

Quotations from the Wayside

Action and Activism

So do your work in the world that others may do their work better.

Felix Adler

Let yourself and not your words preach for you.

Henri Frederic Amiel

Stand and silently watch the world go by—and it will.

Anonymous

Everyone is taking a stand these days and so there is a lot of standing around.

James Bevel

To think of God all the time is to preclude doing the will of God.

E. S. Brightman

All service ranks the same with God—there is no last or first.

Robert Browning

All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing.

Edmund Burke

The best way to keep good acts in memory is to refresh them with new.

Cato

May your life preach more loudly than your lips.

William Ellery Channing

God heeds not what we say, but what we are and what we do.

William Ellery Channing

It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness.

Chinese Proverb

If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way.

James Freeman Clarke

Trouble neglected becomes still more troublesome.

Confucius

A good example is like a bell that calls many to church.

Danish Proverb

The immediate reward of noble action is that it lifts a man above himself.

Ernest Dimnet

Where there is so much to be done . . . there must be something for me to do.

Dorothea Dix

If there is no struggle, there is no progress.

Frederick Douglass

The destiny of mankind hangs in the balance of what we say and what we accomplish.

Dwight D. Eisenhower

There is no limit to what can be accomplished if it doesn't matter who gets the credit.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

The brothers should preach by their works.

St. Francis of Assisi

Plough deep while sluggards sleep.

Benjamin Franklin

Every word is vain that is not completed by deed.

Ancient Greek Epigram

Ability is useless unless it is used.

Robert Half

In our era the road to holiness necessarily passes through the world of action.

Dag Hammarskjöld

Religious ends are in need of our deeds.

Abraham Heschel

To remain aloof is to die before one begins to live.

William E. Hocking

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An idea is a curious thing. It will not work unless you do.
Jaeger's Facts

I will show thee my faith by my works.
James 2:18

The service of the highest is a cosmic patriotism which calls for volunteers.
William Jones

Now is the time come; let it not pass unused.
Javanese Inscription

Let us not love in word or speech, but in deed and in truth.
I John 3:18

Genius begins great works; labor alone finishes them.
Joseph Joubert

You are what you do, not what you say you'll do.
Carl Jung

When your work speaks for itself, don't interrupt.
Henry J. Kaiser

It is not what happens to me that makes me great, but what I do.
Kierkegaard

Men are brothers in good deeds regardless of their different creeds.
Philip M. Larson

You become what you do, not what you think.
Eduard Lindeman

It is labor that puts the difference of value on everything.
John Locke

Live and let live is not enough; live and help live is not too much.
Orin E. Madison

Small deeds done are better than great deeds planned.
Peter Marshall

People who look too long upon evil without opposing it go dead inside.
Agnes E. Meyer

To forbear doing is often as noble as to do.
Michel de Montaigne

Pray for the dead and fight like hell for the living.
Mother Jones

It is not how much we do, but how much love we put in the doing.
Mother Teresa

Do good with what thou hast, or it will do thee no good.
William Penn

Liberty is not permission to withdraw from the world's battles.
H. L. Short

Words are so easy; action is so difficult.
Adlai E. Stevenson

Wishing and hoping avail little. Only action pays.
L. C. Steckle

Our failure to choose may become the choice we have to live with.
Robert Stein

We do not have to wait until we are excellent before we can do excellent things.
Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

Be not simply good; be good for something.
Henry David Thoreau

The dictionary is the only place where success comes before work.
Abigail Van Buren

There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it.
Edith Wharton

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Adventure

Go out on a limb. That's where the fruit is.
Anonymous

Adventure is not outside a man; it is within.
David Grayson

A ship is safe in a harbor, but that is not what a ship
is for.
Ralph Helverson

Without adventure, civilization is in full decay.
Alfred North Whitehead

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Aging

Everyone is too old for something, but no one is too old for everything.

Anonymous

We grow neither better nor worse as we get old, but more like ourselves.

May Lemberton Becker

To be old is a glorious thing when one has not unlearned what it means to begin.

Martin Buber

The years teach much which the days never know.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Youth and age touch only the surface of our lives.

C. S. Lewis

As life grows briefer, I must make it grow deeper.

Michel de Montaigne

The quickest way to become an old dog is to stop learning new tricks.

Cy N. Pease

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Change

For a thought to change the world, it must first change the life of the person who carries it.

Albert Camus

Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be fresh dough.

I Corinthians 5:7

Every reform was once a private opinion.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

You have to live by shedding.

Robert Frost

Only that which changes remains true.

Carl Jung

A stream stays alive by moving.

Philip M. Larson, Jr.

Perhaps we never appreciate the here and now until it is challenged.

Anne Morrow Lindbergh

To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often.

Cardinal Newman

When things are breaking up, something great is breaking through.

Vivian T. Pomeroy

To understand is to change, and to go beyond oneself.

Jean-Paul Sartre

The world's best reformers are those who begin on themselves.

George Bernard Shaw

Habits are at first cobwebs then cables.

Spanish Proverb

Let the great world spin for ever down the ringing grooves of change.

Tennyson

Loyalty to petrified opinions never yet broke a chain.

Mark Twain

All orthodoxies began by being heresies.

Unamuno y Jugo

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Character

It is not in the still calm of life that great characters are formed.

Abigail Adams

The workshop of character is everyday life.

Anonymous

Good character is not formed at the New Year.

Maltbie D. Babcock

You grow up the day you have your first real laugh at yourself.

Ethel Barrymore

Temperament we are born with; character we have to make.

J. Baldwin Brown

The perfection of virtue comes of struggle.

Meister Eckhart

It is very hard to be simple enough to be good.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Man's character is his fate.

Heraclitus

The noblest worship is to make yourself as good and as just as you can.

Isocrates

Character is what you are in the dark.

Dwight L. Moody

Contemporary reputations make fragile future pedestals.

Charles Norman

Swallow your pride occasionally. It is non-fattening.

Rapid Service 66

At the end, one has the face that one earned.

Max Roden

Most people have to talk so they won't hear.

May Sarton

Character is a priceless fabric which the unseen fingers of the soul are ever weaving.

Henry H. Saunderson

Character is what you are; reputation, what people think you are.

Henry H. Saunderson

It is listening, not silence, that shows respect.

J. Frank Schulman

Shallow brooks murmur most.

Sir Philip Sidney

Only humility can never be humiliated.

Howard Thurman

Everybody thinks of changing humanity and

nobody thinks of changing themselves.

Leo Tolstoy

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Children

Give us a child's faith, that we may be cured of our cynicism.

Sara Moores Campbell

The child is the best symbol of the creative fire in man.

Susannah Coolidge

Each night a child is born is a holy night.

Sophia Lyon Fahs

Children have more need of models than of critics.

Joseph Joubert

If help and salvation are to come, they can only come from the children.

Marie Montessori

It often happens that the saints are wrong and the children of the world are right.

Gilbert Murray

A baby is God's opinion that the world should go on.

Carl Sandburg

Every child comes with the message that God is not yet discouraged of man.

Rabindranath Tagore

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Conscience

Reason, Conscience—by which we discover the true and the right are immortal as their author.

William Ellery Channing

The only guide to a man is his conscience.

Sir Winston Churchill

I have never been hurt by anything I didn't say.

Calvin Coolidge

Crime and punishment grow out of one stem.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

I'd rather take a beating from a mob than from my conscience.

Josephine Gabrielle

Conscience is the internal testimony which we bear to ourselves.

Paul D'Holbach

Courage without conscience is a wild beast.

R. G. Ingersoll

Whatever is rightly done, however humble, is noble.

Sir Henry Royce

The head does not hear anything until the heart has listened.

James Stephens

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Conviction and Belief

The seat of ethics is in our hearts, not in our minds.
Vannevar Bush

There is no mistake so great as that of being always right.
Samuel Butler

We must train not only the head, but the heart and the hand.
Madame Chiang Kai-Shek

Nothing can bring you peace but the triumph of principles.
Ralph Waldo Emerson

Some things have to be believed to be seen.
Ralph Hodgson

Every calling is great when greatly pursued.
Oliver Wendell Holmes

Make your word more reliable than the oaths of others.
Isocrates

The vows one makes privately are more binding than any ceremony.
Beatrice Lillie

Convictions are more dangerous enemies of truth than lies.
Friedrich Nietzsche

An army of principles will penetrate where an army of soldiers cannot.
Thomas Paine

Beliefs are really rules for action.
Charles Sanders Peirce

Keep thy heart with diligence; from it come the issues of life.
Proverbs 4:23

God is dead unless his people speak.
Robert Reed

What we need is not the will to believe, but the wish to find out.
Bertrand Russell

We believe without belief, beyond belief.
Wallace Stevens

Who leads us is less important than what leads us.
Adlai E. Stevenson

Goodness is the only investment that never fails.
Henry David Thoreau

Doubts are the things that unite mankind; convictions separate them.
Peter Ustinov

It is not facts but our beliefs about facts which control our actions.
John F. Wharton

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Courage

I'm not afraid of storms, for I'm learning how to sail my ship.

Louisa May Alcott

The healthy, strong individual is the one who asks for help when he or she needs it.

Rona Barrett (adapted)

In the midst of winter I discovered that there was in me an invincible summer.

Albert Camus

Courage means using our utmost energies to secure worthwhile ends.

Morris Raphael Cohen

Behold the turtle: he makes progress only when he sticks his neck out.

James Bryant Conant

Courage is the conquest of fear, not the absence of it.

A. Powell Davies

Courage is the price that Life exacts for granting peace.

Amelia Earhart

What a new face courage puts on everything!

Ralph Waldo Emerson

We have to stumble and fall if we are to walk.

Samuel H. Miller

The pursuit of truth is a form of courage.

George Santayana

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Diversity

God hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell upon all the face of the earth.
Acts 17:26

The worth of an individual is not related to the color of his or her skin.
Whitney Moore Young, Jr.

Where diversity is suppressed, blasphemy and distortion ensue.
James Luther Adams

All people smile in the same language.
Anonymous

Surely there is enough space in all the world for all.
Taylor Caldwell

We must judge others not by our light but by their own.
William Ellery Channing

You need not think alike to love alike.
Francis Dávid

Tolerance is the finest flower of civilization and the last to bloom.
Marshall Dawson

Harmony exists in difference no less than in likeness.
Margaret Fuller

A community without dissent is well on the way to becoming an ant heap.
Fred Hoyle

Diversity is the best defense of healthy societies.
George Kennan

It is important that human beings shall be united, but not that they shall be uniform.
Ashley Montagu

Accomplishments have no color.
Leontyne Price

A clash of doctrines is not a disaster; it is an opportunity.
Alfred North Whitehead

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Dogma

The dogmas of the past are inadequate to the stormy present.

Abraham Lincoln

We live in a world so full of responsibility that dogmatism is simply indecent.

Harry Meserve

The assurance of dogma, the arrogance of certainty, are enemies of wisdom.

Frederick Rudolph

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Doubt

True doubt is not unfaith, but the critical act of faith
in quest of truth.

Anonymous

Scepticism is the first step to philosophy.

Denis Diderot

Doubt is the whetstone of understanding.

John Dos Passos

He is without faith who is afraid of doubters.

J. Donald Johnston

Fanaticism is always a compensation for hidden
doubt.

Carl Jung

The depth of man's questioning is more important
than his answers.

André Malraux

The only limit to our realization of tomorrow will
be our doubts of today.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

Modest doubt is called the beacon of the wise.

William Shakespeare

Faith and doubt, both are needed.

Lillian Smith

There lives more faith in honest doubt than in half
the creeds.

Tennyson

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Faith

An unexamined faith is not worth having.
James Luther Adams

Neither by strength nor by might but by my spirit,
saith the Lord.
Zechariah 4:6

The best of our knowledge is but a faith.
James Agee

To choose what is difficult all one's days as if it
were easy, that is faith.
W. H. Auden

Faith cannot be recommended; it can only be called
upon.
Henry G. Beybee, Jr.

The written code kills, but the Spirit gives life.
II Corinthians 3:6

The faith that stands on authority is not faith.
Ralph Waldo Emerson

Faith cannot be circumscribed by dogma.
Geoffrey Head

Faith is not an abstraction but a way of living.
Palfrey Perkins

Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my
path.
Psalms 119:105

The weakest faith is that which fears to doubt.
J. Frank Schulman

Faith has nothing to fear from thinking.
Albert Schweitzer

The present chaotic stage is not caused by lack of
faith, but by too much unreasoning faith.
George Simpson

Faith is the subtle chain which binds us to the
infinite.
Elizabeth Oakes Smith

On your lonely path may you not walk alone.
Howard Thurman

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Forgiveness

Help us, O God, through others' faults to their needs.

Anonymous

It is difficult indeed to forgive a man for not forgiving you.

Timothy Hume Behrendt

To forgive is wisdom; to forget is genius.

Joyce Cary

Love is not real until forgiveness is real.

John F. Hayward

We forgive to the extent that we love.

La Rochefoucauld

The man whom society will not forgive nor restore is driven into recklessness.

F. W. Robertson

It is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned.

St. Francis of Assisi

The unforgivable sin is the refusal to pardon.

George Santayana

The heart has always the pardoning power.

Anne Swetchine

Love is an act of endless forgiveness.

Peter Ustinov

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Freedom

Resistance to tyranny is obedience to God.
Susan B. Anthony

It is a strange desire to seek power and lose liberty.
Francis Bacon

Freedom is the fire which burns away illusion.
James Baldwin

If our brothers are oppressed, then we are oppressed.
Stephen Vincent Benet

Grant us faith and understanding to cherish all those who fight for freedom.
Stephen Vincent Benet

The liberty of all is necessary for the liberty of each.
H. J. Blackman

Let us hold fast to the right of private judgment.
William Ellery Channing

Freedom without consecration is only another form of slavery.
Frederick May Eliot

A slave is someone who cannot speak their thought.
Euripides

Without freedom of expression, liberty of thought is a mockery.
Felix Frankfurter

Freedom is to be in possession of oneself.
Hegel

Man's ability to surpass himself is the essence of freedom.
Abraham Heschel

Essentially, freedom means becoming more ambiguous.
Ivan Illich

No man is good enough to govern another man without that other man's consent.
Abraham Lincoln

The best security for freedom in any society is to practice it.
Jospeh R. Morray

When you enslave someone, you are enslaved.
Louise Nevelson

They alone are truly secure who ask not to be safe, but free.
W. W. Rose

It is madness to abolish freedom because some abuse it.
Harold Scott

Freedom of each to utter means freedom of all to learn.
Waitstill Sharp

Emancipation means equal status for different roles.
Arianna Stassinopoulos

The annihilation of the individual is the worst perversity of man.
W. L. Sullivan

What is the value of political freedom but as a means to moral freedom?
Henry David Thoreau

To be deprived of freedom is to become either a chattel or an animal.
J. E. Turner

We don't want our chains made more bearable. We want our chains removed.
Archbishop Desmond Tutu

The liberty you possess is the work of common dangers, sufferings, and successes.
George Washington

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Giving

Fragrance always stays in the hand that gives the rose.

Hada Bejar

Real generosity toward the future lies in giving all to the present.

Albert Camus

One who gives quickly gives twice.

Cervantes

We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give.

Winston Churchill

And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

I Corinthians 13:13

The only gift is a portion of thyself.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Once you have helped another human being, you will never again be lonely.

Robert Henry Holmes

True compassion is more than flinging coins to a beggar.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Give what you have. To someone it may be better than you dare to think.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required.

Luke 12:48

Men are judged by what is given, not what is withheld.

Theodore Parker

Above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity covers a multitude of sins.

I Peter 4:8

Rich gifts wax poor when givers prove unkind.
William Shakespeare

To help his fellow man is man's most noble work.
Sophocles

We are rich only through what we give, and poor only through what we keep.
Anne Swetchine

Without the abundance of the heart nothing great can happen.
Paul Tillich

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God

God is no bulwark to the arrogant who spurn the great altar of God's justice.

Auschylus

We do too narrowly define the power of God, restraining it to our capacities.

Anonymous

Without God we cannot; without us God will not.

St. Augustine

If you hallow this life, you meet the living God.

Martin Buber

God listens to the heart, not to words.

Gaston M. Carrier

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?

I Corinthians 3:16

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

II Corinthians 3:17

You can't find God before an altar if that is the only place you look for him.

A. Powell Davies

This something that we call God is the indwelling idealism of humanity.

Durant Drake

To seek God by rituals is to get the ritual and lose God in the process.

Meister Eckhart

God offers the choice between truth and repose. Take which you please—you can never have both.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

God enters by a private door into every individual.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Try first thyself, and after, call in God; for to the worker God lends aid.

Euripides

Wherever souls of men have worshipped, there is God.

Herbert D. Gallaudet

The God who gave us life gave us liberty at the same time.

Thomas Jefferson

God enters the world in every man.

William B. Killam

God is as close to us as we are to ourselves.

Marjorie Newlin Leaming

The search for God is the search for reality.

Sidney E. Mead

All things proceed from God; all things end in God.

George Moore

You love God best when you love men most.

Theodore Parker

The Lord is my strength and my song, and is become my salvation.

Psalm 118:14

Every picture of God is a self-portrait.

J. Frank Schulman

God is not against us for our sins. God is for us against our sins.

David A. Seamands

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Hate

There is no medicine for hate.

African Proverb

A man's venom poisons himself more than his victims.

Charles Buxton

Leave hate to those who are too weak to love.

Michel del Castillo

Never does hatred cease by hating in return.

Dhammapada

Let not the sun go down upon your wrath.

Ephesians 4:26

An eye for an eye only ends in making the whole world blind.

Mohandas K. Gandhi

When one is hating, he cannot be loving.

Charles G. Gomillion

Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer.

I John 3:15

Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith.

Proverbs 15:17

In hatred as in love, we grow like the thing we brood upon.

Mary Renault

Hate is a prolonged form of suicide.

Heinrich Schiller

I am determined that no man shall drag me down by making me hate him.

Booker T. Washington

Hate and mistrust are the children of blindness.

William Watson

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Hope

In each beginning an end is seen. In each end a beginning gleams.

Jesse Roy Dom

Sunset is the promise of dawn.

Havelock Ellis

One cannot cure if one knows only disease.

Erik H. Erikson

Beginnings are opportunities for making endings better.

L. Annie Foerster

We are all prisoners but some of us are in cells with windows and some without.

Kahlil Gibran

A possibility is a hint from God.

Kierkegaard

Hope that endures becomes a hope fulfilled.

John Masefield

Blessed are those who dream, for some of their dreams will come true.

Harry Meserve

There are so many dawns that have not yet spread their glow.

Rig Veda

In a dark time, the eye begins to see.

Theodore Roethke

Somewhere something incredible is waiting to happen.

Carl Sagan

Each day comes bearing gifts. Untie the ribbons.

Ann Ruth Schnabaker

Hope is giving eyes to sorrow.

Harry B. Scholefield

At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another.

Albert Schweitzer

To travel hopefully is a better thing than to arrive.

NEVIL SHUTE

People are best united not by mutual fear, but by mutual hope.

Adlai E. Stevenson

I believe in the sun even when it is not shining.

Warsaw Ghetto Victim

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Humanity

I am a human being. Do not fold, spindle, or mutilate.

Anonymous

Our humanity were a poor thing but for the divinity that stirs in us.

Francis Bacon

Love is the weaver; the threads are living folk.

Raymond Baughan

We may not know what God is, but we can know what it means to be human.

Paul Carnes

This country is entrusted by God with a mission for humanity.

William Ellery Channing

Please don't criticize me for being human. It's my most redeeming feature.

Cynthia J. Gould

To be human is not a fact, but a task.

Frederick H. Heinemann

With malice toward none; with charity for all; let us strive on to finish the work we are in.

Abraham Lincoln

We never move toward the divine by ignoring the human.

William Lynch

It's great to be great, but greater to be human.

Will Rogers

Search and see if there is not some place where you may invest your humanity.

Albert Schweitzer

Humanitarianism consists in never sacrificing a human being to a purpose.

Albert Schweitzer

There is a common humanity that transcends all differences in dogma.

George Stoddard

There is nothing so threatening to humanity as humanity itself.

Lewis Thomas

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In Memoriam

At the going down of the sun and in the morning we
will remember them.

Lawrence Binyon

Their bodies are buried in peace, but their name
liveth forevermore.
Ecclesiasticus 44:14

In the remembrance of a glorious past, individuals
and nations find their noblest inspiration.

Sir William Osler

Death is only a horizon; and a horizon is nothing
save the limit of our sight.

Rossiter W. Raymond

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Interdependence

Each man is as much an inhabitant of the earth as he is of his country.

Hannah Arendt

The blossoms of today draw strength from the roots of a thousand years ago.

Japanese Poem

I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Whether we wish it or not, we are involved in the world's problems.

Walter Lippman

Man was not created to preside over all other creatures, but to live in harmony with them.

Ashley Montagu

I feel we are all islands—in a common sea.

Anne Morrow Lindbergh

As God dwells in all creatures, none is to be despised.

Ramananda

Live together, talk together, walk together. We are all One.

Swami Satyananda

We did not weave the web of life: We are merely a strand in it.

Chief Seattle

Those who are most vigorous in rejecting the past are also most careless of the future.

Mary McDermott Shideler

With all beings and all things we shall be as relatives.

Sioux Indian

Though leaves are many, the root is one.

William Butler Yeats

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Justice

Let justice roll down as waters, and righteousness an overflowing stream.

Amos 5:24

The best way of avenging thyself is not to become like the wrongdoer.

Marcus Aurelius

The inequalities suffered by the many are in no way justified by the rise of a few.

James Baldwin

Without justice, peace is nothing but a nice-sounding word.

Dom Helder Camara

Kindness without justice is of little moral worth.

William Ellery Channing

While there's a soul in prison I am not free.

Eugene V. Debs

We cannot do evil to others without doing it to ourselves.

Desmahis

One hour of justice is worth three thousand hours of prayer.

Kemal Djumblatt, Lebanese Revolutionary Leader

Riches that leave another poor I do not want.

André Gide

Tolerance is a virtue, but indifference is a vice.

Dana Mclean Greeley

We are not punished for our sins but by them.

Elbert Hubbard

There is nothing more tragic in all this world than to know right and not do it.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

No lie can live forever.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Justice is nothing else than love felt by the wise.
Liebniz

Why should there not be a patient confidence in the ultimate justice of the people?
Abraham Lincoln

To sin by silence when they should protest makes cowards out of people.
Abraham Lincoln

With what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.
Matthew 7:12

If you want peace, work for justice.
Pope Paul VI

Among citizens there should be no forgotten people and no forgotten races.
Franklin D. Roosevelt

We should all take our share of the burden of pain which lies upon the world.
Albert Schweitzer

The worst sin toward our fellow creatures is not to hate them but to be indifferent to them.
George Bernard Shaw

Justice is love operating at a distance.
Joseph Sittler

The strictest justice is sometimes the greatest injustice.
Terence

Injustice in the end produces independence.
Voltaire

Who degrades another degrades me.
Walt Whitman

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Knowledge

All experience is an arch to build upon.
Henry Brooks Adams

The fate of empires depends on the education of youth.
Aristotle

There is no money lost that is used in educating the people.
Olympia Brown

One great thought breathed into a man may regenerate him.
William Ellery Channing

Let's not think so much we forget to feel.
Roger Cowan

Minds are like parachutes—they only function when open.
Thomas Dewar

Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself.
John Dewey

In much wisdom is much grief:
and he that increaseth
Knowledge increaseth sorrow.
Ecclesiastes 12:12

The only rational way of educating is to be an example.
Albert Einstein

Knowledge is the antidote to fear.
Ralph Waldo Emerson

Nations die by suicide. The sign of it is the decay of thought.
Ralph Waldo Emerson

Zeal without knowledge is fire without light.
English Proverb

If you have knowledge, let others light their candle at it.

Margaret Fuller

If you do not think about the future, you cannot have one.

John Galsworthy

There is no sight more fearful than ignorance in action.

Goethe

Education which does not produce a free mind is not education.

John Gunther

There is no darkness but ignorance: let us flood the world with light.

Robert Ingersoll

Take from the altars of the past the fire, not the ashes.

Jean Jauves

There is no better ruler than wisdom—no safer guardian than justice.

The Koran

A free people must be a thinking people.
Everett Dean Martin

The mind is not sex-typed.
Margaret Mead

It is not so important to know everything as to appreciate what we learn.

Hannah More

Nothing ages people like not thinking.
Christopher Morley

The mind is not a vessel to be filled, but a fire to be kindled.
Plutarch

Apply thy heart unto instruction, and thine ears to the words of knowledge.
Proverbs 23:12

Quotations from the Wayside

The true teachers are those who help us think for ourselves.

Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan

Knowledge is an island surrounded by a sea of mystery.

Chet Raymo

Knowledge is good even if what is known is painful.

Bertrand Russell

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

George Santayana

Renunciation of thinking is a declaration of spiritual bankruptcy.

Albert Schweitzer

Learning and liberty march hand in hand or they do not march at all.

Sir Hartley Shawcross

Howling is not a substitute for thinking.

Adlai E. Stevenson

None is poor but the person who lacks knowledge.

Abaye Talmud

Knowledge can be power and salvation if we have the power to use it.

Arnold J. Toynbee

Every thought is like a bell with many echoes.

William Butler Yeats

Quotations from the Wayside

Love

One may give without loving, but none can love without giving.

Anonymous

Love is, above all, the gift of oneself.

Jean Anouilh

The love that is kindled at home expands itself over the race of man.

Asoka

Love is stronger than hate, and life is stronger than death.

Pearl S. Buck

I think true love is never blind but rather brings an added light.

Phoebe Cary

Where there is great love there are always miracles.

Willa Cather

Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful.

I Corinthians 13:4

The experience of love is the recollection of heaven.

Erwin Edman

All work is empty save where there is love.

Kahlil Gibran

All deep knowledge of persons can only be secured by love.

E. H. Hughes

We have to choose between the love of power and the power of love.

A. Graham Ikin

If we love one another God dwelleth in us.

I John 4:12

There is no fear in love; perfect love casteth out fear.

I John 4:18

Love oftentimes knows no measure, but is fervent above all measure.

Thomas à Kempis

Unarmed love is the most powerful force in the world.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Love is so short, forgetting is so long.

Pablo Neruda

Hate stirs up strife, but love covers all offenses.

Proverbs 10:12

No heart which shuts out truth and love can be the abode of God.

Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan

Leave no claim outstanding against you except that of mutual love.

Romans 13:8

Love does not consist in gazing at each other, but in looking together in the same direction.

Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

One can do much with hate, but even more with love.

William Shakespeare

Love is not love which alters when it alteration finds.

William Shakespeare

Love is strong as Death.

Song of Solomon 8:6

There are no words for love, only moments.

Shifra Stein

God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power and of love.

II Timothy 1:7

Where love is, there is God.

Leo Tolstoy

Love lights more fires than hate extinguishes.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox

Quotations from the Wayside

Nature

If a bird sings among your branches, be not too ready to tame it.

Henri Frederic Amiel

It is only when we are aware of the earth as poetry that we truly live.

Henry Beston

Do no dishonor to the earth lest you dishonor the spirit of humanity.

Henry Beston

Earth's crammed with heaven, and every common bush afire with God.

Elizabeth Barrett Browning

The place whereon thou standest is holy ground.

Exodus 3:5

Nature travaileth most painfully with her noblest products.

Margaret Fuller

Grass is the forgiveness of nature—her constant benediction.

John Ingalls

Nature's silence is its one remark.

Annie Dillard

Spring has returned. The earth is like a child that knows poems.

Rainer Maria Rilke

What is the use of a house if you haven't got a tolerable planet to put it on?

Henry David Thoreau

I think of man in nature as the divinest and most startling of facts.

Henry David Thoreau

Where the earth is, we are.

Walt Whitman

The earth remains jagged and broken only to him or her who remains jagged and broken.

Walt Whitman

Everything in nature is resurrection.

William Butler Yeats

Quotations from the Wayside

Peace

We must be at war with evil but at peace with man.
Lord Acton

It is harder to live in peace than to die by violence.
Anonymous

A space station we can build but peace on earth takes more brains.
Charles Balfour

Our hatred of war should only be excelled by our commitment to peace.
Timothy Hume Behrendt

The war to end war will not be fought with guns.
Lowell H. Coate

Be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.
II Corinthians 13:11

Peace is not a foreign idea.
W. E. B. Du Bois

Peace is a blessing, and, like most blessings, it must be earned.
Dwight D. Eisenhower

May I win no victory that harms either me or my opponent.
Eusebius

Our work for peace must begin within the private world of each one of us.
Dag Hammarskjöld

If we cannot agree, let us at any rate agree to differ, but let us part as friends.
Mohammad Ali Jinnah

Keep thyself first in peace, and then thou wilt be able to bring others to peace.
Thomas à Kempis

True peace is not merely the absence of tension; it is the presence of justice.
Martin Luther King, Jr.

If there is to be peace in the home, There must be peace in the heart.
Lao Tzu

Let us do all which may achieve a just and lasting peace among ourselves, and with all nations.
Abraham Lincoln

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
Matthew 5:9

It is an honor for a man to cease from strife.
Proverbs 20:3

How beautiful are the dwellings of peace, where the holiness of God abideth.
Rollo Russell

Peace is the nature of God.
Swami Satchidananda

There is no way to peace; peace is the way.
Maurice Schwartz

Observe good faith and justice towards all nations.
George Washington

Friendship is the only cement that will ever hold the world together.
Woodrow Wilson

We should build in each heart a wall against war.
Tsutomu Yamaguchi

Quotations from the Wayside

Religious Community

Church is a place where you get to practice what it means to be human.

James Luther Adams

No strangers enter here—only friends who haven't met.

Anonymous

Cooperation is simply religion being worked out in life.

J. Henry Carpenter

In all churches, individuals are better than their creeds.

William Ellery Channing

I love the silent church before the service better than all the preaching.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

We are bound to one another by the same love of the Light.

Alfons Paquet

If we could understand each other, we could understand God also.

Swami Satyananda

Every lofty religious mind belongs not to the church, but to religious humanity.

Albert Schweitzer

They come to church to share God, not find God.

Alice Walker

The most holy bond of society is friendship.

Mary Wollstonecraft

Quotations from the Wayside

Success

The real measure of your wealth is how much you'd be worth if you lost all your money.

Anonymous

Do not let the good things in life rob you of the best things.

Maltbie D. Babcock

If riches increase, let thy mind hold pace with them.

Sir Thomas Browne

Measure not the work until the day's out and the labor done.

Elizabeth Barrett Browning

Success is counted sweetest by those who ne'er succeed.

Emily Dickinson

What's worth succeeding in is worth failing in.

Robert Frost

Your success and happiness lie in you.

Helen Keller