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Quotes about Mistakes

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An error is the more dangerous in proportion to the degree of truth which it contains.

- Amiel, Henri Frederic

There exists a black kingdom which the eyes of man avoid because its landscape fails signally to flatter them. This darkness, which he imagines he can dispense with in describing the light, is error with its unknown characteristics. Error is certainty's constant companion. Error is the corollary of evidence. And anything said about truth may equally well be said about error: the delusion will be no greater.

- Aragon, Louis

Since nothing we intend is ever faultless, and nothing we attempt ever without error, and nothing we achieve without some measure of finitude and fallibility we call humanness, we are saved by forgiveness.

- Augsburg, David

There is no original truth, only original error.

- Bachelard, Gaston

I'd rather be strongly wrong than weakly right.

- Bankhead, Tallulah

If I had my life to live again. I'd make the same mistakes, only sooner.

- Bankhead, Tallulah

An error doesn't become a mistake until you refuse to correct it.

- Battista, Orlando A.

All wrong doing is done in the sincere belief that it is the best thing to do.

- Bennett, Arnold

I have made mistakes, but I never made the mistake of claiming that I never made one.

- Bennett, James Gordon

I made a wrong mistake

- Berra, Yogi

The difference between greatness and mediocrity is often how an individual views a mistake...

- Boswell, Nelson

It's okay to make mistakes. Mistakes are our teachers -- they help us to learn.

- Bradshaw, John

The person interested in success has to learn to view failure as a healthy, inevitable part of the process of getting to the top.

- Brothers, Dr. Joyce

Every great mistake has a halfway moment, a split second when it can be recalled and perhaps remedied.

- Buck, Pearl S.

To swear off making mistakes is very easy. All you have to do is to swear off having ideas.

- Burnett, Leo

The successful man will profit from his mistakes and try again in a different way.

- Carnegie, Dale

Error is discipline through which we advance.

- Channing, William Ellery

All men make mistakes, but only wise men learn from their mistakes.

- Churchill, Winston

It is the nature of every person to error, but only the fool perseveres in error.

- Cicero, Marcus T.

To be wronged is nothing unless you continue to remember it.

- Confucius

Don't argue for other people's weaknesses. Don't argue for your own. When you make a mistake, admit it, correct it, and learn from it -- immediately.

- Covey, Stephen R.

There is a wheel on the affairs of men revolve and its mechanism is such that it prevents any man from being always fortunate.

- Croesus

I beseech you, in the bowels of Christ, think it possible you may be mistaken.

- Cromwell, Oliver

Mistakes are almost always of a sacred nature. Never try to correct them. On the contrary: rationalize them, understand them thoroughly. After that, it will be possible for you to sublimate them.

- Dali, Salvador

It's discouraging to make a mistake, but it's humiliating when you find out you're so unimportant that nobody noticed it.

- Daly, Chuck

I love fools experiments. I am always making them.

- Darwin, Charles R.

Truth is one, but error proliferates. Man tracks it down and cuts it up into little pieces hoping to turn it into grains of truth. But the ultimate atom will always essentially be an error, a miscalculation.

- Daumal, Rene

Do not fear mistakes -- there are none.

- Davis, Miles

I have learned more from my mistakes than from my successes.

- Davy, Sir Humphrey

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

- Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan

The better a man is the more mistakes he will make for the more things he will try.

- Drucker, Peter F.

Error is a supposition that pleasure and pain, that intelligence, substance, life, are existent

in matter. Error is neither Mind nor one of Mind's faculties. Error is the contradiction of Truth. Error is a belief without understanding. Error is unreal because untrue. It is that which stemma to be and is not. If error were true, its truth would be error, and we should have a self-evident absurdity --namely, erroneous truth. Thus we should continue to lose the standard of Truth.

- Eddy, Mary Baker

Truth is immortal; error is mortal.

- Eddy, Mary Baker

A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new.

- Einstein, Albert

Errors look so very ugly in persons of small means --one feels they are taking quite a liberty in going astray; whereas people of fortune may naturally indulge in a few delinquencies.

- Eliot, George

Even a mistake may turn out to be the one thing necessary to a worthwhile achievement.

- Ford, Henry

It is worse than a crime: it is a mistake.

- Fouche, Joseph

When I reflect, as I frequently do, upon the felicity I have enjoyed, I sometimes say to myself, that were the offer made me, I would engage to run again, from beginning to end, the same career of life. All I would ask, should be the privilege of an author, to correct in a second edition, certain errors of the first.

- Franklin, Benjamin

Most of my advances were by mistake. You uncover what is when you get rid of what isn't.

- Fuller, Buckminster

There are no significant bugs in our released software that any significant number of users want fixed

- Gates, Bill

People who make money often make mistakes, and even have major setbacks, but they believe they will eventually prosper, and they see every setback as a lesson to be applied in their move towards success.

- Gillies, Jerry

I have made decisions that turned out to be wrong, and went back and did it another way, and still took less time than many who procrastinated over the original decision. Your brain is capable of handling 140, 000 million bits of information in one second, and if you take hours or days or weeks to reach a vital decision, you are short-circuiting your most

valuable property.

- Gillies, Jerry

We're all human and we all goof. Do things that may be wrong, but do something!

- Gingrich, Newt

Mistakes are a fact of life it is the response to error that counts.

- Giovanni, Nikki

A clever man commits no minor blunders.

- Goethe, Johann Wolfgang Von

The best fortune that can fall to a man is that which corrects his defects and makes up for his failings.

- Goethe, Johann Wolfgang Von

The road to wisdom? Well, it's plain and simple to express: Errand err again but less and less and less.

- Hein, Piet

No man ever achieved worth-while success who did not, at one time or other, find himself with at least one foot hanging well over the brink of failure.

- Hill, Napoleon

No mans error becomes his own Law; nor obliges him to persist in it.

- Hobbes, Thomas

The greatest mistake a man can make is to be afraid of making one.

- Hubbard, Elbert

The greatest blunders, like the thickest ropes, are often compounded of a multitude of strands. Take the rope apart, separate it into the small threads that compose it, and you can break them one by one. You think, That is all there was! But twist them all together and you have something tremendous.

- Hugo, Victor

Man approaches the unattainable truth through a succession of errors.

- Huxley, Aldous

She had an unequalled gift... of squeezing big mistakes into small opportunities.

- James, Henry

To err is human, but when the eraser wears out ahead of the pencil, you're overdoing it.

- Jenkins, Josh

I have a theory that the only original things we ever do are mistakes.

- Joel, Billy

That fellow seems to me to possess but one idea, and that is a wrong one.

- Johnson, Samuel

Experience enables you to recognize a mistake when you make it again.

- Jones, Franklin P.

Mistakes are the portals of discovery.

- Joyce, James

A man's errors are his portals of discovery.

- Joyce, James

Don't be afraid to fail. Don't waste energy trying to cover up failure. Learn from your failures and go on to the next challenge. It's OK to fail. If you're not failing, you're not growing.

- Judd, H. Stanley

Mistakes are, after all, the foundations of truth, and if a man does not know what a thing is, it is at least an increase in knowledge if he knows what it is not.

- Jung, Carl

No one that ever lived has ever had enough power, prestige, or knowledge to overcome the basic condition of all life -- you win some and you lose some.

- Keyes Jr., Ken

People are so busy dreaming the American Dream, fantasizing about what they could be or have a right to be, that they're all asleep at the switch. Consequently we are living in the Age of Human Error.

- King, Florence

The trouble in America is not that we are making too many mistakes, but that we are making too few.

- Knight, Philip

The freedom to fail is vital if you're going to succeed, most successful men fail time and time again, and it is a measure of their strength that failure merely propels them into some new attempt at success.

- Korda, Michael

To err is human; to admit it, superhuman.

- Larson, Doug

We can afford almost any mistake once.

- Lehr, Lewis

You must learn from the mistakes of others. You can't possibly live long enough to make them all yourself.

- Levenson, Samuel

To err is human also in so far as animals seldom or never err, or at least only the cleverest of them do so.

- Lichtenberg, Georg C.

While one person hesitates because he feels inferior, another is busy making mistakes and becoming superior.

- Link, Henry C.

The study of error is not only in the highest degree prophylactic, but it serves as a stimulating introduction to the study of truth.

- Lippmann, Walter

Sometimes we may learn more from a man's errors, than from his virtues.

- Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth

Mistakes are part of the dues one pays for a full life.

- Loren, Sophia

A man who cannot make mistakes cannot do anything.

- Magazine, Bernard

Remember you will not always win. Some days, the most resourceful individual will taste defeat. But there is, in this case, always tomorrow -- after you have done your best to achieve success today.

- Maltz, Maxwell

Whenever you make a mistake or get knocked down by life, don't look back at it too long. Mistakes are life's way of teaching you. Your capacity for occasional blunders is inseparable from your capacity to reach your goals. No one wins them all, and your failures, when they happen, are just part of your growth. Shake off your blunders. How will you know your limits without an occasional failure? Never quit. Your turn will come.

- Mandino, Og

No man is beaten until his hope is annihilated, his confidence gone, As long as a man faces life hopefully, confidently, triumphantly, he is not a failure; he is not beaten until he turns his back on life.

- Marden, Orison Swett

No man fails who does his best...

- Marden, Orison Swett

There can be no failure to a man who has not lost his courage, his character, his self

respect, or his self-confidence. He is still a King.

- Marden, Orison Swett

Lord, deliver me from the person who never makes a mistake, and also from the person who makes the same mistake twice.

- Mayo, William James

The value of action is that we make mistakes; mistakes show us what we need to learn.

- Mcwilliams, Peter

Mistakes are merely steps up the ladder.

- Meyer, Paul J.

Consider every mistake you do make as an asset.

- Meyer, Paul J.

Don't be afraid to make a mistake. But make sure you don't make the same mistake twice.

- Morita, Akio

The sooner you make your first five thousand mistakes the sooner you will be able to correct them.

- Nicolaidis, Kimon

What then in the last resort are the truths of mankind? They are the irrefutable errors of mankind.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

A man whose errors take ten years to correct is quite a man.

- Oppenheimer, Julius Robert

Give me a fruitful error anytime, full of seeds, bursting with its own corrections.

- Pareto, Vilfredo

I do not fear failure. I only fear the slowing up of the engine inside of me which is pounding, saying, Keep going, someone must be on top, why not you?

- Patton, George S.

To live a creative life, we must lose our fear of being wrong.

- Pearce, Joseph Chilton

It is not easy, but you have to be willing to make mistakes. And the earlier you make those mistakes, the better.

- Pfeiffer, Jane Cahill

If you have made mistakes, even serious ones, there is always another chance for you.

What we call failure is not the falling down but the staying down.

- Pickford, Mary

The best may slip, and even the most cautious fall; but he is more than human who errors not at all.

- Pomfret

A man should never be ashamed to own that he is wrong, which is but saying in other words that he is wiser today than he was yesterday.

- Pope, Alexander

Mistakes are stepping stones to success.

- Popplestone, Charles E.

An old error is always more popular than a new truth.

- Proverb, German

It is necessary for you to learn from others' mistakes. You will not live long enough to make them all yourself.

- Rickover, Hyman G.

We'll do all right if we can capitalize on our mistakes.

- Rivers, Mickey

The man who makes no mistakes does not usually make anything

- Roosevelt, Theodore

It is sometimes well for a blatant error to draw attention to overmodest truths.

- Rostand, Jean

Falsity cannot keep an idea from being beautiful; there are certain errors of such ingenuity that one could regret their not ranking among the achievements of the human mind.

- Rostand, Jean

It isn't making mistakes that's critical; it's correcting them and getting on with the principal task.

- Rumsfeld, Donald

I have found that I always learn more from my mistakes than from my successes. If you aren't making some mistakes, you aren't taking enough chances.

- Sculley, John

Be aware that young people have to be able to make their own mistakes and that times change.

- Shapira, Gina

A life spent making mistakes is not only more honorable, but more useful than a life spent

doing nothing.

- Shaw, George Bernard

We often discover what will do, by finding out what will not do; and probably he who never made a mistake never made a discovery.

- Smiles, Samuel

He who never made a mistake, never made a discovery.

- Smiles, Samuel

More people would learn from their mistakes if they weren't so busy denying them.

- Smith, Harold J.

Once we realize that imperfect understanding is the human condition, there is no shame in being wrong, only in failing to correct our mistakes.

- Soros, George

If I had to live my life over again, I'd try to make more mistakes next time.

- Stair, Nadine

I have learned throughout my life as a composer chiefly through my mistakes and pursuits of false assumptions, not by my exposure to founts of wisdom and knowledge.

- Stravinsky, Igor

There are few, very few, that will own themselves in a mistake.

- Swift, Jonathan

From the errors of others a wise man corrects his own.

- Syrus, Publilius

Men are apt to prefer a prosperous error to an afflicted truth.

- Taylor, Jeremy

Mistakes are the usual bridge between inexperience and wisdom.

- Therous, Phyllis

We are built to make mistakes, coded for error.

- Thomas, Lewis

The broadest and most prevalent error requires the most disinterested virtue to sustain it.

- Thoreau, Henry David

Learn from the mistakes of others -- you can never live long enough to make them all yourself.

- Unknown, Source

I never make stupid mistakes. Only very, very clever ones.

- Unknown, Source

It's easy to stop making mistakes. Just stop having ideas.

- Unknown, Source

Learn from your parents mistakes -- use birth control.

- Unknown, Source

It is said that only a fool learns from his own mistakes, a wise man from the mistakes of others.

- Unknown, Source

A man who never made a mistake, never made anything worth a darn.

- Unknown, Source

A mistake at least proves that somebody stopped talking long enough to DO something.

- Unknown, Source

We don't make mistakes, we only have happy accidents.

- Unknown, Source

MISTAKES are the stepping stones that lead to future accomplishments.

- Unknown, Source

There is nothing wrong with making mistakes. Just don't respond with errors.

- Unknown, Source

Make the mistakes of yesterday your lessons for today.

- Unknown, Source

Things could be worse. Suppose your errors were counted and published every day, like those of a baseball player.

- Unknown, Source

Even the knowledge of my own fallibility cannot keep me from making mistakes. Only when I fall do I get up again.

- Van Gogh, Vincent

Don't dwell on what went wrong. Instead, focus on what to do next. Spend your energies on moving forward toward finding the answer.

- Waitley, Denis

Mistakes are painful when they happen, but years later a collection of mistakes is what is

called experience.

- Waitley, Denis

You must learn from your past mistakes, but not lean on your past successes.

- Waitley, Denis

Show us a man who never makes a mistake and we will show you a man who never makes anything. The capacity for occasional blundering is inseparable from the capacity to bring things to pass. The only men who are past the danger of making mistakes are the men who sleep at Greenwood.

- Wayland, H. L.

It's very easy to forgive others their mistakes, it takes more gut and gumption to forgive them for having witnessed your own.

- West, Jessamyn

Experience is the name we give to our mistakes.

- Wilde, Oscar

Life would be dull without them.

- Wilde, Oscar

If you're not making mistakes, then you're not doing anything. I'm positive that a doer

makes mistakes.

- Wooden, John

So long as a person who has made mistakes... honestly and sincerely wishes to be cured and to mend his ways, we should welcome him and cure his sickness so that he can become a good comrade. We can never succeed if we just let ourselves go and lash at h

- Zedong, Mao

This is a hard and precarious world, where every mistake and infirmity must be paid in full.

- Day, Clarence

Learn from the mistakes of others, you can't live long enough to make them all yourself.

- Roosevelt, Eleanor



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