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The expectations of life depend upon diligence; the mechanic that would perfect his work must first sharpen his tools.

-Confucius

Be noble minded! Our own heart, and not other men's opinions of us, forms our true honor.

-Johann Friedrich Von Schiller

You will always have to live with yourself, and it is to your best interest to see that you have good company -- a clean, pure, straight, honest, upright, generous, magnanimous companion.

-Orison Swett Marden

Success is not forever and failure isn't fatal.

-Don Shula

Every noble acquisition is attended with its risks; he who fears to encounter the one must not expect to obtain the other.

-Pietro Metastasio

Whenever the people are well informed, they can be trusted with their own government; that whenever things get so far wrong as to attract their notice, they may be relied on to set them to rights.

-Thomas Jefferson

We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness

-Thomas Jefferson

Enlighten the people generally, and tyranny and oppressions of body and mind will vanish like evil spirits at the dawn of day.

-Thomas Jefferson

The world is indebted for all triumphs which have been gained by reason and humanity over error and oppression.

-Thomas Jefferson

Honesty is the first chapter of the book of wisdom.

-Thomas Jefferson

My reading of history convinces me that most bad government results from too much government.

-Thomas Jefferson

That government is the strongest of which every man feels himself a part.

-Thomas Jefferson

Experience demands that man is the only animal which devours his own kind, for I can apply no milder term to the general prey of the rich on the poor.

-Thomas Jefferson

Ignorance is preferable to error; and he is less remote from the truth who believes nothing, than he who believes what is wrong.

-Thomas Jefferson

To compel a man to furnish contributions of money for the propagation of opinions which he disbelieves and abhors is sinful and tyrannical.

-Thomas Jefferson

Nothing can stop the man with the right mental attitude from achieving his goal; nothing on earth can help the man with the wrong mental attitude.

-Thomas Jefferson

I have never been able to conceive how any rational being could propose happiness to himself from the exercise of power over others.

-Thomas Jefferson

No well-informed person ever imputed inconsistency to another for changing his mind.

-Marcus T. Cicero

A good friend who points out mistakes and imperfections and rebukes evil is to be respected as if he reveals a secret of hidden treasure.

-Buddha

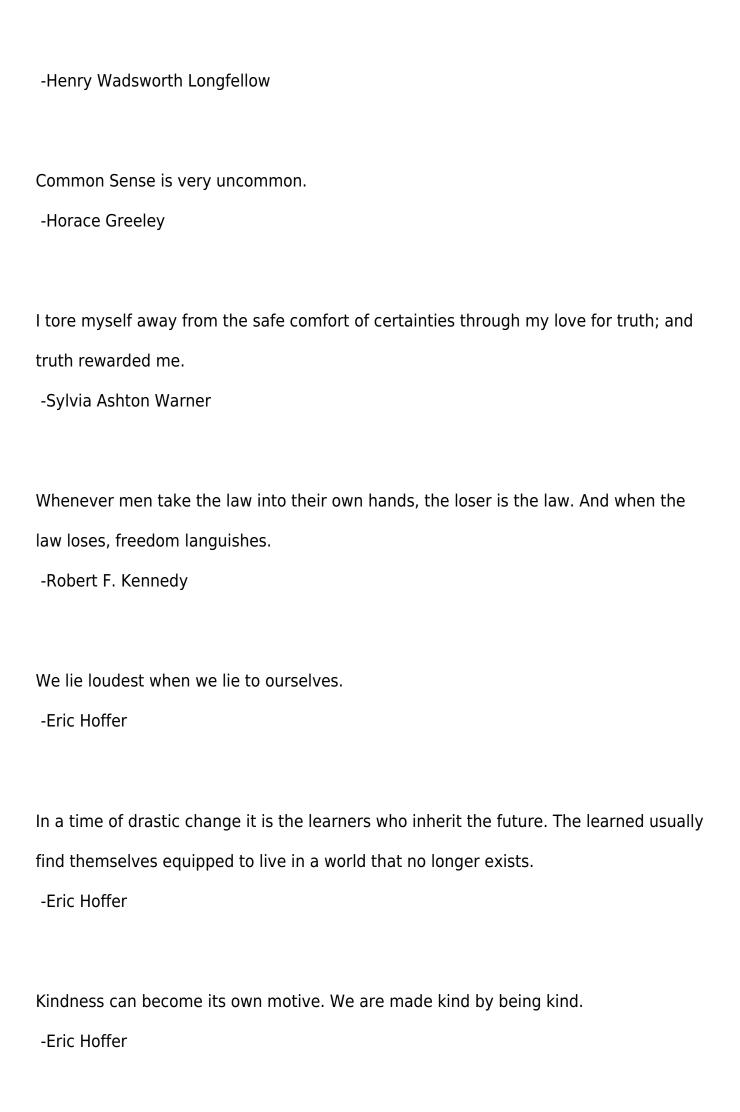
Talk not of wasted affection; affection never was wasted.

-Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

People must be taken as they are, and we should never try make them or ourselves better by quarreling with them.

-Edmund Burke

Men of genius are often dull and inert in society; as the blazing meteor, when it descends to earth, is only a stone.



Passionate hatred can give meaning and purpose to an empty life.

-Eric Hoffer

Friendship Never explain -- your friends do not need it, and your enemies will not believe it anyway. A real friend never gets in your way, unless you happen to be on the way down. A friend is someone you can do nothing with and enjoy it. However much we guard ourselves against it, we tend to shape ourselves in the image others have of us. It is not so much the example of others we imitate, as the reflection of ourselves in their eyes and the echo of ourselves in their words.

-Eric Hoffer

It is by its promise of a sense of power that evil often attracts the weak.

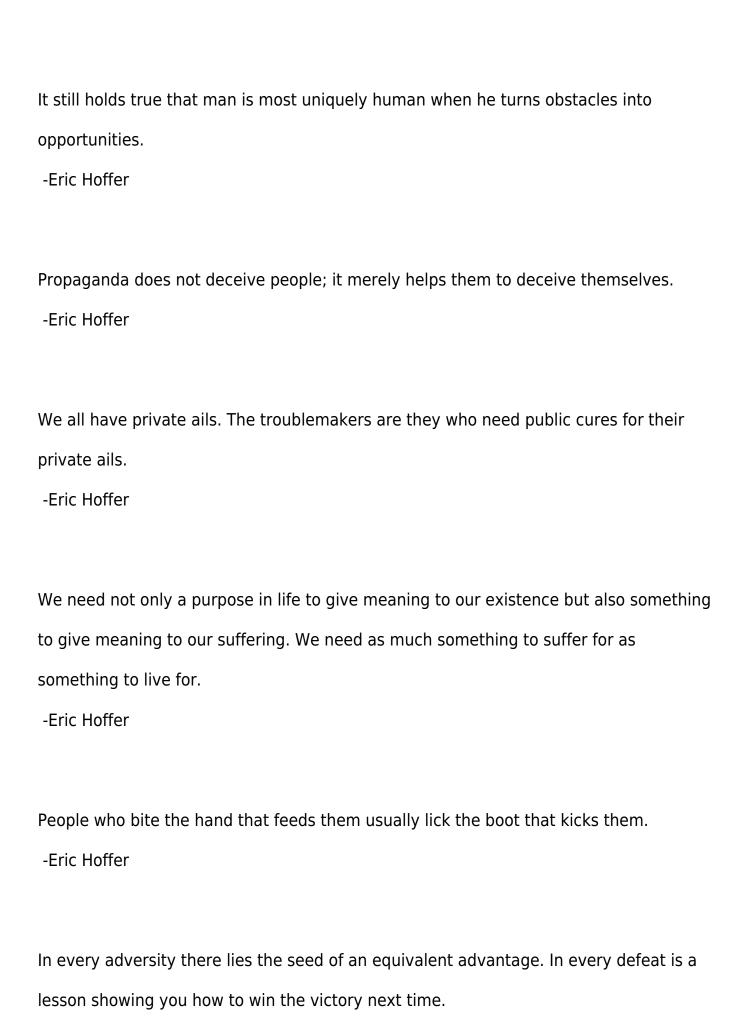
-Eric Hoffer

It is remarkable by how much a pinch of malice enhances the penetrating power of an idea or an opinion. Our ears, it seems, are wonderfully attuned to sneers and evil reports about our fellow men.

-Eric Hoffer

Rudeness is a weak imitation of strength.

-Eric Hoffer



-Robert Collier

The pre-human creature from which man evolved was unlike any other living thing in its malicious viciousness toward its own kind. Humanization was not a leap forward but a groping toward survival.

-Eric Hoffer

Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people. Roosevelt, Eleanor

-Eleanor Roosevelt

A proud man is always looking down on things and people; and, of course, as long as you're looking down, you can't see something that's above you.

-C. S. Lewis

What the world needs is more geniuses with humility, there are so few of us left.

-Oscar Levant

There are some people who live in a dream world, and there are some who face reality; and then there are those who turn one into the other.

-Douglas Everett

Must a government, of necessity, be too strong for the liberties of its own people, or too weak to maintain its own existence?

-Abraham Lincoln

One should use praise to recognize what one is not.

-Elias Canetti

The pathetic almost always consists in the detail of little events.

-Edward Gibbon

The laws of probability, so true in general, so fallacious in particular.

-Edward Gibbon

The winds and waves are always on the side of the ablest navigators.

-Edward Gibbon

The urgent consideration of the public safety may undoubtedly authorize the violation of every positive law. How far that or any other consideration may operate to dissolve the natural obligations of humanity and justice, is a doctrine of which I still desire to remain ignorant.

-Edward Gibbon

I don't like your miserable lonely single front name. It is so limited, so meager; it has no versatility; it is weighted down with the sense of responsibility; it is worn threadbare with much use; it is as bad as having only one jacket and one hat; it is like having only one relation, one blood relation, in the world. Never set a child afloat on the flat sea of life with only one sail to catch the wind.

-D. H. Lawrence

Names, once they are in common use, quickly become mere sounds, their etymology being buried, like so many of the earth's marvels, beneath the dust of habit.

-Salman Rushdie

Seek not to change the world, but choose to change your mind about the world.

-A Course In Miracles

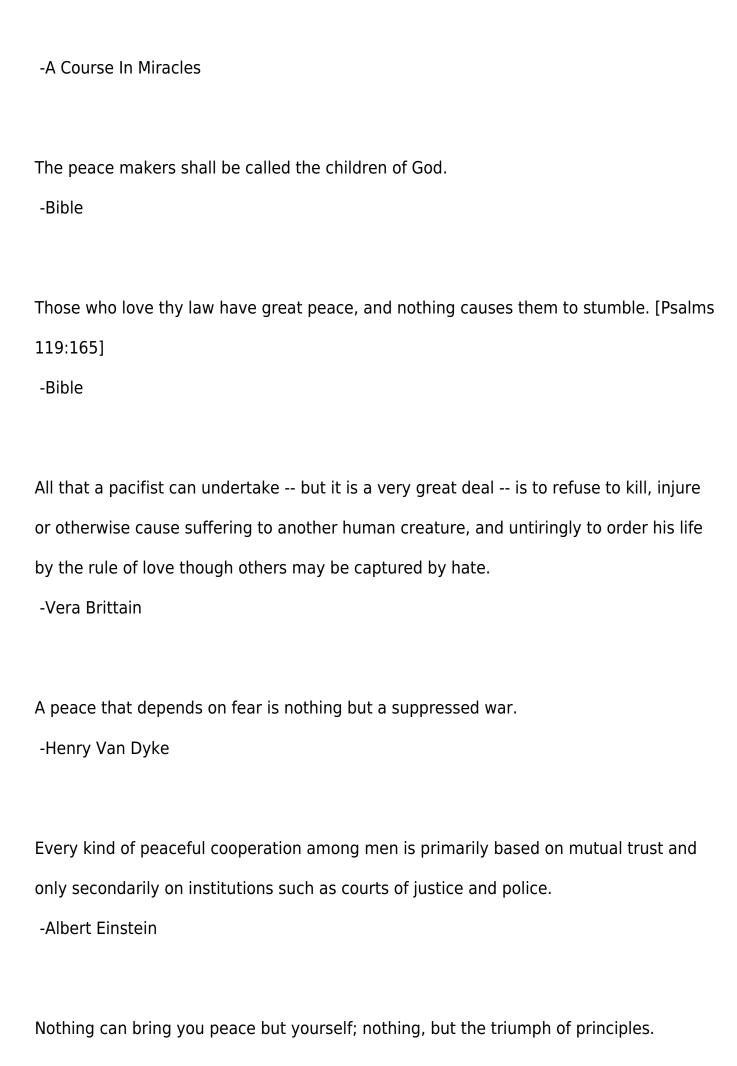
Change is not made without inconvenience, even from worse to better.

-Richard Hooker

Right human relations is the only true peace.

-Alice A. Bailey

Nothing real can be threatened. Nothing unreal exists. Herein lies the peace of God.



-Ralph Waldo Emerson

Events will take their course, it is no good of being angry at them; he is happiest who wisely turns them to the best account.

-Euripides

Assertiveness is not what you do, it's who you are!

-Cal Le Mon

The basic difference between being assertive and being aggressive is how our words and behavior affect the rights and well being of others.

-Sharon Anthony Bower

If liberty means anything at all, it means the right to tell people what they do not want to hear.

-George Orwell

Marriage is that relation between man and woman in which the independence is equal, the dependence mutual, and the obligation reciprocal.

-Louis K. Anspacher

Our real blessings often appear to us in the shapes of pains, losses and

disappointments; but let us have patience, and we soon shall see them in their proper figures

-Addison Joseph

Our friends interpret the world and ourselves to us, if we take them tenderly and truly.

-Amos Bronson Alcott

The longest absence is less perilous to love than the terrible trials of incessant proximity.

-Ouida

The hour of departure has arrived and we go our ways; I to die, and you to live. Which is better? Only God knows.

-Socrates

Yesterday is but a dream, and tomorrow is only a vision, but today well lived makes every yesterday a dream of happiness and every tomorrow a vision of hope.

-Source Unknown

Light is meaningful only in relation to darkness, and truth presupposes error. It is these mingled opposites which people our life, which make it pungent, intoxicating. We only exist in terms of this conflict, in the zone where black and white clash.

-Louis Aragon

Experience comprises illusions lost, rather than wisdom gained.

-Joseph Roux

The entire world is my temple, and a very fine one too, if I'm not mistaken, and I'll never lack priests to serve it as long as there are men.

-Desiderius Erasmus

A nail is driven out by another nail. Habit is overcome by habit.

-Desiderius Erasmus

There is nothing strange about fear: no matter in what guise it presents itself it is something with which we are all so familiar that when a man appears who is without it we are at once enslaved by him.

-Henry Miller

The dreamer whose dreams are non-utilitarian has no place in this world. In this world the poet is anothema, the thinker a fool, the artist an escapist, the man of vision a criminal.

-Henry Miller

The real enemy can always be met and conquered, or won over. Real antagonism is based on love, a love which has not recognized itself.

-Henry Miller

No man is great enough or wise enough for any of us to surrender our destiny to. The only way in which anyone can lead us is to restore to us the belief in our own guidance.

-Henry Miller

Only the insecure strive for security.

-Wayne Dyer

Realize that true happiness lies within you. Waste no time and effort searching for peace and contentment and joy in the world outside. Remember that there is no happiness in having or in getting, but only in giving. Reach out. Share. Smile. Hug. Happiness is a perfume you cannot pour on others without getting a few drops on yourself.

-Og Mandino

She learned to say things with her eyes that others waste time putting into words
-Corey Ford

[Dancing is] A perpendicular expression of a horizontal desire.

-George Bernard Shaw

We should consider every day lost in which we have not danced at least once.

-Friedrich Nietzsche

And we love to dance -- especially that new one called the Civil War Twist. The Northern part of you stands still while the Southern part tries to secede.

-Dick Gregory

Great dancers are not great because of their technique; they are great because of their passion.

-Martha Graham

The Eighth of September

This day, Today, was a brimming glass.

This day, Today, was an immense wave.

This day was all the Earth.

This day, the storm-driven ocean

lifted us up in a kiss
so exalted we trembled
at the lightning flash
and bound as one, fell,
and drowned, without being unbound.

This day our bodies grew
stretched out to Earth's limits,
orbited there, melded there
to one globe of wax, or a meteor's flame.

A strange door opened, between us, and someone, with no face as yet, waited for us there.

-Pablo Neruda

Clenched Soul

We have lost even this twilight.

No one saw us this evening hand in hand while the blue night dropped on the world.

I have seen from my window the fiesta of sunset in the distant mountain tops.

Sometimes a piece of sun burned like a coin in my hand. I remembered you with my soul clenched in that sadness of mine that you know. Where were you then? Who else was there? Saying what? Why will the whole of love come on me suddenly when I am sad and feel you are far away? The book fell that always closed at twilight and my blue sweater rolled like a hurt dog at my feet. Always, always you recede through the evenings toward the twilight erasing statues. -Pablo Neruda I stood among them, but not of them; in a shroud of thoughts which were not their thoughts. -Lord Byron

Faith is an oasis in the heart which will never be reached by the caravan of thinking.

-Kahlil Gibran

My Soul is Heavy Laden with Its Fruits: Would that I were a dry well, and that the people tossed stones into me, for that would be easier than to be a spring of flowing water that the thirsty pass by, and from which they avoid drinking

-Kahlil Gibran

Love gives naught but itself and takes naught but from itself. Love possesses not nor would it be possessed; For love is sufficient unto love.

-Kahlil Gibran

Bitterness imprisons life; love releases it.

-Henry Emerson Fosdick

If one desires a change, one must be that change before that change can take place.

-Gita Bellin

Change your thoughts and you change your world.

-Norman Vincent Peale

Ignorance is bold and knowledge reserved.

-Thucydides

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

-George Bernard Shaw

If all mankind minus one, were of one opinion, and only one person were of the contrary opinion, mankind would be no more justified in silencing that one person, than he, if he had the power, would be justified in silencing mankind.

-John Stuart Mill

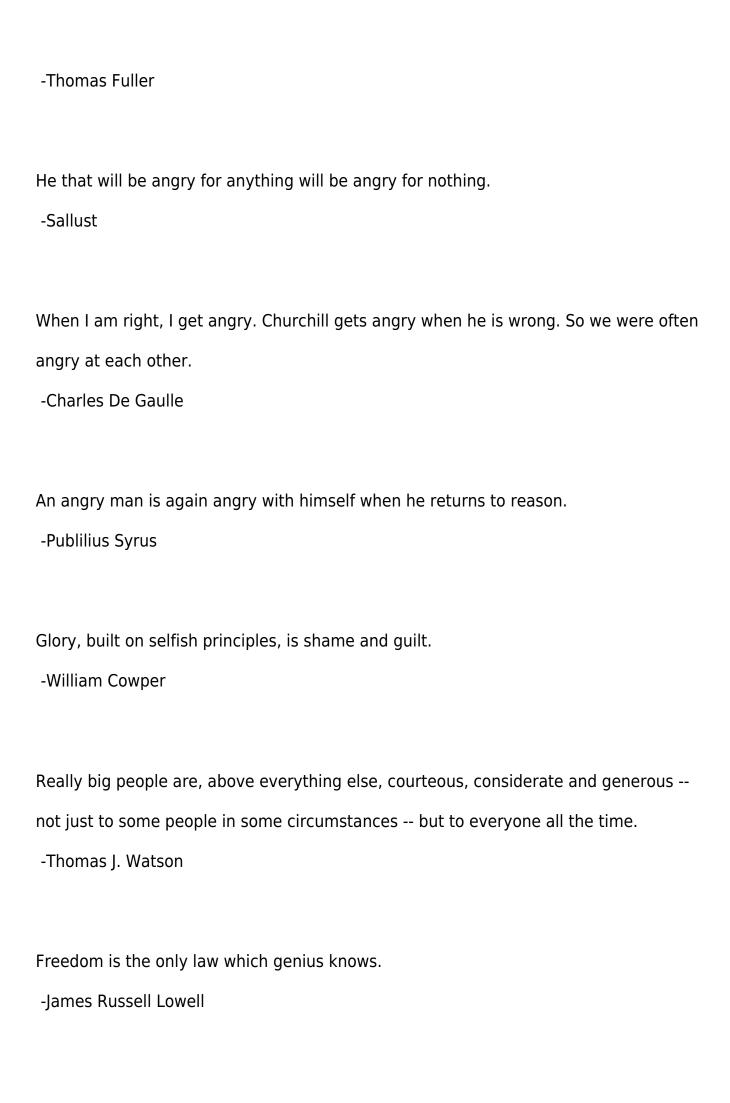
The amount of eccentricity in a society has generally been proportional to the amount of genius, mental vigor, and moral courage it contained. That so few now dare to be eccentric marks the chief danger of the time.

-John Stuart Mill

The peculiar evil of silencing the expression of an opinion is, that it is robbing the human race; posterity as well as the existing generation; those who dissent from the opinion, still more than those who hold it. If the opinion is right, they are deprived of the opportunity of exchanging error for truth: if wrong, they lose, what is almost as great a benefit, the clearer perception and livelier impression of truth, produced by its collision with error.

-John Stuart Mill

Conservatives are not necessarily stupid, but most stupid people are conservatives.
-John Stuart Mill
Only those who have learned the power of sincere and selfless contribution experience
life's deepest joy: true fulfillment.
-Anthony Robbins
Practicing the Golden Rule is not a sacrifice; it is an investment.
-Source Unknown
How people treat you is their karma; how you react is yours.
-Wayne Dyer
They have a Right to censure, that have a Heart to help: The rest is Cruelty, not Justice.
-William Penn
He that would be appropriate for not post not be appropriate another white in
He that would be angry and sin not, must not be angry with anything but sin. -Thomas Secker
- Homas Secker
Two things a man should never be angry at: what he can help, and what he cannot help.



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

-Abraham Lincoln

Freedom is the emancipation from the arbitrary rule of other men.

-Mortimer J. Adler

It requires greater courage to preserve inner freedom, to move on in one's inward journey into new realms, than to stand defiantly for outer freedom. It is often easier to play the martyr, as it is to be rash in battle.

-Rollo May

People who exercise their embryonic freedom day after day, little by little, expand that freedom. People who do not will find that it withers until they are literally being lived.

They are acting out scripts written by parents, associates and society.

-Stephen R. Covey

Freedom is not worth having if it does not connote freedom to err. It passes my comprehension how human beings, be they ever so experienced and able, can delight in depriving other human beings of that precious right.

-Mahatma Gandhi

Each person designs his own life, freedom gives him the power to carry out his own designs, and power gives the freedom to interfere with the designs of others.

-Eric Berne

Without Freedom of Thought, there can be no such Thing as Wisdom; and no such Thing as publick Liberty, without Freedom of Speech.

-Benjamin Franklin

None can love freedom heartily, but good men... the rest love not freedom, but license.

-John Milton

Sarcasm: the last refuge of modest and chaste-souled people when the privacy of their soul is coarsely and intrusively invaded.

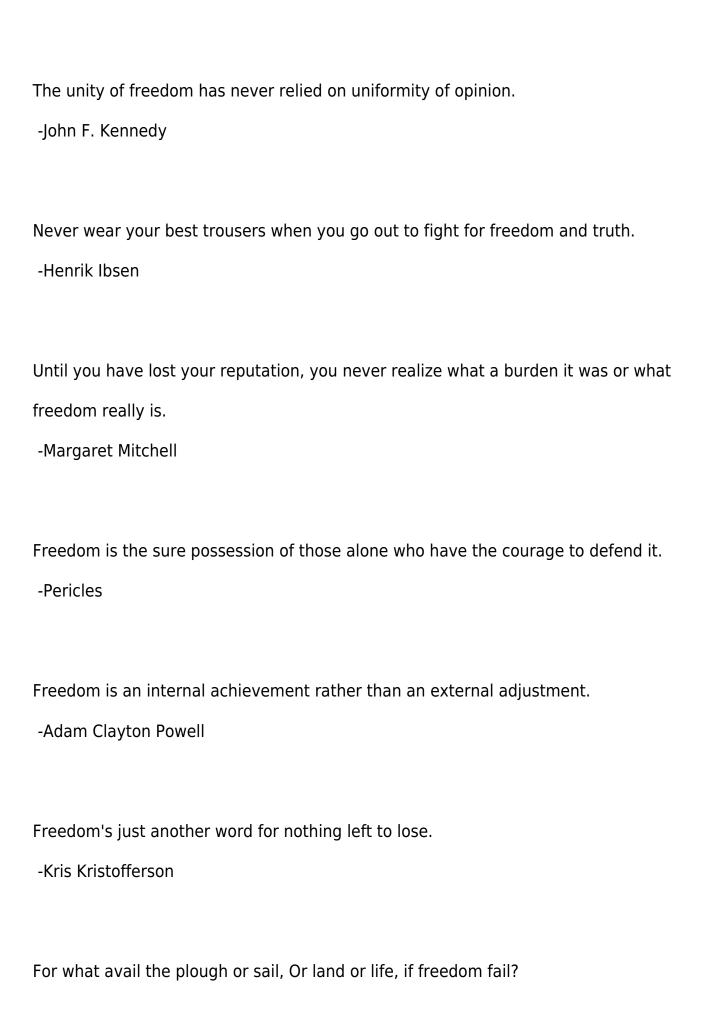
-Fyodor Dostoevsky

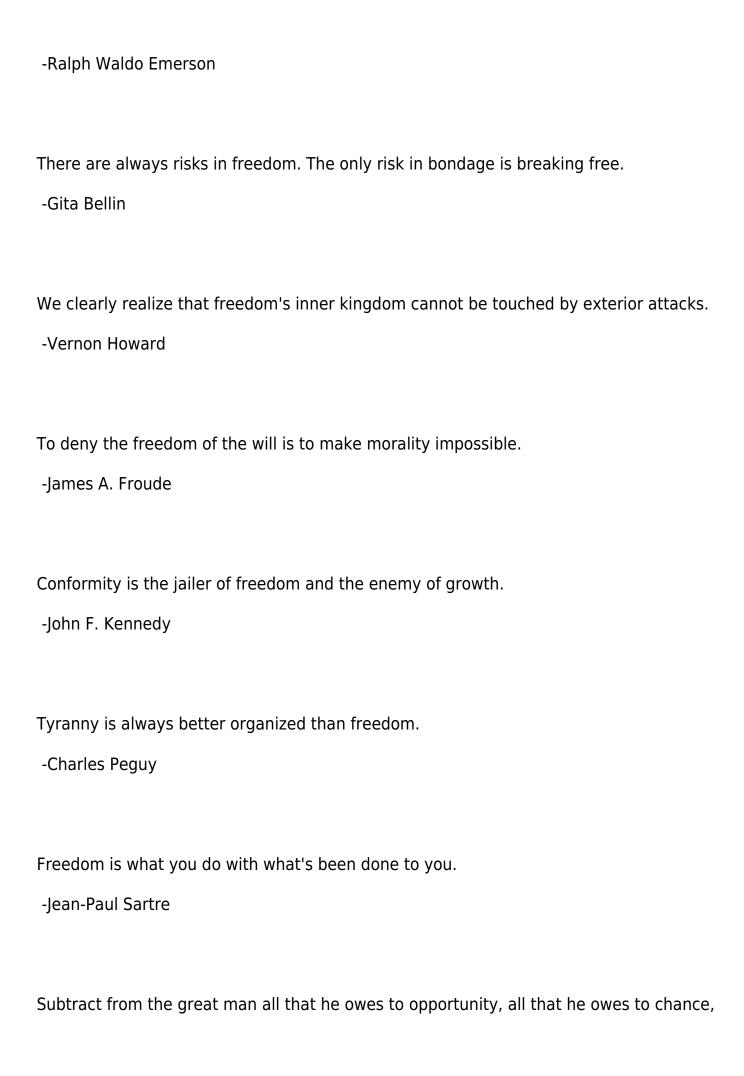
The fantastic advances in the field of electronic communication constitute a greater danger to the privacy of the individual.

-Earl Warren

There is no liberation without labor... and there is no freedom which is free.

-The Siri Singh Sahib





and all that he gained by the wisdom of his friends and the folly of his enemies, and the giant will often be seen to be a pygmy.

-Charles Caleb Colton

Sometimes our light goes out but is blown into flame by another human being. Each of us owes deepest thanks to those who have rekindled this light.

-Albert Schweitzer

The true sign of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination.

-Albert Einstein

It is better to conquer yourself than to win a thousand battles. Then the victory is yours. It cannot be taken from you, not by angels or by demons, heaven or hell.

-Buddha

Believe nothing, no matter where you read it, or who said it, no matter if I have said it, unless it agrees with your own reason and your own common sense.

-Buddha

The secret of health for both mind and body is not to mourn for the past, not to worry about the future, or not to anticipate troubles, but to live in the present moment wisely and earnestly.

-Buddha

A family is a place where minds come in contact with one another.

-Buddha

We ought not to treat living creatures like shoes or household belongings, which when worn with use we throw away.

-Plutarch

Respect for ourselves guides our morals, respect for others guides our manners.

-Laurence Sterne

Love never dies a natural death. It dies because we don't know how to replenish it's source. It dies of blindness and errors and betrayals. It dies of illness and wounds; it dies of weariness, of withering, of tarnishing.

-Anais Nin

Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.

-Mark Twain

Always fall in with what you're asked to accept. Take what is given, and make it over your way. My aim in life has always been to hold my own with whatever's going. Not against: with.

-Robert Frost

Life has no other discipline to impose, if we would but realize it, than to accept life unquestioningly. Everything we shut our eyes to, everything we run away from, everything we deny, denigrate or despise, serves to defeat us in the end. What seems nasty, painful, evil, can become a source of beauty, joy and strength, if faced with an open mind. Every moment is a golden one for him who has the vision to recognize it as such.

-Henry Miller

Skepticism is unbelief in cause and effect.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

There is something pagan in me that I cannot shake off. In short, I deny nothing, but doubt everything.

-Lord Byron

Destiny. A tyrant's authority for crime and a fool's excuse for failure.

-Ambrose Bierce

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

