

# *Famous Quotes*

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## **Nature Quotes**

In rivers, the water that you touch is the last of what has passed and the first of that which comes; so with present time.  
- Leonardo da Vinci

An early-morning walk is a blessing for the whole day. - Henry David Thoreau

Heaven is under our feet as well as over our heads. - Henry David Thoreau

Every natural fact is a symbol of some spiritual fact. - Ralph Waldo Emerson

Two roads diverged in a wood and I, I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference.  
- Robert Frost

Let children walk with Nature, let them see the beautiful blendings and communions of death and life, their joyous inseparable unity, as taught in woods and meadows, plains and mountains and streams of our blessed star, and they will learn that death is stingless indeed, and as beautiful as life.  
- John Muir

God writes the Gospel not in the Bible alone, but also on trees, and in the flowers and clouds and stars.  
- Martin Luther King, Jr.

## **Outdoor & Extreme Sports**

It is not the mountain we conquer but ourselves. - Sir Edmund Hillary

You don't have to be a fantastic hero to do certain things – to compete. You can be just an ordinary chap, sufficiently motivated. - Sir Edmund Hillary

People do not decide to become extraordinary. They decide to accomplish extraordinary things.  
- Sir Edmund Hillary

Experience: that most brutal of teachers. But you learn, my God do you learn. - C.S. Lewis

How vain it is to sit down to write when you have not stood up to live. - Henry David Thoreau

I put up my thumb and it blotted out the planet Earth. - Neil Armstrong

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

## Explorers

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Mystery creates wonder and wonder is the basis of man's desire to understand. - Neil Armstrong

Be always sure you are right - then go ahead. - Davy Crockett

Let your tongue speak what your heart thinks. - Davy Crockett

Throughout the day no time for memorandums now. Go ahead! Liberty and independence forever. - Davy Crockett

## American Author Quotes

### *Henry David Thoreau*

A man is rich in proportion to the number of things he can afford to let alone.

Aim above morality. Be not simply good, be good for something.

An early-morning walk is a blessing for the whole day.

As a single footstep will not make a path on the earth, so a single thought will not make a pathway in the mind. To make a deep physical path, we walk again and again. To make a deep mental path, we must think over and over the kind of thoughts we wish to dominate our lives.

Be true to your work, your word, and your friend.

Dreams are the touchstones of our character.

Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined.  
Heaven is under our feet as well as over our heads.

How vain it is to sit down to write when you have not stood up to live.

If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away.

### *Helen Keller*

Avoiding danger is no safer in the long run than outright exposure. The fearful are caught as often as the bold.

Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired, and success achieved.

Death is no more than passing from one room into another. But there's a difference for me, you know. Because in that other room I shall be able to see.

### *Mark Twain*

A man who carries a cat by the tail learns something he can learn in no other way.

Age is an issue of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter.

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*Ronald Reagan*

A people free to choose will always choose peace. (America)

Don't be afraid to see what you see.

Facts are stubborn things.

Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same. (America)

Freedom prospers when religion is vibrant and the rule of law under God is acknowledged. (America)

**Philosophers**

*Plato*

Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a harder battle.

Courage is a kind of salvation.

Courage is knowing what not to fear.

*William Shakespeare*

A fool thinks himself to be wise, but a wise man knows himself to be a fool.

For my part, it was Greek to me.

How far that little candle throws its beams! So shines a good deed in a naughty world.

If you want to win anything - a race, your self, your life - you have to go a little berserk.

Ignorance is the curse of God; knowledge is the wing wherewith we fly to heaven.

Is it not strange that desire should so many years outlive performance?

It is not in the stars to hold our destiny but in ourselves.

Love all, trust a few, do wrong to none.

For death is no more than a turning of us over from time to eternity. - William Penn

A man who won't die for something is not fit to live. - Martin Luther King, Jr.

They tell us that suicide is the greatest piece of cowardice... that suicide is wrong; when it is quite obvious that there is nothing in the world to which every man has a more unassailable title than to his own life and person.

- Arthur Schopenhauer

To be idle is a short road to death and to be diligent is a way of life; foolish people are idle, wise people are diligent.

- Buddha

*Education*

A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops. - Henry Adams

By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail.—Benjamin Franklin

*Children*

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- John Muir

*Home Maker*

A house is not a home unless it contains food and fire for the mind as well as the body. - Benjamin Franklin

All great change in America begins at the dinner table. - Ronald Reagan

## **Artists**

He who loves practice without theory is like the sailor who boards ship without a rudder and compass and never knows where he may cast.  
- Leonardo Da Vinci

I have been impressed with the urgency of doing. Knowing is not enough; we must apply.  
Being willing is not enough; we must do.  
- Leonardo Da Vinci

I love those who can smile in trouble, who can gather strength from distress, and grow brave by reflection. 'Tis the business of little minds to shrink, but they whose heart is firm, and whose conscience approves their conduct, will pursue their principles unto death.  
- Leonardo da Vinci

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While I thought that I was learning how to live, I have been learning how to die.  
- Leonardo da Vinci

Are you really sure that a floor can't also be a ceiling? - M C Escher

He who wonders discovers that this in itself is wonder. - M C Escher

As we advance in life it becomes more and more difficult, but in fighting the difficulties the inmost strength of the heart is developed.  
- Vincent Van Gogh

I am enough of an artist to draw freely upon my imagination. - Albert Einstein

## **Musicians**

It is a great consolation for me to remember that the Lord, to whom I had drawn near in humble and child-like faith, has suffered and died for me, and that He will look on me in love and compassion.  
- Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Neither a lofty degree of intelligence nor imagination nor both together go to the making of genius.  
Love, love, love, that is the soul of genius.  
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

The aim and final end of all music should be none other than the glory of God and the refreshment of the soul.  
- Johannes Sebastian Bach

There's nothing remarkable about it. All one has to do is hit the right keys at the right time and the instrument plays itself.  
- Johannes Sebastian Bach

Music is mediator between spiritual and sensual life. - Ludwig van Beethoven

There are some people that if they don't know, you can't tell them. - Louis Armstrong

We all do 'do, re, mi,' but you have got to find the other notes yourself. - Louis Armstrong

I'm saying: to be continued, until we meet again. Meanwhile, keep on listening and tapping your feet.  
- Count Basie

I found out that there weren't too many limitations, if I did it my way. - Johnny Cash

A man who was completely innocent, offered himself as a sacrifice for the good of others, including his enemies, and became the ransom of the world. It was a perfect act.

- Mohandas Gandhi

Always aim at complete harmony of thought and word and deed. Always aim at purifying your thoughts and everything will be well.

-Mohandas Gandhi

An ounce of practice is worth more than tons of preaching. - Mohandas Gandhi

Be the change that you want to see in the world. - Mohandas Gandhi

Even if you are a minority of one, the truth is the truth. - Mohandas Gandhi

## **Basketball**

I can accept failure, but I can't accept not trying. - Michael Jordan

I've failed over and over and over again in my life and that is why I succeed. - Michael Jordan

If you accept the expectations of others, especially negative ones, then you never will change the outcome.

- Michael Jordan

## **Boxing**

A champion is someone who gets up when he can't. - Jack Dempsey

Tell him he can have my title, but I want it back in the morning. - Jack Dempsey

## **Golf**

As you walk down the fairway of life you must smell the roses, for you only get to play one round. - Ben Hogan

The only thing a golfer needs is more daylight. - Ben Hogan

It is a rare and difficult attainment to grow old gracefully and happily. - Arnold Palmer

What other people may find in poetry or art museums, I find in the flight of a good drive. - Arnold Palmer

If you can't laugh at yourself, then who can you laugh at? - Tiger Woods

## **Baseball**

Never let the fear of striking out get in your way.—Babe Ruth

The way a team plays as a whole determines its success. You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the world, but if they don't play together, the club won't be worth a dime.

- Babe Ruth

## Presidents & Politicians

### *Abraham Lincoln*

All my life I have tried to pluck a thistle and plant a flower wherever the flower would grow in thought and mind.

### *George Washington*

Associate yourself with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation. It is better be alone than in bad company.

Be courteous to all, but intimate with few, and let those few be well tried before you give them your confidence.

Discipline is the soul of an army. It makes small numbers formidable; procures success to the weak, and esteem to all.

### *Benjamin Franklin*

A house is not a home unless it contains food and fire for the mind as well as the body.

A life of leisure and a life of laziness are two things. There will be sleeping enough in the grave.

All mankind is divided into three classes: those that are immovable, those that are movable, and those that move.

Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every new year find you a better man.

Be slow in choosing a friend, slower in changing.

Beer is living proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy.

By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail.

Do not fear mistakes. You will know failure. Continue to reach out.

Do not squander time for that is the stuff life is made of.

Either write something worth reading or do something worth writing.

Employ thy time well, if thou meanest to gain leisure.

Genius without education is like silver in the mine.

He that can have patience can have what he will.

He that composes himself is wiser than he that composes a book.

He that lives upon hope will die fasting.

### *John F. Kennedy*

A man may die, nations may rise and fall, but an idea lives on.

And so, my fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country. (America)

As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.

## **U.S. Presidents**

The spirit of man is more important than mere physical strength, and the spiritual fiber of a nation than its wealth.  
- Dwight D. Eisenhower

Our scientific power has outrun our spiritual power. We have guided missiles and misguided men.  
- Martin Luther King, Jr.

The farther backwards you can look, the farther forward you are likely to see. - Winston Churchill

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams. - Eleanor Roosevelt

The greatest good you can do for another is not just to share your riches, but to reveal to him his own.  
- Benjamin Disraeli

## **Football**

The greatest strength a champion can hold is humility. - Vince Lombardi

## **More Quotes**

The greatest thing you'll ever learn is just to love and be loved in return.

The greatest tragedy is when man gives up what he wants most for what he wants now!

The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything;  
They just make the best of everything that comes along their way.

The heart has reasons which reason does not understand.

The heart that loves is always young.  
(Greek proverb)

The important thing is this: to be able at any moment to sacrifice what we are for what we could become.

The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing - and the main thing is Christ.—Pastor Clay Peck

The man who makes no mistakes does not usually make anything. - Edward Phelps

The mark of the immature man is that he wants to die nobly for a cause, while the mark of the mature man is that he wants  
to live humbly for one.  
- Wilhelm Steckel

The mark of a saint is not perfection, but consecration. A saint is not a man without faults, but a man who has given himself  
without reserve to God.  
- W. T. Richardson

The meaning of life is not a question to be answered, but an event to be experienced.

The measure of a man is not the number of servants he has, but the number of people he serves.

Cartoonist

The minute you start talking about what you are going to do if you lose, you have lost.  
- George Schultz

*Robert Frost*

A mother takes twenty years to make a man of her boy, and another woman makes a fool of him in twenty minutes.

Being the boss anywhere is lonely. Being a female boss in a world of mostly men is especially so.

But I have promises to keep, and miles to go before I sleep, and miles to go before I sleep.

Don't ever take a fence down until you know why it was put up.

I'm not confused. I'm just well mixed.

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

The middle of the road is where the white line is - and that's the worst place to drive.

The only way round is through.

Two roads diverged in a wood and I - I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference.

*John Steinbeck*

Lord, how the day passes! It is like a life, so quickly when we don't watch it, and so slowly if we do.

We spend our time searching for security and hate it when we get it.

**Thinkers, Inventors, Scientists, Physicists**

*Albert Einstein*

Morality is of the highest importance - but for us, not for God.

A man should look for what is, and not for what he thinks should be.

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

A table, a chair, a bowl of fruit and a violin; what else does a man need to be happy?

All religions, arts and sciences are branches of the same tree.

All such action would cease if those powerful elemental forces were to cease stirring within us.

All that is valuable in human society depends upon the opportunity for development accorded the individual.

Any fool can make things bigger, more complex, and more violent. It takes a touch of genius-and a lot of courage-to move in the opposite direction.

God always takes the simplest way.

God does not care about our mathematical difficulties. He integrates empirically.

God does not play dice.

God may be subtle, but he isn't plain mean.

I am enough of an artist to draw freely upon my imagination.

There's nothing written in the Bible, Old or New testament, that says,  
"If you believe in Me, you ain't going to have no troubles."  
- Ray Charles

What is a soul? It's like electricity - we don't really know what it is, but it's a force that can light a room.  
- Ray Charles

Do not fear mistakes. There are none. - Miles Davis

In the end, the love you take is equal to the love you make. - Paul McCartney

## **Christian**

Aim at heaven and you will get earth thrown in. Aim at earth and you get neither.  
A man can no more diminish God's glory by refusing to worship Him than a lunatic can put out the sun by scribbling the word, 'darkness' on the walls of his cell.  
A man who is eating or lying with his wife or preparing to go to sleep in humility, thankfulness and temperance, is, by Christian standards, in an infinitely higher state than one who is listening to Bach or reading Plato in a state of pride.  
A young man who wishes to remain a sound atheist cannot be too careful of his reading.  
An explanation of cause is not a justification by reason.  
Courage is not simply one of the virtues, but the form of every virtue at the testing point.  
Experience: that most brutal of teachers. But you learn, my God do you learn.  
I gave in, and admitted that God was God.  
- C. S. Lewis

Behind me and before me is God and I have no fears. - Helen Keller

Prayer is as natural an expression of faith as breathing is of life.  
Resolution One: I will live for God. Resolution Two: If no one else does, I still will.  
The happiness of the creature consists in rejoicing in God, by which also God is magnified and exalted.  
The way to Heaven is ascending; we must be content to travel uphill, though it be hard and tiresome, and contrary to the natural bias of our flesh.  
To go to heaven, fully to enjoy God, is infinitely better than the most pleasant accommodations here.  
True liberty consists only in the power of doing what we ought to will, and in not being constrained to do what we ought not to will.  
- Jonathan Edwards

God writes the Gospel not in the Bible alone, but also on trees, and in the flowers and clouds and stars.  
- Martin Luther King

Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies.  
Being unwanted, unloved, uncared for, forgotten by everybody, I think that is a much greater hunger, a much greater poverty than the person who has nothing to eat.  
Do not wait for leaders; do it alone, person to person.  
Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing.  
- Mother Teresa

The greatest trick the Devil ever pulled was convincing the world that he didn't exist.  
- Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

It is a great consolation for me to remember that the Lord, to whom I had drawn near in humble and child-like faith, has suffered and died for me, and that He will look on me in love and compassion.  
- Anonymous