

"I hope that death is like being carried up to your bedroom when you were a child and fell asleep on the couch during a family party. I hope you can hear the laughter from the next room." ~ @PetFurniture

The phrase "may you live in interesting times" is the lowest in a trilogy of Chinese curses that continue "may you come to the attention of those in authority" and finish with "may the gods give you everything you ask for." I have no idea about its authenticity. ~ Terry Pratchett

"There is no limit to what a man can do so long as he does not care a straw who gets the credit for it." ~ Charles Edward Montague

"I do not create; I merely pass on the wisdom of those who have gone before." ~ Confucius

"We, with flesh, blood and brain, belong to nature and exist in its midst." ~ Friedrich Engels

"Seek the company of those who seek the truth; run from those who have found it." ~ Vaclav Havel

"There are those who say to repay evil with kindness. But I say, how are we then to repay kindness? Repay kindness with kindness but repay evil with justice." ~ Confucius

"It matters not what someone is born, but what they grow to be." ~ JK Rowling

"I'm not crazy about reality, but it's still the only place to get a decent meal." ~ Groucho Marx

In the attitude of silence the soul finds the path in a clearer light, and what is elusive and deceptive resolves itself into crystal clearness. Our life is a long and arduous quest after Truth. ~ Mohandas Gandhi

"If you think this world is bad, you should see some of the others" ~ Philip K Dick

A man said to the universe:

'Sir, I exist!'

'However,' replied the universe,

'The fact has not created in me

A sense of obligation.'" ~ STEPHEN CRANE

"It's really a wonder that I haven't dropped all my ideals, because they seem so absurd and impossible to carry out. Yet I keep them because, in spite of everything, I still believe that people are really good at heart." ~ Anne Frank

"Second-hand books are wild books, homeless books; they have come together in vast flocks of variegated feather and have a charm which the domesticated volumes of the library lack. ~ Virginia Woolf

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"My Dad died of drink - a barrel fell on him" ~ Les Dawson

"My father drank so heavily, when he blew on the birthday cake he lit the candles." ~ Les Dawson

"I was in my car driving back from work. A police officer pulled me over and knocked on my window. I said, 'One minute I'm on the phone.'" ~ Alan Carr

"I worry about ridiculous things, you know, how does a guy who drives a snowplough get to work in the morning... that can keep me awake for days." ~ Billy Connolly

"I used to go out with a giraffe. Used to take it to the pictures and that. You'd always get some bloke complaining that he couldn't see the screen. It's a giraffe, mate. What do you expect? 'Well he can take his hat off for a start!'" ~ Paul Merton

"Here's a picture of me with REM. That's me in the corner." ~ Milton Jones

"People say 'Bill, are you an optimist?' And I say, 'I hope so.'" ~ Bill Bailey

"I rang up British Telecom and said: 'I want to report a nuisance caller.' The operator said: 'Not you again.'" ~ Tim Vine

"Life is like a box of chocolates. It doesn't last long if you're fat." ~ Joe Lycett

"Change your life today. Don't gamble on the future, act now, without delay." ~ Simone de Beauvoir

"There have been times, lately, when I dearly wished that I could change the past. Well, I can't, but I can change the present, so that when it becomes the past it will turn out to be a past worth having."  
- I Shall Wear Midnight ~ Sir Terry Pratchett

"You start thinking anything's possible if you've got enough nerve" ~ JK Rowling

"The human creature is alone in his carapace" - Stevie Smith

"How arrogant are you to think that you deserve to go through life with no one ever saying anything that you don't agree with or like?" ~ Ricky Gervais

"Life's tragedy is that we get old too soon and wise too late." ~ Benjamin Franklin

"I can be gloriously stupid, but if it helps to divert peoples' attention from the grimness of life, I'm happy." ~ Rik Mayall

"Few tasks are more like the torture of Sisyphus than housework, with its endless repetition: the clean becomes soiled, the soiled is made clean, over and over, day after day." ~ Simone de Beauvoir

"...our souls may be consumed by shadows, but that doesn't mean we have to behave as monsters."  
~ E. Cole, *The Short Life of Sparrows*

"We must stop regarding unpleasant or unexpected things as interruptions of real life. The truth is that interruptions are real life." ~ C. S. Lewis

"If you have any young friends who aspire to become writers, the second greatest favor you can do them is to present them with copies of *The Elements of Style*. The first greatest, of course, is to shoot them now, while they're happy." ~ Dorothy L Sayers

"Legs are hereditary, and run in most families." ~ Spike Milligan

"If we're looking for the source of our troubles, we shouldn't test people for drugs, we should test them for stupidity, ignorance, greed and love of power." ~ P. J. O'Rourke

"Some things in life cannot be fixed. They can only be carried" ~ Megan Devine

DON'T THINK OF IT AS DYING said Death. JUST THINK OF IT AS LEAVING EARLY TO AVOID THE RUSH. ~ Terry Pratchett, Good Omens

Interesting fact: The iron carrying oxygen from your lungs to the rest of your body was made when stars exploded.

"I want this music and this dawn / and the warmth of your cheek against mine." ~ Rumi

"Everything worth doing takes time. You have to write a hundred bad songs before you write 1 good one. And you have to sacrifice a lot of things that you might not be prepared for. Like it or not, you are in this alone and have to follow your own star" ~ Bob Dylan

"Until you make the unconscious conscious, it will direct your life, and you will call it fate." ~ Carl Jung

"You can be as unfeminine or feminine as you want and all shades in between. Better to be impactful than decorative." ~ Audrey Ludwig

"It is simply this: do not tire, never lose interest, never grow indifferent — lose your invaluable curiosity and you let yourself die. It's as simple as that." ~ Tove Jansson

"Everyone has gods. You just don't think they're gods." ~ Terry Pratchett, The Colour of Magic

"Do not seek perfection. None exists. All we can do is strive." ~ Terry Pratchett, Snuff

"The brains of people are more interesting than their looks." ~ Hedy Lamarr

"I'd rather have questions that can't be answered than answers that can't be questioned" ~ Richard Feynman

"Looking at the earth from afar you realize it is too small for conflict and just big enough for co-operation" ~ Yuri Gagarin

"Anyone who says that words can't hurt has never been hit with a dictionary" ~ Steve Jones

"You have to make mistakes to want to change. Don't hold on because you think it's the right choice." ~ Anon

"The true meaning of life is to plant trees, under whose shade you do not expect to sit." ~ Unknown

"I think of life as a good book. The further you get into it, the more it begins to make sense." ~ Harold S. Kushner

"It is not very unreasonable that the rich should contribute to the public expense, not only in proportion to their revenue, but something more than in that proportion." ~ Adam Smith, 'Wealth of Nations'

“Don’t raise your voice ~ improve your argument.” ~ Desmond Tutu

“Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness.” ~ Desmond Tutu

“When you do well, it spreads out ~ it is for the whole of humanity.” ~ Desmond Tutu

"However long we postpone it, we eventually lie down alone in that notoriously uncomfortable bed, the one we make ourselves. Whether or not we sleep in it depends, of course, on whether or not we respect ourselves." ~ Joan Didion

"You can't separate peace from freedom because no one can be at peace unless he has his freedom." ~ Malcolm X

"There is more meaning and mutual understanding in exchanging a glance with a gorilla than with any other animal I know." ~ David Attenborough

"The most important tribute any human being can pay to a poem or a piece of prose he or she really loves is to learn it by heart. Not by brain, by heart. . . .What you know by heart, the bastards cannot touch." ~ George Steiner

"I'm quite all right. I'm not even scared. You see, I've learned from looking around, there is something worse than loneliness - and that's the fear of it." ~ Dorothy Parker

"Use your memory! It is those bitter seeds alone which might sprout and grow someday." ~ Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn

"In the name of God, stop a moment, cease your work, look around you!" ~ Leo Tolstoy

"The way to know life is to love many things." ~ Vincent Van Gogh

"While we read a novel, we are insane—bonkers. We believe in the existence of people who aren't there, we hear their voices . . ." ~ Ursula K. Le Guin

"The world needs all different kinds of minds engaged in solving problems." ~ Temple Grandin

"Women are like teabags - we don't know our full strength until we are in hot water." ~ Eleanor Roosevelt

“To argue with a person who has renounced the use of reason is like administering medicine to the dead.”

~ Thomas Paine

“Hope has two beautiful daughters. Their names are Anger and Courage; anger at the way things are, and courage to see that they do not remain the way they are.” ~ attributed to St. Augustine

“Gods don't like people not doing much work. People who aren't busy all the time might start to think.”

- Terry Pratchett (Small Gods)

“The gods of the Disc have never bothered much about judging the souls of the dead, and so people only go to hell if that's where they believe, in their deepest heart, that they deserve to go. Which

they won't do if they don't know about it. This explains why it is so important to shoot missionaries on sight." ~ Terry Pratchett

"I have as much authority as the Pope, I just don't have as many people who believe it." ~ George Carlin

"Anticipate charity by preventing poverty; assist the reduced fellow man, either by a considerable gift or a sum of money or by teaching him a trade or by putting him in the way of business so that he may earn an honest livelihood and not be forced to the dreadful alternative of holding out his hand for charity. This is the highest step and summit of charity's golden ladder." ~ Moshe ben Maimon (Maimonides)

"Never put down to malice what can be attributed to stupidity." ~ Hanlon's Razor

"The way is not in the sky. The way is in your heart." ~ Buddha

"Don't burn books; instead, read them and form an opinion." ~ Anon

"Beginning today, treat everyone you meet as if they were going to be dead by midnight. Extend to them all the care, kindness and understanding you can muster, and do it with no thought of any reward. Your life will never be the same again." - Og Mandino

"You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending!" ~ C.S.Lewis

"We delight in the beauty of the butterfly, but rarely admit the changes it has gone through to achieve that beauty" ~ Maya Angelou.

"I'd rather regret the things I've done than regret the things I haven't done." ~ Lucille Ball

"Never, ever be afraid to make some noise and get in good trouble, necessary trouble" ~ John Lewis

Anyone can do any amount of work provided it isn't the work he is supposed to be doing at the moment. - Robert Benchley

"I'm looking for a boyfriend who is sensitive and caring. Unfortunately, they all have boyfriends already"

"Don't worry about what others think - they will think it anyway." ~ Suzanne Moore

"It isn't the things themselves that disturb people, but the judgments that they form about them." ~ Epictetus

"A computer is like a mischievous genie. It will give you exactly what you ask for, but not always what you want." — Joe Sondow

"If one woman told the truth about life, the world would split open." ~ Muriel Rukeyser

"Books are a uniquely portable magic" ~ Stephen King

"Women who seek to be equal with men lack ambition." ~ Timothy Leary

"If it can be destroyed by the truth, it deserves to be destroyed by the truth." ~ Carl Sagan

"What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness." ~ John Steinbeck

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"Well-behaved women seldom make history." ~ Laurel Thatcher Ulrich

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

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"The sage knows himself, but does not parade.  
He cherishes himself, but does not praise himself."  
— Lao Tzu, Tao Te Ching, Ch. 72

"Rivers do not drink their own water. Trees do not eat their own fruit and clouds do not swallow their own rain. What great ones have is always for the benefit of others" ~ Hindu proverb

"Do the right thing. It will gratify some people and astonish the rest." ~ Mark Twain

"The idea is to die young as late as possible" ~ Ashley Montague

"The first principle is that you must not fool yourself — and you are the easiest person to fool." ~ Richard Feynman

"It is an artist's duty to reflect the times in which we live" ~ Nina Simone

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"There is nothing in a caterpillar that tells you it's going to be a butterfly." ~ Buckminster Fuller

"I cannot believe in a God who wants to be praised all the time." ~ Nietzsche

"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."  
~ Anne Frank

"Work as if you live in the early days of a better nation." ~ Alasdair Gray

"Where can I find a man who has forgotten words? He is the one I would like to talk to." ~ Zhuangzi

"Are you and I perchance caught up in a dream from which we have not yet awakened?" ~ Zhuangzi

"If you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing it is stupid." ~ Bill Bryson

"The place in which I'll fit will not exist until I make it" ~ James Baldwin

"The most important thing is to enjoy your life — to be happy — it's all that matters." ~ Audrey Hepburn

"The wise man knows it is better to sit on the banks of a remote mountain stream than to be emperor of the whole world." ~ Zhuangzi

The Way that can be told is not the eternal way. ~ Lao Tzu

I drink to make other people interesting ~ Groucho Marx

"A man is not dead while his name is still spoken." ~ Terry Pratchett

You do not really understand something unless you can explain it to your grandmother. ~ Unknown

"The most revolutionary thing one can do is always to proclaim loudly what is happening." ~ Rosa Luxemburg

"Think of how stupid the average person is. Then remember that half the population are more stupid than that." ~ George Carlin

"If you just set out to be liked, you would be prepared to compromise on anything at any time, and you would achieve nothing." ~ Margaret Thatcher.

"Of course I am not worried about intimidating men. The type of man who will be intimidated by me is exactly the type of man I have no interest in" ~ Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Not everything that is faced can be changed. But nothing can be changed until it is faced. ~ James Baldwin.

If you want the rainbow, you've got to put up with the rain. ~ Dolly Parton

"We are all connected; To each other, biologically. To the earth, chemically. To the rest of the universe atomically." ~ Neil deGrasse Tyson

"We are what we pretend to be, so we must be careful about what we pretend to be." ~ Kurt Vonnegut

"...for the growing good of the world is partly dependent on unhistoric acts; and that things are not so ill with you and me as they might have been, is half owing to the number who lived faithfully a hidden life, and rest in unvisited tombs." ~ George Elliott

"The glory of creation is in its infinite diversity. And the ways our differences combine to create meaning and beauty." ~ IDIC (Infinite Diversity in Infinite Combination - see the entry in the Psychic Guide)

"One golfer a year is hit by lightning. This may be the only evidence we have of god's existence." ~ Steve Aylett

"All opinions are not equal. Some are a very great deal more robust, sophisticated and well supported in logic and argument than others. ~ Douglas Adams

"Life would be infinitely happier if we could only be born at the age of eighty and gradually approach eighteen." ~

"Be careful about reading health books - you may die of a misprint." ~ Mark Twain

"...you don't ever have to do anything sensational for people to love you. When I say it's you I like, I'm talking about that part of you that knows that life is far more than anything you can ever see, or hear, or touch. That deep part of you, that allows you to stand for those things, without which humankind cannot survive." ~ Fred Rogers

"I'll be more enthusiastic about encouraging thinking outside the box when there's evidence of any thinking going on inside it." ~ Terry Pratchett

"Tact is the knack of making a point without making an enemy." ~ Howard W Newton

"When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant, I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years." — Mark Twain

"Say not I have found the truth, rather, I have found a truth." ~ Kahlil Gibran

"It isn't enough to talk about peace. One must believe in it. And it isn't enough to believe in it. One must work at it." ~ Eleanor Roosevelt

"A great many people think they are thinking when they are merely rearranging their prejudices." ~ William James

"'Sonder' is the profound, individual realization that each person you meet is living their own life, that each person has their own world fitted with their own personal worries, pains, pleasures, ambitions, routines, etc. — The same as yourself, in a sense, but also as intricate and as different as could be imagined." ~ Jack Koenig, *The Dictionary of Obscure Sorrows*

Even a happy life cannot be without a measure of darkness, and the word happy would lose its meaning if it were not balanced by sadness. It is far better take things as they come along with patience and equanimity. ~ Carl Jung

"When you learn, teach. When you get, give." - Maya Angelou

"Here is a test to find whether your mission on earth is finished: if you're alive, it isn't." ~ Richard Bach

"A book read by a thousand different people is a thousand different books." ~Andrei Tarkovsky

"Music in the soul can be heard by the universe." - Lao Tsu

"We shall not cease from exploration  
And the end of all our exploring  
Will be to arrive where we started  
And know the place for the first time."  
- From the poem *Little Gidding*, by T. S. Eliot

"Better than a thousand hollow words, is one word that brings peace." ~ Buddha

"I look to the future because that's where I'm going to spend the rest of my life." George Burns



There is no such thing as "Just a cat". ~ Robert A. Heinlein

The greatest degree of inner tranquility comes from the development of love and compassion. The more we care for the happiness of others, the greater is our own sense of well-being. - Tenzin Gyatso, 14th Dalai Lama

Friendship is born at that moment when one person says to another, "What! You, too? I thought I was the only one." ~ C. S. Lewis

"We are like butterflies who flutter for a day and think it's forever." - Carl Sagan

"... and those who were seen dancing were thought to be insane by those who could not hear the music." ~ Friedrich Nietzsche

"A man is not dead while his name is still spoken." ~ Terry Pratchett

"The wages of sin is death but so is the salary of virtue, and at least the evil get to go home early on Fridays." ~ Terry Pratchett (Witches Abroad)

"The one-eyed mollusc on the sea-bottom, feathered and luminous, is my equal in what he and I know of star clusters not yet found by the best of star-gazers." ~ Carl Sandburg

"If wealth was the inevitable result of hard work and enterprise, every woman in Africa would be a millionaire." ~ George Monbiot

"If only there were evil people somewhere insidiously committing evil deeds, and it were necessary only to separate them from the rest of us and destroy them. But the line dividing good and evil cuts through the heart of every human being. And who is willing to destroy a piece of his own heart?" ~ Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, The Gulag Archipelago

"Only in our dreams are we free. The rest of the time we need wages." ~ Terry Pratchett (Wyrd Sisters)

I used to believe in reincarnation - but that was in a previous life. ~ Steve Jones

"The optimist proclaims that we live in the best of all possible worlds, and the pessimist fears this is true." -James Branch Cabell

"I'm killing time while I wait for life to shower me with meaning and happiness." ~ Bill Watterson

"When my wife is upset over something, I let her colour in my black-and-white tattoos. So she always has a shouder to crayon." ~ Anonymous

"The most important thing in human life for one's sanity is to be able to be playful or to be able to do things which are sublimely useless. When there is no room in our lives for the useless and for the purposeless, we are in serious danger of going completely crazy." ~ Alan Watts

"Life is pleasant. Death is peaceful. It's the transition that's troublesome."—Isaac Asimov

"There are a whole lot of people who die at fifty and aren't buried until they are eighty." ~ Anonymous

"A computer once beat me at chess, but it was no match for me at kick boxing." ~ Emo Philips

"In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life: it goes on." ~ Robert Frost

"The true meaning of life is to plant trees, under whose shade you do not expect to sit." ~ Unknown

"Religion is regarded by the common people as true, by the wise as false, and by the rulers as useful." ~ Seneca

"There isn't a way things should be. There is only what happens, and what we do." ~ Terry Pratchett (A Hatful of Sky)

"Whatever women do they must do twice as well as men to be thought half as good. Luckily, this is not difficult." ~ Charlotte Whitton

"Humans need fantasy to be human, to be the place where the falling angel meets the rising ape." Terry Pratchett

"Develop your eccentricities while you are young. That way, when you get old, people won't think you're going gaga." ~ David Ogilvy

"You know you're getting old when you stoop to tie your shoelaces and wonder what else you could do while you're down there." -George Burns

"As you get older, three things happen. The first is your memory goes, and I can't remember the other two." -Sir Norman Wisdom

"There's a theory which states that if ever anyone discovers exactly what the Universe is for and why it is here, it will instantly disappear and be replaced by something even more bizarre and inexplicable. There's another theory which states that this has already happened." ~ Douglas Adams

Do the things that make you happy - within the confines of the legal system." ~ Ellen DeGeneres

There is great treasure there behind our skull and this is true about all of us. This little treasure has great, great powers, and I would say we only have learnt a very, very small part of what it can do. ~ Isaac Bashevis Singer

"Always beware of somebody who is a really good listener." ~ Terry Pratchett

"Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way when you criticize them, you are a mile away from them and you have their shoes." -Jack Handey

We've all heard that a million monkeys banging on a million typewriters will eventually reproduce the entire works of Shakespeare. Now, thanks to the Internet, we know this is not true. ~ Anonymous

"Clothes make the man. Naked people have little or no influence in society." ~ Mark Twain

"I used to sell furniture for a living. The trouble was, it was my own." ~ Les Dawson

“Love recognizes no barriers. It jumps hurdles, leaps fences, penetrates walls to arrive at its destination full of hope.” ~ Maya Angelou

“I never forget a face - but in your case, I’ll be glad to make an exception.”~ Groucho Marx

The presence of those seeking the truth is infinitely to be preferred to the presence of those who think they’ve found it. ~Terry Pratchett

"The law, in its majestic equality, forbids rich and poor alike to sleep under bridges, beg in the streets and steal loaves of bread." ~ Anatole France

"When you learn, teach. When you get, give." ~ Maya Angelou

“I’m sure wherever my Dad is, he’s looking down on us. He’s not dead, just very condescending.”~ Jack Whitehall

“Without a doubt it is more comfortable to endure blind bondage than to work for one’s liberation; the dead, too, are better suited to the earth than the living.” ~ Simone de Beauvoir

"Of course I’m sane - when trees start talking to me, I don’t talk back." ~ Terry Pratchett

"People don't alter history any more than birds alter the sky, they just make brief patterns in it." ~ Terry Pratchett (Mort)

“There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle.” Albert Einstein (1879-1955)

"A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies. The man who never reads lives only one." ~ George RR Martin

Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere ~ Martin Luther King

“The human race has only one really effective weapon and that is laughter.” — Mark Twain

“Why do you go away? So that you can come back. So that you can see the place you came from with new eyes and extra colours. And the people there see you differently, too. Coming back to where you started is not the same as never leaving.” ~ Terry Pratchett

"Anyone who lives within their means suffers from a serious lack of imagination." ~ Oscar Wilde

For money you can have everything it is said. No, that is not true. You can buy food, but not appetite; medicine, but not health; soft beds, but not sleep; knowledge but not intelligence; glitter, but not comfort; fun, but not pleasure; acquaintances, but not friendship; servants, but not faithfulness; grey hair, but not honor; quiet days, but not peace. The shell of all things you can get for money. But not the kernel. That cannot be had for money. - Arne Garborg, 1851 - 1924

I remember that all through history, the way of truth and love has always won. There have been murderers and tyrants, and for a time they can seem invincible. But in the end they always fall. Think of it always.

Andre Malraux, 1901 - 1976

"A hundred times every day I remind myself that my inner and outer life depends on the labors of other men, living and dead, and that I must exert myself in order to give in the measure as I have received and am still receiving."

~ Albert Einstein

Guard well your spare moments. They are like uncut diamonds. Discard them and their value will never be known. Improve them and they will become the brightest gems in a useful life.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1803 - 1882

In the attitude of silence the soul finds the path in a clearer light, and what is elusive and deceptive resolves itself into crystal clearness. Our life is a long and arduous quest after Truth.

- Mohandas Gandhi, 1869 - 1948

The most enjoyable emotion that we can feel is the sense of mystery. It is the origin of all true art and science. Those that have never sensed this emotion, those that have never been wrapped up in their own thoughts and been spellbound in wondering emotion are as the dead, their eyes are closed. This probing into the mysteries of life, mixed up with natural fear, was the origin of religion. To realise that things incomprehensible to us really exist, in the form of greater wisdom and more radiant beauty, which our limited faculties are only able to understand in the more primitive forms - this knowledge, this feeling, is at the centre of real religious feeling. In this sense - and only in this sense - I belong to the company of those people who are profoundly religious.  
Albert Einstein, from 'The World As I See It', 1929.

"As a musician I tell you that if you were to suppress adultery, fanaticism, crime, evil, the supernatural, there would no longer be the means for writing one note" ~ Georges Bizet

"As to the Seven Deadly Sins, I deplore Pride, Wrath, Lust, Envy and Greed. Gluttony and Sloth I pretty much plan my day around." ~Robert Brault

"I can't understand why people are frightened of new ideas. I'm frightened of the old ones" ~ John Cage

"For instance, on the planet Earth, man had always assumed that he was more intelligent than dolphins because he had achieved so much-the wheel, New York, wars and so on- whilst all the dolphins had ever done was muck about in the water having a good time. But conversely, the dolphins had always believed that they were far more intelligent than man-for precisely the same reasons."

~ Douglas Adams

If you could kick the person in the pants responsible for most of your troubles, you wouldn't sit for a month. ~ Theodore Roosevelt, 1858 - 1919

"There is only one real happiness in life, and that is the happiness of creating." ~ Frederick Delius

"A universe without purpose should neither depress us nor suggest that our lives are purposeless. Through an awe-inspiring cosmic history we find ourselves on this remote planet in a remote corner of the universe, endowed with intelligence and self-awareness. We should not despair, but should humbly rejoice in making the most of these gifts, and celebrate our brief moment in the sun." ~ Lawrence M Krauss

"At the bottom of the heart of every human being, from earliest infancy until the tomb, there is something that goes on indomitably expecting, in the teeth of all experience of crimes committed,

suffered, and witnessed, that good and not evil will be done to him. It is this above all that is sacred in every human being. The good is the only source of the sacred. There is nothing sacred except the good and what pertains to it.” ~ Simone Weil

“Kindness’ covers all of my political beliefs. No need to spell them out. I believe that if, at the end, according to our abilities, we have done something to make others a little happier, and something to make ourselves a little happier, that is about the best we can do. To make others less happy is a crime. To make ourselves unhappy is where all crime starts. We must try to contribute joy to the world. That is true no matter what our problems, our health, our circumstances. We must try. I didn’t always know this and am happy I lived long enough to find it out.” ~ Roger Ebert

“Science fiction, outside of poetry, is the only literary field which has no limits, no parameters whatsoever. You can go not only into the future, but into that wonderful place called ‘other’, which is simply another universe, another planet, another species.”  
~ Theodore Sturgeon (b. February 26th 1918)

“If you wish to glimpse inside a human soul and get to know a man, don't bother analysing his ways of being silent, of talking, of weeping, of seeing how much he is moved by noble ideas; you will get better results if you just watch him laugh. If he laughs well, he's a good man.”  
— Fyodor Dostoyevsky

"Remember to look up at the stars and not down at your feet. Try to make sense of what you see and wonder about what makes the universe exist. Be curious, and however difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed at. It matters that you don't give up." ~ Professor Stephen Hawking

The best remedy for those who are afraid, lonely, or unhappy is to go outside, somewhere where they can be quite alone with the heavens, nature, and God. Because only there does one feel that all is as it should be and that God wishes to see people happy, amidst the simple beauty of nature. ~ Anne Frank, 1929 - 1945

"The only appropriate state of the mind is surprise. The only appropriate state of the heart is joy. The sky you see now, you have never seen before. The perfect moment is now. Be glad of it." - Terry Pratchett

You must never lose faith in humanity. Humanity is an ocean; if a few drops of the ocean are dirty, the whole ocean does not become dirty. ~ Gandhi

“I may not have gone where I intended to go, but I think I have ended up where I needed to be.” ~ Douglas Adams

“For my part I know nothing with any certainty, but the sight of the stars makes me dream.” ~ Vincent van Gogh

"As to the Seven Deadly Sins, I deplore Pride, Wrath, Lust, Envy and Greed. Gluttony and Sloth I pretty much plan my day around." ~Robert Brault

"Music in the soul can be heard by the universe." - Lao Tsu

"A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies. The man who never reads lives only one." ~ George RR Martin

"If you're not upsetting anyone, you're not changing the status quo." ~ Seth Godin

"Wine is constant proof that God loves us and loves to see us happy." ~ Benjamin Franklin

"Develop your eccentricities while you are young. That way, when you get old, people won't think you're going gaga. ~ David Ogilvy

"If I knew for a certainty that a man was coming to my house with the conscious design of doing me good, I should run for my life." ~ Henry David Thoreau

"A little inaccuracy often saves tons of explanations." ~ Unknown

"We are all here on earth to help others; what on earth the others are here for I don't know." ~ W. H. Auden

"Who says nothing is impossible? I've been doing nothing for years." ~ Anonymous

"Success is the ability to go from one failure to another with no loss of enthusiasm." ~ Winston Churchill

"I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me." ~ Noel Coward

"Money won't buy you friends, but you get a better class of enemy." ~ Spike Milligan

"Never argue with a fool - onlookers may find it hard to tell the difference." ~ Mark Twain

"Be yourself, everyone else is already taken." ~ Oscar Wilde

"Two wrongs don't make a right, but they make a good excuse." ~ Thomas Szasz

"We are like butterflies who flutter for a day and think it's forever." - Carl Sagan

God answers all prayers - but sometimes His answer is No. ~ Dan Brown

My one regret in life is that I am not someone else. ~ Woody Allen

My grandmother started walking five miles a day when she was sixty. She's ninety-seven now, and we don't know where the hell she is. ~ Ellen DeGeneres

"Aren't bookshops strange, sitting there with quiet menace as if they were just a shop and not an entrance to 30,000 different universes?" ~ Matt Haig

"Since it is so likely that children will meet cruel enemies, let them at least have heard of brave knights and heroic courage" - CS Lewis

"The best remedy for those who are afraid, lonely, or unhappy is to go outside, somewhere where they can be quite alone with the heavens, nature, and God. Because only there does one feel that all is as it should be and that God wishes to see people happy, amidst the simple beauty of nature." ~ Anne Frank

"I am one step away from being rich. All I need now is money." ~ Anonymous

"Nothing is more admirable than the fortitude with which millionaires tolerate the disadvantages of their wealth" ~ Rex Stout

"The law, in its majestic equality, forbids the rich as well as the poor to sleep under bridges, to beg in the streets, and to steal bread." ~ Anatole France

"The whole problem with the world is that fools and fanatics are always so certain of themselves, and wiser people so full of doubts." ~ Bertrand Russell

"Life is just a series of obstacles preventing you from taking a nap." ~ Anonymous

"Happiness is having a large, loving, caring, close-knit family... in another city." ~ George Burns

"There is a theory which states that if ever anyone discovers exactly what the Universe is for and why it is here, it will instantly disappear and be replaced by something even more bizarre and inexplicable. There is another theory which states that this has already happened." ~ Douglas Adams

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Do not take life too seriously. You will never get out of it alive. ~ Elbert Hubbard

It's not worth doing something unless somebody, somewhere, would much rather you weren't doing it. ~ Terry Pratchett

"People who think they know everything are a great annoyance to those of us who do" ~ Isaac Asimov

"It takes considerable knowledge just to realize the extent of your own ignorance." ~ Thomas Sowell

"I can't understand why people are frightened of new ideas. I'm frightened of the old ones" ~ John Cage

"The cure for a fallacious argument is a better argument, not the suppression of ideas." ~ Carl Sagan

"I distrust those people who know so well what God wants them to do because I notice it always coincides with their own desires." - Susan B. Anthony

"I'm fed up to the ears with old men dreaming up wars for young men to die in." ~ George McGovern

"Do things that make you happy, within the confines of the legal system." ~ Ellen DeGeneres

"Common sense and a sense of humor are the same thing moving at different speeds. A sense of humor is just common sense dancing" ~ Clive James

"Anyone who lives within their means suffers from a serious lack of imagination." ~ Oscar Wilde

"If a black cat crosses your path, it signifies that the animal is going somewhere" ~ Groucho Marx

"Worrying does not take away tomorrow's troubles, it takes away today's peace." ~ Unknown

"Human beings make life so interesting. Do you know, that in a universe so full of wonders, they have managed to invent boredom?" ~ Terry Pratchett

"Never try to keep up with the Joneses. Drag them down to your level; it's cheaper." ~ Quentin Crisp

"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." Martin Luther King Jr

"You measure democracy by the freedom it gives its dissidents, not the freedom it gives its assimilated conformists." ~ Abbie Hoffman