

## **Quotations**

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This week I offer you a selection of memorable quotations, mostly culled from a collection compiled by Professor Gabriel Robins at <http://www.cs.virginia.edu/~robins/quotes.html>.

"God gave men both a penis and a brain, but unfortunately not enough blood supply to run both at the same time." Robin Williams, commenting on the Clinton/Lewinsky affair.

"I worship the quicksand he walks in." Art Buchwald.

"The difference between 'involvement' and 'commitment' is like an eggs-and-ham breakfast: the chicken was 'involved' - the pig was 'committed'." Unknown.

"Glory is fleeting, but obscurity is forever." Napoleon Bonaparte (1769-1821).

"Never interrupt your enemy when he is making a mistake." Napoleon Bonaparte.

"I'll moider da bum." Heavyweight boxer Tony Galento, when asked what he thought of William Shakespeare.

"In the End, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends." Martin Luther King Jr. (1929-1968).

"If you think you can or you think you can't, your right." Henry Ford (1863-1947).

"Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off your goal." Henry Ford.

"The only way to get rid of a temptation is to yield to it." Oscar Wilde (1854-1900).

"Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, whenever they go." Oscar Wilde.

"A man can't be too careful in the choice of his enemies." Oscar Wilde.

"I don't know why we are here, but I'm pretty sure that it is not in order to enjoy ourselves." Ludwig Wittgenstein (1889-1951).

"The only difference between me and a madman is that I'm not mad." Salvador Dali (1904-1989).

"If you can't get rid of the skeleton in your closet, you'd best teach it to dance." George Bernard Shaw (1856-1950).

"It is dangerous to be sincere unless you are also stupid." George Bernard Shaw.

"The longer I live the more I see that I am never wrong about anything, and that all the pains that I have so humbly taken to verify my notions have only wasted my time." George Bernard Shaw.

"If you are going through hell, keep going." Sir Winston Churchill (1874-1965).

"When you have to kill a man, it costs nothing to be polite." Sir Winston Churchill.

"Any man who is under 30, and is not a liberal, has no heart; and any man who is over 30, and is not a conservative, has no brains." Sir Winston Churchill.

"God is a comedian playing to an audience too afraid to laugh." Voltaire (1694-1778).

"Now, now my good man, this is no time for making enemies." Voltaire on his deathbed in response to a priest asking that he renounce Satan.

"He is one of those people who would be enormously improved by death." H. H. Munro (Saki) (1870-1916).

"I've had a wonderful time, but this wasn't it." Groucho Marx (1895-1977).

"You can only find truth with logic if you have already found truth without it." Gilbert Keith Chesterton (1874-1936).

"The true measure of a man is how he treats someone who can do him absolutely no good." Samuel Johnson (1709-1784).

"There are people in the world so hungry that God cannot appear to them except in the form of bread." Mahatma Gandhi (1869-1948).

"First they ignore you, then they laugh at you, then they fight you, then you win." Mahatma Gandhi.

"I think it would be a good idea." Mahatma Gandhi, when asked what he thought of Western civilization.

"When you gaze long into the abyss, the abyss also gazes into you." Friedrich Nietzsche (1844-1900).

"Fill what's empty, empty what's full, and scratch where it itches." The Duchess of Windsor, when asked what is the secret of a long and happy life.

"Sometimes when reading Goethe I have the paralyzing suspicion that he is trying to be funny." Guy Davenport.

"Things should be explained as simply as possible, but no simpler." Albert Einstein (1879-1955).

"What do you take me for, an idiot?" General Charles de Gaulle (1890-1970), when a journalist asked him if he was happy.

"The graveyards are full of indispensable men." Charles de Gaulle.

"Thank you for sending me a copy of your book - I'll waste no time reading it." Moses Hadas (1900-1966).

"I have read your book and much like it." Moses Hadas.

"You can pretend to be serious; you can't pretend to be witty." Sacha Guitry (1885-1957).

"The covers of this book are too far apart." Ambrose Bierce (1842-1914).

"If I were two-faced, would I be wearing this one?" Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865).

"Copy from one, it's plagiarism; copy from two, it's research." Wilson Mizner (1876-1933).

"Why don't you write books people can read?" Nora Joyce to her husband James (1882-1941).

"Ask her to wait a moment - I am almost done." Carl Friedrich Gauss (1777-1855), while working, when informed that his wife is dying.

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." Edmund Burke (1729-1797).

"Denial ain't just a river in Egypt." Mark Twain (1835-1910).

"It's not the size of the dog in the fight, it's the size of the fight in the dog." Mark Twain.

"Wagner's music is better than it sounds." Mark Twain.

"It is better to be feared than loved, if you cannot be both." Niccolo Machiavelli (1469-1527), "The Prince".

"Half this game is ninety percent mental." Yogi Berra.

"I choose a block of marble and chop off whatever I don't need." Francois-Auguste Rodin (1840-1917), when asked how he managed to make his remarkable statues.

"Research is what I'm doing when I don't know what I'm doing." Wernher Von Braun (1912-1977).

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