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

- Shaw, George Bernard

Let us endeavor so to live that when we come to die even the undertaker will be sorry.

- Twain, Mark

I have never let my schooling interfere with my education.

- Twain, Mark

Soap and education are not as sudden as a massacre, but they are more deadly in the long run. Training is everything. The peach was once a bitter almond; cauliflower is nothing but cabbage with a college education.

- Twain, Mark

My turn of mind is so given to taking things in the absurd point of view, that it breaks out in spite of me every now and then.

- Byron, Lord

At any street corner the feeling of absurdity can strike any man in the face.

- Camus, Albert

The irrationality of a thing is no argument against its existence, rather a condition of it.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

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

Caresses, expressions of one sort or another, are necessary to the life of the affections as leaves are to the life of a tree. If they are wholly restrained, love will die at the roots.

- Hawthorne, Nathaniel

Talk not of wasted affection; affection never was wasted.

- Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth

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

- Smith, Logan Pearsall

We will have to repent in this generation not merely for the hateful words and actions of the bad people but for the appalling silence of the good people.

- King Jr. Martin Luther

Youth is the time to go flashing from one end of the world to the other to try the manners of different nations; to hear the chimes at midnight; to see the sunrise in town and country; to be converted at a revival; to circumnavigate the metaphysics, write halting verses, run a mile to see a fire, and wait all day long in the theatre to applaud Hernani.

- Stevenson, Robert Louis

You must have the devil in you to succeed in the arts.

- 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

Chance is a word void of sense; nothing can exist without a cause.

- Voltaire

We are all full of weakness and errors; let us mutually pardon each other our follies it is the first law of nature.

- Voltaire

To be happy is to be able to become aware of oneself without fright.

- Benjamin, Walter

The aim of life is to live, and to live means to be aware, joyously, drunkenly, serenely, divinely aware.

- Miller, Henry

Most people grow old within a small circle of ideas, which they have not discovered for themselves. There are perhaps less wrong-minded people than thoughtless.

- Vauvenargues, Marquis De

The man who is aware of himself is henceforward independent; and he is never bored, and life is only too short, and he is steeped through and through with a profound yet temperate happiness.

- Woolf, Virginia

Words are alive; cut them and they bleed.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

A wounded deer leaps the highest.

- Dickinson, Emily

People need hard times and oppression to develop psychic muscles.

- Dune, Frank Herbert

There is a great deal of unmapped country within us which would have to be taken into account in an explanation of our gusts and storms.

- Eliot, George

Most of the shadows of this life are caused by standing in one's own sunshine

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

A man is a god in ruins.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

To accuse others for one's own misfortunes is a sign of want of education. To accuse oneself shows that one's education has begun. To accuse neither oneself nor others

shows that one's education is complete.

- Epictetus

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

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

Good friends, good books and a sleepy conscience: this is the ideal life. The conviction of the rich that the poor are happier is no more foolish than the conviction of the poor that the rich are.

- Twain, Mark

Thousands of geniuses live and die undiscovered -- either by themselves or by others.

- Twain, Mark

A man cannot be made comfortable without his own approval.

- Twain, Mark

Keep away from small people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can become great.

- Twain, Mark

We have the best government that money can buy.

- Twain, Mark

Damn the subjunctive. It brings all our writers to shame.

- Twain, Mark

What is the most rigorous law of our being? Growth. No smallest atom of our moral, mental, or physical structure can stand still a year. It grows -- it must grow; nothing can prevent it.

- Twain, Mark

Heaven goes by favor; if it went by merit, you would stay out and your dog would go in.

- Twain, Mark

History is strewn thick with evidence that a truth is not hard to kill, but a lie, well told, is immortal.

- Twain, Mark

One cannot walk through an assembly factory and not feel that one is in Hell.

- Auden, W. H.

A fool sees not the same tree that a wise man sees.

- Blake, William

It is the peculiar quality of a fool to perceive the faults of others and to forget his own.

- Cicero, Marcus T.

Men who know themselves are no longer fools. They stand on the threshold of the door of Wisdom.

- Ellis, Havelock

One may not reach the dawn save by the path of the night.

- Gibran, Kahlil

It would not be better if things happened to men just as they wish.

- Heraclitus

We ought to see far enough into a hypocrite to see even his sincerity.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

With affection beaming in one eye, and calculation shining out of the other.

- Dickens, Charles

A hypocrite despises those whom he deceives, but has no respect for himself. He would make a dupe of himself too, if he could.

- Hazlitt, William

Selfishness is that detestable vice which no one will forgive in others, and no one is without himself.

- Beecher, Henry Ward

Selfishness is one of the qualities apt to inspire love.

- Hawthorne, Nathaniel

He who takes but never gives, may last for years but never lives.

- Unknown, Source

None are so empty as those who are full of themselves.

- Whichcote, Benjamin

We will either find a way, or make one.

- Hannibal

What is there that confers the noblest delight? What is that which swells a man's breast with pride above that which any other experience can bring to him? Discovery! To know that you are walking where none others have walked; that you are beholding what human eye has not seen before; that you are breathing a virgin atmosphere. To give birth to an idea, to discover a great thought -- an intellectual nugget, right under the dust of a field that many a brain-plough had gone over before. To find a new planet, to invent a new hinge, to find a way to make the lightning carry your messages. To be the first -- that is the idea.

- Twain, Mark

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

- Twain, Mark

We are all alike, on the inside.

- Twain, Mark

Faith is believing what you know ain't so.

- Twain, Mark

Familiarity breeds contempt; and children.

- Twain, Mark

We are always too busy for our children; we never give them the time or interest they deserve. We lavish gifts upon them; but the most precious gift, our personal association, which means so much to them, we give grudgingly.

- Twain, Mark

A habit cannot be tossed out the window; it must be coaxed down the stairs a step at a time.

- Twain, Mark

Happiness is like a cat, If you try to coax it or call it, it will avoid you; it will never come. But if you pay not attention to it and go about your business, you'll find it rubbing against your legs and jumping into your lap.

- Bennett, William John

But what is happiness except the simple harmony between a person and life they lead.

- Camus, Albert

Happiness, or misery, is in the mind. It is the mind that lives.

- Cobbett, William

They that will not be counseled, cannot be helped. If you do not hear reason she will rap you on the knuckles.

- Franklin, Benjamin

A fool think he needs no advice, but a wise man listens to others. [Proverbs 12:15]

- Bible

Tricks and treachery are the practice of fools, that don't have brains enough to be honest.

- Franklin, Benjamin

Well done, is better than well said.

- Franklin, Benjamin

Blessed is he who expects nothing, for he shall never be disappointed.

- Franklin, Benjamin

The world is full of fools and faint hearts; and yet everyone has courage enough to bear the misfortunes, and wisdom enough to manage the affairs of his neighbor.

- Franklin, Benjamin

Hide not your talents. They for use were made. What's a sundial in the shade.

- Franklin, Benjamin

Genius without education is like silver in the mine.

- Franklin, Benjamin

I think that a young state, like a young virgin, should modestly stay at home, and wait the application of suitors for an alliance with her; and not run about offering her amity to all the world; and hazarding their refusal. Our virgin is a jolly one; and tho at present not very rich, will in time be a great fortune, and where she has a favorable predisposition, it seems to me well worth cultivating.

- Franklin, Benjamin

Happiness consists more in small conveniences of pleasures that occur every day, than in great pieces of good fortune that happen but seldom to a man in the course of his life.

- Franklin, Benjamin

Honesty is the best policy.

- Franklin, Benjamin

I am lord of myself, accountable to none.

- Franklin, Benjamin

The things which hurt, instruct.

- Franklin, Benjamin

Do not anticipate trouble, or worry about what may never happen. Keep in the sunlight.

- Franklin, Benjamin

Hateful to me as the gates of Hades is that man who hides one thing in his heart and speaks another.

- Homer

You can fool some of the people all the time, and all of the people some of the time, but you cannot fool all of the people all the time.

- Lincoln, Abraham

As I would not be a slave, so I would not be a master. This expresses my idea of democracy.

- Lincoln, Abraham

The best way to destroy your enemy is to make him your friend.

- Lincoln, Abraham

I never had a policy; I have just tried to do my very best each and every day.

- 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

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

- Lincoln, Abraham

Whatever you are, be a good one.

- Lincoln, Abraham

Military glory --the attractive rainbow that rises in showers of blood.

- Lincoln, Abraham

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

- Lincoln, Abraham

The probability that we may fail in the struggle ought not to deter us from the support of a cause we believe to be just.

- Lincoln, Abraham

With the fearful strain that is on me night and day, if I did not laugh I should die.

- Lincoln, Abraham

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

- Lincoln, Abraham

The problem is not that there are problems. The problem is expecting otherwise and thinking that having problems is a problem.

- Rubin, Theodore I.

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