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It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.

- Francis of Assisi, St.

You couldn't get a clue during the clue mating season in a field full of horny clues if you smeared your body with clue musk and did the clue mating dance.

- Flaherty, Edward

Take God for your spouse and friend and walk with him continually, and you will not sin and will learn to love, and the things you must do will work out prosperously for you.

- John of the Cross, St.

We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness

- Jefferson, Thomas

True love grows by sacrifice and the more thoroughly the soul rejects natural satisfaction the stronger and more detached its tenderness becomes.

- Theresa of Lisieux, St.

There are more tears shed over answered prayers than over unanswered prayers.

- Teresa of Avila, St.

Happiness is secured through virtue; it is a good attained by man's own will.

- Aquinas, St. Thomas

Temperance is simply a disposition of the mind which binds the passion.

- Aquinas, St. Thomas

Jesus whom I know as my Redeemer cannot be less than God.

- Athanasius, St.

The art of conversation consist as much in listening politely, as in talking agreeably.

- Atwell

The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.

- Burke, Edmund

Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.

- Twain, Mark

Truth has no special time of its own. Its hour is now -- always.

- Schweitzer, Albert

For it is in giving that we receive.

- Francis of Assisi, St.

Where there is injury let me sow pardon.

- Francis of Assisi, St.

Blessed is the servant who loves his brother as much when he is sick and useless as when he is well and an be of service to him. And blessed is he who loves his brother as well when he is afar off as when he is by his side, and who would say nothing behind his back he might not, in love, say before his face.

- Francis of Assisi, St.

Above all the grace and the gifts that Christ gives to his beloved is that of overcoming self.

- Francis of Assisi, St.

It is not fitting, when one is in God's service, to have a gloomy face or a chilling look.

- Francis of Assisi, St.

'Tis better to understand, than to be understood.

- Francis of Assisi, St.

Where there is charity and wisdom, there is neither fear nor ignorance. Where there is patience and humility, there is neither anger nor vexation. Where there is poverty and joy, there is neither greed nor avarice. Where there is peace and meditation, there is neither anxiety nor doubt.

- Francis of Assisi, St.

Start by doing what's necessary, then what's possible and suddenly you are doing the impossible.

- Francis of Assisi, St.

One of the secrets of getting more done is to make a TO DO List every day, keep it visible, and use it as a guide to action as you go through the day.

- Lakein, Alan

It is a good thing for an uneducated man to read books of quotations. Bartlett's Familiar Quotations is an admirable work, and I studied it intently. The quotations when engraved upon the memory give you good thoughts. They also make you anxious to read the authors and look for more.

- Churchill, Winston

Dante once said that the hottest places in hell are reserved for those who in a period of moral crisis maintain their neutrality.

- Kennedy, John F.

Governments can err, Presidents do make mistakes, but the immortal Dante tells us that divine justice weighs the sins of the cold-blooded and the sins of the warm-hearted in different scales. Better the occasional faults of a Government that lives in a spirit of charity than the consistent omissions of a Government frozen in the ice of its own indifference.

- Roosevelt, Franklin D.

The will of the people is the only legitimate foundation of any government, and to protect its free expression should be our first object.

- Jefferson, Thomas

Whenever the people are well informed, they can be trusted with their own government; that whenever things get so far wrong as to attract their notice, they may be relied on to set them to rights.

- Jefferson, Thomas

The care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only legitimate object of good government.

- Jefferson, Thomas

My reading of history convinces me that most bad government results from too much government.

- Jefferson, Thomas

That government is the strongest of which every man feels himself a part.

- Jefferson, Thomas

The boisterous sea of liberty is never without a wave.

- Jefferson, Thomas

It behooves every man who values liberty of conscience for himself, to resist invasions of it in the case of others: or their case may, by change of circumstances, become his own.

- Jefferson, Thomas

I would rather be exposed to the inconveniences attending too much liberty than those attending too small a degree of it.

- Jefferson, Thomas

When angry, count to ten before you speak. If very angry, count to one hundred.

- Jefferson, Thomas

In truth, politeness is artificial good humor, it covers the natural want of it, and ends by rendering habitual a substitute nearly equivalent to the real virtue.

- Jefferson, Thomas

What signify a few lives lost in a century or two? The tree of liberty must be refreshed

from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants. It is its natural manure.

- Jefferson, Thomas

A little rebellion now and then... is a medicine necessary for the sound health of government.

- Jefferson, Thomas

Whenever you are to do a thing, though it can never be known but to yourself, ask yourself how you would act were all the world looking at you, and act accordingly.

- Jefferson, Thomas

It is neither wealth nor splendor; but tranquillity and occupation which give happiness.

- Jefferson, Thomas

Errors of opinion may be tolerated where reason is left free to combat it.

- Jefferson, Thomas

Nothing can stop the man with the right mental attitude from achieving his goal; nothing on earth can help the man with the wrong mental attitude.

- Jefferson, Thomas

Banking establishments are more dangerous than standing armies.

- Jefferson, Thomas

I sincerely believe that banking establishments are more dangerous than standing armies, and that the principle of spending money to be paid by posterity, under the name of funding, is but swindling futurity on a large scale.

- Jefferson, Thomas

No man will ever bring out of the Presidency the reputation which carries him into it.

- Jefferson, Thomas

Question with boldness even the existence of a God; because, if there be one, he must more approve of the homage of reason, than that of blind-folded fear.

- Jefferson, Thomas

I hold it that a little rebellion, now and then, is a good thing, and as necessary in the political world as storms in the physical. It is a medicine necessary for the sound health of government.

- Jefferson, Thomas

Mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed.

- Jefferson, Thomas

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- Jefferson, Thomas

Every citizen should be a soldier. This was the case with the Greeks and Romans, and must be that of every free state.

- Jefferson, Thomas

We confide in our strength, without boasting of it; we respect that of others, without fearing it.

- Jefferson, Thomas

It is part of the American character to consider nothing as desperate -- to surmount every difficulty by resolution and contrivance.

- Jefferson, Thomas

The glow of one warm thought is to me worth more than money.

- Jefferson, Thomas

Tranquility is the old man's milk.

- Jefferson, Thomas

The man who fears no truth has nothing to fear from lies.

- Jefferson, Thomas

Resistance to tyrants is obedience to God.

- Jefferson, Thomas

I have sworn upon the altar of God eternal hostility against every form of tyranny over the mind of man.

- Jefferson, Thomas

Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty.

- Jefferson, Thomas

How much pain worries have cost us that have never happened?

- Jefferson, Thomas

A strict observance of the written laws is doubtless one of the high virtues of a good citizen, but it is not the highest. The laws of necessity, of self-preservation, of saving our country when in danger, are of higher obligation.

- Jefferson, Thomas

If there be one principle more deeply rooted than any other in the mind of every American, it is that we should have nothing to do with conquest.

- Jefferson, Thomas

Believing that the happiness of mankind is best promoted by the useful pursuits of peace, that on these alone a stable prosperity can be founded, that the evils of war are great in their endurance, and have a long reckoning for ages to come, I have used my best endeavors to keep our country uncommitted in the troubles which afflict Europe, and which assail us on every side.

- Jefferson, Thomas

We are endeavoring, too, to reduce the government to the practice of a rigorous economy, to avoid burdening the people, and arming the magistrate with a patronage of money, which might be used to corrupt and undermine the principles of our government.

- Jefferson, Thomas

If, in my retirement to the humble station of a private citizen, I am accompanied with the esteem and approbation of my fellow citizens, trophies obtained by the bloodstained steel, or the tattered flags of the tented field, will never be envied. The care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only legitimate object of good government.

- Jefferson, Thomas

If we can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people, under the pretence of taking care of them, they must become happy.

- Jefferson, Thomas

I think our governments will remain virtuous for many centuries; as long as they are chiefly

agricultural; and this will be as long as there shall be vacant lands in any part of America. When they get piled upon one another in large cities, as in Europe, they will become corrupt as in Europe.

- Jefferson, Thomas

I confess I have the same fears for our South American brethren; the qualifications for self-government in society are not innate. They are the result of habit and long training, and for these they will require time and probably much suffering.

- Jefferson, Thomas

To preserve the freedom of the human mind and freedom of the press, every spirit should be ready to devote itself to martyrdom; for as long as we may think as we will, and speak as we think the condition of man will proceed in improvement. The generation which is going off the stage has deserved well of mankind for the struggles it has made, and for having arrested the course of despotism which had overwhelmed the world for thousands and thousands of years. If there seems to be danger that the ground they have gained will be lost again, that danger comes from the generation your contemporary. But that the enthusiasm which characterizes youth should lift its parricide hands against freedom and science would be such a monstrous phenomenon as I cannot place among possible things in this age and country.

- Jefferson, Thomas

Almighty God hath created the mind free. All attempts to influence it by temporal punishments or burthens are a departure from the plan of the holy author of our religion No man shall be compelled to frequent or support any religious worship or ministry or shall

otherwise suffer on account of his religious opinions or belief, but all men shall be free to profess and by argument to maintain, their opinions in matters of religion. 1 I know but one code of morality for men whether acting singly or collectively. 2

- Jefferson, Thomas

It is, therefore, with the sincerest pleasure I have observed on the part of the British government various manifestations of a just and friendly disposition towards us; we wish to cultivate peace and friendship with all nations, believing that course most conducive to the welfare of our own; it is natural that these friendships should bear some proportion to the common interests of the parties.

- Jefferson, Thomas

The desire to preserve our country from the calamities and ravages of war, by cultivating a disposition, and pursuing a conduct, conciliatory and friendly to all nations, has been sincerely entertained and faithfully followed. It was dictated by the principles of humanity, the precepts of the gospel, and the general wish of our country, and it was not to be doubted that the Society of Friends, with whom it is a religious principle, would sanction it by their support.

- Jefferson, Thomas

I have come to a resolution myself as I hope every good citizen will, never again to purchase any article of foreign manufacture which can be had of American make be the difference of price what it may.

- Jefferson, Thomas

Here was buriedThomas Jeffersonauthorof the Declaration ofAmerican Independenceofthe Statute of Virginiafor Religious Freedom, andFather of the Universityof Virginia

- Jefferson, Thomas

We hold these truths to be self-evident: That all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights, among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, that to secure these rights governments are instituted among men. We solemnly publish and declare, that these colonies are and of right ought to be free and independent states and for the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine providence, we mutually pledge our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honour.

- Jefferson, Thomas

I am for a government rigorously frugal & simple, applying all the possible savings of the public revenue to the discharge of the national debt; and not for a multiplication of officers & salaries merely to make partisans, & for increasing, by every device, the public debt, on the principle of its being a public blessing.

- Jefferson, Thomas

I, however, place economy among the first and most important of republican virtues, and public debt as the greatest of the dangers to be feared.

- Jefferson, Thomas

I wish it were possible to obtain a single amendment to our constitution. I would be willing to depend on that alone for the reduction of the administration of our government to the genuine principles of its constitution; I mean an additional article, taking from the federal government the power of borrowing.

- Jefferson, Thomas

And to preserve their independence, we must not let our rulers load us with perpetual debt. We must make our election between economy and liberty, or profusion and servitude.

- Jefferson, Thomas

The maxim of buying nothing without the money in our pocket to pay for it, would make of our country one of the happiest upon earth. Experience during the war proved this; as I think every man will remember that under all the privations it obliged him to submit to during that period he slept sounder, and awaked happier than he can do now. Desperate of finding relief from a free course of justice, I look forward to the abolition of all credit as the only other remedy which can take place.

- Jefferson, Thomas

Were I to commence my administration again, the first question I would ask respecting a candidate would be, Does he use ardent spirits?

- Jefferson, Thomas

In questions of power, then, let no more be heard of confidence in man, but bind him down from mischief by the chains of the Constitution.

- Jefferson, Thomas

The constitution, on this hypothesis, is a mere thing of wax in the hands of the judiciary, which they may twist and shape into any form they please.

- Jefferson, Thomas

Cultivators of the earth are the most valuable citizens. They are the most vigorous, the most independant, the most virtuous, and they are tied to their country and wedded to its liberty and interests by the most lasting bands. As long therefore as they can find emploiment in this line, I would not convert them into mariners, artisans, or any thing else. But our citizens will find emploiment in this line till their numbers, and of course their productions, become too great for the demand both internal and foreign.

- Jefferson, Thomas

You have not been mistaken in supposing my views and feeling to be in favor of the abolition of war. Of my dispos[i]tion to maintain peace until its condition shall be made less tolerable than that of war itself, the world has had proofs, and more, perhaps, than it has approved. I hope it is practicable, by improving the mind and morals of society, to lessen the dispos[i]tion to war; but of its abolition I despair.

- Jefferson, Thomas

I am not an advocate for frequent changes in laws and Constitutions. But laws and

institutions must go hand in hand with the progress of the human mind. As that becomes more developed, more enlightened, as new discoveries are made, new truths discovered and manners and opinions change, with the change of circumstances, institutions must advance also to keep pace with the times. We might as well require a man to wear still the coat which fitted him when a boy as civilized society to remain ever under the regimen of their barbarous ancestors.

- Jefferson, Thomas

I thought the work would be very innocent, and one which might be confided to the reason of any man; not likely to be much read if let alone, but, if persecuted, it will be generally read. Every man in the United States will think it a duty to buy a copy, in vindication of his right to buy, and to read what he pleases.

- Jefferson, Thomas

But every difference of opinion is not a difference of principle. We have called by different names brethren of the same principle. We are all republicanswe are federalists.

- Jefferson, Thomas

Self-denial is indispensable to a strong character, and the highest kind comes from a religious stock.

- Parker, Theodore

Only Christ could have conceived Christ.

- Parker, Joseph

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