

:: QUOTES ON :: “FINDING YOURSELF”

A child becomes an adult when he realizes that he has a right not only to be right but also to be wrong.

Thomas Szasz

A failure is a man who has blundered, but is not able to cash in the experience.

Elbert Hubbard

A great many people think they are thinking when they are really rearranging their prejudices.

William James

A good listener is not only popular everywhere, but after a while he gets to know something.

Wilson Mizner

A man cannot be comfortable without his own approval.

Mark Twain

A man who is seeking for realization is not only going round searching for his spectacles without realizing that they are on his nose all the time, but also were he not actually looking through them he would not be able to see what he is looking for!

Wei Wu Wei

A man's reach should exceed his grasp, or what's a heaven for?

Robert Browning

A mind that is stretched by a new experience can never go back to its old dimensions.

Oliver Wendell Holmes

A person starts to live when he can live outside himself.

Albert Einstein

A stupid man's report of what a clever man says can never be accurate, because he unconsciously translates what he hears into something he can understand.

Bertrand Russell

Against logic there is no armour like ignorance.

Laurence J. Peter

A timid person is frightened before a danger, a coward during the time, and a courageous person afterward.

Jean Paul Richter

A wise man gets more use from his enemies than a fool from his friends.

Baltasar Gracian

Absolute faith corrupts as absolutely as absolute power.

Eric Hoffer

All difficult things have their origin in that which is easy, and great things in that which is small.

Lao-Tzu

All things are difficult before they are easy.

Dr. Thomas Fuller

Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest.

Mark Twain

An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest.

Benjamin Franklin

Any clod can have the facts, but having opinions is an art.

Charles McCabe

Any intelligent 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.

EF Schumacher

Anything not worth doing is worth not doing well. Think about it.

Elias Schwartz

Are you still thinking, looking, living, as from an imaginary phenomenal center? As long as you do that you can never recognize your freedom.

Wei Wu Wei

As our circle of knowledge expands, so does the circumference of darkness surrounding it.

Albert Einstein

Be kinder than necessary, for everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle.

Unknown

Be not ashamed of mistakes and thus make them crimes.

Confucius

Be softer than butter where kindness is concerned, but be harder than steel where principles are at stake.

Swami Sivananda

Before God we are all equally wise - and equally foolish.

Albert Einstein

Besides the noble art of getting things done, there is the noble art of leaving things undone. The wisdom of life consists in the elimination of non-essentials.

Lin Yutang

Cogito cogito ergo cogito sum (I think that I think, therefore I think that I am.)

Ambrose Bierce

Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear - not absence of fear.

Mark Twain

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.

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Dignity consists not in possessing honors, but in the consciousness that we deserve them.

Aristotle

Do not condemn the judgment of another because it differs from your own. You may both be wrong.

Dandemis

Don't ask yourself what the world needs; ask yourself what makes you come alive. And then go and do that. Because what the world needs is people who are alive.

Howard Thurman

Don't go around saying the world owes you a living. The world owes you nothing. It was here first.

Mark Twain

Don't worry about people stealing an idea. If it's original, you will have to ram it down their throats.

Howard Aiken

Education is what survives when what has been learned has been forgotten.

BF Skinner

Education: that which reveals to the wise, and conceals from the stupid, the vast limits of their knowledge.

Mark Twain

Every increased possession loads us with new weariness.

John Ruskin

Everything has its beauty but not everyone sees it.

Confucius

Everything is vague to a degree you do not realize till you have tried to make it precise.

Bertrand Russell

Everything that is really great and inspiring is created by the individual who can labor in freedom.

Albert Einstein

Experience is the name everyone gives to their mistakes.

Oscar Wilde

Fear clogs; faith liberates.

Elbert Hubbard

Few people are capable of expressing with equanimity opinions which differ from the prejudices of their social environment. Most people are even incapable of forming such opinions.

Albert Einstein

Great people talk about ideas, average people talk about things, and small people talk about wine.

Fran Lebowitz

Hate the sin, love the sinner.

Mahatma Gandhi

Have no friends not equal to yourself.

Confucius

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

Henry David Thoreau

I am always doing that which I can not do, in order that I may learn how to do it.

Pablo Picasso

Material development certainly contributes to happiness - to some extent - and a comfortable way of life. But this is not sufficient. To achieve a deeper level of happiness we cannot neglect our inner development.

Dalai Lama

I have never met a man so ignorant that I couldn't learn something from him.

Galileo Galilei

I say that a man must be certain of his morality for the simple reason that he has to suffer for it.

GK Chesterton

If a man will begin with certainties, he shall end in doubts; but if he will be content to begin with doubts he shall end in certainties.

Sir Francis Bacon

If the doors of perception were cleansed everything would appear to man as it is, infinite. For man has closed himself up, till he sees all things thro' narrow chinks of his cavern.

William Blake

If the human mind was simple enough to understand, we'd be too simple to understand it.

Emerson Pugh

If you do not find peace in yourself, you will never find it anywhere else.

Paula A. Bendry

If you have an apple and I have an apple and we exchange apples then you and I will still each have one apple. But if you have an idea and I have one idea and we exchange these ideas, then each of us will have two ideas...

George B. Shaw

If you try to impose a rigid discipline while teaching a child or a chimp you are working against the boundless curiosity and need for relaxed play that make learning possible in the first place... learning cannot be controlled; it is out of control by design. Learning emerges spontaneously, it proceeds in an individualistic and unpredictable way, and it achieves its goal in its own good time. Once triggered, learning will not stop--unless it is hijacked by conditioning.

Roger Fouts

If you fell down yesterday, stand up today..

HG Wells

If you're not part of the solution, you're part of the precipitate.

Henry J. Tillman

In matters of style, swim with the current; in matters of principle, stand like a rock.

Thomas Jefferson

In this world the wise one holds onto confidence and wisdom. Those are the greatest treasures; all other riches are pushed aside.

Buddha

Integrity without knowledge is weak and useless, and knowledge without integrity is dangerous and dreadful.

Samuel Johnson

It has always been the prerogative of children and half-wits to point out that the emperor has no clothes. But the half-wit remains a half-wit, and the emperor remains an emperor.

Neil Gaiman

It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit.

Harry S Truman

It is better to deserve honors and not have them than to have them and not to deserve them.

Mark Twain

It is important to recognize the power of our emotions--and to take responsibility for them by creating a light and positive atmosphere around ourselves. This attitude of joy that we create helps alleviate states of hopelessness, loneliness, and despair. Our relationships with others thus naturally improve, and little by little the whole of society becomes more positive and balanced.

Tarthang Tulku

It is not always the same thing to be a good man and a good citizen.

Aristotle

It is not how much you do, but how much Love you put into the doing that matters.

Mother Teresa

It is not length of life, but depth of life.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it.

Aristotle

It isn't the mountains ahead that wear you out - It's the grain of sand in your shoe.

Unknown

Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can become great.

Mark Twain

Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.

Mother Teresa

Kindness in words creates confidence, kindness in thinking creates profoundness, kindness in feeling creates love.

Lao Tzu

Know yourself, always question, never move on without finding the right answers, consciousness always kick starts ones soul.

Homsy

Let us live gladly! Quite certainly we are free to do it. Perhaps it is our only freedom, but ours it is, and it is only phenomenally a freedom. 'Living free' is being 'as one is'. Can we not do it now? Indeed can we not-do-it? It is not even a 'doing': it is beyond doing and not-doing. It is being as-we-are. This is the only 'practice'..

Wei Wu Wei

Let us so live that when we come to die even the undertaker will be sorry.

Mark Twain

Life is a long lesson in humility.

James M. Barrie

Life is a process of becoming, a combination of states we have to go through. Where people fail is that they wish to elect a state and remain in it. This is a kind of death..

Anais Nin

Life is the only real counsellor; wisdom unfiltered through personal experience does not become a part of the moral tissue.

Edith Wharton

Life shrinks or expands in proportion to one's courage.

Anais Nin

Love who you are and what you are and what you do.

Unknown

Most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be.

Abraham Lincoln

Most men pursue pleasure with such breathless haste that they hurry past it.

Soren Kierkegaard

My definition of a free society is a society where it is safe to be unpopular.

Adlai E. Stevenson Jr.

Never bear more than one kind of trouble at a time. Some people bear three kinds of trouble—the ones they've had, the ones they have, and the ones they expect to have.

Edward Everett Hale

No great man ever complains of want of opportunity.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

No human thing is of serious importance.

Plato

No man is my enemy. No man is my friend. All men are my teachers. Some teach me what to do, some teach me what not to do.

Satguru Sivaya Subramuniyaswami

No rain, no rainbows.

Hawaiian proverb

Not everything that can be counted counts, and not everything that counts can be counted.

Albert Einstein

Nothing is beneath you if it is in the direction of your life.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Nowadays most people die of a sort of creeping common sense, and discover when it is too late that the only things one never regrets are one's mistakes.

Oscar Wilde

One learns people through the heart, not the eyes or the intellect.

Mark Twain

One needs to be slow to form convictions, but once formed they must be defended against the heaviest odds.

Mahatma Gandhi

One of the most important results you can bring into the world is the you that you really want to be.

Robert Fritz

Our opinions do not really blossom into fruition until we have expressed them to someone else.

Mark Twain

Pain that does not kill us makes us stronger.

Friedrich Nietzsche

Peace comes from within. Do not seek it without.

Buddha

People are always blaming their circumstances for what they are. I don't believe in circumstances. The people who get on in this world are the people who get up and look for the circumstances they want, and, if they can't find them, make them.

George Bernard Shaw

Reach high, for the stars lie hidden in your soul. Dream deep, for every dream precedes the goal.

Pamela Vaull Starr

Reality is that which, when you stop believing in it, doesn't go away.

Philip K. Dick

Regret for wasted time is more wasted time.

Mason Cooley

Respecting yourself means listening to your body and emotions continuously. Then acting beyond a linear logic to achieve ones goals.

Unknown

Seek not happiness too greedily, and be not fearful of happiness.

Lao Tzu

Seek to know that by which knowing, the nature of all things becomes known.

Upanishads

Selfishness is not living as one wishes to live, it is asking others to live as one wishes to live.

Oscar Wilde

Silence is a source of great strength.

Lao Tzu

Some men see things as they are and say why... I dream of things that never were and say why not.

George Bernard Shaw

Some people are born on third base and go through life thinking they hit a triple.

Barry Switzer

Sometimes it is harder to deprive oneself of a pain than of a pleasure.

F. Scott Fitzgerald

Sometimes people carry to such perfection the mask they have assumed that in due course they actually become the person they seem.

W. Somerset Maugham

Speech is conveniently located midway between thought and action, where it often substitutes for both.

John Andrew Holmes

Strange how people who don't even know their neighbors are extremely curious to know if there's extraterrestrial life.

Anonymous

Strength does not come from physical capacity. It comes from an indomitable will.

Mahatma Gandhi

Study the past if you would define the future.

Confucius

Stupidity has a certain charm - ignorance does not.

Frank Zappa

Success usually comes to those who are too busy to be looking for it.

Henry David Thoreau

Suffering is one very long moment. We cannot divide it by seasons.

Oscar Wilde

Take everything you like seriously, except yourselves.

Rudyard Kipling

Talk sense to a fool and he calls you foolish.

Euripides

That all things are changed, and that nothing really perishes, and that the sum of matter remains exactly the same, is sufficiently certain.

Francis Bacon

The aim of life is self-development. To realize one's nature perfectly - that is what each of us is here for.

Oscar Wilde

The average man, who does not know what to do with his life, wants another one which will last forever.

Anatole France

The best effect of fine persons is felt after we have left their presence.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

The best way to cheer yourself is to try to cheer someone else up.

Mark Twain

The best way to predict the future is to invent it.

Alan Kay

The bird of paradise alights only upon the hand that does not grasp.

John Berry

The greatest pleasure in life is doing what people say you cannot do.

Walter Bagehot

The greatest mistake you can make in life is continually fearing that you'll make one.

Elbert Hubbard

The greatest use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it.

William James

The heart of a fool is in his mouth, but the mouth of the wise man is in his heart.

Benjamin Franklin

The heaven is forever, and the earth abides. Why so? Because they don't exist for themselves.

Lau Tsu

The high destiny of the individual is to serve rather than rule.

Albert Einstein

The knowledge of man is as the waters, some descending from above, and some springing from beneath; the one informed by the light of nature, the other inspired by divine revelation.

Francis Bacon

The mind has great influence over the body, and maladies often have their origin there.

Moliere

The man of knowledge must be able not only to love his enemies but also to hate his friends.

Friedrich Nietzsche

The mind of a bigot is like the pupil of the eye. The more light you shine on it, the more it will contract.

Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr.

The most erroneous stories are those we think we know best - and therefore never scrutinize or question.

Stephen Jay Gould

The most imaginative people are the most credulous, for them everything is possible.

Alexander Chase

The most incomprehensible thing about the world is that it is at all comprehensible.

Albert Einstein

The object of teaching a child is to enable him to get along without his teacher.

Elbert Hubbard

The only thing that we can know is that we know nothing and that is the highest flight of human reason.

Leo Tolstoy

The only thing to do with good advice is pass it on. It is never any use to oneself.

Oscar Wilde

The only way to get rid of a temptation is to yield to it. Resist it, and your soul grows sick with longing for the things it has forbidden to itself.

Oscar Wilde

The opposite of a correct statement is a false statement. But the opposite of a profound truth may well be another profound truth.

Niels Bohr

The perfect man employs his mind as a mirror. It grasps nothing: it refuses nothing. It receives, but doesn't keep. Thus it can triumph over matter.

Lao Tse

The present contains nothing more than the past, and what is found in the effect was already in the cause.

Henri Bergson

The purpose of a fish trap is to catch fish, and when the fish are caught, the trap is forgotten. The purpose of a rabbit snare is to catch rabbits. When the rabbits are caught, the snare is forgotten. The purpose of words is to convey ideas. When the ideas are grasped, the words are forgotten. Where can I find a man who has forgotten words? He is the one I would like to talk to.

Chuang Tzu

The pursuit of happiness is a most ridiculous phrase; if you pursue happiness you'll never find it.

C. P. Snow

The sculptor produces the beautiful statue by chipping away such parts of the marble block as are not needed - it is a process of elimination.

Elbert Hubbard

The secret of happiness is not in what one likes to do, but in what one has to do.

James M. Barrie

The secret of happiness is to make others believe they are the cause of it.

Al Batt

The significance of man is that he is that part of the universe that asks the question, What is the significance of Man? He alone can stand apart imaginatively and, regarding himself and the universe in their eternal aspects, pronounce a judgment: The significance of man is that he is insignificant and is aware of it..

Carl Becker

The true mystery of the world is the visible, not the invisible.

Oscar Wilde

The truth is that many people set rules to keep from making decisions.

Mike Krzyzewski

The ultimate result of shielding men from the effects of folly is to fill the world with fools.

Herbert Spencer

The universal brotherhood of man is our most precious possession.

Mark Twain

The Void is not of the nature of a black abyss or a bottomless pit. Rather is its nature 'vast and expansive like space itself'. It is apprehended as 'serene, marvelous, all-pure, brilliant and all-inclusive'. Above all does it partake of the nature of light. And it is not anything. For Void is Mind Itself, and Mind Itself is Void.

Wei Wu Wei

The world is moving so fast these days that the man who says it can't be done is generally interrupted by someone doing it.

Elbert Hubbard

The worst loneliness is not to be comfortable with yourself.

Mark Twain

The man who has begun to live more seriously within begins to live more simply without.

Ernest (Miller) Hemingway

The husbandman deals with land; physicians and trainers with the body; the wise man with his own Mind.

The Golden Sayings of Epictetus

There are no mistakes, no coincidences. All events are blessings given to us to learn from.

Elizabeth Kubler-Ross

There are only two kinds of freedom in the world; the freedom of the rich and powerful, and the freedom of the artist and the monk who renounces possessions.

Anais Nin

There are two types of people--those who come into a room and say, 'Well, here I am!' and those who come in and say, 'Ah, there you are.'

Frederick L Collins

There is absolutely no inevitability as long as there is a willingness to contemplate what is happening.

Marshall McLuhan

There is always one moment in childhood when the door opens and lets the future in.

Deepak Chopra

There is no failure except in no longer trying.

Elbert Hubbard

There is only one corner of the universe you can be certain of improving, and that's your own self.

Aldous Huxley

There seem to be two kinds of searchers: those who seek to make their ego something other than it is, i.e. holy, happy, unselfish (as though you could make a fish unfish), and those who understand that all such attempts are just gesticulation and play-acting, that there is only one thing that can be done, which is to disidentify themselves with the ego, by realizing its unreality, and by becoming aware of their eternal identity with pure being.

Wei Wu Wei

They always talk who never think.

Matthew Prior

Things are only impossible until they're not.

Jean-Luc Picard

Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.

George Santayana

Those who flee temptation generally leave a forwarding address.

Lane Olinghouse

Those who speak most of progress measure it by quantity and not by quality.

George Santayana

To be willing to die for an idea is to set a rather high price on conjecture.

Anatole France

To have a right to do a thing is not at all the same as to be right in doing it.

GK Chesterton

To lead a symphony you must occasionally turn your back on the crowd.

Anonymous

To see what is right and not to do it is want of courage or of principle.

Confucius

To understand is to forgive, even oneself.

Alexander Chase

Trust your hunches. They're usually based on facts filed away just below the conscious level.

Dr. Joyce Brothers

Try not to become a man of success but rather to become a man of value.

Albert Einstein

Try to learn something about everything and everything about something.

Thomas H. Huxley

Try as hard as we may for perfection, the net result of our labors is an amazing variety of imperfectness. We are surprised at our own versatility in being able to fail in so many different ways.

Samuel McChord Crothers

Turn your mind away from things which are not permanent.

Buddha

Want to see a miracle, be the miracle.

Albert Einstein

We aim above the mark to hit the mark.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

We are all in the gutter, but some of us are looking at the stars.

Oscar Wilde

We are at the very beginning of time for the human race. It is not unreasonable that we grapple with problems. But there are tens of thousands of years in the future. Our responsibility is to do what we can, learn what we can, improve the solutions, and pass them on.

Richard Feynman

We are like sculptors, constantly carving out of others the image we long for, need, love or desire, often against reality, against their benefit, and always, in the end, a disappointment, because it does not fit them.

Anais Nin

We are prisoners of ideas.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

We do not know what we want and yet we are responsible for what we are - that is the fact.

Jean-Paul Sartre

We are the universe trying to figure itself out.

Babylon 5

We are what we repeatedly do.

Aristotle

We have only to eliminate the ego-notion by succeeding in the difficult task of understanding that it does not exist except as a notion.

Wei Wu Wei

We know what happens to people who stay in the middle of the road. They get run down.

Aneurin Bevan

We must travel in the direction of our fear.

John Berryman

We rarely think people have good sense unless they agree with us.

Francois de La Rochefoucauld

We say, "In calmness there should be activity; ' in activity there should be calmness." Actually, they are the same thing; to say "calmness" or to say "activity" is just to express different interpretations of one fact. There is harmony in our activity, and where there is harmony there is calmness.

D.T. Suzuki

We should take care not to make the intellect our god; it has, of course, powerful muscles, but no personality.

Albert Einstein

We think in generalities, but we live in detail.

Alfred North Whitehead

We work to become, not to acquire.

Elbert Hubbard

What is a cynic? A man who knows the price of everything and the value of nothing.

Oscar Wilde

What we know as 'life' is the analytical realization in the seriality of time of our eternal reality.

Wei Wu Wei

What you're doing today or what you're planning tomorrow is of much more importance than what you did yesterday.

Sir Edmund Hillary

Whatever is flexible and flowing will tend to grow, whatever is rigid and blocked will wither and die.

Tao Te Ching

Whatever you do will be insignificant, but it is very important that you do it.

Mahatma Gandhi

Whatever you may be sure of, be sure of this, that you are dreadfully like other people.

James Russell Lowell

When a person cannot deceive himself the chances are against his being able to deceive other people.

Mark Twain

When a stupid man is doing something he is ashamed of, he always declares that it is his duty.

George Bernard Shaw

When alone, watch your thoughts; when with others, your words.

Mongolian Proverb

When everyone is against you, it means that you are absolutely wrong-- or absolutely right.

Albert Guinon

When I let go of what I am, I become what I might be.

Lao Tzu

When one admits that nothing is certain one must, I think, also admit that some things are much more nearly certain than others.

Bertrand Russell

When they discover the center of the universe, a lot of people will be disappointed to discover they are not it.

Bernard Bailey

When we are unable to find tranquillity within ourselves, it is useless to seek it elsewhere.

Francois de La Rochefoucauld

When you jump for joy, beware that no one moves the ground from beneath your feet.

Stanislaw J. Lec

When you look at yourself from a universal standpoint, something inside always reminds or informs you that there are bigger and better things to worry about.

Albert Einstein

When you make a world tolerable for yourself, you make a world tolerable for others.

Anais Nin

When you're through changing, you're through.

Bruce Barton

Where much is expected from an individual, he may rise to the level of events and make the dream come true.

Elbert Hubbard

Wheresoever you go, go with all your heart.

Confucius

Whoever undertakes to set himself up as a judge of Truth and Knowledge is shipwrecked by the laughter of the Gods.

Albert Einstein

Whosoever desires constant success must change his conduct with the times.

Niccolo Machiavelli

Whosoever has heard the law of virtue and vice is as one who has eyes and carries a lamp, seeing everything and will become completely wise.

Buddha

Wisdom is knowing what to do next, skill is knowing how to do it, and virtue is doing it.

Unknown

Wisdom is what's left after we've run out of personal opinions.

Cullen Hightower

Wise men talk because they have something to say; fools, because they have to say something.

Plato

Worry looks around, sorry looks back, Faith looks up.

Unknown

You are not a human being in search of a spiritual experience. You are a spiritual being immersed in a human experience.

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

You can lead a man to knowledge, but you can't make him think.

John Daily

You can learn from anyone even your enemy.

Ovid

You can only be young once. But you can always be immature.

Dave Barry

You miss 100 percent of the shots you never take.

Wayne Gretzky

You must be the change you wish to see in the world.

Mahatma Gandhi

You must not lose faith in humanity. Humanity is an ocean; if a few drops of the ocean are dirty, the ocean does not become dirty.

Mahatma Gandhi

Your heart often knows things before your mind does.

Polly Adler

Your imagination is your preview of life's coming attractions.

Albert Einstein

Your work is to discover your world and then with all your heart give yourself to it.

Buddha

You've achieved success in your field when you don't know whether what you're doing is work or play.

Warren Beatty