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All men's misfortunes spring from their hatred of being alone.

- Bruyere, Jean De La

Isolation is the sum total of wretchedness to a man.

- Carlyle, Thomas

The eternal quest of the human being is to shatter his loneliness.

- Cousins, Norman

What makes loneliness an anguish is not that I have no one to share my burden, but this: I have only my own burden to bear.

- Hammarskjold, Dag

People are lonely because they build walls instead of bridges.

- Newton, Joseph Fort

Loneliness breaks the spirit.

- Proverb, Jewish

Of my friends I am the only one left.

- Terence

When people are lonely they stoop to any companionship.

- Wallace, Lew

When so many are lonely as seem to be lonely, it would be inexcusably selfish to be lonely alone.

- Williams, Tennessee

Where you used to be, there is a hole in the world, which I find myself constantly walking around in the daytime, and falling in at night. I miss you like hell.

- Millay, Edna St. Vincent

Our hours in love have wings; in absence, crutches.

- Cibber, Colley

Absence from whom we love is worse than death, and frustrates hope severer than despair.

- Cowper, William

Absence sharpens love, presence strengthens it.

- Fuller, Thomas

Separated lovers cheat absence by a thousand fancies which have their own reality. They are prevented from seeing one another and they cannot write; nevertheless they find countless mysterious ways of corresponding, by sending each other the song of birds, the scent of flowers, the laughter of children, the light of the sun, the sighing of the wind, and the gleam of the stars --all the beauties of creation.

- Hugo, Victor

Natural ability without education has more often raised a man to glory and virtue than education without natural ability.

- Cicero, Marcus T.

Ability without honor is useless.

- Cicero, Marcus T.

The really unhappy person is the one who leaves undone what they can do, and starts doing what they don't understand; no wonder they come to grief.

- Goethe, Johann Wolfgang Von

To know how to hide one's ability is great skill.

- La Rochefoucauld, Francois De

If an addict who has been completely cured starts smoking again he no longer

experiences the discomfort of his first addiction. There exists, therefore, outside alkaloids and habit, a sense for opium, an intangible habit which lives on, despite the recasting of the organism. The dead drug leaves a ghost behind. At certain hours it haunts the house.

- Cocteau, Jean

The moment we indulge our affections, the earth is metamorphosed, there is no winter and no night; all tragedies, all ennui s, vanish, all duties even.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

Affection, like melancholy, magnifies trifles; but the magnifying of the one is like looking through a telescope at heavenly objects; that of the other, like enlarging monsters with a microscope.

- Hunt, Leigh

A mixture of admiration and pity is one of the surest recipes for affection.

- Maurois, Andre

A slight touch of friendly malice and amusement towards those we love keeps our affections for them from turning flat.

- Smith, Logan Pearsall

There are people who, like houses, are beautiful in dilapidation.

- Smith, Logan Pearsall

I can't forgive my friends for dying; I don't find these vanishing acts of theirs at all amusing.

- Smith, Logan Pearsall

The old know what they want; the young are sad and bewildered.

- Smith, Logan Pearsall

There are two things to aim at in life: first, to get what you want; and, after that, to enjoy it. Only the wisest of mankind achieve the second.

- Smith, Logan Pearsall

What joy can the years bring half so sweet as the unhappiness they've taken away?

- Smith, Logan Pearsall

If you are losing your leisure, look out! You are losing your soul.

- Smith, Logan Pearsall

We need two kinds of acquaintances, one to complain to, while to the others we boast.

- Smith, Logan Pearsall

The mere process of growing old together will make the slightest acquaintance seem a bosom friend.

- Smith, Logan Pearsall

Then I though of reading -- the nice and subtle happiness of reading ... this joy not dulled by age, this polite and unpunishable vice, this selfish, serene, lifelong intoxication.

- Smith, Logan Pearsall

Strength is born in the deep silence of long-suffering hearts; not amid joy.

- Hemans, Felicia D.

No man is good enough to govern another man without that other's consent.

- Lincoln, Abraham

People who like this sort of thing will find this the sort of thing they like.

- Lincoln, Abraham

If I were two-faced, would I be wearing this one?

- Lincoln, Abraham

My great concern is not whether you have failed, but whether you are content with your failure.

- Lincoln, Abraham

When I do good, I feel good. When I do bad, I feel bad. And that's my religion.

- Lincoln, Abraham

Better to remain silent and be thought a fool, than to speak and remove all doubt.

- Lincoln, Abraham

The shepherd drives the wolf from the sheep's throat, for which the sheep thanks the shepherd as his liberator, while the wolf denounces him for the same act as the destroyer of liberty.

- Lincoln, Abraham

Those who deny freedom to others, deserve it not for themselves.

- Lincoln, Abraham

Whatever you are, be a good one.

- Lincoln, Abraham

A person will be just about as happy as they make up their minds to be.

- Lincoln, Abraham

Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power.

- Lincoln, Abraham

Property is the fruit of labor; property is desirable; it is a positive good in the world.

- Lincoln, Abraham

A universal feeling, whether well or ill founded, cannot be safely disregarded.

- Lincoln, Abraham

To sin by silence when they should protest makes cowards of men.

- Lincoln, Abraham

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

- Lincoln, Abraham

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