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Very little is needed to make a happy life; it is all within yourself, in your way of thinking.

- Aurelius, Marcus

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

That which is not good for the bee-hive cannot be good for the bees.

- Aurelius, Marcus

The happiness of your life depends upon the quality of your thoughts: therefore, guard accordingly, and take care that you entertain no notions unsuitable to virtue and reasonable nature.

- Aurelius, Marcus

He who lives in harmony with himself lives in harmony with the universe.

- Aurelius, Marcus

Reject your sense of injury and the injury itself disappears.

- Aurelius, Marcus

How much more grievous are the consequences of anger than the causes of it.

- Aurelius, Marcus

How much time he saves who does not look to see what his neighbor says or does or thinks.

- Aurelius, Marcus

To live happily is an inward power of the soul.

- Aurelius, Marcus

Dig within. Within is the wellspring of Good; and it is always ready to bubble up, if you just dig.

- Aurelius, Marcus

Live as if you were living a second time, and as though you had acted wrongly the first time.

- Frankl, Viktor E.

Only to the extent that someone is living out this self transcendence of human existence, is he truly human or does he become his true self. He becomes so, not by concerning himself with his self's actualization, but by forgetting himself and giving himself, overlooking himself and focusing outward.

- Frankl, Viktor E.

Challenging the meaning of life is the truest expression of the state of being human.

- Frankl, Viktor E.

Ever more people today have the means to live, but no meaning to live for.

- Frankl, Viktor E.

How much we like ourselves governs our performance.

- Tracy, Brian

There is no excellent beauty that hath not some strangeness in the proportion.

- Bacon, Francis

The fragrance always stays in the hand that gives the rose.

- Bejar, Hada

There is no cosmetic for beauty like happiness.

- Blessington, Marguerite Gardiner, Countess of

The beauty seen, is partly in him who sees it.

- Bovee, Christian Nevell

There is certainly no absolute standard of beauty. That precisely is what makes its pursuit so interesting.

- Galbraith, John Kenneth

You need to make a commitment, and once you make it, then life will give you some answers.

- Brown, Les

Natural selection, as it has operated in human history, favors not only the clever but the murderous.

- Ehrenreich, Barbara

Oh, my friend, it's not what they take away from you that counts -- it's what you do with what you have left.

- Humphrey, Hubert H.

How strange to have failed as a social creature -- even criminals do not fail that way -- they are the law's Loyal Opposition, so to speak. But the insane are always mere guests on earth, eternal strangers carrying around broken decalogues that they cannot read.

- Unknown, Source

Strength was the virtue of paganism; obedience is the virtue of Christianity.

- Hare, David

The weakest link in a chain is the strongest because it can break it.

- Lec, Stanislaw J.

Our strength is often composed of the weakness that we're damned if we are going to show.

- McLaughlin, Mignon

The most spiritual human beings, assuming they are the most courageous, also experience by far the most painful tragedies: but it is precisely for this reason that they honor life, because it brings against them its most formidable weapons.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Society is now one polished horde, formed of two mighty tribes, the Bores and Bored.

- Byron, Lord

I am now quite cured of seeking pleasure in society, be it country or town. A sensible man ought to find sufficient company in himself.

- Bronte, Emily

If I commit suicide, it will not be to destroy myself but to put myself back together again. Suicide will be for me only one means of violently reconquering myself, of brutally

invading my being, of anticipating the unpredictable approaches of God. By suicide, I reintroduce my design in nature, I shall for the first time give things the shape of my will.

- Artaud, Antonin

Here take back the stuff that I am, nature, knead it back into the dough of being, make of me a bush, a cloud, whatever you will, even a man, only no longer make me.

- Lichtenberg, Georg C.

He who does not accept and respect those who want to reject life does not truly accept and respect life itself.

- Szasz, Thomas

Resentment or grudges do no harm to the person against whom you hold these feelings but every day and every night of your life, they are eating at you.

- Peale, Norman Vincent

The sick do not ask if the hand that smoothes their pillow is pure, nor the dying care if the lips that touch their brow have known the kiss of sin.

- Wilde, Oscar

There is a very fine line between loving life and being greedy for it.

- Angelou, Maya

Bitterness is like cancer. It eats upon the host. But anger is like fire. It burns it all clean.

- Angelou, Maya

Life loves to be taken by the lapel and told: I'm with you kid. Let's go.

- Angelou, Maya

My life has been one great big joke, a dance that's walked a song that's spoke, I laugh so hard I almost choke when I think about myself.

- Angelou, Maya

A bizarre sensation pervades a relationship of pretense. No truth seems true. A simple morning's greeting and response appear loaded with innuendo and fraught with implications. Each nicety becomes more sterile and each withdrawal more permanent.

- Angelou, Maya

If all men are born free, why is it that all women are born slaves?

- Astell, Mary

Women have got to make the world safe for men since men have made it so darned unsafe for women.

- Astor, Lady Nancy

Women are an enslaved population -- the crop we harvest is children, the fields we work

are houses. Women are forced into committing sexual acts with men that violate integrity because the universal religion -- contempt for women -- has as its first commandment that women exist purely as sexual fodder for men.

- Dworkin, Andrea

Women must try to do things as men have tried. When they fail their failure must be but a challenge to others.

- Earhart, Amelia

I have always been principally interested in men for sex. I've always thought any sane woman would be a lover of women because loving men is such a mess. I have always wished I'd fall in love with a woman. Damn.

- Greer, Germaine

Sometimes I wonder if men and women really suit each other. Perhaps they should live next door and just visit now and then.

- Hepburn, Katharine

Men and women, women and men; it will never work.

- Jong, Erica

Men naturally resent it when women take greater liberties in dress than men are allowed.

- Korda, Michael

Women receive he insults of men with tolerance, having been bitten in the nipple by their toothless gums.

- Laing, Dilys

When you educate a man you educate an individual; when you educate a woman you educate a whole family.

- Maciver, Robert M.

Whether women are better than men I cannot say, but I can say they are certainly no worse.

- Meir, Golda

A man's women folk, whatever their outward show of respect for his merit and authority, always regard him secretly as an ass, and with something akin to pity. His most gaudy sayings and doings seldom deceive them; they see the actual man within, and know him for a shallow and pathetic fellow. In this fact, perhaps, lies one of the best proofs of feminine intelligence, or, as the common phrase makes it, feminine intuition.

- Mencken, H. L.

Because of our social circumstances, male and female are really two cultures and their life experiences are utterly different.

- Millet, Kate

Families are nothing other than the idolatry of duty.

- Oakley, Ann

Clearly, society has a tremendous stake in insisting on a woman's natural fitness for the career of mother: the alternatives are all too expensive.

- Oakley, Ann

The primary function of myth is to validate an existing social order. Myth enshrines conservative social values, raising tradition on a pedestal. It expresses and confirms, rather than explains or questions, the sources of cultural attitudes and values. Because myth anchors the present in the past it is a sociological charter for a future society which is an exact replica of the present one.

- Oakley, Ann

Our last garment is made without pockets.

- Proverb, Italian

And all the winds go sighing, for sweet things dying.

- Rossetti, Christina

Who is mightier than death? Those who can smile when death threatens.

- Ruckett

I died a mineral, and became a plant. I died a plant and rose an animal. I died an animal and I was man. Why should I fear? When was I less by dying?

- Rumi, Jalal-Uddin

After your death you will be what you were before your birth.

- Schopenhauer, Arthur

Death -- the last sleep? No, it is the final awakening.

- Scott, Sir Walter

Dying is a troublesome business: there is pain to be suffered, and it wrings one's heart; but death is a splendid thing --a warfare accomplished, a beginning all over again, a triumph. You can always see that in their faces.

- Shaw, George Bernard

I want to be all used up when I die.

- Shaw, George Bernard

God's finger touched him and he slept.

- Tennyson, Lord Alfred

A racehorse that consistently runs just a second faster than another horse is worth

millions of dollars more. Be willing to give that extra effort that separates the winner from the one in second place.

- Brown Jr., H. Jackson

Don't tell me peace has broken out.

- Brecht, Bertolt

We used to wonder where war lived, what it was that made it so vile. And now we realize that we know where it lives, that it is inside ourselves.

- Camus, Albert

But as to women, who can penetrate the real sufferings of their she condition? Man's very sympathy with their estate has much of selfishness and more suspicion. Their love, their virtue, beauty, education, but form good housekeepers, to breed a nation.

- Byron, Lord

The nearer society approaches to divine order, the less separation will there be in the characters, duties, and pursuits of men and women. Women will not become less gentle and graceful, but men will become more so. Women will not neglect the care and education of their children, but men will find themselves ennobled and refined by sharing those duties with them; and will receive, in return, co-operation and sympathy in the discharge of various other duties, now deemed inappropriate to women. The more women become rational companions, partners in business and in thought, as well as in affection and amusement, the more highly will men appreciate home.

- Child, Lydia M.

It seems as though women keep growing. Eventually they can have little or nothing in common with the men they chose long ago.

- Clark, Eugenie

The management of fertility is one of the most important functions of adulthood.

- Greer, Germaine

All societies on the verge of death are masculine. A society can survive with only one man; no society will survive a shortage of women.

- Greer, Germaine

Annihilation has no terrors for me, because I have already tried it before I was born --a hundred million years --and I have suffered more in an hour, in this life, than I remember to have suffered in the whole hundred million years put together. There was a peace, a serenity, an absence of all sense of responsibility, an absence of worry, an absence of care, grief, perplexity; and the presence of a deep content and unbroken satisfaction in that hundred million years of holiday which I look back upon with a tender longing and with a grateful desire to resume, when the opportunity comes.

- Twain, Mark

It is a time when one's spirit is subdued and sad, one knows not why; when the past seems a storm-swept desolation, life a vanity and a burden, and the future but a way to

death.

- Twain, Mark

It is one thing to learn about the past; it is another to wallow in it.

- Auchincloss, Kenneth

The past should be a springboard, not a hammock.

- Ball, Ivern

I cannot sing the old songs, Or dream those dreams again,

- Barnard, Charlotte

Only by acceptance of the past, can you alter it.

- Eliot, T. S.

Nostalgia is a seductive liar.

- Ball, George W.

There is a crack in everything, that's how the light gets in.

- Cohen, Leonard

Fate is nothing but the deeds committed in a prior state of existence.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

The wheel goes round and round, some are up and some are on the down, and still the wheel goes round.

- Pollard, Josephine

Fate is the endless chain of causation, whereby things are; the reason or formula by which the world goes on.

- Zeno, Citium

If you want to make peace, you don't talk to your friends. You talk to your enemies.

- Dayan, Moshe

The rule is, jam tomorrow and jam yesterday --but never jam today.

- Carroll, Lewis

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