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Nothing real can be threatened. Nothing unreal exists. Herein lies the peace of God.

- A Course In Miracles

We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope.

- King Jr. Martin Luther

Hope is definitely not the same thing as optimism. It is not the conviction that something will turn out well, but the certainty that something makes sense, regardless of how it turns out.

- Havel, Vaclav

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

To love means loving the unlovable. To forgive means pardoning the unpardonable. Faith means believing the unbelievable. Hope means hoping when everything seems hopeless.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

Teach only love for that is what you are.

- A Course In Miracles

Harmony is one phase of the law whose spiritual expression is love.

- Allen, James

Bullets cannot be recalled. They cannot be uninvented. But they can be taken out of the gun.

- Amis, Martin

Adapt yourself to the things among which your lot has been cast and love sincerely the fellow creatures with whom destiny has ordained that you shall live.

- Aurelius, Marcus

Right human relations is the only true peace.

- Bailey, Alice A.

If the history of the past fifty years teaches us anything, it is that peace does not follow disarmament -- disarmament follows peace.

- Baruch, Bernard M.

They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. [Isaiah 2:4]

- Bible

Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. [Psalms 34:14]

- Bible

The peace makers shall be called the children of God.

- Bible

Think not I came to send peace on the earth; I came not to send peace but a sword.

- Bible

Those who love thy law have great peace, and nothing causes them to stumble. [Psalms 119:165]

- Bible

When a person's ways please the Lord, he makes even his enemies to be at peace with them.

- Bible

Peace, in international affairs, is a period of cheating between two periods of fighting.

- Bierce, Ambrose

If they want peace, nations should avoid the pin-pricks that precede cannon-shots.

- Bonaparte, Napoleon

We've learned how to destroy, but not to create; how to waste, but not to build; how to kill men, but not how to save them; how to die, but seldom how to live.

- Bradley, Omar Nelson

In truth, to attain to interior peace, one must be willing to pass through the contrary to peace. Such is the teaching of the Sages.

- Brahmanada, Swami

Don't tell me peace has broken out.

- Brecht, Bertolt

All that a pacifist can undertake -- but it is a very great deal -- is to refuse to kill, injure or otherwise cause suffering to another human creature, and untiringly to order his life by the rule of love though others may be captured by hate.

- Brittain, Vera

'He insulted me, he cheated me, he beat me, he robbed me' -- those who are free of resentful thoughts surely find peace.

- Buddha

We used to wonder where war lived, what it was that made it so vile. And now we realize

that we know where it lives, that it is inside ourselves.

- Camus, Albert

When the soul is naughted and transformed, then of herself she neither works nor speaks nor wills, nor feels nor hears nor understands; neither has she of herself the feeling of outward or inward, where she may move. And in all things it is God who rules and guides her, without the meditation of any creature.... And she is so full of peace that thought she pressed her flesh, her nerves, her bones, no other thing come forth from them than peace.

- Catherine of Genoa, St.

There is no shadow of protection to be had by sheltering behind the slender stockades of visionary speculation, or by hiding behind the wagon-wheels of pacific theories.

- Chiang Kai-Shek, Madame

I prefer the most unfair peace to the most righteous war.

- Cicero, Marcus T.

What all men are really after is some form, or perhaps only some formula, of peace.

- Conrad, Joseph

If you want to make peace, you don't talk to your friends. You talk to your enemies.

- Dayan, Moshe

A peace that depends on fear is nothing but a suppressed war.

- Dyke, Henry Van

That doctrine of peace at any price has done more mischief than any I can well recall that have been afloat in this country. It has occasioned more wars than any of the most ruthless conquerors. It has disturbed and nearly destroyed that political equilibrium so necessary to the liberties and the welfare of the world.

- Disraeli, Benjamin

Every kind of peaceful cooperation among men is primarily based on mutual trust and only secondarily on institutions such as courts of justice and police.

- Einstein, Albert

For peace of mind, we need to resign as general manager of the universe.

- Eisenberg, Larry

We seek peace, knowing that peace is the climate of freedom.

- Eisenhower, Dwight D.

Peace and justice are two sides of the same coin.

- Eisenhower, Dwight D.

Though force can protect in emergency, only justice, fairness, consideration and cooperation can finally lead men to the dawn of eternal peace.

- Eisenhower, Dwight D.

We have heard much of the phrase, peace and friendship. This phrase, in expressing the aspiration of America, is not complete. We should say instead, peace and friendship, in freedom. This, I think, is America's real message to the rest of the world.

- Eisenhower, Dwight D.

Think not forever of yourselves, O Chiefs, nor of your own generation. Think of continuing generations of our families, think of our grandchildren and of those yet unborn, whose faces are coming from beneath the ground.

- Eliot, T. S.

The first peace, which is the most important, is that which comes from within the souls of men when they realize their relationship, their oneness, with the universe and all its powers, and when they realize that at the center of the universe dwells Wakan-Tanka, and that this center is really everywhere, it is within each of us. This is the real peace, and the others are but reflections of this. The second peace is that which is made between two individuals, and the third is that which is made between two nations. But above all you should understand that there can never be peace between nations until there is first known that true peace which is within the souls of men.

- Elk, Black

Peace cannot be achieved through violence, it can only be attained through understanding.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

Peace has its victories, but it takes brave men and women to win them.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

Nothing can bring you peace but yourself; nothing, but the triumph of principles.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where these is hatred, let me sow love.

- Francis of Assisi, St.

When you're finally up on the moon, looking back at the earth, all these differences and nationalistic traits are pretty well going to blend and you're going to get a concept that maybe this is really one world and why the hell can't we learn to live together like decent people?

- Frank, Borman

There never was a good war or a bad peace.

- Franklin, Benjamin

He that would live in peace and at ease must not speak all he knows or all he sees.

- Franklin, Benjamin

Peace is not something you wish for; It's something you make, Something you do, Something you are, And something you give away.

- Fulghum, Robert

It is madness for sheep to talk peace with a wolf.

- Fuller, Thomas

A peace that comes from fear and not from the heart is the opposite of peace.

- Gersonides

Mental violence has no potency and injures only the person whose thoughts are violent. It is otherwise with mental non-violence. It has potency which the world does not yet know.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

It is easier to lead men to combat, stirring up their passion, than to restrain them and direct them toward the patient labors of peace.

- Gide, Andre

We look forward to the time when the Power of Love will replace the Love of Power. Then will our world know the blessings of Peace.

- Gladstone, William E.

Never for the sake of peace and quiet deny your convictions.

- Hammarskjold, Dag

The pursuit of peace and progress cannot end in a few years in either victory or defeat. The pursuit of peace and progress, with its trials and its errors, its successes and its setbacks, can never be relaxed and never abandoned.

- Hammarskjold, Dag

I now understand what Christ suffered in Gethsemane as well as any man living.

- Hardie, James Keir

If mankind had wished for what is right, they might have had it long ago.

- Hazlitt, William

In moderating, not satisfying desires, lies peace.

- Hecht, Ben

One sword keeps another in the sheath.

- Herbert, George

War grows out of the desire of the individual to gain advantage at the expense of his fellow men.

- Hill, Napoleon

Peace is not made at the council table or by treaties, but in the hearts of men.

- Hoover, Herbert Clark

Universal peace sounds ridiculous to the head of an average family.

- Hubbard, Kin

The pursuit of peace resembles the building of a great cathedral. It is the work of a generation. In concept it requires a master-architect; in execution, the labors of many.

- Humphrey, Hubert H.

Peace has its victories no less than war, but it doesn't have as many monuments to unveil.

- Hubbard, Kin

It is useless for the sheep to pass resolutions in favor of vegetarianism, while the wolf remains of a different opinion.

- Inge, Dean William R.

Peace and friendship with all mankind is our wisest policy, and I wish we may be permitted to pursue it.

- Jefferson, Thomas

There is peace more destructive of the manhood of living man than war is destructive of his material body.

- Jerrold, Douglas William

Not peace at any price! Chains are worse than bayonets.

- Jerrold, Douglas William

To get Peace you must work for Justice.

- John Paul VI

Peace is a journey of a thousand miles and it must be taken one step at a time.

- Johnson, Lyndon B.

If we are to live together in peace, we must come to know each other better.

- Johnson, Lyndon B.

I do not want the peace which passeth understanding, I want the understanding which bringeth peace.

- Keller, Helen

Peace and happiness are what you covet, but these are only to be obtained by labor.

- Kempis, Thomas

Do not let your peace depend on the hearts of men; whatever they say about you, good or bad, you are not because of it another man, for as you are, you are.

- Kempis, Thomas

First keep peace with yourself, then you can also bring peace to others.

- Kempis, Thomas

But peace does not rest in the charters and covenants alone. It lies in the hearts and minds of all people. So let us not rest all our hopes on parchment and on paper, let us strive to build peace, a desire for peace, a willingness to work for peace in the hearts and minds of all of our people. I believe that we can. I believe the problems of human destiny are not beyond the reach of human beings.

- Kennedy, John F.

It is an unfortunate fact that we can secure peace only by preparing for war.

- Kennedy, John F.

Peace is a daily, a weekly, a monthly process, gradually changing opinions, slowly eroding old barriers, quietly building new structures.

- Kennedy, John F.

World peace, like community peace, does not require that each man love his neighbor -- it

requires only that they live together with mutual tolerance, submitting their disputes to a just and peaceful settlement.

- Kennedy, John F.

You can't have a better tomorrow if you are thinking about yesterday all the time.

- Kettering, Charles F.

Peace is not merely a distant goal that we seek, but a means by which we arrive at that goal.

- King Jr. Martin Luther

Please, we can get along here.

- King, Rodney

Yes, we are all different. Different customs, different foods, different mannerisms, different languages, but not so different that we cannot get along with one another. If we will disagree without being disagreeable.

- Kohe, J. Martin

When a man finds no peace within himself, it is useless to seek it elsewhere.

- La Rochefoucauld, Francois De

You either get tired fighting for peace, or you die.

- Lennon, John

Imagine all the people living life in peace. You may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one. I hope someday you'll join us, and the world will be as one.

- Lennon, John

All we are saying is give peace a chance...

- Lennon, John

Live and let live is the rule of common justice.

- L'Estrange, Sir Roger

Force is all-conquering, but its victories are short-lived.

- Lincoln, Abraham

I heard the bells on Christmas Day. Their old familiar carols play. And wild and sweet the words repeat. Of peace on earth goodwill to men.

- Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth

A musician must make music, an artist must paint, a poet must write, if they are to be ultimately at peace with themselves.

- Maslow, Abraham H.

Let us ever remember that our interest is in concord, not in conflict; and that our real eminence rests in the victories of peace, not those of war.

- Mckinley, William

Let the ideas clash but not the hearts.

- Mehta, C. C.

One can always win a war, but how does one conquer peace?

- Meyer, Michael Holmboe

War is pillage versus resistance and if illusions of magnitude could be transmuted into ideals of magnanimity, peace might be realized.

- Moore, Marianne

If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other.

- Mother Teresa

Peace has her victories which are no less renowned than war.

- Milton, John

Everybody today seems to be in such a terrible rush, anxious for greater developments and greater riches and so on, so that children have very little time for their parents. Parents have very little time for each other, and in the home begins the disruption of

peace of the world.

- Mother Teresa

If the Nazis have really been guilty of the unspeakable crimes circumstantially imputed to them, then -- let us make no mistake -- pacifism is faced with a situation with which it cannot cope. The conventional pacifist conception of a reasonable or generous peace is irrelevant to this reality.

- Murry, John Middleton

There is no way to peace. Peace is the way.

- Muste, A. J.

The man who has gotten everything he wants is all in favor of peace and order.

- Nehru, Jawaharlal

What we need is a generation of peace.

- Nehru, Jawaharlal

Peace is no more than a dream as long as we need the comfort of the clan.

- Nicols, Peter

The greatest honor history can bestow is that of peacemaker.

- Nixon, Richard M.

The world cannot continue to wage war like physical giants and to seek peace like intellectual pygmies.

- O'Connor, Basil

Violence is unnecessary and costly. Peace is the only way.

- Nyerere, Julius Kambarge

When you find peace within yourself, you become the kind of person who can live at peace with others.

- Pilgrim, Peace

No one can find inner peace except by working, not in a self- centered way, but for the whole human family.

- Pilgrim, Peace

World peace will never be stable until enough of us find inner peace to stabilize it

- Pilgrim, Peace

We can work on inner peace and world peace at the same time. On one hand, people have found inner peace by losing themselves in a cause larger than themselves, like the cause of world peace, because finding inner peace means coming from the self-centered life into the life centered in the good of the whole. On the other hand, one of the ways of

working for world peace is to work for more inner peace, because world peace will never be stable until enough of us find inner peace to stabilize it.

- Pilgrim, Peace

This is the way of peace: Overcome evil with good, falsehood with truth, and hatred with love.

- Pilgrim, Peace

One little person, giving all of her time to peace, makes news. Many people, giving some of their time, can make history.

- Pilgrim, Peace

The true and solid peace of nations consists not in equality of arms, but in mutual trust alone.

- Pope John XXIII

If you want peace work for justice.

- Pope Paul VI

If you wish for peace be ready for war.

- Proverb

When we can't find peace in ourselves it is vain to look for it elsewhere.

- Proverb

Nonviolence is the supreme law of life.

- Proverb, Indian

Peace with a club in hand is war.

- Proverb, Portuguese

If a man would live in peace he should be blind, deaf, and dumb.

- Proverb, Turkish

The peace dividend is peace.

- Quayle, Dan

If we want a free and peaceful world, if we want to make the deserts bloom and man grow to greater dignity as a human being-we can do it.

- Roosevelt, Eleanor

Peace, like charity, begins at home.

- Roosevelt, Franklin D.

The pacifist is as surely a traitor to his country and to humanity as is the most brutal wrongdoer.

- Roosevelt, Theodore

Affliction, like the iron-smith, shapes as it smites.

- Bovee, Christian Nevell

No man is happy without a delusion of some kind. Delusions are as necessary to our happiness as realities.

- Bovee, Christian Nevell

We trifle when we assign limits to our desires, since nature hath set none.

- Bovee, Christian Nevell

Doubt whom you will, but never yourself.

- Bovee, Christian Nevell

Sensitiveness is closely allied to egotism; and excessive sensibility is only another name for morbid self-consciousness. The cure for tender sensibilities is to make more of our objects and less of our selves.

- Bovee, Christian Nevell

Enthusiasm is the inspiration of everything great. Without it no man is to be feared, and with it none despised.

- Bovee, Christian Nevell

Example has more followers than reason. We unconsciously imitate what pleases us, and approximate to the characters we most admire.

- Bovee, Christian Nevell

Tears are nature's lotion for the eyes. The eyes see better for being washed by them.

- Bovee, Christian Nevell

A failure establishes only this, that our determination to succeed was not strong enough.

- Bovee, Christian Nevell

There is great beauty in going through life without anxiety or fear. Half our fears are baseless, and the other half discreditable.

- Bovee, Christian Nevell

Good men have the fewest fears. He has but one great fear who fears to do wrong; he has a thousand who has overcome it.

- Bovee, Christian Nevell

Panic is a sudden desertion of us, and a going over to the enemy of our imagination.

- Bovee, Christian Nevell

False friends are like our shadow, keeping close to us while we walk in the sunshine, but

leaving us the instant we cross into the shade.

- Bovee, Christian Nevell

When all else is lost, the future still remains.

- Bovee, Christian Nevell

Genius makes its observations in short-hand; talent writes them out at length.

- Bovee, Christian Nevell

Wine is a treacherous friend who you must always be on guard for.

- Bovee, Christian Nevell

Dishonest people conceal their faults from themselves as well as others, honest people know and confess them.

- Bovee, Christian Nevell

Hope is the best part of our riches.

- Bovee, Christian Nevell

It is the nature of thought to find its way into action.

- Bovee, Christian Nevell

A pleasant illusion is better than a harsh reality.

- Bovee, Christian Nevell

Imitation belittles.

- Bovee, Christian Nevell

Tranquil pleasures last the longest; we are not fitted to bear the burden of great joys.

- Bovee, Christian Nevell

Kindness is a language the dumb can speak and the deaf can hear and understand.

- Bovee, Christian Nevell

It is the passion that is in a kiss that gives to it its sweetness; it is the affection in a kiss that sanctifies it.

- Bovee, Christian Nevell

Six traits of effective leaders: 1. Make others feel important 2. Promote a vision 3. Follow the golden rule 4. Admit mistakes 5. Criticize others only in private 6. Stay close to the action Example has more followers than reason. We unconsciously imitate what pleases us, and approximate to the characters we most admire.

- Bovee, Christian Nevell

Youth is too tumultuous for felicity; old age too insecure for happiness. The period most favorable to enjoyment, in a vigorous, fortunate, and generous life, is that between forty

and sixty.

- Bovee, Christian Nevell

The great artist is a slave to his ideals.

- Bovee, Christian Nevell

Music is the fourth great material want, first food, then clothes, then shelter, then music.

- Bovee, Christian Nevell

The passions are like fire, useful in a thousand ways and dangerous only in one, through their excess.

- Bovee, Christian Nevell

Passion doesn't look beyond the moment of its existence.

- Bovee, Christian Nevell

We make way for the man who boldly pushes past us.

- Bovee, Christian Nevell

The method of the enterprising is to plan with audacity and execute with vigor.

- Bovee, Christian Nevell

The grandest of all laws is the law of progressive development. Under it, in the wide

sweep of things, men grow wiser as they grow older, and societies better.

- Bovee, Christian Nevell

Next to being witty yourself, the best thing is being able to quote another's wit.

- Bovee, Christian Nevell

In ambition, as in love, the successful can afford to be indulgent toward their rivals. The prize our own, it is graceful to recognize the merit that vainly aspired to it.

- Bovee, Christian Nevell

The body of a sensualist is the coffin of a dead soul.

- Bovee, Christian Nevell

Our first and last love is... self-love.

- Bovee, Christian Nevell

Partial culture runs to the ornate, extreme culture to simplicity.

- Bovee, Christian Nevell

Something of a person's character may be observed by how they smile. Some never smile they only grin.

- Bovee, Christian Nevell

Every trait of beauty may be referred to some virtue, as to innocence, candor, generosity, modesty, or heroism. St. Pierre To cultivate the sense of the beautiful, is one of the most effectual ways of cultivating an appreciation of the divine goodness.

- Bovee, Christian Nevell

You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.

- Brown, Les

If you do not develop the hunger and courage to pursue your goal, you will lose your nerve and you will give up on your dream.

- Brown, Les

You gotta be hungry!

- Brown, Les

Be determined to handle any challenge in a way that will make you grow.

- Brown, Les

You have the courage and power to live your dreams.

- Brown, Les

Help others achieve their dreams and you will achieve yours.

- Brown, Les

Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss it you will land among the stars.

- Brown, Les

One of the most essential things you need to do for yourself is to choose a goal that is important to you. Perfection does not exist -- you can always do better and you can always grow.

- Brown, Les

You must think of failure and defeat as the springboards to new achievements or to the next level of accomplishment.

- Brown, Les

Fear does not have any special power unless you empower it by submitting to it.

- Brown, Les

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

- Brown, Les

When you face your fear, most of the time you will discover that it was not really such a big threat after all. We all need some form of deeply rooted, powerful motivation -- it empowers us to overcome obstacles so we can live our dreams.

- Brown, Les

You must remain focused on your journey to greatness.

- Brown, Les

Forgive those who have hurt you.

- Brown, Les

Forgive yourself for your faults and your mistakes and move on.

- Brown, Les

Review your goals twice every day in order to be focused on achieving them.

- Brown, Les

As you reach your goals, set new ones. That is how you grow and become a more powerful person.

- Brown, Les

Choosing goals that are important to you is one of the most essential things you can do in order to live your dreams.

- Brown, Les

Goals are not dreamy, pie-in-the-sky ideals. They have every day practical applications and they should be practical.

- Brown, Les

If you set goals and go after them with all the determination you can muster, your gifts will take you places that will amaze you.

- Brown, Les

You may not accomplish every goal you set -- no one does -- but what really matters is having goals and going after them wholeheartedly.

- Brown, Les

Your goals are the road maps that guide you and show you what is possible for your life.

- Brown, Les

Goals help you channel your energy into action.

- Brown, Les

In the end, it is the person you become, not the things you have achieved, that is the most important.

- Brown, Les

All of us need to grow continuously in our lives.

- Brown, Les

Wanting something is not enough. You must hunger for it. Your motivation must be absolutely compelling in order to overcome the obstacles that will invariably come your way.

- Brown, Les

Get your ideas on paper and study them. Do not let them go to waste!

- Brown, Les

Live out of your imagination instead of out of your memory.

- Brown, Les

Honor your commitments with integrity.

- Brown, Les

I believe that life is a journey, often difficult and sometimes incredibly cruel, but we are well equipped for it if only we tap into our talents and gifts and allow them to blossom.

- Brown, Les

It's important to me that money not be important to me.

- Brown, Les

Life takes on meaning when you become motivated, set goals and charge after them in an unstoppable manner.

- Brown, Les

You are the only real obstacle in your path to a fulfilling life.

- Brown, Les

Someone's opinion of you does not have to become your reality.

- Brown, Les

If you view all the things that happen to you, both good and bad, as opportunities, then you operate out of a higher level of consciousness.

- Brown, Les

If you are carrying strong feelings about something that happened in your past, they may hinder your ability to live in the present.

- Brown, Les

When life knocks you down, try to land on your back. Because if you can look up, you can get up. Let your reason get you back up.

- Brown, Les

Life has no limitations, except the ones you make.

- Brown, Les

The only limits to the possibilities in your life tomorrow are the buts you use today.

- Brown, Les

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

The more sand has escaped from the hourglass of our life, the clearer we should see through it.

- Paul, Jean

Despair is the only genuine atheism.

- Paul, Jean

Other exercises develop single powers and muscles, but dancing embellishes, exercises, and equalizes all the muscles at once.

- Paul, Jean

Humankind's chief fault is that they have so many small ones.

- Paul, Jean

The timid are afraid before the danger, the cowardly while in danger, and the courageous after danger.

- Paul, Jean

The child is not to be educated for the present, but for the remote future, and often is opposition to the immediate future.

- Paul, Jean

Without God there is for mankind no purpose, no goal, no hope, only a wavering future, an eternal dread of every darkness.

- Paul, Jean

No heroine can create a hero through love of one, but she can give birth to one.

- Paul, Jean

Joys are our wings, sorrows our spurs.

- Paul, Jean

No one is more profoundly sad as one who laughs too much.

- Paul, Jean

Idleness is many gathered miseries in one name.

- Paul, Jean

The only medicine that does women more good than harm is dress.

- Paul, Jean

Memory is the only paradise from which we cannot be driven.

- Paul, Jean

Only action gives life strength, only moderation gives it charm.

- Paul, Jean

No author can be as moral as his work and no preacher as pious as his sermons.

- Paul, Jean

The parent is low, who having children, truly feels bored.

- Paul, Jean

Passion makes the best observations and the sorriest conclusions.

- Paul, Jean

The end we aim at must be known, before the way can be made.

- Paul, Jean

The look of a king is itself a deed.

- Paul, Jean

No rest is worth anything except the rest that is earned.

- Paul, Jean

Cares are often more difficult to throw off than sorrows; the latter die with time, the former grow.

- Paul, Jean

Strong character is brought out by change, weak ones by permanence.

- Paul, Jean

In youth one has tears without grief, in old age grief without tears.

- Paul, Jean

Variety in mere nothings gives more pleasure than uniformity of something s.

- Paul, Jean

Brevity is the body and soul of wit.

- Paul, Jean

By trying we can easily learn to endure adversity. Another man's, I mean.

- Twain, Mark

Annihilation has no terrors for me, because I have already tried it before I was born --a hundred million years --and I have suffered more in an hour, in this life, than I remember to have suffered in the whole hundred million years put together. There was a peace, a serenity, an absence of all sense of responsibility, an absence of worry, an absence of care, grief, perplexity; and the presence of a deep content and unbroken satisfaction in that hundred million years of holiday which I look back upon with a tender longing and with a grateful desire to resume, when the opportunity comes.

- Twain, Mark

Why is it that we rejoice at birth and grieve at a funeral? It is because we are not the person involved.

- Twain, Mark

Whoever has lived long enough to find out what life is, knows how deep a debt of gratitude we owe to Adam, the first great benefactor of our race. He brought death into the world.

- Twain, Mark

We owe a deep debt of gratitude to Adam, the first great benefactor of the human race: he brought death into the world.

- Twain, Mark

We never become really and genuinely our entire and honest selves until we are dead --

and not then until we have been dead years and years. People ought to start dead and then they would be honest so much earlier.

- Twain, Mark

Let us endeavor so to live that when we come to die even the undertaker will be sorry.

- Twain, Mark

All say, How hard it is that we have to die -- a strange complaint to come from the mouths of people who have had to live.

- Twain, Mark

When a person cannot deceive himself the chances are against his being able to deceive other people.

- Twain, Mark

I am a democrat only on principle, not by instinct -- nobody is that. Doubtless some people say they are, but this world is grievously given to lying.

- Twain, Mark

Denial ain't just a river in Egypt.

- Frank, Al

I can teach anybody how to get what they want out of life. The problem is that I can't find

anybody who can tell me what they want.

- Twain, Mark

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

- Twain, Mark

It is a time when one's spirit is subdued and sad, one knows not why; when the past seems a storm-swept desolation, life a vanity and a burden, and the future but a way to death.

- Twain, Mark

What is there that confers the noblest delight? What is that which swells a man's breast with pride above that which any other experience can bring to him? Discovery! To know that you are walking where none others have walked; that you are beholding what human eye has not seen before; that you are breathing a virgin atmosphere. To give birth to an idea, to discover a great thought -- an intellectual nugget, right under the dust of a field that many a brain-plough had gone over before. To find a new planet, to invent a new hinge, to find a way to make the lightning carry your messages. To be the first -- that is the idea.

- Twain, Mark

He has been a doctor a year now and has had two patients, no, three, I think -- yes, it was three; I attended their funerals.

- Twain, Mark

Be careless in your dress if you must, but keep a tidy soul.

- Twain, Mark

Duties are not performed for duty's sake, but because their neglect would make the man uncomfortable. A man performs but one duty --the duty of contenting his spirit, the duty of making himself agreeable to himself.

- Twain, Mark

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

- Twain, Mark

Do something every day that you don't want to do. This is the golden rule for acquiring the habit of doing your duty without pain.

- Twain, Mark

I have never let my schooling interfere with my education.

- Twain, Mark

Soap and education are not as sudden as a massacre, but they are more deadly in the long run. Training is everything. The peach was once a bitter almond; cauliflower is nothing but cabbage with a college education.

- Twain, Mark

We must annex those people. We can afflict them with our wise and beneficent government. We can introduce the novelty of thieves, all the way up from street-car pickpockets to municipal robbers and Government defaulters, and show them how amusing it is to arrest them and try them and then turn them loose -- some for cash and some for political influence. We can make them ashamed of their simple and primitive justice. We can make that little bunch of sleepy islands the hottest corner on earth, and array it in the moral splendor of our high and holy civilization. Annexation is what the poor islanders need. Shall we to men benighted, the lamp of life deny?

- Twain, Mark

The first half of life consists of the capacity to enjoy without the chance; the last half consists of the chance without the capacity.

- Twain, Mark

Man will do many things to get himself loved; he will do all things to get himself envied.

- Twain, Mark

We are all alike, on the inside.

- Twain, Mark

Evolution is the law of policies: Darwin said it, Socrates endorsed it, Cuvier proved it and established it for all time in his paper on The Survival of the Fittest. These are illustrious

names, this is a mighty doctrine: nothing can ever remove it from its firm base, nothing dissolve it, but evolution.

- Twain, Mark

I believe that our Heavenly Father invented man because he was disappointed in the monkey.

- Twain, Mark

There is nothing so annoying as a good example!!

- Twain, Mark

Few things are harder to put up with than the annoyance of a good example.

- Twain, Mark

I have never taken any exercise except sleeping and resting.

- Twain, Mark

We should be careful to get out of an experience only the wisdom that is in it -- and stop there; lest we be like the cat that sits down on a hot stove-lid. She will never sit down on a hot stove-lid again -- and that is well; but also she will never sit down on a cold one anymore.

- Twain, Mark

The cat, having sat upon a hot stove lid, will not sit upon a hot stove lid again. But he won't sit upon a cold stove lid, either.

- Twain, Mark

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

- Twain, Mark

Faith is believing what you know ain't so.

- Twain, Mark

It was the schoolboy who said, Faith is believing what you know ain't so.

- Twain, Mark

Familiarity breeds contempt; and children.

- Twain, Mark

We are always too busy for our children; we never give them the time or interest they deserve. We lavish gifts upon them; but the most precious gift, our personal association, which means so much to them, we give grudgingly.

- Twain, Mark

Persons attempting to find a motive in this narrative will be prosecuted; persons attempting to find a moral in it will be banished; persons attempting to find a plot in it will

be shot.

- Twain, Mark

All philosophy lies in two words, sustain and abstain.

- Epictetus

To accuse others for one's own misfortunes is a sign of want of education. To accuse oneself shows that one's education has begun. To accuse neither oneself nor others shows that one's education is complete.

- Epictetus

Remember that you are an actor in a drama, of such a part as it may please the master to assign you, for a long time or for a little as he may choose. And if he will you to take the part of a poor man, or a cripple, or a ruler, or a private citizen, then may you act that part with grace! For to act well the part that is allotted to us, that indeed is ours to do, but to choose it is another s.

- Epictetus

A strict belief, fate is the worst kind of slavery; on the other hand there is comfort in the thought that God will be moved by our prayers.

- Epictetus

Difficulties are things that show a person what they are.

- Epictetus

Difficulties show men what they are. In case of any difficulty, God has pitted you against a rough antagonist that you may be a conqueror, and this cannot be without toil.

- Epictetus

Practice yourself, for heaven's sake in little things, and then proceed to greater.

- Epictetus

Only the educated are free.

- Epictetus

What will the world be quite overturned when you die?

- Epictetus

For it is not death or hardship that is a fearful thing, but the fear of death and hardship.

- Epictetus

No man is free who is not a master of himself.

- Epictetus

Is freedom anything else than the right to live as we wish? Nothing else.

- Epictetus

Freedom is the right to live as we wish.

- Epictetus

The greater the difficulty the more glory in surmounting it. Skillful pilots gain their reputation from storms and tempests.

- Epictetus

He is a drunkard who takes more than three glasses though he be not drunk.

- Epictetus

God hath entrusted me with myself.

- Epictetus

No great thing is created suddenly.

- Epictetus

There is only one way to happiness and that is to cease worrying about things which are beyond the power of our will.

- Epictetus

Whoever does not regard what he has as most ample wealth, is unhappy, though he be master of the world.

- Epictetus

Neither should a ship rely on one small anchor, nor should life rest on a single hope.

- Epictetus

It is not he who gives abuse that affronts, but the view that we take of it as insulting; so that when one provokes you it is your own opinion which is provoking.

- Epictetus

It is impossible to begin to learn that which one thinks one already knows.

- Epictetus

Liars are the cause of all the sins and crimes in the world.

- Epictetus

A ship should not ride on a single anchor, nor life on a single hope.

- Epictetus

Know, first, who you are, and then adorn yourself accordingly.

- Epictetus

You are a little soul carrying around a corpse.

- Epictetus

Whenever you are angry, be assured that it is not only a present evil, but that you have increased a habit.

- Epictetus

Nature gave us one tongue and two ears so we could hear twice as much as we speak.

- Epictetus

Never in any case say I have lost such a thing, but I have returned it. Is your child dead? It is a return. Is your wife dead? It is a return. Are you deprived of your estate? is not this also a return?

- Epictetus

It is the sign of a dull mind to dwell upon the cares of the body, to prolong exercise, eating and drinking and other bodily functions. These things are best done by the way; all your attention must be given to the mind.

- Epictetus

Men are disturbed not by things that happen, but by their opinion of the things that happen.

- Epictetus

Nothing great is created suddenly, any more than a bunch of grapes or a fig. If you tell me

that you desire a fig. I answer you that there must be time. Let it first blossom, then bear fruit, then ripen.

- Epictetus

One that desires to excel should endeavor in those things that are in themselves most excellent.

- Epictetus

No greater thing is created suddenly, any more than a bunch of grapes or a fig. If you tell me that you desire a fig, I answer you that there must be time. Let it first blossom, then bear fruit, then ripen.

- Epictetus

If you set your heart upon philosophy, you must straightway prepare yourself to be laughed at and mocked by many who will say Behold a philosopher arisen among us! or How came you by that brow of scorn? But do you cherish no scorn, but hold to those things which seem to you the best, as one set by God in that place. Remember too, that if you abide in those ways, those who first mocked you, the same shall afterwards reverence you; but if you yield to them, you will be laughed at twice as much as before.

- Epictetus

It is the nature of the wise to resist pleasures, but the foolish to be a slave to them.

- Epictetus

It's not what happens to you, but how you react to it that matters.

- Epictetus

Make the best use of what is in your power, and take the rest as it happens.

- Epictetus

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