

Laozi / Quotes

Do the difficult things while they are easy and do the great things while they are small. A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step.

Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength, while loving someone deeply gives you courage.

Nature does not hurry, yet everything is accomplished.

A good traveller has no fixed plans and is not intent on arriving.

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

Mastering others is strength. Mastering yourself is true power.

If you do not change direction, you may end up where you are heading.

Music in the soul can be heard by the universe.

To the mind that is still, the whole universe surrenders.

He who knows others is wise. He who knows himself is enlightened.

Confucius / Quotes

I hear and I forget. I see and I remember. I do and I understand.

It does not matter how slowly you go so long as you do not stop.

Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life.

Everything has its beauty, but not everyone sees it.

Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.

Wheresoever you go, go with all your heart.

I want you to be everything that's you, deep at the centre of your being.

Before you embark on a journey of revenge, dig two graves.

The man who moves a mountain begins by carrying away small stones.

Real knowledge is to know the extent of one's ignorance.

Marcus Aurelius / Quotes

Everything we hear is an opinion, not a fact. Everything we see is a perspective, not the truth.

When you arise in the morning, think of what a precious privilege it is to be alive - to breathe, to think, to enjoy, to love.

You have power over your mind - not outside events. Realize this, and you will find strength.

Very little is needed to make a happy life; it is all within yourself, in your way of thinking.

Death smiles at us all, but all a man can do is smile back.

The soul becomes dyed with the colour of its thoughts.

Waste no more time arguing about what a good man should be. Be one.

The universe is change; our life is what our thoughts make it.

A man's worth is no greater than his ambitions.

The object of life is not to be on the side of the majority, but to escape finding oneself in the ranks of the insane.

Epicurus / Quotes

Do not spoil what you have by desiring what you have not; remember that what you now have was once among the things you only hoped for.

Death is nothing to us, since when we are, death has not come, and when death has come, we are not.

Not what we have but what we enjoy, constitutes our abundance.

Death does not concern us, because as long as we exist, death is not here. And when it does come, we no longer exist.

You don't develop courage by being happy in your relationships every day. You develop it by surviving difficult times and challenging adversity.

If thou wilt make a man happy, add not unto his riches but take away from his desires.

It is not so much our friends' help that helps us as the confident knowledge that they will help us.

The art of living well and the art of dying well are one.

Nothing is enough for the man to whom enough is too little.

Of all the things which wisdom provides to make us entirely happy, much the greatest is the possession of friendship.

Plato / Quotes

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

Only the dead have seen the end of war.

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

The measure of a man is what he does with power.

Love is a serious mental disease.

Music is a moral law. It gives soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and charm and gaiety to life and to everything.

We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light.

You can discover more about a person in an hour of play than in a year of conversation.

At the touch of love everyone becomes a poet.

One of the penalties for refusing to participate in politics is that you end up being governed by your inferiors.

Socrates / Quotes

An unexamined life is not worth living.

True knowledge exists in knowing that you know nothing.

Beware the barrenness of a busy life.

I know that I am intelligent, because I know that I know nothing.

When the debate is over, slander becomes the tool of the loser.

By all means marry: if you get a good wife, you'll become happy; if you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher.

I cannot teach anybody anything, I can only make them think.

There is only one good, knowledge, and one evil, ignorance.

Education is the kindling of a flame, not the filling of a vessel.

He is richest who is content with the least, for content is the wealth of nature.