte, Auguste

If you wait until the wind and the weather are just right, you will never plant anything and never harvest anything.

- Bible

Genius is an African who dreams up snow.

- Nabokov, Vladimir

Life is a great surprise. I don't see why death should not be an even greater one.

- Nabokov, Vladimir

There are aphorisms that, like airplanes, stay up only while they are in motion.

- Nabokov, Vladimir

You can always count on a murderer for a fancy prose style.

- Nabokov, Vladimir

A promising young man should go into politics so that he can go on promising for the rest of his life.

- Byrne, Robert

Money is the most egalitarian force in society. It confers power on whoever holds it.

- Starr, Roger

A man gazing on the stars is proverbially at the mercy of the puddles in the road.

- Smith, Alexander

The sea complains upon a thousand shores.

- Smith, Alexander

I go into my library, and all history unrolls before me. I breathe the morning air of the world while the scent of Eden's roses yet lingered in it, while it vibrated only to the world's first

brood of nightingales, and to the laugh of Eve. I see the pyramids building; I hear the shoutings of the armies of Alexander.

- Smith, Alexander

Vulgarity is simply the conduct of other people.

- Wilde, Oscar

You know you're in love when you can't fall asleep because reality is better than your dreams.

- Seuss, Dr.

I was so cold the other day, I almost got married.

- Winters, Shelley

I have not placed reading before praying because I regard it more important, but because, in order to pray aright, we must understand what we are praying for.

- Grimke, Angelina

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

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

The words of the world want to make sentences.

- Bachelard, Gaston

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