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Quotes about Youth

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All lovely things will have an ending, All lovely things will fade and die; And youth, that's now so bravely spending, Will beg a penny by and by.

- Aiken, Conrad

The young are permanently in a state resembling intoxication.

- Aristotle

They 'Young People' have exalted notions, because they have not been humbled by life or learned its necessary limitations; moreover, their hopeful disposition makes them think themselves equal to great things -- and that means having exalted notions. They would always rather do noble deeds than useful ones: Their lives are regulated more by moral feeling than by reasoning -- all their mistakes are in the direction of doing things excessively and vehemently. They overdo everything -- they love too much, hate too much, and the same with everything else.

- Aristotle

I've never understood why people consider youth a time of freedom and joy. It's probably because they have forgotten their own.

- Atwood, Margaret

Young people are fitter to invent than to judge; fitter for execution than for counsel; and more fit for new projects than for settled business.

- Bacon, Francis

Youth is not a question of years: one is young or old from birth.

- Barney, Natalie Clifford

I'm youth, I'm joy, I'm a little bird that has broken out of the egg.

- Barrie, Sir James M.

Except for an occasional heart attack I feel as young as I ever did.

- Benchley, Robert

Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment. [Ecclesiastes 11:9]

- Bible

It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth. [Lamentations 3:27]

- Bible

When I was a boy of fourteen, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be twenty-one, I was astonished at how much the old

man had learned in seven years.

- Billings, Josh

Time misspent in youth is sometimes all the freedom one ever has.

- Brookner, Anita

What Youth deemed crystal, Age finds out was dew.

- Browning, Robert

The young do not know enough to be prudent, and therefore they attempt the impossible
-- and achieve it, generation after generation.

- Buck, Pearl S.

Youth, with swift feet, walks onward in the way; the land of joy lies all before his eyes.

- Bulwer-Lytton, Edward G.

There's nothing wrong with teenagers that reasoning with them won't aggravate.

- Bumper Sticker

The arrogance of age must submit to be taught by youth.

- Burke, Edmund

Youth is to all the glad season of life; but often only by what it hopes, not by what it

attains, or what it escapes.

- Carlyle, Thomas

Young men are apt to think themselves wise enough, as drunken men are apt to think themselves sober enough.

- Chesterfield, Lord

No man knows he is young while he is young.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

A sensual and intemperate youth translates into an old worn-out body.

- Cicero, Marcus T.

As I approve of a youth that has something of the old man in him, so I am no less pleased with an old man that has something of the youth. He that follows this rule may be old in body, but can never be so in mind.

- Cicero, Marcus T.

Youth is a period of missed opportunities.

- Connolly, Cyril

I remember my youth and the feeling that will never come back any more --the feeling that I could last for ever, outlast the sea, the earth, and all men; the deceitful feeling that lures

us on to joys, to perils, to love, to vain effort --to death; the triumphant conviction of strength, the heat of life in the handful of dust, the glow in the heart that with every year grows dim, grows cold, grows small, and expires --and expires, too soon, too soon --before life itself.

- Conrad, Joseph

The young always have the same problem -- how to rebel and conform at the same time. They have now solved this by defying their parents and copying one another.

- Crisp, Quentin

The hatred of the youth culture for adult society is not a disinterested judgment but a terror-ridden refusal to be hooked into the, if you will, ecological chain of breathing, growing, and dying. It is the demand, in other words, to remain children.

- Decter, Midge

Youth, what man's age is like to be, doth show; We may our ends by our beginnings know.

- Denham, Sir John

A boy's story is the best that is ever told.

- Dickens, Charles

The Youth of a Nation are the trustees of posterity.

- Disraeli, Benjamin

We live in an age when to be young and to be indifferent can be no longer synonymous.

We must prepare for the coming hour. The claims of the Future are represented by suffering millions; and the Youth of a Nation are the trustees of Posterity.

- Disraeli, Benjamin

Youth is the trustee of prosperity.

- Disraeli, Benjamin

The young feel tired at the end of an action, the old at the beginning.

- Eliot, T. S.

Lets tell young people the best books are yet to written; the best painting, the best government the best of everything is yet to be done by them.

- Erskine, John

If youth but knew; if age but could.

- Estienne, Henri

Youth holds no society with grief.

- Euripides

Youth is the best time to be rich, and the best time to be poor.

- Euripides

Youth does not require reasons for living, it only needs pretexts.

- Gasset, Jose Ortega Y

Young men wish; love, money and health. One day, they'll say; health, money and love.

- Gerald, Paul

Youth troubles over eternity, age grasps at a day and is satisfied to have even the day.

- Gilmore, Dame Mary

Great endowments often announce themselves in youth in the form of singularity and awkwardness.

- Goethe, Johann Wolfgang Von

As youth lives in the future, so the adult lives in the past: No one rightly knows how to live in the present.

- Grillparzer, Franz

On the neck of a young man sparkles no gem so gracious as enterprise.

- Hafiz

Do not commit the error common among the young, of assuming that if you cannot save

the whole of mankind you have failed.

- Hartog, Jan De

Man's own youth is the world's youth; at least he feels as if it were, and imagines that the earth's granite substance is something not yet hardened, and which he can mould into whatever shape he likes.

- Hawthorne, Nathaniel

Youth is ever apt to judge in haste, and lose the medium in the wild extreme.

- Hill, Aaron

Youth, abundant wealth, high birth, and inexperience, are, each of them a source of ruin. What then must be the fate of those in whom all four are combined.

- Hitopadesa

Youth itself is a talent -- a perishable talent.

- Hoffer, Eric

Through our great good fortune, in our youth our hearts were touched with fire. It was given to us to learn at the outset that life is a profound and passionate thing.

- Holmes, Oliver Wendell

Blessed are the young for they shall inherit the national debt.

- Hoover, Herbert Clark

Youth is unduly busy with pampering the outer person.

- Horace

Youth is about the only thing worth having, and that is about the only thing youth has.

- Howe, Edgar Watson

So different are the colors of life, as we look forward to the future, or backward to the past; and so different the opinions and sentiments which this contrariety of appearance naturally produces, that the conversation of the old and young ends generally with contempt or pity on either side.

- Johnson, Samuel

Youth enters the world with very happy prejudices in her own favor. She imagines herself not only certain of accomplishing every adventure, but of obtaining those rewards which the accomplishment may deserve. She is not easily persuaded to believe that the force of merit can be resisted by obstinacy and avarice, or its luster darkened by envy and malignity.

- Johnson, Samuel

I, for one, hope that youth will again revolt and again demoralize the dead weight of conformity that now lies upon us.

- Jones, Howard M.

The passions of the young are vices in the old.

- Joubert, Joseph

Ask the young. They know everything.

- Joubert, Joseph

The wine of youth does not always clear with advancing years; sometimes it grows turbid.

- Jung, Carl

Youth is happy because it has the ability to see beauty. Anyone who keeps the ability to see beauty never grows old.

- Kafka, Franz

It is not possible for civilization to flow backwards while there is youth in the world. Youth may be headstrong, but it will advance it allotted length.

- Keller, Helen

Remember that as a teenager you are at the last stage in your life when you will be happy to hear that the phone is for you.

- Lebowitz, Fran

You are only young once, and if you work it right, once is enough.

- Lewis, Joe E.

A hundred things are done today in the divine name of Youth, that if they showed their true colors would be seen by rights to belong rather to old age.

- Lewis, Wyndham

Trouble is, kids feel they have to shock their elders and each generation grows up into something harder to shock.

- Lindsey, Ben

A youth with his first cigar makes himself sick; a youth with his first girl makes everybody sick.

- Little, Mary

The young, whether they know it or not, live on borrowed property.

- Livingston, Richard W.

Youth comes but once in a lifetime.

- Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth

Enjoy the Spring of Love and Youth, to some good angel leave the rest; For Time will teach thee soon the truth, there are no birds in last year's nest!

- Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth

How beautiful is youth! how bright it gleams with its illusions, aspirations, dreams! Book of Beginnings, Story without End, Each maid a heroine, and each man a friend!

- Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth

If youth be a defect, it is one that we outgrow only too soon.

- Lowell, James Russell

Every youth owes it to himself and to the world to make the most possible out of the stuff that is in him...

- Marden, Orison Swett

It is an illusion that youth is happy, an illusion of those who has lost it.

- Maugham, W. Somerset

The American ideal is youth --handsome, empty youth.

- Miller, Henry

Childhood shows the man, as morning shows the day.

- Milton, John

There is nothing can pay one for that invaluable ignorance which is the companion of youth, those sanguine groundless hopes, and that lively vanity which makes all the

happiness of life.

- Montagu, Lady Mary Wortley

In grade school, I was a complete geek. You know, there's always the kid who's too short, the kid who wears glasses, the kid who's not athletic. Well, I was all three.

- Moore, Julianne

The pursuit of happiness, which American citizens are obliged to undertake, tends to involve them in trying to perpetuate the moods, tastes and aptitudes of youth.

- Muggeridge, Malcolm

The child thinks of growing old as an almost obscene calamity, which for some mysterious reason will never happen to itself. All who have passed the age of thirty are joyless grotesques, endlessly fussing about things of no importance and staying alive without, so far as the child can see, having anything to live for. Only child life is real life.

- Orwell, George

Youth is not a time of life, it is a state of mind. You are as old as your doubt, your fear, your despair. The way to keep young is to keep your faith young. Keep your self-confidence young. Keep your hope young.

- Phean, Luella F.

Youth doesn't reason, it acts. The old man reasons and would like to make the others act in his place.

- Picabia, Francis

Youth has no age.

- Picasso, Pablo

There was no respect for youth when I was young, and now that I am old, there is no respect for age I missed it coming and going.

- Priestley, J. B.

Well, youth is the period of assumed personalities and disguises. It is the time of the sincerely insincere.

- Pritchett, V. S.

Youth lives on hope, old age on memories.

- Proverb, French

If youth but had the knowledge and old age the strength.

- Proverb, French

Use your youth so that you may have comfort to remember it when it has forsaken you, and not sigh and grieve at the account thereof.

- Raleigh, Sir Walter

When the newspapers have got nothing else to talk about, they cut loose on the young.
The young are always news. If they are up to something, that's news. If they aren't, that's news too.

- Rexroth, Kenneth

I'm really glad that your young people missed the Depression I'm really glad that your young people missed the Depression and missed the big war. But I do regret that they missed the leaders that I knew, leaders who told us when things were tough and that we'd have to sacrifice, and that these difficulties might last awhile. They brought us together and they gave us a sense of national purpose.

- Richards, Ann

Idle youth, enslaved to everything; by being too sensitive I have wasted my life.

- Rimbaud, Arthur

The young have aspirations that never come to pass, the old have reminiscences of what never happened.

- Saki

Youth covets; let not this covetousness seduce you.

- Schiller, Johann Friedrich Von

It is the failing of youth not to be able to restrain its own violence.

- Seneca

A man loves the meat in his youth that he cannot endure in his age.

- Shakespeare, William

Do you set down your name in the scroll of youth, that are written down old with all the characters of age?

- Shakespeare, William

Youth, which is forgiven everything, forgives itself nothing: age, which forgives itself everything, is forgiven nothing.

- Shaw, George Bernard

It is all that the young can do for the old, to shock them and keep them up to date.

- Shaw, George Bernard

Even the youngest of us may be wrong sometimes.

- Shaw, George Bernard

Youth is such a wonderful thing. What a crime to waste it on children.

- Shaw, George Bernard

The denunciation of the young is a necessary part of the hygiene of older people, and greatly assists the circulation of their blood.

- Smith, Logan Pearsall

Don't let young people tell you their aspirations; when they drop them they will drop you.

- Smith, Logan Pearsall

Don't laugh at youth for his affectations; he is only trying on one face after another to find his own.

- Smith, Logan Pearsall

To be young is all there is in the world. They talk so beautifully about work and having a family and a home (and I do, too, sometimes) --but it's all worry and head-aches and respectable poverty and forced gushing. Telling people how nice it is, when, in reality, you would give all of your last thirty years for one of your first thirty. Old people are tremendous frauds.

- Stevens, Wallace

For God's sake give me the young man who has brains enough to make a fool of himself!

- Stevenson, Robert Louis

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

In the first day of my youth I tried to find it in the creatures, as I saw others do: but the more I sought, the less I found it, and the nearer I went to it, the further off it was. For of every image that appeared to me, before I had fully tested it, or abandoned myself to peace in it, and inner voice said to me: 'This is not what thou seekest.'

- Suso, Heinrich

Youth should be a savings bank.

- Swetchine, Anne Sophie

Like a kite cut from the string, lightly the soul of my youth has taken flight

- Takuboku, Ishikawa

Youth gets together with their materials to build a bridge to the moon or maybe a palace on earth; then in middle age they decide to build a woodshed with them instead.

- Thoreau, Henry David

It is better to be a young June-bug than an old bird of paradise.

- Twain, Mark

Youth is not a time of life; it is a state of mind; it is not a matter of rosy cheeks, red lips and supple knees; it is a matter of the will, quality of the imagination, a vigor of the emotions; it is the freshness of the deep springs of life.

- Ullman, Samuel

Everybody's youth is a dream, a form of chemical madness.

- Unknown, Source

After all, life hasn't much to offer except youth and I suppose for older people the love of youth in others.

- Unknown, Source

The good thing about being young is that you are not experienced enough to know you cannot possibly do the things you are doing.

- Unknown, Source

Youth has become a class.

- Vadim, Roger

Youth today must be strong, unafraid, and a better taxpayer than its father.

- Wade, H. V.

What is youth except a man or a woman before it is ready or fit to be seen.

- Waugh, Evelyn

There is a period near the beginning of every man's life when he has little to cling to

except his unmanageable dream, little to support him except good health, and nowhere to go but all over the place.

- White, Elwyn Brooks

The deepest definition of youth is life as yet untouched by tragedy.

- Whitehead, Alfred North

Youth, large, lusty, loving -- Youth, full of grace, force, fascination. Do you know that Old Age may come after you with equal grace, force, fascination?

- Whitman, Walt

Those whom the gods love grow young.

- Wilde, Oscar

In America the young are always ready to give to those who are older than themselves the full benefits of their inexperience.

- Wilde, Oscar

Youth! There is nothing like youth. The middle-aged are mortgaged to Life. The old are in Life's lumber-room. But youth is the Lord of Life. Youth has a kingdom waiting for it. Every one is born a king, and most people die in exile.

- Wilde, Oscar

Youth is that period when a young boy knows everything but how to make a living.

- Williams, Carey

The most conservative persons I ever met are college undergraduates. The radicals are the men past middle life.

- Wilson, Woodrow T.

Young people need models, not critics...

- Wooden, John

Youth is a quality, not a matter of circumstances.

- Wright, Frank Lloyd



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