

Quotable Quotes

Life is a series of experiences, each one of which makes us bigger, even though sometimes it is hard to realize this. For the world was built to develop character, and we must learn that the setbacks and grieves which we endure help us in our marching onward.

- Henry Ford (1863-1947), founder of the Ford Motor Company.

Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired signifies in the final sense, a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed. This world in arms is not spending money alone. It is spending the sweat of its labourers, the genius of its scientists, the hopes of its children. This is not a way of life at all in any true sense. Under the clouds of war, it is humanity hanging on a cross of iron.

- Dwight D. Eisenhower (1890-1969), 34th President of the United States (1953-1961).

Whoever said the pen is mightier than the sword obviously never encountered automatic weapons.

- Douglas MacArthur (1880-1964), former General of the United States Army.

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 (1869-1944), preeminent leader of Indian independence movement.

Science knows no country, because knowledge belongs to humanity, and is the torch which illuminates the world. Science is the highest personification of the nation because that nation will remain the first which carries the furthest the works of thought and intelligence.

- Louis Pasteur (1822-1895), French chemist and microbiologist renowned for his discoveries of the principles of vaccination, microbial fermentation and pasteurization.

An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity.

- Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929-1968), leader in the African-American Civil Rights Movement.

We learned about honesty and integrity - that the truth matters... that you don't take shortcuts or play by your own set of rules... and success doesn't count unless you earn it fair and square.

- Michelle Obama (b.1964), incumbent First Lady of the United States.

Education is learning what you didn't even know you didn't know.

- Daniel Boorstin (1914-2004), 12th Librarian of the United States Congress.

I have three precious things which I hold fast and prize. The first is gentleness; the second is frugality; the third is humility, which keeps me from putting myself before others. Be gentle and you can be bold; be frugal and you can be liberal; avoid putting yourself before others and you can become a leader among men.

- Lao Tzu (b. 571BCE), philosopher and poet of ancient China.

Consensus: The process of abandoning all beliefs, principles, values, and policies in search of something in which no one believes, but to which no one objects; the process of avoiding the very issues that have to be solved, merely because you cannot get agreement on the way ahead. What great cause would have been fought and won under the banner: 'I stand for consensus?'

- Margaret Thatcher (1925-2013), first and only female Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.

It is a mistake to think that the practice of my art has become easy to me. I assure you, dear friend, no one has given so much care to the study of composition as I. There is scarcely a famous master in music whose works I have not frequently and diligently studied.

- Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791), prolific and influential composer of the Classical era.

For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others.

- Nelson Mandela (1918-2013), former President of South Africa.

Our chief want is someone who will inspire us to be what we know we could be.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882), American essayist, poet and philosopher.

The task of the leader is to get his people from where they are to where they have not been.

- Henry Kissinger (b.1923), former United States Secretary of State.