

Thoughts

Other Things

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[Able] Virgil (70 BC - 19 BC) said: "They are able because they think they are able."

[Action] A Chinese proverb says: "Don't curse the darkness... Light a candle."

[Books] Francis Bacon (1561-1626) said: "Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested; that is, some books are to be read only in parts; others to be read but not curiously; and some few to be read wholly, and with diligence and attention."

[Causation] Lucretius () said: "Causation - The seeds of things, the primal germs we teach, whence all creation around us came to be."

[Change] Niccolo Machiavelli (1469-1527) "One change leaves the way open for the introduction of others."

[Choice] Ovid (43 BC - 17 AD) said: "I see the better way, and approve it; I follow the worse."

[Consequences] Bruce Barton () said: "Sometimes when I consider what tremendous consequences come from little things... I am tempted to think... there are no little things."

[Courage] Richard Sheale (fl. 16th Century) said: "For when his legs were smitten off, he fought upon his stumps."

[Deceit] Zarathustra said: "False shores and false securities ye were taught by the good. In the lies of the good ye were born, and hidden; through the good, everything has become crooked, and deceitful from the bottom."

[Desire] Hindu wisdom, Taittirya aranyaka: "Desire does it. I do not do it. Desire is the doer. I am not the doer. Desire is the agent. I am not the agent."

[Dimensions] William James () said: "The whole drift of my education goes to persuade me that the world of our present consciousness is only one out of many worlds of consciousness that exist."

[DULFE] An unknown commentator, referring to the 'will of the Divine Universal Life Force Energy (DULFE)', said: "A will that wills above the will of each, yet but the will of all, conjunctively."

[Existence] William Occam (1280-1349) said: "No more things should be presumed to exist than are absolutely necessary."

[Extroversion] Maurice Nicoll (in 1917) said: "The pushing out of interest on to life is termed extroversion."

[Fakes] An unknown commentator said: "People soon detect a fake."

[Fear] Franklin D Roosevelt (1882-1945) said: "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself."

[Forgive] John K. Lavater () said: "He who has not forgiven an enemy has not yet tasted one of the most sublime enjoyments of life."

[Future] Albert Einstein (1879-1955) said: "I never think of the future. It comes soon enough."

[Getting Better] Emile Coute (1857-1926) said: "Every day, in every way, I am getting better and better.²

[Habit] Dr Samuel Johnson (1709-1784) said: "The chains of habit are too weak to be felt until they are too strong to be broken."

[Health] Bulgarian proverb: "Nature, time, and patience are the three greatest physicians."

[History] Voltaire () said: "Indeed, history is nothing more than a tableau of crimes and misfortunes."

[History] An anonymous commentator said: "History is something that never happened, written by a man who wasn't there."

[History] An unknown commentator said: "History is written by the victors!"

[Hospitals] Florence Nightingale (1820-1910) said: "It may seem a strange principle to enunciate as the very first requirement in a hospital that it should do the sick no harm."

[Ignorance]

A little learning is a dang'rous thing;
Drink deep, or taste not the Pierian spring:
There shallow draughts intoxicate the brain,
And drinking largely sobers us again.
(Alexander Pope - 1688-1744)

[Ignorance] Heinrich Heine () said: "Wherever books are burned, men also, in the end, are burned."

[Ignorance] Seneca () said: "The time will come when our posterity will wonder at our ignorance of things so plain."

[Ignorance] Laurence J. Peter () said: "Ignorance once dispelled is difficult to re-establish."

[Ignorance] Robert Quillen () said: "Discussion is an exchange of knowledge; argument an exchange of ignorance."

[Inferiority] Eleanor Roosevelt (1884-1962) said: "No one can make you feel inferior unless consent."

[Introversion] Maurice Nicoll (in 1917) said: "The withdrawal of the interest from life is termed introversion. Life is not regarded with confidence, but with suspicion."

[Judgement] Florence Mc Clain () said: "You are the only human being who knows your every motivation, and innermost thought. To judge another on the basis of career, appearance, social status, outward signs of spirituality, or even intuitive feelings, is to assume a role you have no right to and for which you lack the wisdom. Even more dangerous is to allow your evaluation of your own spiritual evolution to rest on the words of someone else."

[Knowledge] Thomas B Macaulay (1800-1859) said: "Knowledge advances by steps and not leaps."

[Knowledge] An unknown commentator said: "All cosmic knowledge comes of wisdom stored in minds made luminous by suffering."

[Knowledge] Lao-tze () said: "Without going out of my door, I can know the universe."

[Knowledge] Francis Bacon (1561-1626) said: "Knowledge itself is power."

[Laws] Francis Bacon (1561-1626) said: "...laws are like cobwebs; where the small flies were caught, and the great break through."

[Law] Oliver Goldsmith () said: "Laws grind the poor, and rich men rule the law."

[Love] Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790) said: "Dost thou love life? Then do not squander Time, for that's the stuff Life is made of."

[Love] Pascal () said: "The heart has its reasons which reason knows not of."

[Love] Robert Browning (1812-1889) said: "Take away love, and our earth is a tomb."

[Love] Henry Drummond () said: "The greatest thing in the world is love!"

[Lying] Mark Twain () said: "I am different from Washington. I have a higher, grander standard of principle. Washington could not lie. I can lie, but I won't."

[Miracles] Bernard Berenson (1865-1959) said: "Miracles happen to those who believe in them. Otherwise why does not the Virgin Mary appear to Lamaists, Mohammedans, or Hindus who have never heard of her?"

[Possibilities] Norman Cousins () said: "Infinity converts that which is possible, into the inevitable."

[Priorities] Goethe () said: "Things which matter most must never be at the mercy of things which matter least."

[Procrastination] Edward Young (1683-1765) said: "Procrastination is the thief of time."

[Remorse / Regret] John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892) said: "For all sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest are these: 'It might have been!'"

[Remorse / Regret]

If, of all words of tongue and pen,
The saddest are, "It might have been,"
More sad are these we daily see:
"It is, but hadn't ought to be!"
(Bret Harte (1836-1902))

[Responsibility] Lorna St Aubyn () said: "The Aquarian Age, whose keynote is self-responsibility, demands that mankind now be given the opportunity of choice and self-determination, even if our new-found knowledge and power prove to be our undoing."

[Responsibility] Maurice Nicoll (in 1917) said: "A neurotic person may attribute his condition to the house he lives in, or to the climate, or to the food he eats, and thinks that if only these factors could be ameliorated (to make, or become better), he would be healthy. But until he realises that he carries the roots of his malady in his own psyche, until a new understanding of his malady and a new consciousness of responsibility shine in him, he will continue a neurotic, and may ring the changes upon house, climate, and food to the end of his life in vain."

[Sloth] An unknown commentator said: "'Let us plough,' said the gnat, as it settled on the ear of the ox."

[Study] Francis Bacon (1561-1626) said: "Crafty men condemn studies; simple men admire them; and wise men use them."

[Study] Francis Bacon (1561-1626) said: "To spend too much time in studies, is sloth; to use them too much for ornament, is affectation (an assumed manner of behaviour to impress); to make judgement wholly by their rules is the humour of a scholar."

[Success] Paul Sweeny () said: "True success is overcoming the fear of being unsuccessful."

[Success] Henry David Thoreau (1817-1862) said: "Why should we be in such desperate haste to success, and in such desperate enterprises? If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer."

[The Earth] The Red-Indians speak of the Earth: "It is understood that the bounty of the Earth is here for man's use, but to be used thoughtfully, reverently, and with care that the resources were not wasted or depleted."

[Time] Francis Bacon (1561-1626) said: "And he that will not apply new remedies, must expect new evils; for time is the greatest innovator."

[Truth] Roger Bacon (1214-1292) said: "There are four principal stumbling blocks to comprehending truth, which hinder well-nigh every scholar: the example of frail and unworthy authority, long-established custom, the sense of the ignorant crowd, and the hiding of one's ignorance under the shadow of wisdom."

[Universe] J. H. Holmes () said: "The universe is not hostile, nor yet is it friendly. It is simply indifferent."

[Wealth] Edward Moore (1712-1757) said: "I am rich beyond the dreams of avarice."

[World] Horace Walpole () said: "The world is a comedy to those that think, a tragedy to those that feel."

[Worry] Dr O. J. Gober () said: "A large industrial concern discovered 9 out of 10 cases of workers' inefficiency were caused by worry. A life insurance company reported that 4 out of 5 nervous breakdowns were due, not to events, but to worry. 70% of all patients who come to physicians could cure themselves - if they could rid themselves of fear and worry."

[Worship] Gabriele D'Annunzio () said: "My aim is the re-establishment of the worship of men."

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