

Maxiums

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- The meaning of life, if any at all, is to create a meaning for life.
- He is happy who is not afraid to be rich, sexual, famous and powerful.
- The mask is the only garment that will never go out of fashion.

Quotes

The wisdom of the wise, and the experience of ages, may be preserved by quotations.
- Benjamin Disraeli

The World is My Playground / The Time Is NOW

Made in Milwaukee, aged in Chicago, Barcelona and Sydney, exported to the world.

Change

Sacred cows make great steaks - Dick Nicolosi quotes

If you realize that all things change, there is nothing you will try to hold on to. If you are not afraid of dying, there is nothing you cannot achieve. - Lao Tzu

If you don't like change, you are going to like irrelevance even less. - Eric Shinseki

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

Growth & Leadership

Willingness to be imperfect and act opens doors. A need for perfection keeps them shut tight. -Curt Rosengren

The secret of fast progress is inefficiency, fast and furious and numerous failures - Kevin Kelly

The key to growth is the introduction of higher dimensions of consciousness into our awareness. - Lao Tzu

Always nibbling, never digesting -- ever consuming, never creating. - Cristina Nehring (from Books Make You A Boring Person)

Do not stop thinking of life as an adventure. You have no security unless you live bravely, excitingly, imaginatively." - Eleanor Roosevelt (1884-1962) U.N. diplomat, humanitarian, U.S. First Lady

Man is born with a passion for order into a confused, disorderly world, and his whole life is spent in constructing order out of the chaos of his environment. Politics, ethics, applied science, and the minor arts, create a practical order to ease man's physical existence. Religion, philosophy, pure science, and the major arts, reflect man's conviction that beyond the chaotic realities of everyday experience, there lies a deeper reality which has intelligible form. - Alfred Frankenstein

Awareness gives you your life back. You can then decide what to do with it." - Kabat-Zinn

Although the young person has never been old, the old person once was young. When you look up the age ladder, you look at strangers; when you look down the age ladder, you are always looking at versions of yourself. As an adult, those fantastic younger incarnations can seem either long left behind or all too continuous with who you are now." - Mark Grief, "Children of the Revolution" November 2006 Harpers

"Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself. - GBS

Whatever you fail to use, you lose – Tony Robbins

Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young. The greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young. -Henry Ford

I find that a great part of the information I have was acquired by looking up something and finding something else on the way. - Franklin P. Adams

A smart man learns from his own mistakes. A wise man learns from the mistakes of others. - Anon

Travel & Adventure

The thrill of possibility, the chance for recognition, the chemical high of anticipation. That's what people pay for. - Seth Godin

Nothing succeeds like excess - Oscar Wilde

You can't step into the same river twice. - Heraclitus

A good traveler has no fixed plans, and is not intent on arriving. - Lao Tzu

Travel is more than the seeing of sights; it is a change that goes on, deep and permanent, in the ideas of living. - Miriam Beard

Leave the house before you find something worth staying in for. - Banksy

Your life has the potential to be a wondrous journey, filled with exciting moments and astonishing experiences. It can be a thrilling ride if you are open to exploring all that is available to you.

Adventure is the result of your willingness to live with a spirit of enthusiasm. - C. Carter-Scott

Dream as if you'll live forever. Live as if you'll die today. -James Dean

Life is either a daring adventure, or nothing."-Helen Keller

We must never cease from exploration. And the end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we began and to know the place for the first time – T.S. Eliot

A journey can only begin with your decision to embark. – Michael Dell

Song of the Open Road

From this hour, freedom!

From this hour I ordain myself loose of limits and imaginary lines,

Going where I list, my own master, total and absolute,

Listening to others, and considering well what they say,

Pausing, searching, receiving, contemplating,

Gently, but with undeniable will, divesting myself of the holds that would hold me.

Perseverance

Habit keeps resistance from raising its ugly head and starting to talk me into sluffing off. - Steven Pressfield

Either/or scenarios are typically contrived to force people into a narrow choice when in fact, the real options are far broader - E Farmiga

People don't fail. They stop trying. They call it quits.

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

The brick walls are there for a reason: they let us prove how badly we want things. - Randy Pausch

Success is the culmination of failures, mistakes, false starts, confusion, and the determination to keep going anyway - Nick Gleason

You always pass failure on your way to success. - Mickey Rooney

In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity. - Albert Einstein (1879-1955)

All things are difficult before they are easy. - Thomas Fuller

Self

"When we are no longer able to change a situation - just think of an incurable disease such as inoperable cancer - we are challenged to change ourselves." - Victor Frankel

Legacy is greater than currency and your social equity is more important than your financial equity - Gary Vaynerchuk

If you know your own worth what need you care about the acceptance or rejection of others?

A humble man falls in love with himself; a vain man falls in love with his reflection.

Our business in life is not to get ahead of others, but to get ahead of ourselves; to break our own records; to outstrip our yesterday by our today - Steward B. Johnson

Life is a great big canvas; throw all the paint on it you can. - Danny Kaye

Old dreams never die; they just get filed away.

Every product is an expression of human desire. - Chris Rakowski

They are able because they think they are able. - Virgil

You're in trouble if when you do something wrong no one says anything. They've given up or don't care. - Randy Pausch

Everyone sees what you appear to be... few really know what you are - Machiavelli

All that we are is the result of what we have thought. - Buddha

My life is an open book, but don't expect me to read it to you - David Hyde Pierce

You are the storyteller of your own life, and you can create your own legend or not. -Isabel Allende

The time will come when with elation you will greet yourself,
Arriving at your own door, in your own mirror,
And each will smile at the other's welcome;
Saying, site here. Eat.
You will love again the stranger who was yourself.
Give wine, give bread, give back your heart to the stranger who has loved your all your life,
Whom you abandoned for another, who knows you by heart.
Take down the love letters from the bookshelf, the photographs, and the desperate notes.
Sit. Feast on your life.

It is better to be hated for what you are than to be loved for what you are not. - André Gide

Courage

"Who is more foolish, the child afraid of the dark or the man afraid of the light?" - Maurice Freehill

Great spirits have always encountered violent opposition from mediocre minds." -*Albert Einstein*

"Here is to the crazy ones, the misfits, the rebels, the troublemakers, the round pegs in the square holes... the ones who see things differently - they're not fond of rules... 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 ones who are crazy enough to think that they can change the world, are the ones who do." - Steve Jobs (CEO - Apple)

Be careful about trusting intuition, but be more careful not to bend to the majority for whom "impossible" is a comforting excuse for inaction. - Tim Ferriss

"Settling is rarely a temporary measure" - Jeb Dickerson

"The desire for safety stands against every great and noble enterprise" - Tacitus

It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat. - Theodore Roosevelt

The greatest pleasure in life is doing what people say you cannot do – Walter Bagehot

Only dead fish swim with the stream – Malcom Muggridge.

Oh life!

Live it fully, abundantly.

Do not look back, do not look at others,

follow that flame which burns inside yourself.

Dare, take risks, and there is nothing you will regret. - Shanti

It is not death that a man should fear, but he should fear never beginning to live. - Marcus Aurelius

Life's not about waiting for the storm to pass; it's about learning to dance in the rain. --Susan Ryan

And there is no state of slavery more disgraceful than one which is self-impose – Seneca

Courage is not the absence of fear, but rather the judgment that something else is more important than fear – Ambros Redmoon.
(Courage is the ability to get yourself to take action in spite of fear)

Man cannot discover new oceans unless he has the courage to lose sight of the shore." - Andre Gide

The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step. - Lao Tzu

You miss 100% of the shots you never take. - Wayne Gretzky

Two roads diverged in a wood, and I--

I took the one less traveled by,

And that has made all the difference.

- Robert Frost (1874 - 1963), The Road Not Taken

The purpose of life is to live it, to taste experience to the utmost, to reach out eagerly and without fear for newer and richer experience. -Eleanor Roosevelt

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Do one thing every day that scares you."-Eleanor Roosevelt

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

Regrets are born of paths never taken. – Michael Dell

Always do what you are afraid to do. -Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882)

Action

Paths are made by walking - Antonio Machado

To simplify complications is the first essential of success. - George Earle Buckle

The impediment to action advances action. What stands in the way becomes the way - Marcus Aurelius

Wealthy in this new regime flows directly from innovation, not optimization. That is, wealth is not gained by perfecting the known, but by imperfectly seizing the unknown. - Kevin Kelly

A year from now you may wish that you started TODAY - Karen Lamb.

Whatever you do will be insignificant, but it is very important that you do it. - Mahatma Gandhi (1869 - 1948)

The people who try to do something and fail are infinitely better than those who try to do nothing and succeed. - Lloyd Jones

A thousand wishes won't fill a bucket of fishes - Old Proverb

Action creates action - Whatever you can do, or dream you can, begin it. Boldness has genius, power and magic in it. - Goethe

The costs of action are a tiny fraction of the costs of inaction. - Jeffrey Sachs

And the day came when the risk to remain tight in a bud was more painful than the risk it took to blossom. - Anais Nin

Love & Passion

It's not about being treated like a superstar, it's about being treated like part of the family. - Steve Lawler (DJ)

Happiness is not in doing what one likes, but in liking what one has to do - James Barrie

I work extremely hard doing what I love, mainly to ensure that I don't have to work extremely hard doing what I hate. - Hugh

Do the thing you love more than anything in life! You might become a bit unpredictable (sometimes cranky), but you will be happier than you ever imagined possible.

"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

Play: Work that you enjoy doing for nothing. - Evan Esar

You will find, as you look back upon your life, that the moments when you really lived are the moments when you have done things in the spirit of love. - Henry Drummond

Man is born to live and not to prepare to live. Boris Pasternak

Never doubt that a small group of committed people can change the world. Indeed it is the only thing that ever has. - Margaret Mead

To live is the rarest thing in the world. Most people exist, that is all. -Oscar Wilde

People want to be part of something larger than themselves. They want to be part of something they're really proud of, that they'll fight for, sacrifice for, that they trust. -Howard Schultz, Starbucks

Passion should be the fire that drives your life's work. - Michael Dell

The key is to listen to your heart and let it carry you in the direction of your dreams. - Michael Dell

The secret is to find something bigger than yourself and then devote your life to it - Dan Dennett

Character

You only learn who's been swimming naked when the tide goes out - Warren Buffet

Never say "I could have done that" because you didn't. - Karim Rashid

Gentleness can only be expected from the strong. - Leo Roskin

So other people hurt me? That's their problem. Their character and actions are not mine. What is done to me is ordained by nature and what I do by my own - Marcus Aurelius

I have just three things to teach: simplicity, patience, compassion. These three are your greatest treasures. - Lao Tzu

Scar tissue is stronger than regular tissue. Realize the strength, move on. - Henry Rollins

I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. - Romans 7:18

If you have integrity, nothing else matters. If you don't have integrity, nothing else matters. ~Alan Simpson

Associate yourself with men of quality if you esteem your own reputation, for 'tis better to be alone than in bad company. - George Washington

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." - Helen Keller

Those who stand for nothing fall for anything. - Alexander Hamilton

Vanity keeps persons in favor with themselves who are out of favor with all others. - Shakespeare
History is a vast early warning system. - Norman Cousins

The two most powerful things in existence: a kind word and a thoughtful gesture."- Ken Langone, founder, Home Depot

Vision

Genius looks just like stupidity to the observer. - Scott Adams

Those who can see the invisible can do the impossible. - Frank Gaines

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

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

He who is to be a good ruler must have first been ruled. - Aristotle

Life

As long as the music is playing, you've got to get up and dance. - Chuck Prince

Properly experienced, life is a very risky behavior. - Chris Guillibough

Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened. - Dr. Seuss

"Lots of people want to ride w/ you in the limo, but what you want is someone who will take the bus w/ you..." -Oprah Winfrey

Money is more than a transfer of value. It's a statement of belief. - Seth Godin

I guess it comes down to a simple choice, really. Get busy living, or get busy dying.-The Shawshank Redemption (Tim Robbins)

The tragedy of life doesn't lie in not reaching your goal. The tragedy lies in having no goal to reach. - Benjamin Mays

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

Life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forwards. - Soren Kierkegaard (1813 - 1855)

Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?" -Mary Oliver

There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle. - Albert Einstein

Excellence

Those with more talent require fewer props. - Hugh

Being realistic is the most commonly traveled road to mediocrity. -Will Smith

Successful people continually put the pressure on themselves to perform at high levels. Unsuccessful people have to be instructed and supervised and pressured by others.- Brian Tracy

Wherever you are, look around you and ask yourself how many rockstars you see. If there isn't many, there's a problem.

When you are being ignored, it's because you are not providing strong enough value for people to respond to.

If things seem under control, you're just not going fast enough."-Mario Andretti

To raise someone's expectations then not fulfill them is worse than mediocrity. - Seth Godin

Uncategorized

History books do not account for heroic preventive measures.- Taleb

We are the slaves of objects around us. - Goethe

A pessimist is one who makes difficulties of his opportunities; and optimist is one who makes opportunities of his difficulties. - Reginald B. Mansell

If the left side of your brain controls the right side of your body, and the right side of your brain controls the left side of your body, then left-handed people must be the only ones in their right minds. - W.C. Fields

Never argue with an idiot. They drag you down to their level then beat you with experience.

The most important thing in communication is to hear what isn't being said. - Peter F. Drucker

Privacy and security are those things you give up when you show the world what makes you extraordinary. - Margaret Cho

With or without religion, you would have good people doing good things and evil people doing evil things. But for good people to do evil things, that takes religion. - Steven Weinberg (1933 -)

Today's certainties become tomorrow's absurdities – Peter Drucker