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The lonely one offers his hand too quickly to whomever he encounters.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

A woman may very well form a friendship with a man, but for this to endure, it must be assisted by a little physical antipathy.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Is man one of God's blunders or is God one of man's blunders?

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

In Heaven all the interesting people are missing.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

He that humbleth himself wishes to be exalted.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

The idealist is incorrigible: if he is thrown out of his heaven he makes an ideal of his hell.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

You have your way. I have my way. As for the right way, the correct way, and the only way, it does not exist.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Insanity in individuals is something rare -- but in groups, parties, nations, and epochs it is the rule.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

One receives as reward for much ennui, despondency, boredom --such as a solitude without friends, books, duties, passions must bring with it --those quarter-hours of profoundest contemplation within oneself and nature. He who completely entrenches himself against boredom also entrenches himself against himself: he will never get to drink the strongest refreshing draught from his own innermost fountain.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

The word Christianity is already a misunderstanding -- in reality there has been only one Christian, and he died on the Cross.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Not by wrath does one kill, but by laughter.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

The most common lie is that which one lies to himself; lying to others is relatively an exception.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

I fear animals regard man as a creature of their own kind which has in a highly dangerous fashion lost its healthy animal reason -- as the mad animal, as the laughing animal, as the weeping animal, as the unhappy animal.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

The aphorism in which I am the first master among Germans, are the forms of eternity; my ambition is to say in ten sentences what everyone else says in a book -- what everyone else does not say in a book.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

In the mountains the shortest route is from peak to peak, but for that you must have long legs. Aphorisms should be peaks: and those to whom they are spoken should be big and tall of stature.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

One often contradicts an opinion when what is uncongenial is really the tone in which it was conveyed.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Love is a state in which a man sees things most decidedly as they are not.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Madness is something rare in individuals -- but in groups, parties, peoples, ages it is the rule.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

The best friend is likely to acquire the best wife, because a good marriage is based on the talent for friendship.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

The true man wants two things: danger and play. For that reason he wants woman, as the most dangerous plaything.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

For the woman, the man is a means: the end is always the child.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Arrogance on the part of the meritorious is even more offensive to us than the arrogance of those without merit: for merit itself is offensive.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Morality is the herd-instinct in the individual.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Not when truth is dirty, but when it is shallow, does the enlightened man dislike to wade into its waters.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Altered opinions do not alter a man's character (or do so very little); but they do illuminate individual aspects of the constellation of his personality which with a different constellation of opinions had hitherto remained dark and unrecognizable.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

We would not let ourselves be burned to death for our opinions: we are not sure enough of them for that. But perhaps for the right to have our opinions and to change them.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Everyone who has ever built anywhere a new heaven first found the power thereto in his own hell.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

The philosopher believes that the value of his philosophy lies in the whole, in the building: posterity discovers it in the bricks with which he built and which are then often used again for better building: in the fact, that is to say, that building can be destroyed and nonetheless possess value as material.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

We must be physicists in order to be creative since so far codes of values and ideals have

been constructed in ignorance of physics or even in contradiction to physics.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

We have art in order not to die of the truth.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

In every ascetic morality man worships a part of himself as God and for that he needs to diabolize the other part.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

So long as you are praised think only that you are not yet on your own path but on that of another.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Undeserved praise causes more pangs of conscience later than undeserved blame, but probably only for this reason, that our power of judgment are more completely exposed by being over praised than by being unjustly underestimated.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Idleness is the parent of psychology.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Distrust everyone in whom the impulse to punish is powerful!

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

To forget one's purpose is the commonest form of stupidity.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

He who has a strong enough why can bear almost any how.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

After coming into contact with a religious man I always feel I must wash my hands.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

You gave him an opportunity of showing greatness of character and he did not seize it. He will never forgive you for that.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

He who cannot obey himself will be commanded. That is the nature of living creatures.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Great intellects are skeptical.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

The man loves danger and sport. That is why he loves woman, the most dangerous of all sports.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

The best weapon against an enemy is another enemy.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

To give style to one's character -- a great and rare art! He exercises it who surveys all that his nature presents in strength and weakness and then moulds it to an artistic plan until everything appears as art and reason, and even the weaknesses delight the eye.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Beggars should be entirely abolished! Truly, it is annoying to give to them and annoying not to give to them.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

The worst readers are those who behave like plundering troops: they take away a few things they can use, dirty and confound the remainder, and revile the whole.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Early in the morning, at break of day, in all the freshness and dawn of one's strength, to read a book --I call that vicious!

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Only the most acute and active animals are capable of boredom. -- A theme for a great

poet would be God's boredom on the seventh day of creation.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Against boredom the gods themselves fight in vain.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Convictions are more dangerous enemies of truth than lies.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

It is always consoling to think of suicide: in that way one gets through many a bad night.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

When one does away with oneself one does the most estimable thing possible: one thereby almost deserves to live.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

When one has much to put into them, a day has a hundred pockets.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

The more abstract the truth you want to teach, the more thoroughly you must seduce the senses to accept it.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Mystical explanations are considered deep. The truth is that they are not even superficial.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

What is the vanity of the vainest man compared with the vanity which the most modest possesses when, in the midst of nature and the world, he feels himself to be man!

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

All truly great thoughts are conceived by walking.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

There is more wisdom in your body than in your deepest philosophy.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Wit is the epitaph of an emotion.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

The growth of wisdom may be gauged exactly by the diminution of ill temper.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Of all that is written, I love only what a person has written with his own blood.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Wherever there are walls I shall inscribe this eternal accusation against Christianity upon

them -- I can write in letters which make even the blind see. I call Christianity the one great curse, the one great intrinsic depravity, the one great instinct for revenge for which no expedient is sufficiently poisonous, secret, subterranean, petty -- I call it the one immortal blemish of mankind.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Two great European narcotics, alcohol and Christianity.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Christianity makes suffering contagious.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

To exercise power costs effort and demands courage. That is why so many fail to assert rights to which they are perfectly entitled -- because a right is a kind of power but they are too lazy or too cowardly to exercise it. The virtues which cloak these faults are called patience and forbearance.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

The surest way to corrupt a youth is to instruct him to hold in higher esteem those who think alike than those who think differently.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Again and again I am brought up against it, and again and again I resist it: I don't want to believe it, even though it is almost palpable: the vast majority lack an intellectual

conscience; indeed, it often seems to me that to demand such a thing is to be in the most populous cities as solitary as in the desert.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

The desire to create continually is vulgar and betrays jealousy, envy, ambition. If one is something one really does not need to make anything --and one nonetheless does very much. There exists above the productive man a yet higher species.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

One should die proudly when it is no longer possible to live proudly.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Star friendship.â€” We were friends and have become estranged. But this was right, and we do not want to conceal and obscure it from ourselves as if we had reason to feel ashamed. We are two ships each of which has its goal and course; our paths may cross and we may celebrate a feast together, as we didâ€”and then the good ships rested so quietly in one harbor and one sunshine that it may have looked as if they had reached their goal and as if they had one goal. But then the almighty force of our tasks drove us apart again into different seas and sunny zones, and perhaps we shall never see one another again,â€”perhaps we shall meet again but fail to recognize each other: our exposure to different seas and suns has changed us! That we have to become estranged is the law above us: by the same token we should also become more venerable for each other! And thus the memory of our former friendship should become more sacred! There is probably a tremendous but invisible stellar orbit in which our very different ways and goals may be included as small parts of this path,â€”let us rise up to this thought! But our

life is too short and our power of vision too small for us to be more than friends in the sense of this sublime possibility.â€” Let us then believe in our star friendship even if we should be compelled to be earth enemies.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

I'm not upset that you lied to me, I'm upset that from now on I can't believe you!

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

The penalty for success is to be bored by people who used to snub you.

- Astor, Lady Nancy

Boredom is like a pitiless zooming in on the epidermis of time. Every instant is dilated and magnified like the pores of the face.

- Baudrillard, Jean

Perhaps the world's second worst crime is boredom. The first is being a bore.

- Beaton, Sir Cecil

Bore -- a person who talks when you wish him to listen.

- Bierce, Ambrose

Everyone is a bore to someone. That is unimportant. The things to avoid is being a bore to oneself.

- Brenan, Gerald

A yawn is a silent shout.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

Let them hate, so long as they fear.

- Accius

Power always thinks it has a great soul and vast views beyond the comprehension of the weak.

- Adams, John

The man whose authority is recent is always stern.

- Aeschylus

Power is not only what you have but what the enemy thinks you have.

- Alinsky, Saul

Power tires only those who do not have it.

- Andreotti, Giulio

Give me a lever long enough, and a prop strong enough, I can single-handed move the world.

- Archimedes

A word after a word after a word is power.

- Atwood, Margaret

If you are distressed by anything external, the pain is not due to the thing itself but to your own estimate of it; and this you have the power to revoke at any moment.

- Aurelius, Marcus

Power is not revealed by striking hard or often, but by striking true.

- Balzac, Honore De

If the devil could be persuaded to write a bible, he would title it, You Only Live Once.

- Harris, Sidney J.

The devil tempts all men, but idle men tempt the devil.

- Proverb, Arabian

The devil is a better theologian than any of us and is a devil still.

- Tozer, A. W.

Evil spelled backward is live.

- Unknown, Source

The belief in a supernatural source of evil is not necessary; men alone are quite capable of every wickedness.

- Conrad, Joseph

The pious pretence that evil does not exist only makes it vague, enormous and menacing.

- Crowley, Aleister

No evil dooms us hopelessly except the evil we love, and desire to continue in, and make no effort to escape from.

- Eliot, George

There is hardly a man clever enough to recognize the full extent of the evil he does.

- La Rochefoucauld, Francois De

We often do good in order that we may do evil with impunity.

- La Rochefoucauld, Francois De

This is the very worst wickedness, that we refuse to acknowledge the passionate evil that is in us. This makes us secret and rotten.

- Lawrence, D. H.

When you choose the lesser of two evils, always remember that it is still an evil.

- Lerner, Max

My mother's obsession with the good scissors always scared me a bit. It implied that somewhere in the house there lurked: the evil scissors.

- Martin, Tony

There is no explanation for evil. It must be looked upon as a necessary part of the order of the universe. To ignore it is childish, to bewail it senseless.

- Maugham, W. Somerset

Nothing baffles the schemes of evil people so much as the calm composure of great souls.

- Mirabeau, Gabriel Riqueti

The vices we scoff at in others, laugh at us within ourselves.

- Brown, Thomas Edward

The function of vice is to keep virtue within reasonable bounds.

- Butler, Samuel

Half the vices which the world condemns most loudly have seeds of good in them and require moderated use rather than total abstinence.

- Butler, Samuel

Every day confirms my opinion on the superiority of a vicious life -- and if Virtue is not its own reward I don't know any other stipend annexed to it.

- Byron, Lord

Vices are sometimes only virtues carried to excess!

- Dickens, Charles

What's vice today may be virtue, tomorrow.

- Fielding, Henry

The vices of some men are magnificent.

- Lamb, Charles

It has been my experience that folks who have no vices have very few virtues.

- Lincoln, Abraham

He who hates vice hates men.

- Morley, John

No exile at the South Pole or on the summit of Mont Blanc separates us more effectively from others than the practice of a hidden vice.

- Proust, Marcel

Here am I: at one stroke incestuous, adulteress, sodomite, and all that in a girl who only lost her maidenhead today! What progress, my friends... with what rapidity I advance along the thorny road of vice!

- Sade, Marquis De

The virtue of some people consists wholly in condemning the vices in others.

- Samuel, Herbert

I have not a particle of confidence in a man who has no redeeming vices.

- Twain, Mark

He who is plenteously provided for from within, needs but little from without.

- Goethe, Johann Wolfgang Von

We must not take the faults of our youth with us into old age, for age brings along its own defects.

- Goethe, Johann Wolfgang Von

Unlike grown ups, children have little need to deceive themselves.

- Goethe, Johann Wolfgang Von

We are never deceived; we deceive ourselves.

- Goethe, Johann Wolfgang Von

Ambition and love are the wings to great deeds.

- Goethe, Johann Wolfgang Von

While man's desires and aspirations stir he cannot choose but err.

- Goethe, Johann Wolfgang Von

I know that two and two make four -- and should be glad to prove it too if I could -- though I must say if by any sort of process I could convert 2 and 2 into five it would give me much greater pleasure.

- Byron, Lord

Math is like love -- a simple idea but it can get complicated.

- Drabek, R.

As far as the laws of mathematics refer to reality, they are not certain, and as far as they are certain, they do not refer to reality.

- Einstein, Albert

Mathematics may be compared to a mill of exquisite workmanship, which grinds your stuff to any degree of fineness; but, nevertheless, what you get out depends on what you put in; and as the grandest mill in the world will not extract wheat flour from peas cods, so

pages of formulae will not get a definite result out of loose data.

- Huxley, Thomas H.

Nobody before the Pythagorean had thought that mathematical relations held the secret of the universe. Twenty-five centuries later, Europe is still blessed and cursed with their heritage. To non-European civilizations, the idea that numbers are the key to both wisdom and power, seems never to have occurred.

- Koestler, Arthur

So-called professional mathematicians have, in their reliance on the relative incapacity of the rest of mankind, acquired for themselves a reputation for profundity very similar to the reputation for sanctity possessed by theologians.

- Lichtenberg, Georg C.

Mathematics may be defined as the subject in which we never know what we are talking about, nor whether what we are saying is true.

- Russell, Bertrand

Mathematicians are like Frenchmen: whatever you say to them they translate into their own language, and forthwith it is something entirely different.

- Goethe, Johann Wolfgang Von

Mathematics alone make us feel the limits of our intelligence. For we can always suppose in the case of an experiment that it is inexplicable because we don't happen to have all

the data. In mathematics we have all the data and yet we don't understand. We always come back to the contemplation of our human wretchedness. What force is in relation to our will, the impenetrable opacity of mathematics is in relation to our intelligence.

- Weil, Simone

God may not play dice with the universe, but something strange is going on with the prime numbers.

- Erdos, Paul

No lover, if he be of good faith, and sincere, will deny he would prefer to see his mistress dead than unfaithful.

- Sade, Marquis De

Lust is to the other passions what the nervous fluid is to life; it supports them all, lends strength to them all ambition, cruelty, avarice, revenge, are all founded on lust.

- Sade, Marquis De

Sex is as important as eating or drinking and we ought to allow the one appetite to be satisfied with as little restraint or false modesty as the other.

- Sade, Marquis De

To judge from the notions expounded by theologians, one must conclude that God created most men simply with a view to crowding hell.

- Sade, Marquis De

I've already told you: the only way to a woman's heart is along the path of torment. I know none other as sure.

- Sade, Marquis De

Get it into your head once and for all, my simple and very fainthearted fellow, that what fools call humanness is nothing but a weakness born of fear and egoism; that this chimerical virtue, enslaving only weak men, is unknown to those whose character is formed by stoicism, courage, and philosophy.

- Sade, Marquis De

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