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As long as I have a want, I have a reason for living. Satisfaction is death.

- Shaw, George Bernard

When a stupid man is doing something he is ashamed of, he always declares that it is his duty.

- Shaw, George Bernard

What we call education and culture is for the most part nothing but the substitution of reading for experience, of literature for life, of the obsolete fictitious for the contemporary real.

- Shaw, George Bernard

If you must hold yourself up to your children as an object lesson, hold yourself up as a warning and not an example.

- Shaw, George Bernard

He didn't dare to, because his father had a weak heart and habitually threatened to drop dead if anybody hurt his feelings. You may have noticed that people with weak hearts are the tyrants of English married life.

- Shaw, George Bernard

What really flatters a man is that you think him worth flattering.

- Shaw, George Bernard

There is no love sincerer than the love of food.

- Shaw, George Bernard

Do not do unto others as you would that they should do unto you. Their tastes may not be the same.

- Shaw, George Bernard

Here there is no hope, and consequently no duty, no work, nothing to be gained by praying, nothing to be lost by doing what you like. Hell, in short, is a place where you have nothing to do but amuse yourself.

- Shaw, George Bernard

Liberty means responsibility. That is why most men dread it.

- Shaw, George Bernard

Beauty is all very well at first sight; but whoever looks at it when it has been in the house three days?

- Shaw, George Bernard

We sing in a church, why can we not dance there?

- Shaw, George Bernard

Youth is such a wonderful thing. What a crime to waste it on children.

- Shaw, George Bernard

The only man I know who behaves sensibly is my tailor; he takes my measurements anew each time he sees me. The rest go on with their old measurements and expect me to fit them.

- Shaw, George Bernard

There are two tragedies in life. One is not to get your heart's desire. The other is to get it.

- Shaw, George Bernard

I was a freethinker before I knew how to think.

- Shaw, George Bernard

He who can, does. He who cannot, teaches.

- Shaw, George Bernard

Ladies and gentleman are permitted to have friends in the kennel, but not in the kitchen.

- Shaw, George Bernard

I often quote myself. It adds spice to my conversation.

- Shaw, George Bernard

The test of a man or woman's breeding is how they behave in a quarrel.

- Shaw, George Bernard

First love is only a little foolishness and a lot of curiosity: no really self-respecting woman would take advantage of it.

- Shaw, George Bernard

The only thing to do with good advice is to pass it on. It is never of any use to oneself.

- Wilde, Oscar

Democracy means simply the bludgeoning of the people by the people for the people.

- 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

The advantage of the emotions is that they lead us astray.

- Wilde, Oscar

Examinations, sir, are pure humbug from beginning to end. If a man is a gentleman, he knows quite enough, and if he is not a gentleman, whatever he knows is bad for him.

- 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

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

A true gentleman is one who is never unintentionally rude.

- Wilde, Oscar

America had often been discovered before Columbus, but it had always been hushed up.

- Wilde, Oscar

To be good, according to the vulgar standard of goodness, is obviously quite easy. It merely requires a certain amount of sordid terror, a certain lack of imaginative thought, and a certain low passion for middle-class respectability.

- Wilde, Oscar

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

- Wilde, Oscar

The husbands of very beautiful women belong to the criminal classes.

- Wilde, Oscar

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

- Wilde, Oscar

Love is composed of a single soul inhabiting two bodies.

- Aristotle

Bad manners make a journalist.

- Wilde, Oscar

A kiss may ruin a human life.

- Wilde, Oscar

I am not young enough to know everything.

- Wilde, Oscar

There are only two kinds of people who are really fascinating --people who know absolutely everything, and people who know absolutely nothing.

- Wilde, Oscar

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

- Wilde, Oscar

It is only shallow people who do not judge by appearances. The true mystery of the world is the visible, not the invisible.

- Wilde, Oscar

Arguments are to be avoided; they are always vulgar and often convincing.

- 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

One should always be in love. That is the reason one should never marry.

- Wilde, Oscar

When a man has once loved a woman, he will do anything for her, except continue to love her.

- Wilde, Oscar

There's nothing in the world like the devotion of a married woman. It's a thing no married man knows anything about.

- Wilde, Oscar

When a woman marries again it is because she detested her first husband. When a man marries again it is because he adored his first wife. Women try their luck; men risk theirs.

- Wilde, Oscar

Long engagements give people the opportunity of finding out each other's character before marriage, which is never advisable.

- Wilde, Oscar

My experience is that as soon as people are old enough to know better, they don't know anything at all.

- Wilde, Oscar

Between men and women there is no friendship possible. There is passion, enmity, worship, love, but no friendship.

- 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

When I was young I used to think that money was the most important thing in life; now that I am old, I know it is.

- 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

Of course the music is a great difficulty. You see, if one plays good music, people don't listen, and if one plays bad music people don't talk.

- Wilde, Oscar

Musical people are so absurdly unreasonable. They always want one to be perfectly dumb at the very moment when one is longing to be absolutely deaf.

- Wilde, Oscar

No work of art ever puts forward views. Views belong to people who are not artists.

- Wilde, Oscar

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

- Proverb, Albanian

A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops.

- Adams, Henry Brooks

It's easier traveling the road of life when I don't have so much to carry on my back.

- Mitchell, Silas Weir

Then sing, young hearts that are full of cheer, with never a thought of sorrow; the old goes out, but the glad young year comes merrily in tomorrow.

- Miller, Emily

Nature has no mercy at all. Nature says, I'm going to snow. If you have on a bikini and no snowshoes, that's tough. I am going to snow anyway.

- Angelou, Maya

A pessimist is one who, when he has the choice of two evils, chooses both.

- Wilde, Oscar

Men marry because they are tired; women, because they are curious; both are disappointed.

- Wilde, Oscar

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

The fact is, you have fallen lately, Cecily, into a bad habit of thinking for yourself. You should give it up. It is not quite womanly... men don't like it.

- Wilde, Oscar

The condition of perfection is idleness: the aim of perfection is youth.

- Wilde, Oscar

No great artist ever sees things as they really are, if he did he would cease to be an artist.

- Wilde, Oscar

Bad artists always admire each other's work. They call it being large-minded and free from prejudice. But a truly great artist cannot conceive of life being shown, or beauty fashioned, under any conditions other than those he has selected.

- Wilde, Oscar

I dislike modern memoirs. They are generally written by people who have either entirely lost their memories, or have never done anything worth remembering.

- Wilde, Oscar

Nowadays, all the married men live like bachelors, and all the bachelors like married men.

- Wilde, Oscar

One can only give an unbiased opinion about things that do not interest one, which is no

doubt the reason an unbiased opinion is always valueless. The man who sees both sides of a question is a man who sees absolutely nothing.

- Wilde, Oscar

He to whom the present is the only thing that is present, knows nothing of the age in which he lives.

- Wilde, Oscar

Skepticism is the beginning of Faith.

- Wilde, Oscar

Patriotism is a lively sense of collective responsibility. Nationalism is a silly cock crowing on its own dunghill and calling for larger spurs and brighter beaks. I fear that nationalism is one of England's many spurious gifts to the world.

- Aldington, Richard

It is a well-known fact that we always recognize our homeland when we are about to lose it.

- Camus, Albert

Without country you have neither name, token, voice, nor rights, no admission as brothers into the fellowship of the Peoples. You are the bastards of Humanity. Soldiers without a banner, Israelites among the nations, you will find neither faith nor protection; none will be sureties for you. Do not beguile yourselves with the hope of emancipation from unjust

social conditions if you do not first conquer a Country for yourselves.

- Mazzini, Giuseppe

Nationalism is power hunger tempered by self-deception.

- Orwell, George

Put an Irishman on the spit and you can always get another Irishman to turn him.

- Shaw, George Bernard

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

Men always want to be a woman's first love. Women have a more subtle instinct: What they like is to be a man's last romance.

- Wilde, Oscar

Everybody who is incapable of learning has taken to teaching.

- Wilde, Oscar

The strength of women comes from the fact that psychology cannot explain us. Men can be analyzed, women merely adored.

- Wilde, Oscar

Women are never disarmed by compliments. Men always are. That is the difference between the two sexes.

- Wilde, Oscar

If you want to tell people the truth, make them laugh, otherwise they'll kill you.

- Wilde, Oscar

Lord, let me live until I die.

- Rogers, Will

For he who lives more lives than one: More deaths than one must die.

- Wilde, Oscar

She wore far too much rouge last night and not quite enough clothes. That is always a sign of despair in a woman.

- Wilde, Oscar

Discontent is the first step in the progress of a man or a nation.

- Wilde, Oscar

Oh, duty is what one expects from others, it is not what one does oneself.

- Wilde, Oscar

Nothing is so dangerous as being too modern; one is apt to grow old fashioned quite suddenly.

- Wilde, Oscar

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