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Every one suspects himself of at least one of the cardinal virtues, and this is mine: I am one of the few honest people that I have ever known.

- Fitzgerald, F. Scott

To be thoroughly conversant with a man's heart, is to take our final lesson in the iron-clasped volume of despair.

- Poe, Edgar Allan

Those who dream by day are cognizant of many things which escape those who dream only by night.

- Poe, Edgar Allan

I became insane, with long intervals of horrible sanity.

- Poe, Edgar Allan

After reading all that has been written, and after thinking all that can be thought, on the topics of God and the soul, the man who has a right to say that he thinks at all, will find himself face to face with the conclusion that, on these topics, the most profound thought is that which can be the least easily distinguished from the most superficial sentiment.

- Poe, Edgar Allan

Only by joy and sorrow does a person know anything about themselves and their destiny. They learn what to do and what to avoid.

- Goethe, Johann Wolfgang Von

We know accurately only when we know little, with knowledge doubt increases.

- Goethe, Johann Wolfgang Von

All the knowledge I possess everyone else can acquire, but my heart is all my own.

- Goethe, Johann Wolfgang Von

Whenever I hear people talking about liberal ideas, I am always astounded that men should love to fool themselves with empty sounds. An idea should never be liberal; it must be vigorous, positive, and without loose ends so that it may fulfill its divine mission and be productive. The proper place for liberality is in the realm of the emotions.

- Goethe, Johann Wolfgang Von

Nothing is more terrible than to see ignorance in action.

- Goethe, Johann Wolfgang Von

What is my life if I am no longer useful to others.

- Goethe, Johann Wolfgang Von

To the person with a firm purpose all men and things are servants.

- Goethe, Johann Wolfgang Von

If you want a wise answer, ask a reasonable question.

- Goethe, Johann Wolfgang Von

Oh how sweet it is to hear one's own convictions from another's lips.

- Goethe, Johann Wolfgang Von

Rest not. Life is sweeping by; go and dare before you die. Something mighty and sublime, leave behind to conquer time.

- Goethe, Johann Wolfgang Von

The person of analytic or critical intellect finds something ridiculous in everything. The person of synthetic or constructive intellect, in almost nothing.

- Goethe, Johann Wolfgang Von

One ought, every day at least, to hear a little song, read a good poem, see a fine picture, and, if it were possible, to speak a few reasonable words.

- Goethe, Johann Wolfgang Von

In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity.

- Einstein, Albert

Education is the progressive realization of our ignorance.

- Einstein, Albert

Many times a day I realize how much my own life is built on the labors of my fellowmen, and how earnestly I must exert myself in order to give in return as much as I have received.

- Einstein, Albert

Imagination is more important than knowledge. For knowledge is limited to all we now know and understand, while imagination embraces the entire world, and all there ever will be to know and understand.

- Einstein, Albert

The difference between what the most and the least learned people know is inexpressibly trivial in relation to that which is unknown.

- Einstein, Albert

It is a miracle that curiosity survives formal education.

- Einstein, Albert

Reality is merely an illusion, albeit a very persistent one.

- Einstein, Albert

Problems cannot be solved at the same level of awareness that created them.

- Einstein, Albert

Science is the attempt to make the chaotic diversity of our sense experience correspond to a logically uniform system of thought.

- Einstein, Albert

Formal symbolic representation of qualitative entities is doomed to its rightful place of minor significance in a world where flowers and beautiful women abound.

- Einstein, Albert

Let every man be respected as an individual and no man idolized.

- Einstein, Albert

The high destiny of the individual is to serve rather than to rule...

- Einstein, Albert

Only two things are infinite, the universe and human stupidity, and I'm not sure about the former.

- Einstein, Albert

The difference between involvement and commitment is like ham and eggs. The chicken

is involved; the pig is committed.

- Navratilova, Martina

There are only two forces that unite men -- fear and interest.

- Bonaparte, Napoleon

Nothing is more difficult, and therefore more precious, than to be able to decide.

- Bonaparte, Napoleon

Public instruction should be the first object of government.

- Bonaparte, Napoleon

A true man hates no one.

- Bonaparte, Napoleon

The whole world is about three drinks behind.

- Bogart, Humphrey

The only point in making money is, you can tell some big shot where to go.

- Bogart, Humphrey

A man knows when he is growing old because he begins to look like his father.

- Marquez, Gabriel Garcia

The heart's memory eliminates the bad and magnifies the good.

- Marquez, Gabriel Garcia

Ever since I was a child I have had this instinctive urge for expansion and growth. To me, the function and duty of a quality human being is the sincere and honest development of one's potential.

- Lee, Bruce

Notice that the stiffest tree is most easily cracked, while the bamboo or willow survives by bending with the wind.

- Lee, Bruce

Take things as they are. Punch when you have to punch. Kick when you have to kick.

- Lee, Bruce

Hence to fight and conquer in all your battles is not supreme excellence; supreme excellence consists in breaking the enemy's resistance without fighting.

- Sun Tzu

O divine art of subtlety and secrecy! Through you we learn to be invisible, through you inaudible and hence we can hold the enemy's fate in our hands.

- Sun Tzu

Strategy without tactics is the slowest route to victory. Tactics without strategy is the noise before defeat.

- Sun Tzu

There is no greater sorrow than to recall happiness in times of misery.

- Dante Alighieri

Human nature is so well disposed towards those who are in interesting situations, that a young person, who either marries or dies, is sure of being kindly spoken of.

- Austen, Jane

Every man is surrounded by a neighborhood of voluntary spies.

- Austen, Jane

For what do we live, but to make sport for our neighbors, and laugh at them in our turn?

- Austen, Jane

What dreadful hot weather we have! It keeps me in a continual state of inelegance.

- Austen, Jane

I am afraid that the pleasantness of an employment does not always evince its propriety.

- Austen, Jane

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

- 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

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

- 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

It is perfectly monstrous the way people go about nowadays saying things against one, behind one's back, that are absolutely and entirely true.

- Wilde, Oscar

Some cause happiness wherever they go; others whenever they go.

- Wilde, Oscar

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

- Wilde, Oscar

A kiss may ruin a human life.

- 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

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

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

- Wilde, Oscar

Popularity is the crown of laurel which the world puts on bad art. Whatever is popular is wrong.

- Wilde, Oscar

The most insupportable of tyrannies is that of inferiors.

- Bonaparte, Napoleon

Next to a lost battle, nothing is so sad as a battle that has been won.

- Arthur Wellesley, Duke of Wellington

The best way to keep one's word is not to give it.

- Bonaparte, Napoleon

A shocking occurrence ceases to be shocking when it occurs daily.

- Chase, Alexander

Nearly all our originality comes from the stamp that time impresses upon our sensibility.

- Baudelaire, Charles

The original is unfaithful to the translation.

- Borges, Jorge Luis

If a little dreaming is dangerous, the cure for it is not to dream less but to dream more, to

dream all the time.

- Proust, Marcel

Often it is just lack of imagination that keeps a man from suffering very much.

- Proust, Marcel

People who are not in love fail to understand how an intelligent man can suffer because of a very ordinary woman. This is like being surprised that anyone should be stricken with cholera because of a creature so insignificant as the comma bacillus.

- Proust, Marcel

Everything great in the world comes from neurotics. They alone have founded our religions and composed our masterpieces.

- Proust, Marcel

There is no man, however wise, who has not at some period of his youth said things, or lived in a way the consciousness of which is so unpleasant to him in later life that he would gladly, if he could, expunge it from his memory.

- Proust, Marcel

There are perhaps no days of our childhood we lived so fully as those we spent with a favorite book.

- Proust, Marcel

Clenched Soul

We have lost even this twilight.

No one saw us this evening hand in hand

while the blue night dropped on the world.

I have seen from my window

the fiesta of sunset in the distant mountain tops.

Sometimes a piece of sun

burned like a coin in my hand.

I remembered you with my soul clenched

in that sadness of mine that you know.

Where were you then?

Who else was there?

Saying what?

Why will the whole of love come on me suddenly

when I am sad and feel you are far away?

The book fell that always closed at twilight

and my blue sweater rolled like a hurt dog at my feet.

Always, always you recede through the evenings

toward the twilight erasing statues.

- Neruda, Pablo

What is research, but a blind date with knowledge.

- Henry, William

Scientific research consists in seeing what everyone else has seen, but thinking what no one else has thought.

- Unknown, Source

For those who do not think, it is best at least to rearrange their prejudices once in a while.

- Burbank, Luther

Our prejudices are our mistresses; reason is at best our wife, very often heard indeed, but seldom minded.

- Chesterfield, Lord

To me -- old age is always ten years older than I am.

- Buruch, Andre B.

What reinforcement we may gain from hope; If not, what resolution from despair.

- Milton, John

You can accomplish by kindness what you cannot by force.

- Syrus, Publilius

If we knew what we were doing it wouldn't be research.

- Einstein, Albert

It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye.

- Saint-Exupery, Antoine De

If you don't know where you are going, any road will get you there.

- Carroll, Lewis

Write that down, the King said to the jury, and the jury eagerly wrote down all three dates on their slates, and then added them up, and reduced the answer to shillings and pence.

- Carroll, Lewis

I think I could, if I only knew how to begin. For, you see, so many out-of-the-way things had happened lately that Alice had begun to think that very few things indeed were really impossible.

- Carroll, Lewis

Who in the world am I? Ah, that's the great puzzle.

- Carroll, Lewis

I'm very brave generally, he went on in a low voice: only today I happen to have a headache.

- Carroll, Lewis

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

- Archimedes

An expert is someone who knows some of the worst mistakes, which can be made, in a very narrow field.

- Bohr, Niels

Education is the path from cocky ignorance to miserable uncertainty.

- Twain, Mark

After all, the ultimate goal of all research is not objectivity, but truth.

- Deutsch, Helene

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

- Asimov, Isaac

I do not fear computers. I fear the lack of them.

- Asimov, Isaac

There is no better than adversity. Every defeat, every heartbreak, every loss, contains its own seed, its own lesson on how to improve your performance the next time.

- Mandino, Og

But, truly, I have wept too much! The Dawns are heartbreaking. Every moon is atrocious and every sun bitter.

- Rimbaud, Arthur

Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything.

- Shaw, George Bernard

I am an agnostic; I do not pretend to know what many ignorant men are sure of.

- Darrow, Clarence

Being ignorant is not so much a shame as being unwilling to learn.

- Franklin, Benjamin

For a successful technology, reality must take precedence over public relations, for Nature cannot be fooled.

- Feynman, Richard P.

It is a capital mistake to theorize before one has data.

- Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan

When the impossibility has been eliminated, whatever remains, no matter how improbable... is possible.

- Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan

Our ideas must be as broad as Nature if they are to interpret Nature.

- Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan

My mind rebels at stagnation. Give me problems, give me work, give me the most abstruse cryptogram, or the most intricate analysis, and I am in my own proper atmosphere. I can dispense then with artificial stimulants. But I abhor the dull routine of existence. I crave for mental exaltation.

- Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan

I never remember feeling tired by work, though idleness exhausts me completely.

- Holmes, Sherlock

The temptation to form premature theories upon insufficient data is the bane of our profession.

- Holmes, Sherlock

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