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Seek not happiness too greedily, and be not fearful of unhappiness.

- Lao-Tzu

The sway of alcohol over mankind is unquestionably due to its power to stimulate the mystical faculties of human nature, usually crushed to earth by the cold facts and dry criticisms of the sober hour. Sobriety diminishes, discriminates, and says no; drunkenness expands, unites, and says yes.

- James, William

Nothing is so fatiguing as the eternal hanging on of an uncompleted task.

- James, William

There is but one cause of human failure. And that is man's lack of faith in his true Self.

- James, William

The god whom science recognizes must be a God of universal laws exclusively, a God who does a wholesale, not a retail business. He cannot accommodate his processes to the convenience of individuals.

- James, William

Acceptance of what has happened is the first step to overcoming the consequences of any misfortune.

- James, William

Manifest plainness, embrace simplicity, reduce selfishness, have few desires.

- Lao-Tzu

I have three precious things which I hold fast and prize. The first is gentleness; the second is frugality; the third is humility, which keeps me from putting myself before others. Be gentle and you can be bold; be frugal and you can be liberal; avoid putting yourself before others and you can become a leader among men.

- Lao-Tzu

A good traveler has no fixed plans and is not intent upon arriving. A good artist lets his intuition lead him wherever it wants.

- Lao-Tzu

Smitten as we are with the vision of social righteousness, a God indifferent to everything but adulation, and full of partiality for his individual favorites, lacks an essential element of largeness.

- James, William

Life is a series of natural and spontaneous changes. Don't resist them -- that only creates sorrow. Let reality be reality. Let things flow naturally forward in whatever way they like.

- Lao-Tzu

The snow goose need not bathe to make itself white. Neither need you do anything but be yourself.

- Lao-Tzu

He who controls others may be powerful, but he who has mastered himself is mightier still.

- Lao-Tzu

He who knows that enough is enough will always have enough.

- Lao-Tzu

He who knows he has enough is rich.

- Lao-Tzu

The average man votes below himself; he votes with half a mind or a hundredth part of one. A man ought to vote with the whole of himself, as he worships or gets married. A man ought to vote with his head and heart, his soul and stomach, his eye for faces and his ear for music; also (when sufficiently provoked) with his hands and feet. If he has ever seen a fine sunset, the crimson color of it should creep into his vote. The question is not so much whether only a minority of the electorate votes. The point is that only a minority of the voter votes.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

The sobs and tears of joy he had not foreseen rose with such force within him that his whole body shook and for a long time prevented him from speaking. Falling on his knees by her bed. He held his wife's hand to his lips and kissed it, and her hand responded to his kisses with weak movement of finger. Meanwhile, at the foot of the bed, in the midwife's expert hands, like the flame of a lamp, flickered the life of a human being who had never existed before...

- Tolstoy, Count Leo

If somebody says, I love you, to me, I feel as though I had a pistol pointed at my head. What can anybody reply under such conditions but that which the pistol-holder requires? I love you, too.

- Vonnegut Jr., Kurt

A rioter with a Molotov cocktail in his hands is not fighting for civil rights any more than a Klansman with a sheet on his back and a mask on his face.

- Johnson, Lyndon B.

The bitterest creature under heaven is the wife who discovers that her husband's bravery is only bravado, that his strength is only a uniform, that his power is but a gun in the hands of a fool.

- Buck, Pearl S.

I am now here in Congress I am at liberty to vote as my conscience and judgment dictates

to be right, without the yoke of any party on me, or the driver at my heels, with his whip in hand, commanding me to ge-wo-haw, just at his pleasure.

- Crockett, Davy

A bore is a person who opens his mouth and puts his feats in it.

- Ford, Henry

Forty is the old age of youth, fifty is the youth of old age.

- Hugo, Victor

It is not enough for us to prostrate ourselves under the tree which is Creation, and to contemplate its tremendous branches filled with stars. We have a duty to perform, to work upon the human soul, to defend the mystery against the miracle, to worship the incomprehensible while rejecting the absurd; to accept, in the inexplicable, only what is necessary; to dispel the superstitions that surround religion --to rid God of His Maggots.

- Hugo, Victor

Mankind is not a circle with a single center but an ellipse with two focal points of which facts are one and ideas the other.

- Hugo, Victor

Love is the flower of life, and blossoms unexpectedly and without law, and must be plucked where it is found, and enjoyed for the brief hour of its duration.

- Lawrence, D. H.

One of the sanest, surest, and most generous joys of life comes from being happy over the good fortune of others.

- Rutledge, Archibald

Our imagination is the only limit to what we can hope to have in the future.

- Kettering, Charles F.

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