

## “Quotable Quotes”

*For the impatient – The quotes in magenta are recommended. For the less impatient, I would suggest reading the quotes bottom up.*

1. Status quo is every pessimist’s solution.
2. Principle centered people are constantly educated by their experiences ....  
they discover that the more they know, the more they realize they don’t know; that as their circle of knowledge grows, so does its outside edge of ignorance.  
*Steven R. Covey, “Principle-Centered Leadership”*
3. Silence is one of the hardest argument to refute.
4. Almost all our faults are more pardonable than the means we restore to hide them.
5. Life is not what you get but what you negotiate.
6. We are inclined to believe those we do not know, because they have never deceived us.
7. If you think that you were responsible for every thing you did or occurred in your life you will either die of guilt or of arrogance.
8. Ideal people have the least leisure.
9. “Self-conquest” is the greatest victory.
10. Your presence should be such that your absence must be felt.
11. If you accept your limitations you go beyond them.
12. Till you don’t have a feeling of being the greatest you are on the path of greatness.  
*Sumit*
13. Small room discipline the mind, large one weaken them.
14. The reasonable man adapts himself to the world; the unreasonable one persists in trying to adapt the world to himself. Therefore all progress depends on the unreasonable man.  
*George Bernard Shaw*
15. Great minds discuss ideas;  
Average minds discuss events;  
Small minds discuss people.
16. The essence of life lies not in learning the art of winning, but in learning the art of winning you defeats.  
*Sumit*

17. You cannot understand anything until it is intuitively obvious.
18. If the doors of your perspective are cleansed everything would seem infinite.
19. The road to wisdom?  
Well it's plain and simple to express:  
Err and err and err again  
but less and less and less.  
*Piet Hein*
20. In anything at all, perfection has been attained not when there is nothing left to add, but when there is nothing left to take away...  
*Antoine de Saint Exupery, "Wind, Sand and Stars"*
21. We must not allow other people's limited perceptions to define us.  
*Virginia Satir*
22. Unless you try to do something beyond what you have already mastered, you will never grow.  
*Ralph Waldo Emerson*
23. There is never a can or a can't but always a will or a won't.
24. Always demanding the best of oneself, living with honor, devoting one's talents and gifts to the benefits of others - these are the measures of success that endure when material things have passed away.  
*Gerald R. Ford*
25. There is only one success, to be able to spend your life in your own way.
26. We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit.  
*Aristotle*
27. Great minds have purposes not wishes.
28. As we advanced in life it becomes more and more difficult, but in fighting the difficulties the inmost strength of the heart is developed.  
*Vincent van Gogh*
29. Birds sing after a storm; why shouldn't people feel as free to delight in whatever sunlight remains to them.  
*Rose F. Kennedy*
30. Why not seize the pleasure at once? How often is happiness destroyed by preparation, foolish preparation.  
*Jane Austen*
31. Change is an easy panacea. It takes character to stay in one place and be happy there.  
*Elizabeth Clarke Dunn*
32. If someone betrays you once, it is his fault; If he betrays you twice, it is your fault.
33. Learn from the mistakes of others. You can't live long enough to make them all yourself.

34. Forgiveness opens up the path of healing.  
*Gladys Staines*
35. Most people are so busy knocking themselves out trying to do everything they think they should do, they never get around to do what they want to do.  
*Kathleen Winsor*
36. If you replay back your years and if it does not bring tears, sorrow or joy to you, consider it wasted.
37. Make each day useful and cheerful and prove that you know the worth of time by employing it well. Then youth will be happy, old age without regret and life a beautiful success.  
*Louisa May Alcott*
38. Get around people who have something of value to share with you. Their impact will continue to have a significant effect on your life long after they have departed.  
*Jim Rohn*
39. It has never been, and never will be, easy work! But the road that is built in hope is more pleasant to the traveler than the road built in despair, even though they both lead to the same destination.  
*Marian Zimmer Bradley*
40. The biggest things are always the easiest to do because there is no competition.  
*William Van Horne*
41. Destiny is not a matter of chance, it is a matter of choice; it is not a thing to be waited for, it is a thing to be achieved.  
*William Jennings Bryan*
42. Don't walk in front of me, I may not follow.  
Don't walk behind me, I may not lead.  
Walk beside me and be my friend.  
*Albert Camus.*
43. Why do most women pay more attention to their appearance than improving their minds; Because most men are stupid but few are blind.
44. First law of debate: Never argue with a fool. People might not know the difference.
45. Still water runs deep
46. Life is a mystery from cradle to grave.
47. Success bring confidence, defeat introspection, together they bring perfection.  
*Sumit*
48. Technology dictates the languages in which we speak and think . Either we use those language or we remain mute.  
*J.G.Ballard*
49. No one other than you yourself is the cause of your ecstasy or agony.  
*Sumit*
50. Puny men make mighty excuse.

51. In international relations there are no true friends or enemies, there are only true national interests.
52. Where there is no vision, people perish.  
*Proverb*
53. That which is apprehended by intelligence and reason is always in the same state; but that which is conceived by opinion with the help of sensation and without reasoning, is always in a process of becoming and perishing and never really is.  
*Timaeus in the "Dialogues of Plato"*
54. The inevitable comes to pass by effort.  
*Oliver Wendell Holmes*
55. A day of defeat teaches us what years of success couldn't.  
*Sumit*
56. We refuse to accept the ideology that creates a dichotomy between men not on the basis of their own disposition but on the basis of the belief of their forefather and other factors that are beyond their own control.  
*Sumit*
57. No man can reveal to you nothing but that which already lies half-asleep in the dawning of your knowledge.  
*Khalil Gibran*
58. If the other person injures you, you may forget the injury; but if you injure him you will always remember.  
*Khalil Gibran*
59. Talk well of your friends and of your enemies say nothing.  
*Proverb*
60. Not the glittering weapon fights the fight, but rather the hero's heart.
61. Trifles make perfection, and perfection is no trifle.  
*Michelangelo*
62. Until you make peace with who you are, you'll never be content with what you have.  
*Doris Mortman*
63. Do your work the same in success and misfortune. This evenness - That is discipline.
64. People are people because of other people.
65. There are risks and costs to a program of action, but they are far less than the long range risks and costs of comfortable inaction.
66. Accept it or change it, don't complain; it does no good to anybody.  
*Sumit*
67. The dream was always running ahead of me. To catch up, to live for a moment in unison with it, that was the miracle.  
*Anais Nin*

68. Impossibilities are merely things which we have not yet learned.  
*Charles W. Chesnutt*
69. I dream of painting and then,  
I paint my dream.  
*Vincent Van Gogh*
70. There is nothing either good or bad but thinking makes it so.  
*William Shakespeare*
71. I would rather live in a world where my life is surrounded by mystery than live in a world so small that my mind could comprehend it.  
*Harry Fosdick*
72. There can be no rainbow without a storm and a cloud.  
*F.H. Vincent*
73. A man who trims himself to suit everybody will soon whittle himself away.  
*Charles Schwab*
74. Life moves on, whether we act as cowards or heroes. 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*
75. If life were predictable it would cease to be life, and be without flavor.  
*Eleanor Roosevelt*
76. God gave us memory so that we might have roses in December.
77. It is not because things are difficult that we do not dare; it is because we do not dare that things are difficult.  
*Seneca*
78. We must free ourselves of the hope that the sea will ever rest.  
We must learn to sail in high winds.  
*Hanmer Parsons Grant*
79. What goes around comes around. Work like you don't need the money. Love like you've never been hurt. Dance like nobody's watching.
80. There is no greatness where there is not simplicity, goodness, and truth.  
*Leo Tolstoy*
81. All things pass... Patience attains all it strives for.  
*St. Theresa of Avila*
82. What a man has to go through for a piece of ass in this world is highly ridiculous.
83. Men Wanted for hazardous journey. Small wages, bitter cold, long months of complete darkness, constant danger, safe return doubtful. Honor and recognition in case of success.  
*Ernest Shackleton*  
*Newspaper announcement before his Endurance Expedition.*

84. Perplexity is the beginning of knowledge.  
*Kahlil Gibran*
85. If we knew what it was we were doing, it would not be called research, would it?  
*Albert Einstein*
86. Great spirits have always found violent opposition from mediocre minds. The latter cannot understand it when a man does not thoughtlessly submit to hereditary prejudices but honestly and courageously uses his intelligence.  
*Albert Einstein*
87. The fear of death is the most unjustified of all fears, for there's no risk of accident for someone who's dead.  
*Albert Einstein*
88. Consistency is the last refuge of the unimaginative.
89. The more you sweat in peace, the less you bleed in war.  
*George Hyman Rickover*
90. No trumpets sound when the important decisions in our life are made. Destiny is made known silently.  
*Agnes De Mille*
91. Ideas pull the trigger, but instinct loads the gun.  
*Don Marquis*
92. Find a job you like and you add five days to every week.  
*H. Jackson Browne*
93. It is when a man ceases to do the things he has to do and does the things he likes to do, that the character is revealed.
94. Discussion is an exchange of knowledge, argument an exchange of ignorance.  
*Chinmaya*
95. Charm strikes the sight but merit wins the soul.  
*Pope*
96. Not everything that counts can be counted, and not everything that can be counted counts.  
*Albert Einstein*
97. Always behave like a duck—keep calm unruffled on the surface but paddle like the devil underneath.  
*Jacob Braude*
98. The value of marriage is not that adults produce children, but that children produce adults.  
*Peter De Vries*
99. In order to reach a high peak we will have to climb many small peaks. This will involve continuous ascending and descending. Many times the high peak will disappear from our visibility. However firmness of mind, focus, dedication and perseverance will take us there.
100. If it is language that makes us human, one half of language is to listen. Silence can exist without speech, but speech cannot exist without silence. Listen to the speech of others, listen even more to their silence.  
*Jacob Trapp*

101. What can't be cured is best endured.
102. Patience with others is Love,  
Patience with self is Hope,  
Patience with God is Faith.
103. Men will wrangle for religion; write for it; fight for it; die for it; anything but live it.  
*Lacon Colton*
104. The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.  
*Eleanor Roosevelt*
105. Men do not understand books until they have had a certain amount of life, or at any rate no man understands a deep book until he has seen and lived at least part of its contents.  
*Ezra Loomis Pound (1885-1972), American writer, poet, "Cantos," "ABC of Reading"*
106. I swear by my life and my love of it, that I shall not live for the sake of any other man or ask any other to live for mine.  
*Ayn Rand (Atlas Shrugged)*
107. If I would be happy, I would be a bad ballplayer. With me, when I get mad, it puts energy in my body.  
*Roberto Clemente (1934 - 1972), American Baseball Player*
108. The shortest and surest way of arriving at real knowledge is to unlearn the lessons we have been taught, to mount the first principles, and take nobody's word about them.  
*Henry Bolingbroke (1678-1751), British Politician*
109. Self-respect is the root of discipline; the sense of dignity grows with the ability to say no to oneself.  
*Abraham J. Heschel (1907-1972), Polish educator*
110. Brave is the lion tamer, brave is the world subduer, but braver is the one who has subdued himself.  
*Johann Gottfried Von Herder (1744-1803), German Critic and Poet*
111. All truth passes through three stages. First, it is ridiculed. Second, it is violently opposed. Third, it is accepted as being self-evident.  
*Arthur Schopenhauer (1788-1860)*
112. I find that the harder I work, the more luck I seem to have.  
*Thomas Jefferson*
113. Better indeed is knowledge than mechanical practice. Better than knowledge is meditation. But better still is surrender of attachment to results, because there follows immediate peace.  
*Bhagavad Gita (c. BC 400-), Sanskrit Poem*
114. I am no lion  
to overpower my enemies  
winning over myself  
if I can  
is enough  
I am on fire inside  
but look grim outside  
since I want to rise  
like smoke through my cell  
  
*Jalaluddin Rumi (1207 - 1273 AD)*

115. Not all those who wander are lost.  
*Tolkien*
116. Only the shallow know themselves.  
*Oscar Wilde*
117. Believe nothing merely because you have been told it. Do not believe what your teacher tells you merely out of respect for the teacher. But whatsoever, after due examination and analysis, you find to be kind, conducive to the good, the benefit, the welfare of all beings – that doctrine believe and cling to, and take it as your guide.  
*Buddha (568-488 BC)*
118. Every child comes with the message that God is not yet discouraged of man.  
*Rabindranath Tagore*
119. The ones who want to achieve and win championships motivate themselves.  
*Mike Ditka American Football Player*
120. One may understand the cosmos, but never the ego; the self is more distant than any star.  
*Gilbert K. Chesterton 1874-1936, British Author*
121. There is little that can withstand a man who can conquer himself.  
*Louis XIV (1638-1715), King of France*
122. Better to be pruned to grow than cut up to burn.  
*John Trapp*
123. You can judge the quality of their faith from the way they behave. Discipline is an index to doctrine.  
*Tertullian 160-240, Roman Christian Author and Polemicist*
124. Deprived of meaningful work, men and women lose their reason for existence; they go stark, raving mad.  
*Fyodor Dostoevski 1821-1881, Russian Novelist*
125. Never tell a young person that anything cannot be done. God may have been waiting centuries for someone ignorant enough of the impossible to do that very thing.  
*John Andrew Holmes*
126. To act and act wisely when the time for action comes, to wait and wait patiently when it is time for repose, put man in accord with the rising and falling tides (of affairs), so that with nature and law at his back, and truth and beneficence as his beacon light, he may accomplish wonders. Ignorance of this law results in periods of unreasoning enthusiasm on the one hand, and depression on the other. Man thus becomes the victim of the tides when he should be their Master.  
*Helena Petrova Blavatsky 1831-1891, Russian Author*
127. He who lives without discipline dies without honor.  
*Icelandic Proverb*
128. To know a man, observe how he wins his object, rather than how he loses it; for when we fail, our pride supports; when we succeed; it betrays us.  
*Charles Caleb Colton 1780-1832, British Sportsman Writer*
129. The essence of knowledge is, having it, to apply it; not having it, to confess your ignorance.  
*Confucius BC 551-479, Chinese Ethical Teacher, Philosopher*
130. I've learned that till I don't think about what I read I don't learn anything.  
*Sumit*

131. As we enjoy great advantages from inventions of others, we should be glad of an opportunity to serve others by any invention of ours; and this we should do freely and generously.  
*Benjamin Franklin*
132. When the winds of change blow hard enough, The most trivial of things can turn into deadly projectiles.
133. You can't solve a problem on the same level on which it was created. You have to rise above it to the next level.  
*Albert Einstein*
134. 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 harbour. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.  
*Mark Twain*
135. The Creator has not given you a longing to do that which you have no ability to do.  
*Orison Swett Marden 1850-1924, American Author*
136. Only when he no longer knows what he is doing does the painter do good things.  
*Edgar Degas 1834-1917, French Painter, Sculptor*
137. To fall in love is to create a religion that has a fallible god.  
*Jorge Luis Borges 1899-1986, Argentinean Author*
138. If builders constructed buildings the way programmers write software, the first woodpecker to come along would cause the collapse of civilization.
139. Those who profess to favor freedom, yet depreciate agitation, are men who want crops without plowing up the ground. They want rain without thunder and lightning. They want the ocean without the awful roar of its many waters. This struggle may be a moral one; or it may be a physical one; or it may be both moral and physical; but it must be a struggle. Power concedes nothing without a demand. It never did and it never will.  
*Frederick Douglass, American Abolitionist, Letter to an associate, 1849*
140. Imposing religion or for that matter imposing any school of thought on our children is like persuading them to pay the cost of parenthood through mental enslavement.  
*Sumit*
141. Perennial question in life - To change and grow or to change and wither?  
*Sumit*
142. Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic.  
*Arthur C. Clarke*
143. Martyrdom is the only way a man can become famous without ability.  
*George Bernard Shaw*
144. The only discipline that last is self discipline.  
*Bum Phillips American Football Coach*
145. More than the agony of failure I fear the arrogance of success.  
*Sumit*
146. Success is transient, evanescent. The real passion lies in the poignant acquisition of knowledge about all the shading and subtleties of the creative secrets.  
*Konstantin Stanislavsky 1863-1968, Russian Actor*

147. The old believe everything; the middle aged suspect everything, and the young know everything.  
*Oscar Wilde - 1856-1900, British Author, Wit*
148. Life is tons of discipline. Your first discipline is your vocabulary; then your grammar and your punctuation. Then, in your exuberance and bounding energy you say you're going to add to that. Then you add rhyme and meter. And your delight is in that power.  
*Robert Frost - 1874-1963, Author*
149. Belief is the death of intelligence. As soon as one believes a doctrine of any sort, or assumes certitude, one stops thinking about that aspect of existence.  
*Robert Wilson - 1941-, American Theater Director, Designe*
150. When we blindly adopt a religion, a political system, a literary dogma, we become automatons. We cease to grow.  
*Anais Nin*
151. Those who say religion has nothing to do with politics do not know what religion is.  
*Mahatma Gandhi*
152. Leaders keep their eyes on the horizon not just on the bottom line.
153. Some people dream of success ... while others wake up and work hard at it.
154. Go over, go under, go around or go through, but never give up.
155. Excellence is never an accident. It is always the result of high intentions, sincere effort, intelligent direction, skillful execution and the vision to see obstacles as opportunities.
156. A man is not old until regrets take the place of dreams.  
*John Barrymore*
157. Music, the greatest good that mortals know, And all of heaven we have below.  
*Joseph Addison*
158. Love is the child of illusion and the parent of disillusion.  
*Sandy Wilson*
159. Education is an admirable thing, but it is well to remember from time to time that nothing that is worth knowing can be taught.  
*Oscar Wilde*
160. But it is vital to remember that information, in the sense of raw data, is not knowledge; that knowledge is not wisdom; and that wisdom is not foresight, Or  
Before you become too entranced with gorgeous gadgets and mesmerizing video displays, let me remind you that information is not knowledge, knowledge is not wisdom, and wisdom is not foresight. Each grows out of the other, and we need them all.  
*Sir Arthur C Clarke*
161. The only people for me are the mad ones, the ones who are mad to live, mad to talk, mad to be saved, desirous of everything at the same time, the ones who never yawn or say a commonplace thing, but burn, burn, burn, like fabulous yellow roman candles exploding like spiders across the stars .....
- Jack Kerouac*
162. Learn to lose and also to enjoy winning. And when you do lose, do not lose the lesson.

163. Have faith in your own ideas even if everyone tells you they are wrong. Have enduring faith in yourself because then you will always have enduring faith in others.
164. Infatuated, half through conceit, half through love of my art, I achieve the impossible working as no one else ever works.  
*Dumas, Alexandre - 1802-1870, French Novelist*
165. I'm not a driven businessman, but a driven artist. I never think about money. Beautiful things make money.  
*Beene, Geoffrey - Fashion Designer*
166. Deep into that darkness peering, long I stood there, wondering, fearing, doubting, dreaming dreams no mortal ever dared to dream before.  
*Poe, Edgar Allan - 1809-1845, American Poet*
167. The essence of our effort to see that every child has a chance must be to assure each an equal opportunity, not to become equal, but to become different- to realize whatever unique potential of body, mind and spirit he or she possesses.  
*Fischer, John*
168. It is in the character of very few men to honor without envy a friend who has prospered.  
*Aeschylus, - BC 525-456, Greek Dramatist*
169. Build a dream and the dream will build you.  
*Schuller, Robert H. - 1926-, American Minister*
170. Society can and does execute its own mandates: and if it issues wrong mandates instead of right, or any mandates at all in things with which it ought not to meddle, it practises a social tyranny more formidable than many kinds of political oppression, since, though not usually upheld by such extreme penalties, it leaves fewer means of escape, penetrating much more deeply into the details of life, and enslaving the soul itself.  
*John Stuart Mill, "On Liberty"*
171. Music is the only language in which you cannot say a mean or sarcastic thing.  
*Erskine, John - 1878-1951, American Poet*
172. "Why of course the people don't want war... That is understood. But, after all, it is the leaders of the country who determine the policy, and it's always a simple matter to drag the people along whether it's a democracy, a fascist dictatorship, a parliament or a communist dictatorship... the people can always be brought to the bidding of the leaders... All you have to do is tell them they are being attacked, and denounce the pacifists for lack of patriotism, and exposing the country to greater danger."  
*Hermann Goering, Nazi Reichsmarshal and Luftwaffe chief at Nuremberg trials, 1945*
173. The truth that is suppressed by friends is the readiest weapon of the enemy.  
*Robert Louis*
174. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism; to steal from many is research.  
*Steven Wright*
175. The spirit of the universe is at once destructive and creative– it creates while it destroys, and destroys while it creates, and we must inevitably resign ourselves to this.  
*Albert Schweitzer*
176. Very simple ideas lie within the reach only of complex minds.  
*Gourmont, Remy De - 1858-1915, French Novelist*
177. If a path to the better there be, it begins with a full look at the worst.  
*Thomas Hardy*

178. Difficult do you call it, Sir? I wish it were impossible.  
*Johnson, Samuel - 1709-1784, British Author*
179. Absolute faith corrupts as absolutely as absolute power.  
*Hoffer, Eric - 1902-1983, American Author*
180. The healthiest competition occurs when average people win by putting above average effort.  
*Ray, Man - 1890-1976, American Photographer*
181. Only things the dreamers make live on. They are the eternal conquerors.  
*Kaufman, Herbert*
182. A mind once stretched by a new idea never regains its original dimensions.  
*Holmes, Oliver Wendell - 1809-1894, American Author*
183. Men show their character in nothing more clearly than what they think laughable.  
*Goethe, Johann Wolfgang Von - 1749-1832, German Poet*
184. The achievements which society rewards are won at the cost of diminution of personality.  
*Jung, Carl - 1875-1961, Swiss Psychiatrist*
185. What we hope ever to do with ease, we must learn first to do with diligence.  
*Johnson, Samuel - 1709-1784, British Author*
186. Written laws are like spider's webs; they will catch, it is true, the weak and the poor, but would be torn in pieces by the rich and powerful.  
*Anacharsis, 600 BC, Scythian Philosopher*
187. The difficulty in life is the choice.  
*George Moore*
188. A lifetime of happiness! No man alive could bear it; it would be hell on earth.  
*George Bernard Shaw*
189. Only when the last tree has died and the last river been poisoned and the last fish been caught will we realise we cannot eat money.  
*Cree Indian Proverb*
190. The mission of life: Live; Love; Learn; Leave a Legacy.  
*Stephen D. Covey*
191. Never explain. Your friends do not need it, and your enemies will not believe you anyway.  
*Elbert G. Hubbard*
192. People with narrow minds usually have broad tongues.
193. Where lies friendship, there it is one's homeland.  
*Voltaire, French Philosopher*
194. Ignorance more frequently begets confidence than does knowledge: it is those who know little, and not those who know much, who so positively assert that this or that problem will never be solved by science.  
*Charles Darwin*
195. Nor must we overlook the probability of the constant inculcation in a belief in God on the minds of children producing so strong and perhaps as inherited effect on their brains not yet fully developed, that it would be as difficult for them to throw off their belief in God, as for a monkey to throw off its instinctive fear and hatred of a snake.  
*Charles Darwin*

196. There is no friendship, no love, like that of the parent for the child.  
*Beecher, Henry Ward*
197. Whoever is winning at the moment will always seem to be invincible.  
*Orwell, George*
198. Ideologies separate us. Dreams and anguish bring us together.  
*Ionesco, Eugene*
199. If you are possessed by an idea, you find it expressed everywhere, you even smell it.  
*Mann, Thomas*
200. I do not fear computers. I fear the lack of them.  
*Issac Asimov*
201. When we walk to the edge of all the light we have and take the step into the darkness of the unknown, we must believe that one of two things must happen:  
There will be something solid for us to stand on, or we will be taught to fly.  
*Patrick Overton*
202. If you wish to travel far and fast, travel light. Take off all your envies, jealousies, unforgiveness, selfishness and fears.  
*Glenn Clark*
203. He who learns must suffer.  
And even in our sleep  
pain that cannot forget  
falls drop by drop  
upon the heart,  
and in our own despair,  
against our will,  
comes wisdom to us  
by the awful grace of God.  
*Aeschylus*
204. “Hell, Chandra – he’s only a machine!”  
“So are we all, Mr. Brailovsky. It is merely a matter of degree. Whether we are based on carbon or on silicon makes no fundamental difference; we should each be treated with appropriate respect”  
*2010: Odyssey Two, Arthur C. Clark*
205. First you hate it, then you tolerate it and then you just can’t live without it.  
*Sumit*
206. The best way to predict the future is to invent it.  
*Alan Kay*
207. “People do acquire a little brief authority by equipping themselves with jargon: they can pontificate and air a superficial expertise. But what we should ask of educated mathematicians is not what they can speechify about, not even what they know about the existing corpus of mathematical knowledge, but rather what they now do with their learning and whether they can actually solve mathematical problems arising in practice. In short, we look for deeds not words.”  
- J. M. Hammersley, “On the enfeeblement of mathematical skills by ‘Modern Mathematics’ and by similar soft intellectual trash in schools and universities,” *Bulletin of the Institute of Mathematics and its Applications* 4, 4 (October 1968), 66-85-
208. In life you need either inspiration or desperation.  
*Anthony (Tony) Robbins*

209. In a climate of moral relativism the only sin is hypocrisy.  
*Neal Stephenson*
210. Growing up is learning to understand both the faces of a coin.  
*Sumit*
211. It is not the critic who counts, not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled, or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by the dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions and spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best, knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who, at worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly; so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory or defeat.  
*Theodore Roosevelt*
212. No one can write decently who is distrustful of the readers's intelligence, or whose attitude is patronizing.  
*E. B. White*
213. Here's to the crazy ones. The misfits. The rebels. The trouble-makers. The round heads in the square holes. The ones who see things differently. They're not fond of rules, and they have no respect for the status-quo. You can quote them, disagree with them, glorify, or vilify them. But the only thing you can't do is ignore them. Because they change things. They push the human race forward. And while some may see them as the crazy ones, we see genius. Because the people who are crazy enough to think they can change the world, are the ones who do.  
*"Think Different" Advertisement Apple Computers*
214. Jag abhi jeeta nahi, mein abhi hara nahi  
faisle se pahle mein, apni haar manu kyo.  
*Attempted English Translation*  
(The world haven't won yet, and I haven't lost yet,  
until the final verdict, why should I accept defeat.)  
*Unknown*
215. Cultivate your garden... Do not depend upon teachers to educate you ... follow your own bent, pursue your curiosity bravely, express yourself, make your own harmony. In the end, education, like happiness, is individual, and must come to us from life and from ourselves. There is no way; each pilgrim must make his own path. "Happiness," said Chamfort, "is not easily won; it is hard to find it in ourselves, and impossible to find it elsewhere."  
*Will Durant*
216. "Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life... as by the obstacles which one has overcome while trying to succeed."
217. 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*
218. And what is good, Phaedrus, And what is not good...,  
Need we ask anyone to tell us these things?  
*Plato, The Phaedrus*

219. The latter part of a wise person's life is occupied with curing the follies, prejudices and false opinions they contracted earlier.  
*Jonathan Swift*
220. If I had my life to live again. I'd make the same mistakes, only sooner.  
*Tallulah Bankhead*
221. Seek the wisdom of the ages, but look at the world through the eyes of a child.  
*Ron Wild*
222. "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."  
*T. S. Eliot, 'Little Gidding'*
223. Seven deadly sins:  
Wealth without Work  
Pleasure without Conscience  
Science without Humanity  
Knowledge without Character  
Politics without Principle  
Commerce without Morality  
Worship without Sacrifice  
*Mahatma Gandhi*
224. There are *three fundamental rules* that all wisdom traditions say will help us accomplish our task, if we follow them. The first is to *be cautious about materialism*: Don't want too much. Live Modestly. The second is to *dedicate yourself to something you believe in*, something you think is beautiful and important. The third is to commit yourself to *a personal spiritual practice* that you can follow every day, even if just for a few minutes. Devote some part of your day to sitting in silence and saying 'Here I am. Guide me.' The point is that if we search outside ourselves for the meaning of life, we'll probably never find it. But if we center ourselves and look for meaning *in* life, we'll find that it's waiting for us right here in the present moment.  
*Bo Lozoff*
225. The more I see of men, the more I like my dogs.  
*There are a zillion versions of this on the net.*  
*I don't know which one is the correct one. But you get the point.*  
*Anne Louise Germaine de Stael*
226. I would rather be ashes than dust! I would rather that my spark should burn out in a brilliant blaze than it should be stifled by dry rot. I would rather be a superb meteor, every atom of me in magnificent glow, than a sleepy and permanent planet. The proper function of man is to live, not to exist. I shall not waste my days in trying to prolong them. I shall use my time.  
*Jack*
227. Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated failures. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent.  
*Calvin Coolidge*
228. Do your work with your whole heart, and you will succeed – there's so little competition.  
*Elbert Hubbard*
229. The noblest exercise of the mind within doors, and most befitting a person of quality, is study.  
*William Ramsay*

230. “Read not to contradict and confute, nor to believe and take for granted, nor to find talk and discourse, but to weigh and consider.”  
*Sir Francis Bacon Author, courtier, and father of deductive reasoning*
231. “Do or do not. There is no try.”  
*Yoda*
232. When ever the speech is corrupted so is the mind.  
*Seneca*
233. There are seasons, in human affairs, when new depths seem to be broken in the soul, when new wants are unfolded in multitudes, and a new and undefined good is thirsted for. These are periods when to dare, is the highest wisdom.  
*William Ellery Channing*
234. To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield.  
*Alfred Tennyson*
235. Against stupidity the gods themselves struggle in vain.  
*Friedrich von Schiller*
236. For reasons we don’t yet understand, the tendency (among a network of autonomous agents) to synchronize is one of the most pervasive drives in the universe, extending from atoms to animals, from people to planets.  
*Steven Strogatz, author of Sync: The Emerging Science of Spontaneous Order*
237. Be more concerned with your character than with your reputation. Your character is what you really are while your reputation is merely what others think you are.  
*John Wooden*
238. Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, vision cleared, ambition inspired, and success achieved.  
*Helen Keller*
239. “So, if you cannot understand that there is something in man which responds to the challenge of this mountain and goes out to meet it, that the struggle is the struggle of life itself upward and forever upward, then you won’t see why we go. What we get from this adventure is just sheer joy. And joy is, after all, the end of life. We do not live to eat and make money. We eat and make money to be able to enjoy life. That is what life means and what life is for.”  
*George Leigh Mallory*
240. What is a minority? The chosen heroes of this earth have been in a minority. There is not a social, political, or religious privilege that you enjoy today that was not bought for you by the blood and tears and patient suffering of the minority. It is the minority that have stood in the van of every moral conflict, and achieved all that is noble in the history of the world.  
*John Bartholomew Gough*
241. “It is not the mountain we conquer but ourselves.”  
*Sir Edmund Hillary, Conqueror of Mt. Everest*
242. “If there is no wind, row.”  
*Latin Proverb*
243. Aim for success, not perfection. Never give up your right to be wrong, because then you will lose the ability to learn new things and move forward with your life. Remember that fear always lurks behind perfectionism. Confronting your fears and allowing yourself the right to be human can, paradoxically, make you a far happier and more productive person.  
*Dr. David M. Burns*

244. We act as though comfort and luxury were the chief requirements of life, when all that we need to make us happy is something to be enthusiastic about.  
*Charles Kingsley*
245. I've always said the antidote to despair is action.  
*Steve Sherrill*
246. "Responsibility is not yours to toss away. It is a privilege, not a right."  
*Vice Admiral Richard Bolitho*
247. Qaide hayat-o-band-e-gham, asl mein donon eik hain  
Maut se pahle aadmi gham se nijaat paye kiyon  
*Mirza Ghalib*
248. "Teaching is more than imparting knowledge, it is inspiring change."
249. Management is doing things right; leadership is doing the right things.  
*Peter Drucker*
250. "There is no right to deny freedom to any object with a mind advanced enough to grasp the concept and desire the state."  
*Isaac Asimov, "The Bicentennial Man", with reference to granting right to freedom to robots.*
251. "It's the sense of touch. I think we miss that touch so much that we crash into each other just so we can feel something."  
*From the movie Crash(2005)*
252. "The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars, But in ourselves, that we are underlings."  
*From Julius Caesar (I, ii, 140-141)*
253. Stay Hungry. Stay Foolish.(Stewart and his team put out several issues of The Whole Earth Catalog, and then when it had run its course, they put out a final issue. It was the mid-1970s, and I was your age. On the back cover of their final issue was a photograph of an early morning country road, the kind you might find yourself hitchhiking on if you were so adventurous. Beneath it were the words: "Stay Hungry. Stay Foolish." It was their farewell message as they signed off. Stay Hungry. Stay Foolish. And I have always wished that for myself. And now, as you graduate to begin anew, I wish that for you)  
*Commencement address by Steve Jobs, Stanford June 12, 2005*
254. Be not impatient in delay,  
But wait as one who understands;  
When spirit rises and commands,  
The gods are ready to obey.  
*James Allen*
255. What we have is based upon moment-to-moment choices of what we do.  
In each of those moments, we choose.  
We either take a risk and move toward what we want, or we play it safe and choose comfort.  
Most of the people, most of the time, choose comfort.  
In the end, people either have excuses or experiences; reasons or results; butts or brilliance.  
They either have what they wanted or they have a detailed list of all the rational reasons why not.  
*Anonymous*
256. There is lot to learn and lot more to unlearn.  
*Sumit*
257. The young man knows the rules, but the old man knows the exceptions.  
*Oliver Wendell Holmes*

258. Epitaph of Paul Erdos: "Finally I am becoming stupider no more"  
*Paul Erdos*
259. The young man who has not wept is a savage and the old who will not laugh is a fool.  
*George Santayana*
260. It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it.  
*Aristotle*
261. Of all manifestations of power, restraint impresses men most.  
*Thucydides*
262. Perhaps the most valuable result of all education is the ability to make yourself do the thing you have to do, when it ought to be done, whether you like it or not.  
*Thomas Huxley*
263. The hardest thing is to go to sleep at night, when there are so many urgent things needing to be done. A huge gap exists between what we know is possible with today's machines and what we have so far been able to finish.  
*Donald Knuth*
264. It's a magical world, Hobbes Ol'Buddy...  
Let's go exploring.  
*From the last "Calvin and Hobbes" Strip*
265. It takes a village to raise a child.  
*African Proverb*
266. "And when Alexander saw the breadth of his domain, he wept for there where no more worlds to conquer."
267. 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*
268. Every reader finds himself. The writer's work is merely a kind of optical instrument that makes it possible for the reader to discern what, without this book, he would perhaps never have seen in himself.  
*Marcel Proust*
269. If a cluttered desk is a sign of a cluttered mind, of what, then, is an empty desk?  
*Albert Einstein*
270. To accuse others for one's own misfortunes is a sign of want of education. To accuse oneself shows that one's education has begun. To accuse neither oneself nor others shows that one's education is complete.  
*Epictetus*
271. Worth makes the man, and want of it, the fellow.  
*Pope*
272. He that can have patience can have what he will.  
*Benjamin Franklin*
273. To know how to grow old is the master-work of wisdom, and one of the most difficult chapters in the great art of living.  
*Henri Amiel*

274. It is just those books which a man possesses, but does not read, which constitute the most suspicious evidence against him.  
*Victor Hugo*
275. You should leave the urgent to attend to the important.  
*Bill Joy*
276. Et Tu, Brute?  
*William Shakespeare, "Julius Ceasar"*
277. When the gods wish to punish us, they answer our prayers.  
*Oscar Wilde*
278. A leader who does not produce leaders is not a great leader.
279. Happiness in intelligent people is the rarest thing I know.  
*Ernest Hemingway*
280. Problems worthy of attack prove their worth by hitting back.  
*Piet Hein*
281. A happy childhood is poor preparation for human contacts.  
*Colette*
282. If you believe that something is impossible, do not disturb the person who is doing it.  
*Albert Einstein*
283. It is not sufficient to be worthy of respect in order to be respected.  
*Alfred Nobel*
284. If everything seems under control, you're not going fast enough.  
*Mario Andretti*
285. If you torture the data enough, it will confess.  
*Ronald Coase*
286. How often does a man ruin his disciples by remaining always with them! When men are once trained, it is essential that their leader leave them, for without his absence they cannot develop themselves.  
*Vivekananda*
287. Cursed is he who is devoid of passion.
288. This is ten percent luck, twenty percent skill  
Fifteen percent concentrated power of will  
Five percent pleasure, fifty percent pain  
And a hundred percent reason to remember the name.  
*Remember the name, Fort Minor*
289. Qui non est hodie cras minus aptus erit.  
"He who is not prepared today will be less so tomorrow."  
*Ovid*
290. I have always found that plans are useless, but planning is indispensable.  
*Dwight D. Eisenhower*

291. The principle of science, the definition, almost, is the following: The test of all knowledge is experiment. Experiment is the sole judge of scientific “truth.” But what is the source of knowledge? Where do the laws that are to be tested come from? Experiment, itself, helps to produce these laws, in the sense that it gives us hints. But also needed is imagination to create from these hints the great generalizations—to guess at the wonderful, simple, but very strange patterns beneath them all, and then to experiment to check again whether we have made the right guess.  
*Richard Feynman, The Feynman Lectures on Physics, Vol.I (1963/1989; p.1-1)*
292. An inquisitive mind is a curse forever.  
*Sumit*
293. Isn't it sad how some people's grip on their lives is so precarious that they'll embrace any preposterous delusion rather than face an occasional bleak truth?  
*Calvin & Hobbes*
294. It is unbecoming of young men to utter maxims.  
*Aristotle*
295. You can be as mad as a mad dog at the way things went. You could swear, curse the fates, but when it comes to the end, you have to let go.  
*The Curious Case of Benjamin Button*
296. You are remembered for the rules you break.  
*Douglas MacArthur*
297. A fairly bright boy is far more intelligent and far better company than the average adult.  
*J. B. S. Haldane*
298. My practice as a scientist is atheistic. That is to say, when I set up an experiment I assume that no god, angel or devil is going to interfere with its course; and this assumption has been justified by such success as I have achieved in my professional career. I should therefore be intellectually dishonest if I were not also atheistic in the affairs of the world.  
*J.B.S. Haldane*
299. It is the province of knowledge to speak and it is the privilege of wisdom to listen.  
*Oliver Wendell Holmes*
300. Children begin by loving their parents; as they grow older they judge them; sometimes, they forgive them.  
*Oscar Wilde*
301. From those to whom much is given, much is expected.
302. Do you know how the Orcs first came into being? They were Elves once, taken by the dark powers, tortured and mutilated. A ruined and terrible form of life. Now... perfected.  
*The Lord of the Rings. Note: Elves are the purest form of life on Middle Earth.*
303. If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.
304. In words are seen the state of mind and character and disposition of the speaker.  
*Plutarch*
305. There are two sentences inscribed upon the Delphic oracle, hugely accommodated to the usage of man's life: “Know thyself,” and “Nothing too much”; and upon these all other precepts depend.
306. A conservative is one who admires radicals a century after they're dead.  
*Leo Rosten*

307. Life is an experiment, not a test.
308. The darkness of a cocoon helps the butterfly weave colours of imagination without getting distracted by reality.  
*Luc de Clapier*
309. Qui dedit beneficium taceat; narret qui accepit.  
“Let him who has given a favor be silent; let him who has received it tell it.”  
*Seneca*
310. The test of courage comes when we are in the minority. The test of tolerance comes when we are in the majority.  
*Ralph W. Sockman*
311. The three pillars of learning; seeing much, suffering much, and studying much.
312. When a true genius appears in this world, you may know him by this sign, that the dunces are all in confederacy against him.  
*Jonathan Swift*
313. America is the first country to have gone from barbarism to decadence without the usual intervening period of civilization.  
*Oscar Wilde*
314. It is conceivable that Alexander the Great, in spite of the martial successes of his early days, in spite of the excellent army that he had trained, in spite of the power he felt within him to change the world, might have remained standing on the bank of the Hellespont and never have crossed it, and not out of fear, not out of indecision, not out of infirmity of will, but because of the mere weight of his own body.  
*Franz Kafka*
315. Philosophy is written in this grand book - the universe - which stands continuously open to our gaze. But the book cannot be understood unless one first learns to comprehend the language and interpret the characters in which it is written. It is written in the language of mathematics, and its characters are triangles, circles, and other geometrical figures, without which it is humanly impossible to understand a single word of it; without these one is wandering about in a dark labyrinth.  
*Galileo Galilei*
316. One should absorb the colour of life, but one should never remember its details. Details are always vulgar  
*Oscar Wilde*
317. The stupid neither forgive nor forget; the naive forgive and forget; the wise forgive but do not forget.  
*Thomas Szasz*
318. Bliss was it in that dawn to be alive, But to be young was very heaven!  
*William Wordsworth*
319. The person who can state his antagonist’s point of view to the satisfaction of the antagonist is more likely to be correct than the person who cannot.  
*Paul Hewitt*
320. “Ah, but a man’s reach should exceed his grasp, Or what’s a heaven for?”
321. Obstacles come to instruct not obstruct.  
*Brian Tracy*

322. Ideas rot if you don't do something with them. I used to try to hoard them, but they rotted. Now I just blog them or tell people about them. Sometimes they still rot, but sometimes someone finds them useful in one way or another

*Edd Dumbill*

323. Be yourself; everyone else is already taken.

*Oscar Wilde*

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