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Action

Addams, Jane	Action indeed is the sole medium of expression for ethics.
Adler, Alfred	Trust only movement. Life happens at the level of events, not of words. Trust movement.
Aristotle	Moral excellence comes about as a result of habit. We become just by doing just acts, temperate by doing temperate acts, brave by doing brave acts.
Barrett, Colleen	When it comes to getting things done, we need fewer architects and more bricklayers.
Bernanos, Georges	A thought which does not result in an action is nothing much, and an action which does not proceed from a thought is nothing at all.
Brown, Rita Mae	Creativity comes from trust. Trust your instincts. And never hope more than you work.
Buck, Pearl	The young do not know enough to be prudent, and therefore they attempt the impossible — and achieve it, generation after generation.
Buck, Pearl	When good people in any country cease their vigilance and struggle, then evil men prevail.
Buck, Pearl	You cannot make yourself feel something you do not feel, but you can make yourself do right in spite of your feelings.
Burke, Edmund	All that is necessary for evil to succeed is that good men do nothing.
Burke, Edmund	Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could do only a little.
Carlyle, Thomas	Instead of saying that man is the creature of circumstance, it would be nearer the mark to say that man is the architect of circumstance.
Carter, Jimmy	I have one life and one chance to make it count for something . . . I'm free to choose what that something is, and the something I've chosen is my faith. Now, my faith goes beyond theology and religion and requires considerable work and effort. My faith demands — this is not optional — my faith demands that I do whatever I can, wherever I am, whenever I can, for as long as I can with whatever I have to try to make a difference.

Chomsky, Noam	The most effective way to restrict democracy is to transfer decision-making from the public arena to unaccountable institutions: kings and princes, priestly castes, military juntas, party dictatorships, or modern corporations.
Collyer, Robert	A man's best friends are his ten fingers.
Curtis, Cyrus	There are two kinds of people who never amount to much: those who cannot do what they are told, and those who can do nothing else.
Dewey, John	Arriving at one point is the starting point to another.
Dewey, John	Conflict is the gadfly of thought. It stirs us to observation and memory. It instigates to invention. It shocks us out of sheeplike passivity, and sets us at noting and contriving.
Dhammapada	Just as a flower, which seems beautiful has color but no perfume, so are the fruitless words of a man who speaks them but does them not.
Dillard, Annie	How we spend our days is, of course, how we spend our lives.
Disraeli, Benjamin	Action may not always bring happiness, but there is not happiness without action.
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Dolci, Danilo	It's important to know that words don't move mountains. Work, exacting work moves mountains.
Douglass, Frederick	I prayed for twenty years but received no answer until I prayed with my legs.
Douglass, Frederick	Those who profess to favor freedom and yet depreciate agitation, are people who want crops without ploughing the ground; they want rain without thunder and lightning; they want the ocean without the roar of its many waters. The struggle may be a moral one, or it may be a physical one, or it may be both. But it must be a struggle. Power concedes nothing without a demand; it never has and it never will.
Edelman, Marian Wright	A lot of people are waiting for Martin Luther King or Mahatma Gandhi to come back — but they are gone. We are it. It is up to us. It is up to you.
Edelman, Marian Wright	If you don't like the way the world is, you change it. You have an obligation to change it. You just do it one step at a time.
Edelman, Marian Wright	It's time for greatness — not for greed. It's a time for idealism — not ideology. It is a time not just for compassionate words, but compassionate action.

Edelman, Marian Wright	We must not, in trying to think about how we can make a big difference, ignore the small daily differences we can make which, over time, add up to big differences that we often cannot foresee.
Edelman, Marian Wright	You really can change the world if you care enough.
Edison, Thomas Alva	Being busy does not always mean real work. The object of all work is production or accomplishment and to either of these ends there must be forethought, system, planning, intelligence, and honest purpose, as well as perspiration. Seeming to do is not doing.
Einstein, Albert	The world is a dangerous place, not because of those who do evil, but because of those who look on and do nothing.
Eliot, George	The most solid comfort one can fall back upon is the thought that the business of one's life is to help in some small way to reduce the sum of ignorance, degradation and misery on the face of this beautiful earth.
Emerson, Ralph Waldo	Be as beneficent as the sun or the sea, but if your rights as a rational being are trenched on, die on the first inch of your territory.
Emerson, Ralph Waldo	Do not believe that possibly you can escape the reward of your action.
Emerson, Ralph Waldo	Do not say things. What you are stands over you the while, and thunders, so that I cannot hear what you say to the contrary.
Emerson, Ralph Waldo	Good thoughts are no better than good dreams, unless they be executed.
Emerson, Ralph Waldo	Skill to do comes of doing.
Emerson, Ralph Waldo	The ancestor of every action is a thought.
Emerson, Ralph Waldo	Thought is the blossom; language the bud; action the fruit behind it.
Emerson, Ralph Waldo	Thought is the blossom; language the bud; action the fruit behind it.
Emerson, Ralph Waldo	Whatever you do, you need courage. Whatever course you decide upon, there is always someone to tell you that you are wrong. There are always difficulties arising that tempt you to believe your critics are right. To map out a course of action and follow it to an end requires some of the same courage that a soldier needs. Peace has its victories, but it takes brave men and women to win them.
Epictetus	First say to yourself what you would be; and then do what you have to do.
Epictetus	In a word, neither death, nor exile, nor pain, nor anything of this kind is the real cause of our doing or not doing any action, but our inward opinions and principles.

Ericson, Edward	The cosmos is neither moral or immoral; only people are. He who would move the world must first move himself.
France, Anatole	To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe.
Frankl, Victor	We can discover this meaning in life in three different ways: (1) by doing a deed; (2) by experiencing a value; and (3) by suffering.
Franklin, Benjamin	There are no gains without pains.
Freire, Paulo	Washing one's hands of the conflict between the powerful and the powerless means to side with the powerful, not to be neutral.
Frost, Robert	The world is filled with willing people; some willing to work, the rest willing to let them.
Gandhi, Mohandas	The difference between what we do and what we are capable of doing would suffice to solve most of the world's problems.
Gibran, Kahlil	A little knowledge that acts is worth infinitely more than much knowledge that is idle.
Goethe	Knowing is not enough; we must apply!
Goethe	Nature knows no pause in progress and development, and attaches her curse on all inaction.
Goethe	Quite often, as life goes on, when we feel completely secure as we go on our way, we suddenly notice that we are trapped in error, that we have allowed ourselves to be taken in by individuals, by objects, have dreamt up an affinity with them which immediately vanishes before our waking eye; and yet we cannot tear ourselves away, held fast by some power that seems incomprehensible to us. Sometimes, however, we become fully aware and realize that error as well as truth can move and spur us on to action. Now because action is always a decisive factor, something really good can result from an active error, because the effect of all that has been done reaches out into infinity. So although creative action is certainly always best, destroying what has been done is also not without happy consequence.
Hale, Edward Everett	I am only one, But still I am one. I cannot do everything, But still I can do something; And because I cannot do everything I will not refuse to do the something that I can do.

Hanson, Michael	To will is to select a goal, determine a course of action that will bring one to that goal, and then hold to that action till the goal is reached. The key is action.
Havel, Vaclav	Genuine politics — even politics worthy of the name — the only politics I am willing to devote myself to — is simply a matter of serving those around us: serving the community and serving those who will come after us. Its deepest roots are moral because it is a responsibility expressed through action, to and for the whole.
Hemingway, Ernest	Never mistake motion for action.
Hill, Joe	I will die like a true-blue rebel. Don't waste any time in mourning — organize.
Holmes, John Andrew	Speech is conveniently located midway between thought and action, where it often substitutes for both.
Holmes, Oliver Wendell	Consciously or unconsciously we all strive to make the kind of a world we like.
Holmes, Oliver Wendell	Greatness is not in where we stand, but in what direction we are moving. We must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it — but sail we must and not drift, nor lie at anchor.
Hubbard, Elbert	To avoid criticism, do nothing, say nothing, be nothing.
Huxley, Thomas	The great end of life is not knowledge but action.
James, William	He who refuses to embrace a unique opportunity loses the prize as surely as if he had tried and failed.
Jefferson, Thomas	I'm a great believer in luck and I find the harder I work, the more I have of it.
Jefferson, Thomas	It is in our lives and not our words that our religion must be read.
Jowett, Benjamin	We cannot seek or attain health, wealth, learning, justice or kindness in general. Action is always specific, concrete, individualized, unique.
Keller, Helen	I long to accomplish a great and noble tasks, but it is my chief duty to accomplish humble tasks as though they were great and noble. The world is moved along, not only by the mighty shoves of its heroes, but also by the aggregate of the tiny pushes of each honest worker.
Keller, Helen	Security is mostly a superstition. It does not exist in nature, nor do the children of men as a whole experience it. Avoiding danger is no safer in the long run than outright exposure. Life is either a daring adventure or nothing.
Kennedy, John F.	As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.

Kennedy, Robert	Few will have the greatness to bend history itself; but each of us can work to change a small portion of events, and in the total of all those acts will be written the history of this generation.
Kipling, Rudyard	Our England is a garden, and such gardens are not made By singing: — "Oh, how beautiful!" and sitting in the shade.
Leguin, Ursula	Love doesn't just sit there like a stone; it has to be made, like bread, remade all the time, made new.
Linn, Walter	It is surprising what a man can do when he has to, and how little most men will do when they don't have to.
Locke, John	I have always thought the actions of men the best interpreters of their thoughts.
Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth	The heights by great men reached and kept / Were not attained by sudden flight, / But they, while their companions slept, / Were toiling upward in the night.
Markham, Edwin	We have committed the Golden Rule to memory; let us now commit it to life.
Mead, Margaret	Never doubt that a small, group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.
Melville, Herman	We cannot live for ourselves alone. Our lives are connected by a thousand invisible threads, and along these sympathetic fibers, our actions run as causes and return to us as results.
Moliere	It is not only for what we do that we are held responsible, but also for what we do not do.
Nicolson, Harold	We are all inclined to judge ourselves by our ideals; others, by their acts.
Nin, Anais	Dreams pass into the reality of action. From the actions stems the dream again; and this interdependence produces the highest form of living.
Noble, Alex	If I have been of service, if I have glimpsed more of the nature and essence of ultimate good, if I am inspired to reach wider horizons of thought and action, if I am at peace with myself, it has been a successful day.
Oliver, Mary	Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?
Patton, Kenneth	By the choices and acts of our lives, we create the person that we are and the faces that we wear. By the choices and acts of our lives we give to the world wherein our lives are lived, hoping that our neighbors will find our contributions to be of worth, and hoping that the world will be a little more gracious for our time in it.

Peter, Lawrence	There are two kinds of failures: those who thought and never did, and those who did and never thought.
Pope, Alexander	Do good by stealth, and blush to find it fame.
Prather, Hugh	To live for results would be to sentence myself to continuous frustration. My only sure reward is in my actions and not from them.
Radcliffe, Ann	One act of beneficence, one act of real usefulness, is worth all the abstract sentiment in the world.
Ricoeur, Paul	The moral law commands us to make the highest possible good in a world the final object of all our conduct.
Robbins, Tom	The bottom line is that (a) people are never perfect, but love can be, (b) that is the one and only way that the mediocre and vile can be transformed, and (c) doing that makes it that. We waste time looking for the perfect lover, instead of creating the perfect love.
Roosevelt, Eleanor	You must do the things you think you cannot do.
Roosevelt, Franklin	It is common sense to take a method and try it. If it fails, admit it frankly and try another. But above all, try something.
Roosevelt, Theodore	It is not the critic who counts, not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled, or where the doer of deeds could have done 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 and comes short again and again, who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spends himself in a worthy cause, who at best knows 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 know neither victory nor defeat.
Seeger, Pete	"Do-so" is more important than "say-so."
Shaw, George Bernard	A life spent making mistakes is not only more honorable but more useful than a life spent in doing nothing.
Stevenson, Robert L.	To travel hopefully is a better thing than to arrive, and the true success is to labour.
Stone, W. Clement	When you discover your mission, you will feel its demand. It will fill you with enthusiasm and a burning desire to get to work on it.
Talmud	Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world's grief. Do justly, now. Love mercy, now. Walk humbly, now. You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it.

Thatcher, Margaret	If you want anything said, ask a man. If you want something done, ask a woman.
Tolstoy, Leo	Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing himself.
Toynbee, Arnold	Apathy can be overcome by enthusiasm, and enthusiasm can only be aroused by two things: first, an ideal, which takes the imagination by storm, and second, a definite intelligible plan for carrying that ideal into practice.
Twain, Mark	There are basically two types of people. People who accomplish things, and people who claim to have accomplished things. The first group is less crowded.
Wesley, John	Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.
Whitehead, Alfred North	We cannot think first and act afterward. From the moment of birth we are immersed in action, and can only fitfully guide it by taking thought.
Whitton, Charlotte	Big words seldom accompany good deeds.
Williams, Ella	Bite off more than you can chew, then chew it.
Yutang, Lin	Besides the noble art of getting things done, there is the noble art of leaving things undone. The wisdom of life consists in the elimination of non-essentials.
Ziglar, Zig	You don't have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great.

Apathy

Amiel, Henri Frederic	Truth is not only violated by falsehood; it may be equally outraged by silence.
Buffett, Jimmy	Is it ignorance or apathy? Hey, I don't know and I don't care.
Carlyle, Thomas	Instead of saying that man is the creature of circumstance, it would be nearer the mark to say that man is the architect of circumstance.
Gandhi, Mohandas	The difference between what we do and what we are capable of doing would suffice to solve most of the world's problems.
Garrison, William Lloyd	The apathy of the people is enough to make every statue leap from its pedestal and hasten the resurrection of the dead.
Hutchins, Robert M.	The death of democracy is not likely to be an assassination from ambush. It will be a slow extinction from apathy, indifference, and undernourishment.

Keller, Helen	Science may have found a cure for most evils; but it has found no remedy for the worst of them all — the apathy of human beings.
Plato	The price of apathy towards public affairs is to be ruled by evil men.
Roosevelt, Franklin D.	It is common sense to take a method and try it. If it fails, admit it frankly and try another. But above all, try something.
Stanton, Elizabeth Cady	That only a few, under any circumstances, protest against the injustice of long-established laws and customs, does not disprove the fact of the oppressions, while the satisfaction of the many, if real only proves their apathy and deeper degradation.

Art

Abakanowicz, Magdalena	Art does not solve problems but makes us aware of their existence. It opens our eyes to see and our brain to imagine.
Abakanowicz, Magdalena	Art will remain the most astonishing activity of mankind born out of struggle between wisdom and madness, between dream and reality in our mind.
Adams, John	I must study politics and war that my sons may have liberty to study mathematics and philosophy. My sons ought to study mathematics and philosophy, geography, natural history, naval architecture, navigation, commerce and agriculture in order to give their children a right to study painting, poetry, music, architecture, statuary, tapestry, and porcelain.
Adorno, Theodore	A successful work of art is not one which resolves contradictions in a spurious harmony, but one which expresses the idea of harmony negatively by embodying the contradictions, pure and uncompromised, in its innermost structure.
Avedon, Richard	There is no such thing as inaccuracy in a photograph. All photographs are accurate. None of them is the truth.
Barenboim, Daniel	Every great work of art has two faces, one toward its own time and one toward the future, toward eternity.
Brown, Rita Mae	Art is moral passion married to entertainment. Moral passion without entertainment is propaganda, and entertainment without moral passion is television.
Burroughs, William S.	Nothing exists until or unless it is observed. An artist is making something exist by observing it. And his hope for other people is that they will also make it exist by observing it. I call it "creative observation." Creative viewing.

Cameron, Julia	Art is not about thinking something up. It is the opposite — getting something down.
Campbell, Joseph	The role of the artist I now understood as that of revealing through the world-surfaces the implicit forms of the soul, and the great agent to assist the artist was the myth.
Constant, Benjamin	Art for art's sake, with no purpose, for any purpose perverts art. But art achieves a purpose which is not its own. [1804]
De La Bruyère, Jean	There are certain things in which mediocrity is intolerable: poetry, music, painting, public eloquence. What torture it is to hear a frigid speech being pompously declaimed, or second-rate verse spoken with all a bad poet's bombast!
Goethe	Science and art belong to the whole world, and before them vanish the barriers of nationality.
Jung, Carl	Art is a kind of innate drive that seizes a human being and makes him its instrument. To perform this difficult office it is sometimes necessary for him to sacrifice happiness and everything that makes life worth living for the ordinary human being.
Kuntz, Andrew	I find working with glass meditative, almost therapeutic. I can leave the world behind, and focus... The simplicity of form, the drama of rich, intense colour, the joy of challenge, and the challenge of endurance... The piece, when it is over, is not what is made, but how it is made.
Levant, Oscar	There's a fine line between genius and insanity. I have erased this line.
May, Rollo	Creativity arises out of the tension between spontaneity and limitations, the latter (like the river banks) forcing the spontaneity into the various forms which are essential to the work of art or poem.
Moore, Thomas	The many great gardens of the world, of literature and poetry, of painting and music, of religion and architecture, all make the point as clear as possible: The soul cannot thrive in the absence of a garden. If you don't want paradise, you are not human; and if you are not human, you don't have a soul.
Murray, Elizabeth	Gardening is the art that uses flowers and plants as paint, and the soil and sky as canvas.
Picasso, Pablo	All children are artists. The problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up.
Picasso, Pablo	My mother said to me, "If you become a soldier, you'll be a general; if you become a monk, you'll end up as the Pope." Instead, I became a painter and wound up as Picasso.

Pound, Ezra	Good art can not be immoral. By good art I mean art that bears true witness, I mean the art that is most precise.
Price, Leonytne	Art is the only thing you cannot punch a button for. You must do it the old-fashioned way. Stay up and really burn the midnight oil. There are no compromises.
Sackville-West, Vita	Every garden-maker should be an artist along his own lines. That is the only possible way to create a garden, irrespective of size or wealth.
Scott, Sir Walter	Nothing is more the child of art than a garden.
Sockman, Ralph	Christmas renews our youth by stirring our wonder. The capacity for wonder has been called our most pregnant human faculty, for in it are born our art, our science, our religion.
Winslow, Helen M.	Women, poets, and especially artists, like cats; delicate natures only can realize their sensitive nervous systems.
Wordsworth, William	Laying out grounds may be considered a liberal art, in some sort like poetry and painting.

Attitude

Aurelius, Marcus	If you are distressed by anything external, the pain is not due to the thing itself, but to your estimate of it; and this you have the power to revoke at any moment.
Bach, Richard	Sooner or later, those who win are those who think they can.
Barrett, Colleen	Work is either fun or drudgery. It depends on your attitude. I like fun.
Bissonette, Susan	An optimist is the human personification of spring.
Confucius	To put the world right in order, we must first put the nation in order; to put the nation in order, we must first put the family in order; to put the family in order, we must first cultivate our personal life; we must first set our hearts right.
Demosthenes	Nothing is easier than self-deceit. For what each man wishes, that he also believes to be true.
Demosthenes	Small opportunities are often the beginning of great enterprises.
Edelman, Marian Wright	No one, Roosevelt, Eleanor said, can make you feel inferior without your consent. Never give it.
Edelman, Marian Wright	You really can change the world if you care enough.

Edison, Thomas Alva	Opportunity is missed by most because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work.
Emerson, Ralph Waldo	Life is a train of moods like a string of beads; and as we pass through them they prove to be many colored lenses, which paint the world their own hue, and each shows us only what lies in its own focus.
Emerson, Ralph Waldo	So is cheerfulness, or a good temper, the more it is spent, the more remains.
Emerson, Ralph Waldo	There is no beautifier of complexion, or form, or behavior, like the wish to scatter joy and not pain around us. 'Tis good to give a stranger a meal, or a night's lodging. 'Tis better to be hospitable to his good meaning and thought, and give courage to a companion. We must be as courteous to a man as we are to a picture, which we are willing to give the advantage of a good light.
Ford, Henry	If you think you can, you can. And if you think you can't, you're right.
Frank, Anne	Then, without realizing it, you try to improve yourself at the start of each new day; of course, you achieve quite a lot in the course of time. Anyone can do this, it costs nothing and is certainly very helpful. Whoever doesn't know it must learn and find by experience that a quiet conscience makes one strong.
Frankl, Victor	Everything can be taken from a man but ... the last of the human freedoms - to choose one's attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one's own way.
Frankl, Victor	We who lived in concentration camps can remember the men who walked through the huts comforting others, giving away their last piece of bread. They may have been few in number, but they offer sufficient proof that everything can be taken from a man but one thing: the last of the human freedoms — to choose one's attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one's own way.
Friedman, Edwin H.	The colossal misunderstanding of our time is the assumption that insight will work with people who are unmotivated to change. Communication does not depend on syntax, or eloquence, or rhetoric, or articulation but on the emotional context in which the message is being heard. People can only hear you when they are moving toward you, and they are not likely to when your words are pursuing them. Even the choicest words lose their power when they are used to overpower. Attitudes are the real figures of speech.
Froude, James	You cannot dream yourself into a character; you must hammer and forge yourself one.
Hoffer, Eric	The remarkable thing is that we really love our neighbor as ourselves: we do unto others as we do unto ourselves. We hate others when we hate ourselves. We are tolerant toward others when we tolerate ourselves. We forgive others when we forgive ourselves. We are prone to sacrifice others when we are ready to sacrifice ourselves.

James, William	The greatest discovery of any generation is that a human being can alter his life by altering his attitude.
James, William	The greatest discovery of our generation is that Human beings can alter their lives by altering their attitudes of mind. As you think, so shall you be.
Jefferson, Thomas	I'm a great believer in luck and I find the harder I work, the more I have of it.
Keller, Helen	When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has been opened for us.
Korda, Michael	To succeed, we must first believe that we can.
Lin, Maya	To fly, we have to have resistance.
Lincoln, Abraham	Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any other one thing.
Peck, M. Scott	The truth is that our finest moments are most likely to occur when we are feeling deeply uncomfortable, unhappy, or unfulfilled. For it is only in such moments, propelled by our discomfort, that we are likely to step out of our ruts and start searching for different ways or truer answers.
Rogers, Carl	If we value independence, if we are disturbed by the growing conformity of knowledge, of values, of attitudes, which our present system induces, then we may wish to set up conditions of learning which make for uniqueness, for self-direction, and for self-initiated learning.
Spinoza	Peace is not the absence of war; it is a virtue; a state of mind; a disposition for benevolence; confidence; and justice.
Thoreau, Henry David	Thought is the sculptor who can create the person you want to be.
Washington, Martha	The greatest part of our happiness depends on our dispositions, not our circumstances.
Williams, Ella	Bite off more than you can chew, then chew it.
Williamson, Marianne	And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our fear, our presence automatically liberates others.
Wright, Frank Lloyd	The thing always happens that you really believe in; and the belief in a thing makes it happen.
Yorke, James	The most successful people are those who are good at plan B.

Challenge

Friedman, Edwin H.

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Kuntz, Andrew

I find working with glass meditative, almost therapeutic. I can leave the world behind, and focus... The simplicity of form, the drama of rich, intense colour, the joy of challenge, and the challenge of endurance... The piece, when it is over, is not what is made, but how it is made.

Linn, Walter

It is surprising what a man can do when he has to, and how little most men will do when they don't have to.

Poole, Mary Pettibone

To repeat what others have said, requires education, to challenge it, requires brains.

Saotome, Mitsugi

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Smith, Margaret Chase

When people keep telling you that you can't do a thing, you kind of like to try it.

Change

A Kempis, Thomas

Be not angry that you cannot make others as you wish them to be, since you cannot make yourself as you wish to be.

Adler, Felix

We cannot adopt the way of living that was satisfactory a hundred years ago. The world in which we live has changed, and we must change with it.

American Proverb

It doesn't work to leap a twenty-foot chasm in two ten-foot jumps.

Antin, Mary

We are not born all at once, but by bits. The body first, and the spirit later; and the birth and growth of the spirit, in those who are attentive to their own inner life, are slow and exceedingly painful. Our mothers are racked with the pains of our physical birth; we ourselves suffer the longer pains of our spiritual growth.

Aurelius, Marcus

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

Baldwin, James	For nothing is fixed, forever and forever and forever, it is not fixed; the earth is always shifting, the light is always changing, the sea does not cease to grind down rock. Generations do not cease to be born, and we are responsible to them because we are the only witnesses they have. The sea rises, the light fails, lovers cling to each other, and children cling to us. The moment we cease to hold each other, the sea engulfs us and the light goes out.
Bergson, Henri	To exist is to change, to change is to mature, to mature is to go on creating oneself endlessly.
Buck, Pearl S.	A good marriage is one which allows for change and growth in the individuals and in the way they express their love.
Buck, Pearl S.	Growth itself contains the germ of happiness.
Buck, Pearl S.	I am comforted by life's stability, by earth's unchangeableness. What has seemed new and frightening assumes its place in the unfolding of knowledge. It is good to know our universe. What is new is only new to us.
Buck, Pearl S.	You can judge your age by the amount of pain you feel when you come in contact with a new idea.
Carson, Rachel	Only within the moment of time represented by the present century has one species — man — acquired significant power to alter the nature of his world.
Chesterton, G. K.	All conservatism is based upon the idea that if you leave things alone you leave them as they are. But you do not. If you leave a thing alone you leave it to a torrent of change.
Cohen, Alan	It takes a lot of courage to release the familiar and seemingly secure, to embrace the new. But there is no real security in what is no longer meaningful. There is more security in the adventurous and exciting, for in movement there is life, and in change there is power.
Commager, Henry Steele	Change does not necessarily assure progress, but progress implacably requires change. Education is essential to change, for education creates both new wants and the ability to satisfy them.
Darwin, Charles	It is not the strongest of the species that survives, nor the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change.
Dewey, John	The aim of education is to enable individuals to continue their education ... (and) the object and reward of learning is continued capacity for growth. Now this idea cannot be applied to all the members of a society except where intercourse of man with man is mutual, and except where there is adequate provision for the reconstruction of social habits and institutions by means of wide stimulation arising from equitably distributed interests. And this means a democratic society.

Drucker, Peter	Society, community, family are all conserving institutions. They try to maintain stability, and to prevent, or at least to slow down, change. But the organization of the post-capitalist society of organizations is a destabilizer. Because its function is to put knowledge to work — on tools, processes, and products; on work; on knowledge itself — it must be organized for constant change.
Dubois, Charles	The important thing is this: To be able at any moment to sacrifice what we are for what we could become.
Edelman, Marian Wright	If you don't like the way the world is, you change it. You have an obligation to change it You just do it one step at a time.
Edelman, Marian Wright	You really can change the world if you care enough.
Edwards, Tryon	He that never changes his opinions, never corrects his mistakes, and will never be wiser on the morrow than he is today.
Einstein, Albert	Technological change is like an axe in the hands of a pathological criminal.
Emerson, Ralph Waldo	Life is a progress, and not a station.
Epictetus	It is impossible for a man to learn what he thinks he already knows.
Ferguson, Marilyn	It's not so much that we're afraid of change or so in love with the old ways, but it's that place in between that we fear . . . It's like being between trapezes. It's Linus when his blanket is in the dryer. There's nothing to hold on to.
Frank, Anne	How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.
Frank, Anne	Then, without realizing it, you try to improve yourself at the start of each new day; of course, you achieve quite a lot in the course of time. Anyone can do this, it costs nothing and is certainly very helpful. Whoever doesn't know it must learn and find by experience that a quiet conscience makes one strong.
Frankl, Victor	What man actually needs is not a tensionless state but rather the striving and struggling for some goal worthy of him. What he needs is not the discharge of tension at any cost, but the call of a potential meaning waiting to be fulfilled by him.
Freire, Paulo	Education either functions as an instrument which is used to facilitate integration of the younger generation into the logic of the present system and bring about conformity or it becomes the practice of freedom, the means by which men and women deal critically and creatively with reality and discover how to participate in the transformation of their world.

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Hathaway, Katharine Butler	A person needs at intervals to separate from family and companions and go to new places. One must go without familiars in order to be open to influences, to change.
Heraclitus	All is flux; nothing stays still.
Heraclitus	You cannot step twice into the same river, for other waters are continually flowing in. ca. 500 BCE
Hoffer, Eric	In times of change, learners inherit the Earth, while the learned find themselves beautifully equipped to deal with a world that no longer exists.
Holmes, Oliver Wendell	A man may fulfill the object of his existence by asking a question he cannot answer, and attempting a task he cannot achieve.
Hubbard, Elbert	If your religion does not change you, then you should change your religion.
Irving, Washington	There is a certain relief in change, even though it be from bad to worse! As I have often found in travelling in a stagecoach, that it is often a comfort to shift one's position, and be bruised in a new place.
Jefferson, Thomas	I am not an advocate for frequent changes in laws and constitutions, but laws and institutions must go hand in hand with the progress of the human mind. As that becomes more developed, more enlightened, as new discoveries are made, new truths discovered and manners and opinions change, with the change of circumstances, institutions must advance also to keep pace with the times. We might as well require a man to wear still the coat which fitted him when a boy as civilized society to remain ever under the regimen of their barbarous ancestors.
Jefferson, Thomas	We are not to expect to be translated from despotism to liberty in a featherbed.
Kaunda, Kenneth	The inability of those in power to still the voices of their own consciences is the great force leading to change.
Keller, Helen	The heresy of one age becomes the orthodoxy of the next.
Kennedy, John F.	Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future.

Kennedy, Robert	Few will have the greatness to bend history itself; but each of us can work to change a small portion of events, and in the total of all those acts will be written the history of this generation.
Kettering, Charles	If you have always done it that way, it is probably wrong.
Lichtenberg, Georg C.	I cannot say whether things will get better if we change; what I can say is they must change if they are to get better.
Lincoln, Abraham	The dogmas of the quiet past are inadequate to the stormy present. The occasion is piled high with difficulty, and we must rise with the occasion. As our case is new, so we must think anew and act anew.
Mandela, Nelson	Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.
Mead, Margaret	Never doubt that a small, group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.
Mitchell, Maria	We have a hunger of the mind which asks for knowledge of all around us, and the more we gain, the more is our desire; the more we see, the more we are capable of seeing.
Nin, Anais	Life is a process of becoming, a combination of states we have to go through. Where people fail is that they wish to elect a state and remain in it. This is a kind of death.
Nin, Anais	There came a time when the risk to remain tight in the bud was more painful than the risk it took to blossom.
Nin, Anais	We do not grow absolutely, chronologically. We grow sometimes in one dimension, and not in another; unevenly. We grow partially. We are relative. We are mature in one realm, childish in another. The past, present, and future mingle and pull us backward, forward, or fix us in the present. We are made up of layers, cells, constellations.
Nin, Anais	When we blindly adopt a religion, a political system, a literary dogma, we become automatons. We cease to grow.
Ovid	All things change; nothing perishes.
Peck, M. Scott	The truth is that our finest moments are most likely to occur when we are feeling deeply uncomfortable, unhappy, or unfulfilled. For it is only in such moments, propelled by our discomfort, that we are likely to step out of our ruts and start searching for different ways or truer answers.
Peck, M. Scott	The whole course of human history may depend on a change of heart in one solitary and even humble individual - for it is in the solitary mind and soul of the

	individual that the battle between good and evil is waged and ultimately won or lost.
Peter, Irene	Just because everything is different doesn't mean that everything has changed.
Picasso, Pablo	I am always doing that which I can not do, in order that I may learn how to do it.
Priest, Ivy Baker	The world is round and the place which may seem like the end may also be the beginning.
Robbins, Tom	The bottom line is that (a) people are never perfect, but love can be, (b) that is the one and only way that the mediocre and vile can be transformed, and (c) doing that makes it that. We waste time looking for the perfect lover, instead of creating the perfect love.
Robbins, Tony	If we habitually focus on how to improve things that are already great, can you see how this spirit can transform ourselves, our organizations, families and communities?
Saotome, Mitsugi	If you were all alone in the universe with no one to talk to, no one with which to share the beauty of the stars, to laugh with, to touch, what would be your purpose in life? It is other life, it is love, which gives your life meaning. This is harmony. We must discover the joy of each other, the joy of challenge, the joy of growth.
Schopenhauer, Arthur	Change alone is eternal, perpetual, immortal.
Shakespeare, William	We know what we are, but know not what we may be.
Shaw, George Bernard	Some men see things as they are and say, "Why?" I dream of things that never were and say, "Why not?" frequently attributed to Robert F. (Bobby) Kennedy, who used it in a speech which his brother, Edward F. (Teddy) Kennedy quoted at RFK's funeral.
Shinseki, General Eric	If you don't like change, you're going to like irrelevance even less. [Chief of Staff, U. S. Army]
Sigmund, Stephen	Learn wisdom from the ways of a seedling. A seedling which is never hardened off through stressful situations will never become a strong productive plant.
Steinem, Gloria	If the shoe doesn't fit, must we change the foot?
Steinem, Gloria	The first problem for all of us, men and women, is not to learn, but to unlearn.
Thoreau, Henry David	Things do not change, we change.
Toffler, Alvin	In describing today's accelerating changes, the media fire blips of unrelated information at us. Experts bury us under mountains of narrowly specialized

monographs. Popular forecasters present lists of unrelated trends, without any model to show us their interconnections or the forces likely to reverse them. As a result, change itself comes to be seen as anarchic, even lunatic.

Tolstoy, Leo	Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing himself.
Unknown	Change is inevitable, except from vending machines.
Unknown	In his later years Picasso, Pablo was not allowed to roam an art gallery unattended, for he had previously been discovered in the act of trying to improve on one of his old masterpieces.
Walker, Alice	No person is your friend who demands your silence, or denies your right to grow.
Warhol, Andy	They say that time changes things, but you actually have to change them yourself.
Whitehead, Alfred North	The art of progress is to preserve order amid change and to preserve change amid order.
Will, George	The future has a way of arriving unannounced.
Wilson, Woodrow	If you want to make enemies, try to change something.
Yorke, James	The most successful people are those who are good at plan B.

Children

Adams, John	I must study politics and war that my sons may have liberty to study mathematics and philosophy. My sons ought to study mathematics and philosophy, geography, natural history, naval architecture, navigation, commerce and agriculture in order to give their children a right to study painting, poetry, music, architecture, statuary, tapestry, and porcelain.
Baldwin, James	Children have never been very good at listening to their elders, but they have never failed to imitate them.
Baldwin, James	For nothing is fixed, forever and forever and forever, it is not fixed; the earth is always shifting, the light is always changing, the sea does not cease to grind down rock. Generations do not cease to be born, and we are responsible to them because we are the only witnesses they have. The sea rises, the light fails, lovers cling to each other, and children cling to us. The moment we cease to hold each other, the sea engulfs us and the light goes out.
Bensley, Jill	The most effective form of birth control I know is spending the day with my kids.