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Society often forgives the criminal; it never forgives the dreamer.

- Wilde, Oscar

A dreamer is one who can only find his way by moonlight, and his punishment is that he sees the dawn before the rest of the world.

- Wilde, Oscar

Dullness is the coming of age of seriousness.

- Wilde, Oscar

The whole theory of modern education is radically unsound. Fortunately in England, at any rate, education produces no effect whatsoever. If it did, it would prove a serious danger to the upper classes, and probably lead to acts of violence.

- Wilde, Oscar

Education is an admirable thing, but it is well to remember from time to time that nothing that is worth knowing can be taught.

- Wilde, Oscar

A man cannot be too careful in the choice of his enemies.

- Wilde, Oscar

The great events of life often leave one unmoved; they pass out of consciousness, and, when one thinks of them, become unreal. Even the scarlet flowers of passion seem to grow in the same meadow as the poppies of oblivion.

- Wilde, Oscar

I have the simplest tastes. I am always satisfied with the best.

- Wilde, Oscar

Experience is one thing you can't get for nothing.

- Wilde, Oscar

Misfortunes one can endure -- they come from outside, they are accidents. But to suffer for one's own faults -- Ah! there is the sting of life.

- Wilde, Oscar

I can't help detesting my relations. I suppose it comes from the fact that none of us can stand other people having the same faults as ourselves.

- Wilde, Oscar

One's real life is so often the life that one does not lead.

- Wilde, Oscar

Fashion is a form of ugliness so intolerable that we have to alter it every six months.

- Wilde, Oscar

People who love only once in their lives are shallow people. What they call their loyalty, and their fidelity, I call either the lethargy of custom or their lack of imagination. Faithfulness is to the emotional life what consistency is to the life of the intellect -- simply a confession of failures.

- Wilde, Oscar

Always forgive your enemies -- nothing annoys them so much.

- Wilde, Oscar

An acquaintance that begins with a compliment is sure to develop into a real friendship.

- Wilde, Oscar

Laughter is not at all a bad beginning for a friendship, and it is far the best ending for one.

- Wilde, Oscar

The past is of no importance. The present is of no importance. It is with the future that we have to deal. For the past is what man should not have been. The present is what man ought not to be. The future is what artists are.

- Wilde, Oscar

The longer I live the more keenly I feel that whatever was good enough for our fathers is not good enough for us.

- Wilde, Oscar

Genius lasts longer than Beauty. That accounts for the fact that we all take such pains to over-educate ourselves.

- Wilde, Oscar

The public is wonderfully tolerant. It forgives everything except genius.

- Wilde, Oscar

Ambition is the last refuge of failure.

- Wilde, Oscar

There is no country in the world where machinery is so lovely as in America.

- Wilde, Oscar

We are all in the gutter, but some of us are looking at the stars.

- Wilde, Oscar

If you pretend to be good, the world takes you very seriously. If you pretend to be bad, it doesn't. Such is the astounding stupidity of optimism.

- Wilde, Oscar

When we are happy we are always good, but when we are good we are not always happy.

- Wilde, Oscar

The brotherhood of man is not a mere poet's dream: it is a most depressing and humiliating reality.

- Wilde, Oscar

It is because Humanity has never known where it was going that it has been able to find its way.

- Wilde, Oscar

How clever you are, my dear! You never mean a single word you say.

- Wilde, Oscar

Ignorance is like a delicate fruit; touch it, and the bloom is gone.

- Wilde, Oscar

Imagination is a quality given a man to compensate him for what he is not, and a sense of humor was provided to console him for what he is.

- Wilde, Oscar

Man can believe the impossible, but man can never believe the improbable.

- Wilde, Oscar

To do nothing at all is the most difficult thing in the world, the most difficult and the most intellectual.

- Wilde, Oscar

Those who are faithful know only the trivial side of love: it is the faithless who know love's tragedies.

- Wilde, Oscar

A kiss may ruin a human life.

- Wilde, Oscar

I am not young enough to know everything.

- Wilde, Oscar

The liar at any rate recognizes that recreation, not instruction, is the aim of conversation, and is a far more civilized being than the blockhead who loudly expresses his disbelief in a story which is told simply for the amusement of the company.

- Wilde, Oscar

As one knows the poet by his fine music, so one can recognize the liar by his rich rhythmic utterance, and in neither case will the casual inspiration of the moment suffice. Here, as elsewhere, practice must precede perfection.

- Wilde, Oscar

To live is the rarest thing in the world. Most people exist, that is all.

- Wilde, Oscar

Life! Life! Don't let us go to life for our fulfillment or our experience. It is a thing narrowed by circumstances, incoherent in its utterance, and without that fine correspondence of form and spirit which is the only thing that can satisfy the artistic

- Wilde, Oscar

Yet each man kills the thing he loves from all let this be heard some does it with a bitter look some with a flattering word the coward does it with a kiss the brave man with the sword.

- Wilde, Oscar

When one is in love, one always begins by deceiving one's self, and one always ends by deceiving others. That is what the world calls a romance.

- Wilde, Oscar

Keep love in your heart. A life without it is like a sunless garden when the flowers are dead.

- Wilde, Oscar

There is always something ridiculous about the emotions of people whom one has ceased to love.

- Wilde, Oscar

If you are not too long, I will wait here for you all my life.

- Wilde, Oscar

They flaunt their conjugal felicity in one's face, as if it were the most fascinating of sins.

- Wilde, Oscar

A kiss is a lovely trick designed by nature to stop speech when words become superfluous.

- Bergman, Ingrid

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

The kiss. There are all sorts of kisses, lad, from the sticky confection to the kiss of death. Of them all, the kiss of an actress is the most unnerving. How can we tell if she means it or if she's just practicing?

- Gordon, Ruth

Oh what lies lurk in kisses!

- Heine, Heinrich

The sound of a kiss is not so loud as that of a cannon, but its echo lasts a great deal longer.

- Holmes, Oliver Wendell

Everyone admits that love is wonderful and necessary, yet no one agrees on just what it is.

- Ackerman, Diane

I was nauseous and tingly all over. I was either in love or I had smallpox.

- Allen, Woody

Sex alleviates tension. Love causes it.

- Allen, Woody

In real love you want the other person's good. In romantic love, you want the other person.

- Anderson, Margaret

The more connections you and your lover make, not just between your bodies, but between your minds, your hearts, and your souls, the more you will strengthen the fabric of your relationship, and the more real moments you will experience together.

- Angelis, Barbara De

No man can serve two masters. [Matthew 6:24]

- Bible

No man dies for what he knows to be true. Men die for what they want to be true, for what some terror in their hearts tells them is not true.

- Wilde, Oscar

What is mind but motion in the intellectual sphere?

- Wilde, Oscar

There are many things that we would throw away if we were not afraid that others might pick them up.

- Wilde, Oscar

Experience is the name we give to our mistakes.

- Wilde, Oscar

It is only the modern that ever becomes old-fashioned.

- Wilde, Oscar

Happiness is like a kiss. You must share it to enjoy it.

- Meltzer, Bernard

I can forget my very existence in a deep kiss of you.

- Smith, Byron Caldwell

I wonder what fool it was that first invented kissing.

- Swift, Jonathan

Love is a force more formidable than any other. It is invisible -- it cannot be seen or measured, yet it is powerful enough to transform you in a moment, and offer you more joy than any material possession could.

- Angelis, Barbara De

What's so remarkable about Love at first sight? It's when people have been looking at each other for years that it becomes remarkable.

- Unknown, Source

Love's greatest gift is its ability to make everything it touches sacred.

- Angelis, Barbara De

Well-ordered self-love is right and natural.

- Aquinas, St. Thomas

Love is, above all, the gift of oneself.

- Ardele, Jean Anouilh

Love, by its very nature, is unworldly, and it is for this reason rather than its rarity that it is not only apolitical but anti-political, perhaps the most powerful of all anti-political human forces.

- Arendt, Hannah

Wicked men obey from fear; good men, from love.

- Aristotle

Love is composed of a single soul inhabiting two bodies.

- Aristotle

Unless you can find some sort of loyalty, you cannot find unity and peace in your active living.

- Royce, Josiah

Your mind is what makes everything else work.

- Abdul-Jabbar, Kareem

Mind is the Master--power that molds and makes, and Man is Mind, and ever more he takes the Tool of Thought, and shaping what he wills, brings forth a thousand joys, a thousand ills--He thinks in secret and it comes to pass; Environment is but his looking-glass.

- Allen, James

The center that I cannot find is known to my unconscious mind.

- Auden, W. H.

The two qualities which chiefly inspire regard and affection [Are] that a thing is your own and that it is your only one.

- Aristotle

Most people would rather give than get affection.

- Aristotle

What it lies in our power to do, it lies in our power not to do.

- Aristotle

The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet.

- Aristotle

Education is an ornament in prosperity and a refuge in adversity.

- Aristotle

All who have meditated on the art of governing mankind have been convinced that the fate of empires depends on the education of youth.

- Aristotle

Parting is such sweet sorrow.

- Shakespeare, William

Sweet are the uses of adversity which, like the toad, ugly and venomous, wears yet a precious jewel in his head.

- Shakespeare, William

I shall the effect of this good lesson keeps as watchman to my heart.

- Shakespeare, William

I never approve, or disapprove, of anything now. It is an absurd attitude to take towards life. We are not sent into the world to air our moral prejudices. I never take any notice of what common people say, and I never interfere with what charming people do.

- Wilde, Oscar

Morality is the attitude we adopt toward people whom we personally dislike.

- Wilde, Oscar

Whenever a man does a thoroughly stupid thing, it is always from the noblest motives.

- Wilde, Oscar

Murder is always a mistake. One should never do anything that one cannot talk about after dinner.

- Wilde, Oscar

You are never given a dream without also being given the power to make it true. You may have to work for it, however.

- Bach, Richard

A man is not old until regrets take the place of dreams.

- Barrymore, John

We must love one another or die.

- Auden, W. H.

What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like.

- Augustine, St.

Love, and do what you like.

- Augustine, St.

Real love stories never have endings.

- Bach, Richard

Do you want to know a good way to fall in love? Just associate with all your pleasant experiences with someone, and disassociate from all the unpleasant ones.

- Bandler, Richard

If it is your time, love will track you down like a cruise missile.

- Barry, Lynda

Naturally, love's the most distant possibility.

- Bataille, Georges

The greatest weakness of most humans is their hesitancy to tell others how much they love them while they're still alive.

- Battista, Orlando A.

Loyalty means nothing unless it has at its heart the absolute principle of self-sacrifice.

- Wilson, Woodrow T.

I have offended God and mankind because my work didn't reach the quality it should have.

- Da Vinci, Leonardo

Just as courage imperils life; fear protects it.

- Da Vinci, Leonardo

Men of lofty genius when they are doing the least work are most active.

- Da Vinci, Leonardo

[Three classes of people]: Those who see. Those who see when they are shown. Those who do not see.

- Da Vinci, Leonardo

Just as iron rusts from disuse, even so does inaction spoil the intellect.

- Da Vinci, Leonardo

Iron rusts from disuse, stagnant water loses its purity and in cold weather becomes frozen; even so does inaction sap the vigors of the mind.

- Da Vinci, Leonardo

Patience serves as a protection against wrongs as clothes do against cold. For if you put

on more clothes as the cold increases, it will have no power to hurt you. So in like manner you must grow in patience when you meet with great wrongs, and they will be powerless to vex your mind.

- Da Vinci, Leonardo

Every now and then go away, have a little relaxation, for when you come back to your work your judgment will be surer. Go some distance away because then the work appears smaller and more of it can be taken in at a glance and a lack of harmony and proportion is more readily seen.

- Da Vinci, Leonardo

Time stays long enough for those who use it.

- Da Vinci, Leonardo

The noblest pleasure is the joy of understanding.

- Da Vinci, Leonardo

As a well-spent day brings happy sleep, so a life well spent brings happy death.

- Da Vinci, Leonardo

The worst form of inequality is to try to make unequal things equal.

- Aristotle

Excellence is an art won by training and habituation. We do not act rightly because we have virtue or excellence, but we rather have those because we have acted rightly. We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act but a habit.

- Aristotle

Pleasure in the job puts perfection in the work.

- Aristotle

Democracy arose from men's thinking that if they are equal in any respect, they are equal absolutely.

- Aristotle

Without friends, no one would want to live, even if he had all other goods.

- Aristotle

A true friend is one soul in two bodies.

- Aristotle

In poverty and other misfortunes of life, true friends are a sure refuge. The young they keep out of mischief; to the old they are a comfort and aid in their weakness, and those in the prime of life they incite to noble deeds.

- Aristotle

There is no great genius without a mixture of madness.

- Aristotle

For what is the best choice, for each individual is the highest it is possible for him to achieve.

- Aristotle

Man is a goal seeking animal. His life only has meaning if he is reaching out and striving for his goals.

- Aristotle

Hope is a waking dream.

- Aristotle

No excellent soul is exempt from a mixture of madness.

- Aristotle

The energy of the mind is the essence of life.

- Aristotle

We praise a man who feels angry on the right grounds and against the right persons and also in the right manner at the right moment and for the right length of time.

- Aristotle

Anyone can become angry -- that is easy. But to be angry with the right person, to the right degree, at the right time, for the right purpose, and in the right way -- this is not easy.

- Aristotle

At his best, man is the noblest of all animals; separated from law and justice he is the worst.

- Aristotle

Morality is a private and costly luxury.

- Adams, Henry Brooks

Never let your sense of morals get in the way of doing what's right.

- Asimov, Isaac

Charles V. said that a man who knew four languages was worth four men; and Alexander the Great so valued learning, that he used to say he was more indebted to Aristotle for giving him knowledge that, than his father Philip for giving him life.

- Macaulay, Thomas B.

Alexander, Caesar, Charlemagne, and myself founded empires; but what foundation did we rest the creations of our genius? Upon force. Jesus Christ founded an empire upon love; and at this hour millions of men would die for Him.

- Bonaparte, Napoleon

Sex -- the great inequality, the great miscalculator, the great Irritator.

- Bagnold, Enid

A tomb now suffices him for whom the whole world was not sufficient.

- Alexander The Great

There is nothing impossible to him who will try.

- Alexander The Great

I am dying from the treatment of too many physicians.

- Alexander The Great

Remember upon the conduct of each depends the fate of all.

- Alexander The Great

The higher the building the lower the morals.

- Coward, Noel

My mind withdrew its thoughts from experience, extracting itself from the contradictory throng of sensuous images, that it might find out what that light was wherein it was bathed.... And thus, with the flash of one hurried glance, it attained to the vision of That

Which Is.

- Augustine, St.

Faith is to believe what we do not see; and the reward of this faith is to see what we believe.

- Augustine, St.

If two friends ask you to judge a dispute, don't accept, because you will lose one friend; on the other hand, if two strangers come with the same request, accept because you will gain one friend.

- Augustine, St.

It was pride that changed angels into devils; it is humility that makes men as angels.

- Augustine, St.

If we live good lives, the times are also good. As we are, such are the times.

- Augustine, St.

God loves each of us as if there were only one of us.

- Augustine, St.

My great hope is to laugh as much as I cry; to get my work done and try to love somebody and have the courage to accept the love in return.

- Angelou, Maya

Hope is the expectation that something outside of ourselves, something or someone external, is going to come to our rescue and we will live happily ever after.

- Anthony, Dr. Robert

Before you give up hope, turn back and read the attacks that were made on Lincoln.

- Barton, Bruce

The question of sexual dominance can exist only in the nightmare of that soul which has armed itself, totally, against the possibility of the changing motion of conquest and surrender, which is love.

- Baldwin, James

For once you must try not to shirk the facts: mankind is kept alive by bestial acts.

- Brecht, Bertolt

If it weren't for pickpockets, I'd have no sex life at all.

- Dangerfield, Rodney

The act of sex, gratifying as it may be, is God's joke on humanity. It is man's last desperate stand at superintendency.

- Davis, Bette

Women's Liberation calls it enslavement but the real truth about the sexual revolution is that it has made of sex an almost chaotically limitless and therefore unmanageable realm in the life of women.

- Decter, Midge

You can't remember sex. You can remember the fact of it, and recall the setting, and even the details, but the sex of the sex cannot be remembered, the substantive truth of it, it is by nature self-erasing, you can remember its anatomy and be left with a judgment as to the degree of your liking of it, but whatever it is as a splurge of being, as a loss, as a charge of the conviction of love stopping your heart like your execution, there is no memory of it in the brain, only the deduction that it happened and that time passed, leaving you with a silhouette that you want to fill in again.

- Doctorow, E. L.

We may encounter many defeats but we must not be defeated.

- Angelou, Maya

The sadness of the women's movement is that they don't allow the necessity of love. See, I don't personally trust any revolution where love is not allowed.

- Angelou, Maya

I love to see a young girl go out and grab the world by the lapels. Life's a bitch. You've got to go out and kick ass.

- Angelou, Maya

We allow our ignorance to prevail upon us and make us think we can survive alone, alone in patches, alone in groups, alone in races, even alone in genders.

- Angelou, Maya

My life has been one great big joke, a dance that's walked a song that's spoke, I laugh so hard I almost choke when I think about myself.

- Angelou, Maya

Life loves to be taken by the lapel and told: I'm with you kid. Let's go.

- Angelou, Maya

We're all of us sentenced to solitary confinement inside our own skins, for life!

- Williams, Tennessee

You must not lose faith in humanity. Humanity is an ocean; if a few drops of the ocean are dirty, the ocean does not become dirty.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

When I despair, I remember that all through history the way of truth and love has always won. There have been tyrants and murderers and for a time they seem invincible but in the end, they always fall -- think of it, ALWAYS.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Faith must be enforced by reason. When faith becomes blind it dies.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

I claim to be an average man of less than average ability. I have not the shadow of a doubt that any man or woman can achieve what I have, if he or she would make the same effort and cultivate the same hope and faith.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Non-cooperation with evil is as much a duty as is cooperation with good.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Hatred can be overcome only by love.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

If I had no sense of humor, I would long ago have committed suicide.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Purity of mind and idleness are incompatible.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

I have also seen children successfully surmounting the effects of an evil inheritance. That is due to purity being an inherent attribute of the soul.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

A man who was completely innocent, offered himself as a sacrifice for the good of others, including his enemies, and became the ransom of the world. It was a perfect act.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

I suppose leadership at one time meant muscles; but today it means getting along with people.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

There is more to life than simply increasing its speed.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Anger and intolerance are the twin enemies of correct understanding.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

A coward is incapable of exhibiting love; it is the prerogative of the brave.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Whenever you are confronted with an opponent. Conquer him with love.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

I first learned the concepts of non-violence in my marriage.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Poverty is the worst form of violence.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Prayer is not an old woman's idle amusement. Properly understood and applied, it is the most potent instrument of action.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

An eye for eye only ends up making the whole world blind.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

There are limits to self-indulgence, none to restraint.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

The mice which helplessly find themselves between the cats teeth acquire no merit from

their enforced sacrifice.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

The history of the world is full of men who rose to leadership, by sheer force of self-confidence, bravery and tenacity.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Not to have control over the senses is like sailing in a rudderless ship, bound to break to pieces on coming in contact with the very first rock.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

They cannot take away our self-respect if we do not give it to them.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Interdependence is and ought to be as much the ideal of man as self-sufficiency. Man is a social being.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Whatever you do may seem insignificant, but it is most important that you do it.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

A man is the sum of his actions, of what he has done, of what he can do, Nothing else.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

A No uttered from deepest conviction is better and greater than a Yes merely uttered to please, or what is worse, to avoid trouble.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Be the change you want to see in the world.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Those who know how to think need no teachers.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Whenever you have truth it must be given with love, or the message and the messenger will be rejected.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Unity to be real must stand the severest strain without breaking.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

I object to violence because when it appears to do good, the good is only temporary; the evil it does is permanent.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

I have nothing new to teach the world. Truth and Non-violence are as old as the hills. All I have done is to try experiments in both on as vast a scale as I could.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

A vow is fixed and unalterable determination to do a thing, when such a determination is related to something noble which can only uplift the man who makes the resolve.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Your capacity to keep your vow will depend on the purity of your life.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Personally, I hold that a man, who deliberately and intelligently takes a pledge and then breaks it, forfeits his manhood.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Morality is contraband in war.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Strength does not come from physical capacity. It comes from an indomitable will.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

It is unwise to be too sure of one's own wisdom. It is healthy to be reminded that the strongest might weaken and the wisest might err.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

There is nothing that wastes the body like worry, and one who has any faith in God should be ashamed to worry about anything whatsoever.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Adaptability is not imitation. It means power of resistance and assimilation.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

To believe in something, and not to live it, is dishonest.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

You can chain me, you can torture me, you can even destroy this body, but you will never imprison my mind.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

The greatness of a nation can be judged by the way its animals are treated.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Fear has its use but cowardice has none.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Cowards can never be moral.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

Culture of the mind must be subservient to the heart.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

No culture can live if it attempts to be exclusive.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

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

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

- Twain, Mark

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

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

- Twain, Mark

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

- 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

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

There is nothing so annoying as a good example!!

- Twain, Mark

I have never taken any exercise except sleeping and resting.

- Twain, Mark

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

- Twain, Mark

Adam was the luckiest man; he had no mother-in-law.

- Twain, Mark

He does not care for flowers. Calls them rubbish, and cannot tell one from another, and thinks it is superior to feel like that.

- Twain, Mark

I was young and foolish then; now I am old and foolisher.

- Twain, Mark

It is better to keep your mouth closed and let people think you are a fool than to open it and remove all doubt.

- Twain, Mark

Forgiveness is the fragrance the violet sheds on the heel that has crushed it.

- Twain, Mark

Grief can take care of itself; but to get the full value of a joy you must have somebody to divide it with.

- Twain, Mark

A man's friendships are one of the best measures of his worth.

- Darwin, Charles R.

I love fools experiments. I am always making them.

- Darwin, Charles R.

A man who dares to waste one hour of his life has not discovered the value of life.

- Darwin, Charles R.

It is not the strongest of the species that survive, nor the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change.

- Darrow, Clarence

He liked to like people, therefore people liked him.

- Twain, Mark

The public is the only critic whose opinion is worth anything at all.

- Twain, Mark

Rare as is true love, true friendship is rarer.

- La Fontaine, Jean De

Hope is the companion of power, and mother of success; for who so hopes strongly has within him the gift of miracles.

- Smiles, Samuel

Hope is the best possession. None are completely wretched but those who are without hope. Few are reduced so low as that.

- Hazlitt, William

I would rather entertain and hope that people learned something than educate people and hope they were entertained.

- Disney, Walt

Of all the forces that make for a better world, none is so indispensable, none so powerful, as hope. Without hope men are only half alive. With hope they dream and think and work.

- Sawyer, Charles

Always remember, others may hate you, but those who hate you don't win unless you hate them-and then you destroy yourself.

- Nixon, Richard M.

Every guest hates the others, and the host hates them all.

- Proverb, Albanian

Beauty is the wisdom of women. Wisdom is the beauty of men.

- Proverb, Chinese

Good people are good because they've come to wisdom through failure. We get very little wisdom from success, you know.

- Saroyan, William

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

Fashion your life as a garland of beautiful deeds.

- Buddha

There is nothing more dreadful than the habit of doubt. Doubt separates people. It is a poison that disintegrates friendships and breaks up pleasant relations. It is a thorn that irritates and hurts; it is a sword that kills.

- Buddha

The Buddhas do but tell the way; it is for you to swelter at the task.

- Buddha

Endurance is one of the most difficult disciplines, but it is to the one who endures that the final victory comes.

- Buddha

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

- Buddha

I reached in experience the nirvana which is unborn, unrivalled, secure from attachment, undecaying and unstained. This condition is indeed reached by me which is deep, difficult to see, difficult to understand, tranquil, excellent, beyond the reach of mere logic, subtle, and to be realized only by the wise.

- Buddha

When one has the feeling of dislike for evil, when one feels tranquil, one finds pleasure in listening to good teachings; when one has these feelings and appreciates them, one is free of fear.

- 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

The rule of friendship means there should be mutual sympathy between them, each supplying what the other lacks and trying to benefit the other, always using friendly and sincere words.

- Buddha

A good friend who points out mistakes and imperfections and rebukes evil is to be respected as if he reveals a secret of hidden treasure.

- Buddha

Thousands of candles can be lighted from a single candle, and the life of the candle will not be shortened. Happiness never decreases by being shared.

- Buddha

Never in this world can hatred be stilled by hatred; it will be stilled only by non-hatred -- this is the law of eternal.

- Buddha

Hatred does not cease by hatred, but only by love; this is the eternal rule.

- Buddha

On life's journey faith is nourishment, virtuous deeds are a shelter, wisdom is the light by day and right mindfulness is the protection by night. If a man lives a pure life, nothing can

destroy him.

- Buddha

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

- Buddha

Anger will never disappear so long as thoughts of resentment are cherished in the mind. Anger will disappear just as soon as thoughts of resentment are forgotten.

- Buddha

Holding on to anger is like grasping a hot coal with the intent of throwing it at someone else; you are the one getting burned.

- Buddha

The way is not in the sky. The way is in the heart.

- Buddha

It is wrong to think that misfortunes come from the east or from the west; they originate within one's own mind. Therefore, it is foolish to guard against misfortunes from the external world and leave the inner mind uncontrolled.

- Buddha

'He insulted me, he cheated me, he beat me, he robbed me' -- those who are free of

resentful thoughts surely find peace.

- Buddha

The secret of health for both mind and body is not to mourn for the past, not to worry about the future, or not to anticipate troubles, but to live in the present moment wisely and earnestly.

- Buddha

You yourself, as much as anybody in the entire universe, deserve your love and affection.

- Buddha

Work out your own salvation. Do not depend on others.

- Buddha

Believe nothing merely because you have been told it. Do not believe what your teacher tells you merely out of respect for the teacher. But whatsoever, after due examination and analysis, you find to be kind, conducive to the good, the benefit, the welfare of all beings -- that doctrine believe and cling to, and take it as your guide.

- Buddha

Everything changes, nothing remains without change.

- Buddha

Temperance is a tree which as for its root very little contentment, and for its fruit calm and peace.

- Buddha

Let the wise guard their thoughts, which are difficult to perceive, extremely subtle, and wander at will. Thought which is well guarded is the bearer of happiness.

- Buddha

We are formed and molded by our thoughts. Those whose minds are shaped by selfless thoughts give joy when they speak or act. Joy follows them like a shadow that never leaves them.

- Buddha

What we are today comes from our thoughts of yesterday, and our present thoughts build our life of tomorrow: Our life is the creation of our mind.

- Buddha

Believe nothing, no matter where you read it, or who said it, no matter if I have said it, unless it agrees with your own reason and your own common sense.

- Buddha

Be vigilant; guard your mind against negative thoughts.

- Buddha

They are not following dharma who resort to violence to achieve their purpose. But those who lead others through nonviolent means, knowing right and wrong, may be called guardians of the dharma.

- Buddha

Follow then the shining ones, the wise, the awakened, the loving, for they know how to work and forbear.

- Buddha

As irrigators lead water where they want, as archers make their arrows straight, as carpenters carve wood, the wise shape their minds.

- Buddha

It is better to conquer yourself than to win a thousand battles. Then the victory is yours. It cannot be taken from you, not by angels or by demons, heaven or hell.

- Buddha

The preservation of life seems to be rather a slogan than a genuine goal of the anti-abortion forces; what they want is control. Control over behavior: power over women. Women in the anti-choice movement want to share in male power over women, and do so by denying their own womanhood, their own rights and responsibilities.

- Guin, Ursula K. Le

Yes, I do touch. I believe that everyone needs that

- Diana, Princess of Wales

I love to hold people's hands when I visit hospitals, even though they are shocked because they haven't experienced anything like it before, but to me it is a normal thing to do.

- Diana, Princess of Wales

I think the biggest disease this world suffers fromis people feeling unloved.

- Diana, Princess of Wales

It's not sissy to show your feeling.

- Diana, Princess of Wales

Zeal without humanity is like a ship without a rudder, liable to be stranded at any moment.

- Felltham, Owen

Never let your zeal outrun your charity. The former is but human, the latter is divine.

- Ballou, Hosea

Zeal without knowledge is fire without light.

- Fuller, Thomas

Return to the root and you will find the meaning.

- Seng-Ts'an

The perfect way is without difficulty, for it avoids picking and choosing. Only when you stop liking and disliking will all be clearly understood. Be not concerned with right or wrong, for the conflict between right and wrong is the sickness of the mind.

- Seng-Ts'an

Seek not to understand that you may believe, but believe that you may understand.

- Augustine, St.

Understanding brings control.

- Bonewitz

The valor that struggles is better than the weakness that endures.

- Hegel, Georg

Distressed valor challenges great respect, even from an enemy.

- Plutarch

To say that a man is vain means merely that he is pleased with the effect he produces on other people. A conceited man is satisfied with the effect he produces on himself.

- Beerbohm, Sir Max

Most people dislike vanity in others, whatever share they have of it themselves; but I give it fair quarter, wherever I meet with it, being persuaded that it is often productive of good to the possessor, and to others who are within his sphere of action: and therefore, in many cases, it would not be altogether absurd if a man were to thank God for his vanity among the other comforts of life.

- Franklin, Benjamin

The vanity of loving fine clothes and new fashion, and placing value on ourselves by them is one of the most childish pieces of folly.

- Hale, Sir Matthew

Vengeance has no foresight.

- Bonaparte, Napoleon

Nothing is more costly, nothing is more sterile, than vengeance.

- Churchill, Winston

The object of art is to crystallize emotion into thought and then give it form.

- Delsarte

The noblest vengeance is to forgive.

- Proverb

Is it to be thought unreasonable that the people, in atonement for wrongs of a century, demand the vengeance of a single day?

- Robespierre, Maximilien

Alas, human vices, however horrible one might imagine them to be, contain the proof (were it only in their infinite expansion) of man's longing for the infinite; but it is a longing that often takes the wrong route. It is my belief that the reason behind all culpable excesses lies in this depravation of the sense of the infinite.

- Baudelaire, Charles

It is an infantile superstition of the human spirit that virginity would be thought a virtue and not the barrier that separates ignorance from knowledge.

- Voltaire

Evil is done without effort, naturally, it is the working of fate; good is always the product of an art.

- Baudelaire, Charles

Genius is no more than childhood recaptured at will, childhood equipped now with man's physical means to express itself, and with the analytical mind that enables it to bring order into the sum of experience, involuntarily amassed.

- Baudelaire, Charles

As a remedy against all ills; poverty, sickness, and melancholy only one thing is absolutely necessary; a liking for work.

- Baudelaire, Charles

Every idea is endowed of itself with immortal life, like a human being. All created form, even that which is created by man, is immortal. For form is independent of matter: molecules do not constitute form.

- Baudelaire, Charles

To the living we owe respect, but to the dead we owe only the truth.

- Voltaire

Doctors are men who prescribe medicines of which they know little, to cure diseases of which they know less, in human beings of whom they know nothing.

- Voltaire

I know of nothing more laughable than a doctor who does not die of old age.

- Voltaire

In my life, I have prayed but one prayer: oh Lord, make my enemies ridiculous. And God granted it.

- Voltaire

All people are equal, it is not birth, it is virtue alone that makes the difference.

- Voltaire

As long as people believe in absurdities they will continue to commit atrocities.

- Voltaire

Exaggeration is the inseparable companion of greatness.

- Voltaire

I have three phobias which, could I mute them, would make my life as slick as a sonnet, but as dull as ditch water: I hate to go to bed, I hate to get up, and I hate to be alone.

- Bankhead, Tallulah

The anguish of the neurotic individual is the same as that of the saint. The neurotic, the saint are engaged in the same battle. Their blood flows from similar wounds. But the first one gasps and the other one gives.

- Bataille, Georges

Oh the nerves, the nerves; the mysteries of this machine called man! Oh the little that unhinges it, poor creatures that we are!

- Dickens, Charles

If you realized how powerful your thoughts are, you would never think a negative thought.

- Pilgrim, Peace

People deal too much with the negative, with what is wrong. Why not try and see positive things, to just touch those things and make them bloom?

- Thích Nhat Hanh

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