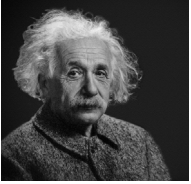


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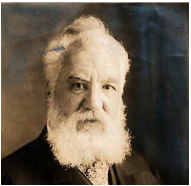


Albert Einstein (March 14, 1879 - April 18, 1955)

Albert Einstein was a German-born theoretical physicist, who developed the theory of relativity, one of the two pillars of modern physics. He was considered a genius and is best known for his equation that states that energy and matter are the same thing, just in different form. He won the Nobel Prize for Physics in 1921. When he died, he asked that his body be cremated but during the autopsy, Princeton pathologist Thomas Harvey removed his famous brain and kept it in the hope of unlocking the secrets of his genius.

Quotes:

- *Insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.*
- *Imagination is more important than knowledge.*
- *Imagination is everything. It is the preview of life's coming attractions.*

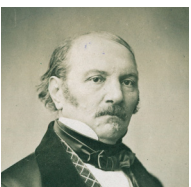


Alexander Graham Bell (March 3, 1847 - August 2, 1922)

Alexander Graham Bell was a Scottish-born inventor, scientist and engineer, who is credited with inventing and patenting the first practical telephone. He also co-founded the American Telephone and Telegraph Company in 1885. He was influenced by the fact that both his mother and wife were deaf, which led him to his research on hearing devices. This eventually culminated in the first U.S. patent for the telephone on March 7, 1876.

Quotes:

- *First Words spoken over the telephone: Mt. Watson, come here, I want to see you.*
- *When one door closes, another door opens, but we so often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door, that we do not see the ones which open for us.*
- *Before anything else, preparation is the key to success.*



Allan Kardec (October 3, 1804 - March 31, 1869)

Allan Kardec, pen name for Leon Rivail was the founder of Spiritism. He is the author of the five books, known as the Spiritist Codification, which are the teachings he received from higher spirits through various mediums. Spiritism is a religious movement based on the belief that the spirits of the dead exist and have the ability to communicate with the living. The afterlife, or the spirit world is seen by spiritualists, not as a static place, but as one in which spirits continue to evolve.

Quotes:

- *We are always wanting miracles; but God sows miracles by handfuls under our feet, and yet we still deny their existence.*
- *The more clearly a principle is understood by the intellect, the more inexcusable is the neglect that is to put it into practice.*
- *Without charity, there is no salvation.*



Amelia Earhart (July 24, 1897 - July 2, 1937 disappeared)

Amelia Earhart was an American aviation pioneer and author. She was the first female aviator to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean. She set many records, wrote best-selling book about her flying experience, and was instrumental in the formation of the female pilot's organization called the Ninety-Nines. It was officially reported that Amelia Earhart and Fred Noonan, her co-pilot, had run out of fuel, crashed into the Pacific and drowned, though they were never found. A court declared her legally dead January 1939, 18 months after she disappeared. However, in 1999, bones were found on the small Pacific Islands, Nikumaroro in 1940, that were claimed likely to belong to Amelia Earhart. This was determined by the size and structure of the bones. However, to this day, she and her disappearance are considered a mystery and many want it left that way.

Quotes:

- *Women must try to do things as men have tried. When they fail, their failure must be but a challenge to others.*
- *Adventure is worthwhile in itself.*
- *The most effective way to do it, is to do it.*

Amma Chimes (September 27, 1953 - present)

Amma is known throughout the world for her selfless love and compassion towards all beings. She is an Indian Hindu spiritual leader and humanitarian, who is revered as a hugging Saint. She runs a vast aid network that often achieves what government cannot. Her belief is that, though we cannot change the world, we can make changes.

Quotes:

- *Children, love can accomplish anything and everything.*
- *If we penetrate deeply into all aspects and areas of life, we will find that hidden behind everything is love.*
- *Instead of saying "I love you", say "I am love".*



Andrea Bocelli (September 2, 1958 -)

Andrea Bocelli is an Italian opera singer, songwriter, tenor and record producer. He was diagnosed with congenital glaucoma at 5 months old and became completely blind at 12, following a football accident. In 1998, he was named one of People Magazine's most beautiful people. He is listed in the Guinness World Book with the release of his classical album Sacred Arias. Although he is blind, he has enjoyed horseback riding most of his life. Though he suffered much in his childhood, he persevered and did not let anything stand in his way. He knew at a young age that he was born to sing.

Quotes:

- *All that counts in life is intention.*
- *I have big, big stage fright.*
- *Though destiny has much to do with your life, you have to persevere, you have to insist.*



Anne Frank (June 12, 1929 - February, 1945)

Anne Frank was a German-Dutch diarist of Jewish origin. One of the most discussed Jewish victims of the Holocaust, she gained fame with the publication of her book *The Diary of Anne Frank Remembered*. The Franks were trapped in Amsterdam by the German occupation. They went into hiding in concealed rooms behind a bookcase. For three years they lived in that room until they were found and arrested by the Gestapo in 1944. The only survivor of the Frank family was her father, who returned to Amsterdam and found her diary, that was saved by his secretary. He decided to publish it in 1947. It is now translated into over 70 languages and to this day, people still show such interest in her documented story and her bravery. She died in Bergen-Belson concentration camp.

Quotes:

- *I keep my ideals, because in spite of everything, I still believe that people are really good at heart.*
- *How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.*
- *No one has ever become poor by giving.*



Annie Besant (October 1, 1847 - September 20, 1933)

Annie Besant was a British socialist, theosophist, women's rights activist, writer, orator, educationist and philanthropist. She is regarded as a champion of human freedom, and was an ardent supporter of both Ireland's and India's self-rule. In 1920, she travelled to Ojai, California with her protégé and adopted son Krishnamurti. She was a prolific author, having written over 300 books.

Quotes:

- *Better remain silent, better not even think, if you are not prepared to act.*
- *Refusal to believe until proof is given is a rational position; denial of all outside of our own limited experience is absurd.*
- *The human mind has a hidden power that can do amazing things. The key is for one to learn how to activate this power and control it.*

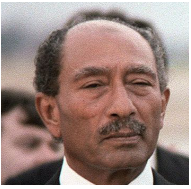


Antoni Gaudi (June 25, 185 - June 10, 1926)

Antoni Gaudi was a great Catalan architect in Barcelona. His works are considered highly individualized and "one of a kind" style. He always knew he was different and some believe he was channeled from a different planet. Seven of his works are declared World Heritage Site. His best-known work is the church of the Sagrada Familia, which earned him the nickname "God's Architect".

Quotes:

- *The creation continues incessantly through the media of man.*
- *Copiers do not collaborate.*
- *Those who look for the laws of Nature as a support for their new works, collaborate with the Creator.*



Anwar Sadat (December 25, 1918 - October 6, 1981)

Anwar Sadat was an Egyptian politician who served as the third President of Egypt, from October 15, 1970 until 1981. One of his most important domestic initiatives was the open-door policy, a program of dramatic economic change, that included diversification of the economy, as well as efforts to attract trade and foreign investment. On November 19, 1977 Anwar Sadat became the first Arab leader to visit Israel. He spoke before the Knesset in Jerusalem on how to achieve a comprehensive peace to the Arab-Israeli conflict. He was known as the “Hero of the Crossing” when he initiated a new peace policy with Israel. He wanted to gain religious support for his efforts. He invited Evangelical pastor Billy Graham for an official visit and he visited the Vatican and received a message of support from Pope Paul VI, regarding achieving peace with Israel. On March 26, 1979, a peace treaty was signed, facilitated by President Jimmy Carter. Sadly, on October 6, 1981, Anwar Sadat was assassinated by an Islamic extremists, during the annual victory parade to celebrate Egypt’ crossing of the Suez Canal.

His Speech March 26, 1979:

“Let us put an end to wars, let us reshape life on the solid basis of equity and truth. And it is this call, which reflected the will of the Egyptian people, of the great majority of the Arab and Israeli peoples, and indeed of millions of men, women and children around the world that you are today honoring. And these hundred of millions will judge to what extent every responsible leader in the Middle East has responded to the hope of mankind.”

Quotes:

- *Russia can give you arms, but only the United States can give you a solution.*
- *There can be hope only for a society which acts as one big family, not as many separate ones.*
- *Peace is much more precious than a piece of land – let there be no more wars.*



Audrey Hepburn (May 4, 1929 - January 20, 1993)

Audrey Hepburn was a British actress and humanitarian. She was ranked by the American Film Institute as the third greatest female screen legend in Hollywood. She was also inducted into the International Best Dressed List Hall of Fame. She rose to stardom in the romantic comedy Roman Holiday and went on from there to make many films, and in 1967, she won the Academy Awards for *Wait Until Dark*. She remains one of only 16 people who have won Academy, Emmy, Grammy and Tony Awards. In 1954, she started to devote much of her time to UNICEF and worked in some of the poorest communities in Africa, South America and Asia. In 1992, she received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in recognition for her work.

Quotes:

- *Nothing is impossible, the word itself spells “I’m Possible”.*
- *The best thing to hold onto in life is each other.*
- *I don’t want to be alone; I want to be left alone.*



Baha u'llah (November 12, 1817 - May 29, 1892)

Baha u'llah is the founder of the Baha'I Faith, which is the youngest of the world's independent religions. He is regarded as a Messenger of God and his message is that humanity is one single race and that the day has come for its unification in global society.

Quotes:

- *Blessed is the person who preferreth another before themself.*
- *Prayer need not be in words, but rather in thought and action.*
- *Inhaling the fragrance of fellowship and love is the secret of undisturbed peace and absolute composure.*



Bill Gates (October 28, 1955 - present)

Bill Gates is an American business magnate, software developer, investor and philanthropist. He is best known as the co-founder of Microsoft Corporation. His net worth today is 113.6 billion dollars. In 1985, Microsoft launched its first retail version of Microsoft Windows. The company struck a deal with IBM but it quickly fell apart due to creative differences. In 2000, he and his wife combined three family foundations and created the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, donating five billion dollars from his stock. In 2006, Bill Gates announced he would transition out of his role at Microsoft to dedicate more time to philanthropy.

Quotes:

- *Life is not fair, get used to it.*
- *Your most unhappy customers are your greatest source of learning.*
- *If you cannot make it good, at least make it look good.*



Billy Graham (November 7, 1918 - February 21, 2018)

Billy Graham was an American prominent evangelical Christian figure and an ordained Southern Baptist minister. He became well-known internationally in the late 1940s. He is placed among the most influential Christian leaders of the 20th century. Billy Graham claimed that he was led to Jesus at 16 years old, when attending a series of revival meetings. He grew so popular, that he became a spiritual adviser to U.S. presidents and the Queen of England. In 1996, one televised broadcast topped 2.2 billion people. He also took a very strong stand on segregation and when Martin Luther King died, he is quoted as saying: "we have lost a great leader and a prophet." When Billy Graham died, he became the fourth private citizen in the United States history to lie in honor at the Capitol rotunda in Washington D.C. It is ironic that his casket was handcrafted in 2006 by convicted murderers at the Louisiana State Penitentiary. At his funeral, President Trump said that Reverend Graham was an ambassador for Christ.

Quotes:

- *My home is in Heaven. I am just travelling through this world.*
- *I have read the last page of the Bible....it's all going to turn out all right.*
- *In heaven the wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and a little child will lead them.*



Bodhisattva

Bodhisattva literally means enlightened one. A Bodhisattva is a person, whose energy and power are directed towards enlightenment. They are destined towards the bliss of nirvana, but forgo it in order to save suffering beings on this earth plane. For most bodhisattvas, life is difficult on the earth plane, based on the enormous amount of misinformation and ignorance that exists within humanity. Though this is why they decided to be a bodhisattva, it is still very challenging.

Quotes:

- *The heart that breaks open contains the whole Universe.*
- *Even fear itself is frightened by our fearlessness.*
- *If the problem can be solved, why worry – if the problem cannot be solved, worrying will do us no good.*



Brene Brown (November 18, 1965 - present)

Brene Brown is a professor, lecturer, author and podcast host. She has made significant inroads into the manifestation of personal empowerment. She has said: “Every time we choose courage, we make everyone around us a little better and the world a little braver.”

Quotes:

- *We need to talk to ourselves like we would to someone we love.*
- *Imperfections are not inadequacies; they are reminders that we’re all in this together.*
- *We don’t have to chase extraordinary moments to find happiness – it’s right in front of us if we are practicing gratitude.*

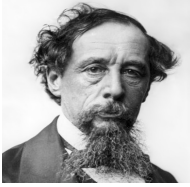


Brigham Young (June 1, 1801 - August 29, 1877)

Brigham Young was an American religious leader and politician. He was the second president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints from 1847 until his death in 1877. He founded Salt Lake City (which was then part of Mexico) and served as the first governor of the Utah Territory. Brigham Young was known as being the “American Moses” because he led his followers, the Mormon pioneers in an exodus through the desert, to what they saw as the promised land. Though he was known to have many personal issues, he is honored for the great work he achieved.

Quotes:

- *Love the giver more than the gift.*
- *Honest hearts produce honest actions.*
- *It is wise for us to forget our troubles, as there are always new ones to replace them.*

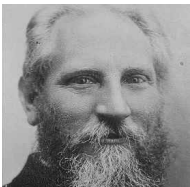


Charles Dickens (February 7, 1812 - June 9, 1870)

Charles Dickens was an English writer and social critic. He created some of the world's best-known fictional characters and is regarded as the greatest novelist of the Victorian era. He wrote such beloved classic novels as *Oliver Twist*, *A Christmas Carol*, *David Copperfield*, *A Tale of Two Cities* and *Great Expectations*. Though he had a very difficult childhood, being confined to a boot factory by his father, he went on to become one of the wealthiest self-made men in England. He wrote *A Christmas Carol* in response to British social attitudes towards poverty, wishing to use this as a means to verbalize his arguments against this issue. Though he had his own issues, his work, to this day is sought after.

Quotes:

- *It was the best of times; it was the worst of times.*
- *No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another.*
- *A loving heart is the truest wisdom*



Charles Leadbeater (February 16, 1854 - March 1, 1934)

Charles Leadbeater was a member of the Theosophical Society and author on occult subjects. He was also a co-initiator of the Liberal Catholic Church. In he travelled to Burma and Ceylon and founded the English Buddhist Academy and served as its first headmaster, under very austere conditions. Today the school has more than 6000 students. In 1909 he went to India and stayed until 1915, teaching Krishnamurti (see Krishnamurti). He then went on to Australia, where he became a bishop of the Liberal Catholic Church. Today Leadbeater remains well-known and influential in New Age circles, for his many works based on his clairvoyant investigation of life. As well his liturgy book is still used by many Liberal and Independent Catholic Churches across the world.

Quotes:

- *You are what you share.*
- *It is one of the commonest of our mistakes to consider that the limit of our power of perception, is also the limit of all there is to perceive.*
- *We must beware of falling into the fatally common error of supposing that what we see is all there is to see.*

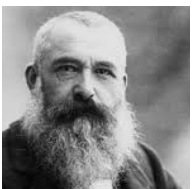


Christopher Columbus (1451 - May 20, 1506)

Christopher Columbus was an Italian explorer and navigator, who completed four voyages across the Atlantic Ocean. He opened the way for European exploration and the colonization of the Americas. On October 12, 1492, he officially set foot in the Americas and claimed the land for Spain. He changed the global setting because he set everyone exploring, which in truth, reshaped the world.

Quotes:

- *By prevailing over all obstacles and distractions, one may unfailingly arrive at their chosen goal or destination.*
- *For the execution of the voyage to the Indies, I did not make use of intelligence, mathematics or maps.*
- *No one should fear to undertake any task in the name of our Savior, if it is just and if the intention is purely for His holy service.*



Claude Monet (November 14, 1840 - December 5, 1926)

Claude Monet was a French painter, and founder of French Impressionist paintings. He is considered the most consistent and prolific practitioner of expressing one's perceptions before nature. The 1890 painting of "Haystacks" just sold for \$110.7 million dollars at a Sotheby's auction. When Claude Monet travelled to Paris to visit the Louvre, he witnessed painters copying from old masters. Having brought his paints and other tools, instead he would paint what he saw. He created new approaches to art, painting the effects of light, with broken color and rapid brushstrokes, in what later came to be known as Impressionism. His long-time friend Georges Clemenceau removed the black cloth draped over the coffin, stating, "No black for Monet!" and replaced it with a flower-patterned cloth.

Quotes:

- *The richness I achieve comes from nature, the source of my inspiration.*
- *I perhaps owe having become a painter to flowers.*
- *Everyone discusses my art and pretends to understand, as if it were necessary to understand, when it is simply necessary to love.*



Clive Staples Lewis (November 29, 1898 - November 22, 1963)

Clive Staples Lewis was a British writer and lay theologian. He held academic positions in English literature at both Oxford University and Cambridge University. He wrote his celebrated Space Trilogy, because there were not enough science fiction stories of that kind. He is best known for his works of fiction, especially The Chronicles of Narnia and for his non-fiction, Mere Christianity. People thought he had lost his faith, when in fact, his theological questions about his wife's suffering and death drove him to understand faith as rational faith, which was different intellectually. In 2013, on the 50th anniversary of his death, C.S. Lewis was honored with a memorial in Poets Corner in Westminster Abbey. An interesting note is that he died on the same day as John Kennedy was assassinated.

Quotes:

- *I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen; not only because I see it, but because by it, I see everything else.*
- *True humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less.*
- *God whispers to us in our pleasure, peaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pain.*



Confucius (September 28, 551 BC - April 11, 479 BC)

Confucius was a revered Chinese teacher, philosopher and politician. He taught simple truths about every aspect of life, justice, kindness and sincerity. He remained saddened in his lifetime over the lack of morals. After his death, a movement of Confucianism began, which today has over 6,000,000 followers.

Quotes:

- *Never do to others what we would not like them to do to us.*
- *Before we embark on a journey of revenge, we need to dig two graves.*
- *Our greatest glory is not in never failing, but in rising every time we fall.*

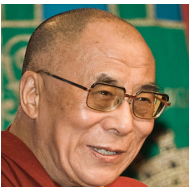


Copts

The Copts are one of the oldest Christian communities in the Middle East, and was founded in 190 AD. Many Coptic intellectuals believe that the Coptic is largely derived from pre-Christian. The word Coptic represents an adaptation of the Greek term for the indigenous people of Egypt.

Quotes:

- *When tempted, invoke an angel, who is more eager to help us than we are to be helped.*
- *To pretend angels do not exist because they are invisible, is to believe we never sleep because we do not see ourselves sleeping.*
- *Humility is the only thing no devil can imitate.*



Dalai Lama The Fourteenth (July 6, 1935 - present)

The 14th Dalai Lama was born in Taktser, Tibet. He was selected by the 13th Dalai Lama in 1937 and he was enthroned on February 22,1940. During the 1959 Tibetan uprising, the Dalai Lama fled to India, where he remains to this day. The Panchen Lama is the person who recognizes the next Dalai Lama,however the Chinese government says that they have the present day Panchen Lama. This has caused great sadness to the Tibetan people.

Quotes:

- *The goal is not to be better than the other person, but our previous self.*
- *Happiness is not something ready- made; it comes from our own actions.*
- *Compassion is the radicalism of our time.*



Deepak Chopra (October 22, 1946 - present)

Deepak Chopra is an Indian-American author and alternative medicine advocate. A prominent figure in the new age movement, his books and videos have made him one of the best known figures in alternative, holistic medicine.

Quotes:

- *In the midst of movement and chaos, keep stillness inside of you.*
- *The less we open our heart to others, the more our heart suffers.*
- *Anything that is of value in life only multiplies when it is given.*



Dian Fossey – January 16, 1932 – December 26, 1985

Dian Fossey was an American primatologist and conservationist. She worked to study and protect the lives of wild gorillas in Rwanda. Dian spent 20 years in Rwanda, where she strongly opposed poaching and tourism in wildlife habitat. As she learned how to imitate their speech and behavior they accepted her as one of their own. She defined the gorilla as being dignified, highly social and gentle. Unfortunately, her life was cut short when she was murdered. It is widely believed that she was killed because of her lifelong crusade against poaching. In 1967, she founded the Karisoke Research Center in Rwanda, whose mission it is to protect and study the endangered mountain gorillas. In 1978, she founded The Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund International, a charity for the sole purpose of financing her anti-poaching patrols and preventing further poaching of the mountain gorillas.

Quotes:

- *The person who kills the animals today is the person who kills the people who get in their way.*
- *When you realize the value of all life, you dwell less on what is past and concentrate more on the preservation of the future.*
- *The more you learn about the dignity of the gorilla, the more you want to avoid people.*



Doris Day (April 3, 1922 - May 13, 2019)

Doris Day was an American actress, singer and animal welfare activist. She began her career in 1939 and by 1945, she was already famous. In 1978 Doris Day founded the Doris Day Pet Foundation and the Doris Day Animal League. She actively lobbied Congress to safeguard animal welfare, with the mission to reduce pain and suffering and protect animals through legislative initiatives. She died at the age of 97, after contracting pneumonia. However, her work in saving and caring for animals will go on because of people dedicated to her devotion. And her movies and songs still bring smiles to people's faces.

Quotes:

- *Middle age is youth without levity and age without decay.*
- *Wrinkles are hereditary; parents get them from their children.*
- *I never met an animal I did not like and I can't say the same thing about people.*



Eckhart Tolle (February 16, 1948 - present)

Eckhart Tolle is a spiritual teacher and best-selling author. He wrote *Awakening to Your Life's Purpose* and *The Power of Now*. In 2008, the *New York Times* called Eckhart Tolle "the most popular spiritual author in the US".

Quotes:

- *Realize deeply that the present moment is all you ever have.*
- *Life is the dancer and we are the dance.*
- *Being spiritual has nothing to do with what we believe, but everything to do with our state of consciousness.*



Edgar Cayce (March 18, 1877 - January 3, 1945)

Edgar Cayce was a clairvoyant who answered questions on subjects, as varied as after life, reincarnation, Atlantis, and Lemuria. He could predict the future while in a self-induced sleep. Many of his predictions have materialized and he continues to be followed and well read.

Quotes:

- *We get to heaven on the arms of people we have helped.*
- *Birth in the physical is death in the spiritual. Death in the physical is birth in the spiritual.*
- *There is good in the worst of us, and bad in the best of us, it doesn't behoove any of us to speak evil of the rest of us.*



Edith Stein (October 12, 1891 - August 9, 1942)

Edith Stein was a German Jewish philosopher, who converted and became a Carmelite. She was born into an observant Jewish family, but by her teenage years had become an atheist. Moved by the tragedies of World War 1, she became a nursing assistant and worked in an infectious disease hospital. Through these experiences, she realized that she wanted to become a nun. She was admitted to the Carmelite monastery in 1934. When the Nazis invaded, she was moved to the Netherlands, in hopes that she would be safer. However, in 1942, she and her sister Rosa were arrested and taken to Auschwitz, where they both died in the gas chambers. Today, there are many schools named in tribute to her and many books written about her life.

Quotes:

- *Our neighbor's spiritual need transcends every commandment.*
- *My longing for truth is my single prayer.*
- *If anyone comes to me, I want to lead them to God.*



El Cid (1043- July 10, 1099) - real name Rodrigo Diaz de Vivar

El Cid got his name from The Moors, which meant The Champion Lord. He was a Castilian nobleman and military leader, who wanted to unify Spain. His Tizona helped him incredibly in his battles. In the last battle, though El Cid was dead, he had his soldiers place him on his horse, who rode out with him strapped on his back and won the battle because the enemies became very afraid.

Quotes:

- *Answering to the King when ordered to quit his land, "Sir, I am not in your land, but in my own."*
- *I ask nothing but justice of Heaven, and of man I ask only a fair field.*
- *To be an outstanding warrior, one must stand out in the battlefield.*



Eleanor Roosevelt (October 11, 1884 – November 7, 1962)

Eleanor Roosevelt was an American political figure, diplomat and activist. She served as the First Lady from March 4, 1933 to April 12, 1945, during Franklin Roosevelt's Presidency. She was the longest serving First Lady of the United States. She advocated for expanded roles for women in the workplace, the civil rights of African and Asian Americans, and the World War II refugees. She remained active in politics and cause for her entire life.

Quotes:

- *No one can make you feel inferior without your consent.*
- *A woman is like a tea bag; you never know how strong it is until it's in hot water.*
- *Do one thing every day that scares you.*



Elizabeth Clare Prophet (April 8, 1939 - October 15, 2009)

Elizabeth Clare Prophet was an American spiritual leader, author and orator. Together with her husband, they founded The Summit Lighthouse, a mystical school, whose doctrine was called The Path of Personal Christhood, or the way of the soul's one-on-one relationship with God through Christ consciousness. In 1961, she claimed to have received a vision that her role in life was to pass on a higher teaching to further humanity's spiritual evolution. She believed that a divine union with God was possible. She developed Alzheimer's Disease in 1998 and died from it in 2009.

Quotes:

- *Astrology is like any other branch of knowledge. It can be used for good or for ill, properly or improperly, by skilled and unskilled practitioners alike.*
- *I find that God is an eternal Presence around me, of which I will return at the conclusion of this life*
- *Only communion with your higher self will reveal your path to you.*



Elizabeth Taylor (February 27, 1932 - March 23, 2011)

Elizabeth Taylor was an English-American actress, businesswoman and humanitarian. She began her career as a child actress in 1940 and became one of the most popular stars of classical cinema. She was married 8 times, had four children, including twins, became Jewish, endured several serious illnesses, led a jet set lifestyle, and dedicated her time to philanthropy for which she received the Presidential Citizens Medal. She co-founded the American Foundation for AIDS Research and the Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation. After many years of ill health, she died from congestive heart failure at the age of 79. However, her presence is still felt to this day.

Quotes:

- *Success is a great deodorant.*
- *Big girls need big diamonds.*
- *It is very strange that the years teach us patience – that the shorter our time left, the greater our capacity for waiting.*

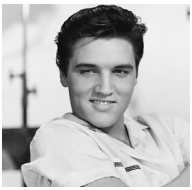


Elon Musk (June 28, 1971 - present)

Elon Musk is an engineer, industrial designer, technology entrepreneur and philanthropist. He is the founder and chief designer of Space X and CEO and product architect of Tesla Inc. Space X is the vehicle he conceived, with the idea to land a miniature experimental greenhouse on Mars. In 2015, he co-founded a nonprofit research company, that aims to promote friendly artificial intelligence. Musk believes the key to making space travel affordable is to make rockets reusable. He hopes to send humans to Mars within 10 years. On May 30, 2020, Space X launched its first manned flight, called Demo-2, becoming the first private company to place a person into orbit. Tesla's master plan is to build affordable cars, providing zero-emission electric power generation options. Truly, Elon Musk is a creative and inspiring futurist.

Quotes:

- *When something is important enough, you do it even if the odds are not in your favor.*
- *If you get up in the morning and think the future is going to be better, then it is a bright day.*
- *There have to be reasons that you get up in the morning and want to live.*

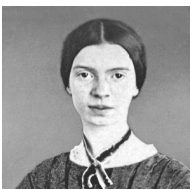


Elvis Presley (January 8, 1935 - August 16, 1977)

Elvis Presley is regarded as one of the most significant cultural icons of the 20th century. He is referred to as the King of Rock and Roll or just simply "The King". In his rise from poverty to significant fame, he seemed to epitomize the American Dream. He was commercially successful in many genres, including pop, country, R&B, adult contemporary and gospel. He won three Grammy Awards and received the Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award at age 36. Unfortunately, he died at an early age from drug overdose. However, he holds the most gold and platinum albums and many popular singers today credit him for their passion for music.

Quotes:

- *Ambition is a dream with a V8 engine.*
- *Truth is like the sun. You can shut it out for a time, but it ain't goin away.*
- *Until we meet again, may God bless you as he has blessed me.*



Emily Dickinson (December 10, 1830 - May 15, 1886)

Emily Dickinson was an American poet. She was unique to her era, exploring aesthetics, society, nature and spirituality. It was not until after her death, that her younger sister discovered her poems, and took her work public. In 1860, Emily started to withdraw from social life, and this proved to be her most productive writing period. She was diagnosed with a nervous condition but some believe that it was epilepsy. It was at this time that she started organizing all of her works, which proved to be very helpful after her death.

Quotes:

- *Hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul, and sings the tunes without the words, and never stops at all.*
- *Tell the truth,*
- *The brain is wider than the sky.*



Enzo Ferrari (February 18, 1898 - August 14, 1988)

Enzo Ferrari was an Italian motor racing driver and entrepreneur. He was the founder of Ferrari Grand Prix motor racing team and subsequently of the Ferrari automobile company. His father and brother died of the flu in 1918. Though he was very sick, he survived but the family's business collapsed. So, he started searching for a job in the car industry. In 1920, he became a race car driver for Alfa Romeo, and won his first Grand Prix in 1923. When World War 11 was over, he founded Ferrari S.P.A. and the rest is history.

Quotes:

- *If you can dream it, you can do it.*
- *Everyone dreams of driving a Ferrari, it was my intent from the start.*
- *One must keep working continuously, otherwise one thinks of death.*

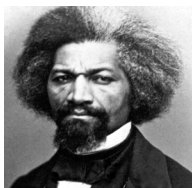


Florence Nightingale (May 12, 1820 - August 13, 1910)

Florence Nightingale was a British social reformer, statistician and founder of modern nursing. She was very involved with helping wounded soldiers. To this present day, people still talk about her because of her great stamina, courage and strength.

Quotes:

- *I attribute my success to this; I never gave or took an excuse.*
- *I think one's feelings waste themselves in words, they ought all to be distilled into action because actions bring results.*
- *The very first requirement in a hospital is that it should do the sick no harm.*



Frederick Douglass (February 14, 1817 - February 20, 1895)

Frederick Douglass, after escaping from horrific slavery in Maryland and getting to New York, became a national leader of the abolitionist movement. He became very famous for his oratory and incisive antislavery writings. He was bravely outspoken and would engage with many slave owners, trying to get them to do right. He became very influential and became quite close with Abraham Lincoln. He became the first African-American nominated for Vice President of the United States. He was victorious in initiating the 14 Amendment, which allowed African-Americans to vote. In 1845, he travelled to Ireland and Great Britain, where he remarked that he was treated not as a color, but as a man." He wrote three autobiographies and his writings were embraced by

all races. He died of a massive heart attack at 77 in his home.

Quotes:

- *It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men.*
- *Without a struggle, there can be no progress.*
- *People might not get all they work for in this world, but they must certainly work for all they get.*

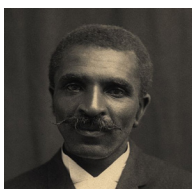


George Patton (November 11, 1885 - December 21, 1945)

George Patton was a general of the United States Army, who commanded the U.S. Seventh Army in the Mediterranean and the U.S. Third Army in France and Germany. He achieved four-star rank for his battlefield exploits, as one of the best commanders of mechanized forces. He succeeded Dwight Eisenhower as the Military Governor of the U.S. Occupation Zone in Germany. Considered one of the most successful combat generals in history, George Patton helped lead the Allies to victory in the invasion of Sicily and was instrumental to the liberation of Germany from the Nazis. His ability to relieve Bastogne was one of his most remarkable accomplishments during the war. He later wrote that the relief of Bastogne was the most brilliant operation we have thus far performed, and it is my opinion the outstanding achievement of the war. This was my biggest battle. While leading troops in England, Patton purchased an English bull terrier that he named Willie and Willie was known to follow Patton everywhere and were seldom separated. He was later sent home to the Patton family, where he lived out his life peacefully. Unfortunately, George Patton was killed in a car accident, which to this day is still questioned. His legacy is that his great, integral, oratory skill was able to inspire troops under his command. Historians say that though he was arrogant, publicity-seeking and personally flawed, he was by far the greatest general.

Quotes:

- *If everyone is thinking alike, then somebody isn't thinking.*
- *It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died, rather we should thank God that such men lived.*
- *Success is how high you bounce when you hit bottom.*



George Washington Carver (1860 - January 5, 1943)

George Washington Carver was an American agricultural scientist and inventor. He promoted alternative crops to cotton and methods to prevent soil depletions. He was the most prominent black scientist of the 20th century. His first years of life were very traumatic, as he was born into slavery. He and his family were kidnapped when he was one year old. He was rescued by Moses Carver, his first master, and then Carver and his wife, Susan raised George and his older brother James as

their own children. But from the beginning, his education was very important to him. His determination paid off and in 1896, he became the head of the agriculture department at Tuskegee University and taught there for 47 years. He was appreciated as a genius in his own time. The most popular of his 44 practical bulletins for farmers contained 105 recipes using peanuts. His research on peanuts, sweet potatoes and other products helped poor southern farmers vary their crops and improve their diets. Three American presidents, Theodore Roosevelt, Calvin Coolidge and Franklin Roosevelt met with him and the Crown Prince of Sweden studied with him for three weeks. In 1916, Mr. Carver was made a member of the Royal Society of Arts in England, only a handful of Americans to receive such an honor.

Quotes:

- *Education is the key to unlock the golden door of freedom.*
- *When you do the common things in life, in an uncommon way, you will command the attention of the world.*
- *Where there is no vision, there is no hope.*

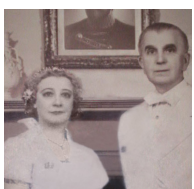


Golda Meir (May 3, 1898 - December 8, 1978)

Golda Meir was an Israeli teacher and fourth Prime Minister of Israel. She helped with the founding of the State of Israel and is best known for being the first woman to hold the post of Prime Minister. She helped build the first Jewish settlements and led the nation's first independent government. She served in the Israeli armed forces and led the attack on Egypt in the Six Day War. She is a hero because, although reluctant at first to serve as the Prime Minister, she rose to the occasion to serve her country and ultimately led her people to victory. She used determination and confidence in herself to achieve her ideals as a leader. She was called the best man in government because she was strong-willed, and straight-talking. She died four years after she resigned as Prime Minister of lymphoma.

Quotes:

- *Don't be so humble, you are not that great.*
- *One cannot and must not try to erase the past merely because it does not fit the present.*
- *Whether women are better than men I cannot say – but I can say, they certainly are no worse.*



Guy Ballard (July 28, 1878 - December 29, 1939) and his wife Edna Ballard (June 25, 1886 - February 10, 1971)

Guy and Edna Ballard are the founders of the I AM MOVEMENT. The movement began in 1930, after Mr. Ballard's alleged meeting with the Ascended Master Saint Germaine in Mount Shasta. He claimed that St. Germaine came to him disguised as a panther, and to this day Panther Meadow is a famous place on Mt. Shasta.

Quotes:

- *To innovate does not necessarily mean to expand; very often it means to simplify.*
- *Remember, you can be exalted without a college degree.*
- *It may not be easy or convenient or politically correct to stand for truth and right; but it is the right thing to do, always.*



Harriet Tubman (1820 - March 10, 1913)

Harriet Tubman was an American abolitionist and political activist. Born into slavery, Tubman escaped and subsequently made some 13 missions to rescue approximately 70 enslaved people. She used the network of antislavery activists and safe houses known as the Underground Railroad. Her codename was Moses and she never lost a slave. She was the first woman to lead a combat assault and though there was a \$40,000 reward for her capture, she was never caught. She sustained head injuries inflicted upon her from her early life, and died at home at 93, very poor as a result of all her generosity.

Quotes:

- *Every great dream begins with a dreamer.*
- *There are of two things I have a right to, liberty or death; if I could not have one, I would have the other.*
- *I had crossed the line and I was free, but there was no one to welcome me to the land of freedom. I was a stranger in a strange land.*



Helen Keller (June 27, 1880 - June 1, 1968)

Helen Keller was an American author, political activist and lecturer. She was the first deaf and blind person to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree. She campaigned for women's suffrage, labor rights, socialism and antimilitarism. A film was done on her biography called The Miracle Worker. She was viewed as isolated, but was very in touch with the outside world. She was able to enjoy music by feeling the beat and she had a very strong bond with animals. Though she was delayed in picking up language, that did not stop her from having a voice.

Quotes:

- *Alone we do so little, together we can do so much.*
- *Life is either a daring adventure, or nothing.*
- *The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched – they must be felt from the heart.*



Helena Blavatsky (August 12, 1831 - May 8, 1891)

Helena Blavatsky was a controversial philosopher and author who co-founded the Theosophical Society in 1875. She described it as the synthesis of science, religion and philosophy and that it was reviving ancient wisdoms.

Quotes:

- *The Universe is worked and guided from within outwards, not the other way around.*
- *The whole order of nature is a progressive march towards a higher life.*

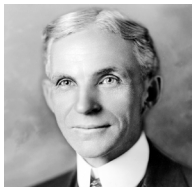


Henry David Thoreau (July 12, 1817 - May 6, 1862)

Henry David Thoreau was an American essayist and philosopher and a leading Transcendentalist. He is renowned for having lived the doctrine of Transcendentalism, which he recorded in his masterwork, *Walden* in 1854. He was also an advocate of civil liberties, as evidenced in his essay “Civil Disobedience” in 1849. There were three things that were of great importance to him: nature, freedom and truth. He died of tuberculosis, which he had been plagued with since his college years.

Quotes:

- *Our life is frittered away by detail...simplify, simplify.*
- *Rather than love, than money, than fame...give me truth.*
- *All good things are wild and free.*



Henry Ford (July 30, 1863 - April 7, 1947)

Henry Ford was an American industrialist and business magnate. He was the founder of the Ford Motor Company. While working as an engineer for the Edison Illuminating Company, Henry Ford built his first gasoline-powered horseless carriage, in the shed behind his home. In 1903, he established the Ford Motor Company and five years later, the company rolled out the first Model T. In 1920 he brought the car to the mass market, selling over one million vehicles.

Quotes:

- *If you think you can do a thing or think you cannot do a thing, you're right.*
- *Failure is simply the opportunity to begin again, this time more intelligently.*
- *Quality means doing it right when no one is looking.*



Hugues de Payens (1070 - May 24, 1136)

Hugues de Payens was the first Grand Master of the Knights Templar. Along with Bernard of Clairvaux, he created the code of behavior for the Order. In 1118, he, along with eight other knights approached King Baldwin I of Jerusalem, in order to form the Order of the Knights Templar. The King approved the foundation and entrusted the Temple of Jerusalem to their care. Master Payens went on to England and Scotland, raised money and founded two other houses for the Knights. He led the Order for almost twenty years, until his death. He helped to establish the Order's foundations as an important, influential military and financial institution.

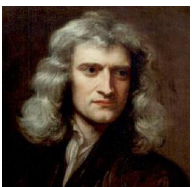


Indigenous People

Indigenous People are known in some regions as the First People. They came and are here to teach us the ways of spirit and Mother Earth. To them, money is not the key to happiness. Peace comes from dismissing concepts of ownership, competition, vanity or greed. They feel it is a moral obligation to give what you have, without expectations of return. They believe that their ancestors walk with the animal kingdom.

Quotes:

- *To understand the Dreamtime, one must understand that we do not own the land.*
- *We rise and fall as one people, one nation.*
- *We do not go into ceremony to talk about God, we go into ceremony to talk to God.*

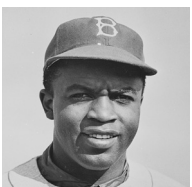


Isaac Newton (December 25, 1642 - March 31, 1727)

Isaac Newton was an English mathematician, physicist, astronomer, theologian and author. He is widely recognized as one of the most influential scientists of all time and is a key figure in the scientific revolution. He formulated the laws of motion and universal gravitation. He used his mathematical description of gravity to prove the laws of planetary motion, the account for the tides and the trajectories of comets. He eradicated doubt about the solar system, the motion of objects on Earth and celestial bodies, and built the first practical telescope. He was knighted by Queen Anne in 1705, and spent the last three decades of his life as President of the Royal Society.

Quotes:

- *If I have done the public any service, it is due to my patient thought.*
- *I can calculate the motion of heavenly bodies, but not the madness of people.*
- *Truth is ever to be found in simplicity, and not in the multiplicity and confusion of thing.*



Jackie Robinson (January 31, 1919 - October 24, 1972)

Jackie Robinson was an American professional baseball player, who became the first African American to play in Major League Baseball. In 1947, he broke the baseball color line, when he played first base for the Brooklyn Dodgers. Until that time, professional ballplayers of color could only play in the Negro Leagues. He is considered a hero by most standards because he ended segregation. No. 42 was permanently retired throughout Major League Baseball, and declared as his number only.

Quotes:

- *A life is not important, except in the impact it has on other lives.*
- *I am not concerned with your liking or disliking me...all I ask is that you respect me as a human being.*
- *Baseball is like a poker game. Nobody wants to quite when he's losing; nobody wants you to quite when you're ahead.*



Jacques de Molay (1244 - March 18, 1314)

Jacques de Molay was the 23rd and last Grand Master of the Templar Knights. He was put to death by Pope Clement V and King Philip IV of France, because they felt too threatened by his power. When they were killing him, his last words were that anyone involved in his murder would find their own death at their door step...and indeed they all mysteriously died shortly thereafter.

Quotes:

- *God will avenge those who have wrongly condemned us.*
- *For we did not and do not wish the Temple to be placed in any servitude, except that which is fitting.*
- *Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto they Name give glory*



Jane Austen (December 16, 1775 - July 18, 1817)

Jane Austen was an English novelist, known primarily for her six major novels. Her plots often explore the dependence of women on marriage, in the pursuit of favorable social standing and economic security. She wrote *The Pride and the Prejudice*, *Sense and Sensibility* and others. Her writings promote self-awareness and realism, making her far ahead of her time. In those days, British women did not have the legal power to sign contracts, so her brother Henry helped her. Though she had many proposals for marriage, she remained single all of her life. In 1816, she began to suffer from Addison's disease. She tried to get treatment in Winchester but it did not work and she unfortunately died.

Quotes:

- *It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune, must be in want of a wife.*
- *If I loved you less, I might be able to talk about it more.*
- *There is nothing like staying at home, for real comfort.*



Goodall (April 3, 1934 – present)

Goodall is an English primatologist and anthropologist. She is best known as being the foremost expert on chimpanzees. She has worked extensively on conservation and animal welfare issues. In April 2002, she was named a UN Messenger of Peace. She worked in Tanzania, where she discovered that chimpanzees have personalities and are capable of rational thought and emotions like humans. As well, they can have a tendency towards violence and domination, again just like humans. In 1977, she established the Jane Goodall Institute, which works to protect chimpanzees and their habitats. It have 19 offices world-wide.

Quotes:

- *Change happens by listening and then starting a dialogue with the people who are doing something you don't believe is right.*

- *Chimpanzees, gorillas and orangutans have been living for hundreds of thousands of years in their forest, living fantastic lives, never overpopulating, never destroying the forest. I would say that they have been more successful than humans as far as being in harmony with the environment.*
- *I believe in a greater spiritual power, far greater than I am, from which I have derived strength in moments of sadness or fear. This is very, very strong in the forest.*



Jeff Bezos (January 12, 1964 - present)

Jeff Bezos is an American internet entrepreneur, industrialist, media proprietor and investor. He is best known as the founder and CEO of the multi-national technology company, Amazon, which he began in his garage in 1994. In 2013, he purchased The Washington Post. He founded the aerospace manufacturer spaceflight company Blue Origin and successfully first reached space in 2015. His dream is to manifest commercial human spaceflights. Mr. Bezos was named the richest man in modern history at 189.8 billion dollars. However, it is not his riches that make him special, it is his courage and unique creativity.

Quotes:

- *If you do build a great experience, customers tell each other about that, and that's great because word of mouth is very powerful.*
- *I believe you have to be willing to be misunderstood, if you are going to innovate.*
- *There are two kinds of companies, those that work to try to charge more and those that work to charge less. We will be the second.*



J.K. Rowling (July 31, 1965 - present)

J.K. Rowling is a British author, screenwriter, producer and philanthropist. She is best known for her seven Harry Potter novels. Rowling had a challenging childhood, based on her mother having multiple sclerosis and no communication with her father. In 1990, she started to write about Harry Potter. Her mother's death in that year had a great effect on her and she channeled her own feelings of loss by writing about Harry's own feelings of loss. By 1993, she married, divorced and had one child when she moved to Edinburgh. She was diagnosed with clinical depression and had contemplated suicide. She signed up for welfare benefits, describing her economic status as poor. In 1995, a literary agency agreed to represent her in her quest for a publisher. After being rejected by 12 publishing companies, she was finally given a green light by Bloomsbury Publishing House in London. In 1998, Scholastic Inc. won the rights to publish her books in the U.S. Harry Potter is now a global brand worth an estimated fifteen billion dollars. In 2000, J.K. Rowling established the Volant Charitable Trust, which uses its annual budget of five million dollars to combat poverty and social inequality.

Quotes:

- *Happiness can be found, even in the darkest of times, if one only remembers to turn on the light.*

- *It does not do to dwell on dreams and forget to live.*
- *It is our choices that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities.*

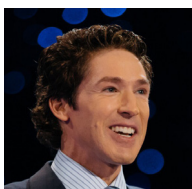


Joan of Arc (1412 - May 30, 1431)

Joan of Arc is considered the heroine of France. Though she helped the French King Charles VII get victory over the British, after victory, she was betrayed by the king and church and was burned at the stake. However, a miracle occurred and it was witnessed that her heart never burned.

Quotes:

- *I am not afraid, I was born to do this.*
- *If I am not, may God put me there; and if I am, may God so keep me.*
- *Act, and God will act.*

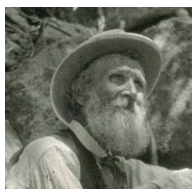


Joel Osteen (March 5, 1963 - present)

Joel Osteen is an American pastor, televangelist and author. His father, who was Southern Baptist pastor encouraged him to preach for many years, but he declined, preferring to work behind the scenes. In 1999, he accepted his father's suggestion and preached his first sermon. Joel Osteen says he chooses to focus more on the goodness of God and living an obedient life, rather than focusing on sin. He says for every mistake we've made or make, God has mercy but I believe we can do better. His weekly service TV program is viewed in more than 100 countries and it has been estimated that his services are watched by 7 million people.

Quotes:

- *Choosing to be positive and having a grateful attitude is going to determine how you are going to live your life.*
- *Faith activates God – Fear activates the enemy.*
- *When you focus on a blessing, God makes sure that you are always blessed in abundance.*



John Muir (April 21, 1838 - December 24, 1914)

John Muir was also known as “John of the Mountains” and “Father of the National Parks”. He was an influential Scottish-American naturalist, environmentalist, philosopher and early advocate for the preservation of wilderness in the United States. If it were not for John Muir and his writings, we would not have Yosemite National Park, as we know it today. He was also involved in the creation of the Grand Canyon, the Petrified Forest, Mt. Rainier Nation Parks and many more.

Quotes:

- *The mountains are calling and I must go.*
- *In every walk with nature, one receives far more than he seeks.*
- *Into the forest I go to lose my mind and find my soul.*

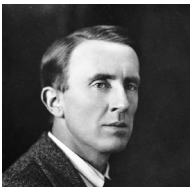


Joseph Smith (December 23, 1805 - June 27, 1844)

Joseph Smith was an American religious leader and founder of Mormonism and the Latter- Day Saint movement. When he was 24, Reverend Smith published the Book of Mormon. He was persecuted much of his life and was assassinated in Carthage Illinois. Though he had a short life, he wrote revelations from God, founded missionary programs of the church, built several towns and was a candidate for US. Presidency. He was known as the Prophet of Restoration.

Quotes:

- *A man filled with the love of God is not content with blessing his family alone, but ranges through the whole world, anxious to bless the whole human race.*
- *An angel of God never has wings.*
- *The best way to obtain truth and wisdom is not from books, but to God and ask for divine teaching.*



J.R.R. Tolkien (January 3, 1892 - September 2, 1973)

J.R.R. Tolkien was an English writer, poet, philologist and academic. He is famous for authoring the high fantasy works of The Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings. He started writing in 1914, but the book Lord of the Rings took 17 years to write. J.R.R. Tolkien served in the British Army during World War 1, the extent to which the war was reflected in his written work. The fictional places in Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit were brought to life in New Zealand, making the country the official place of Middle Earth.

Quotes:

- *Not all those who wander are lost.*
- *All that glitters is not gold.*
- *Good deeds will not be less valiant because they are unpraised.*



Julius Caesar (July 12, 100 BC - March 15, 44 BC)

Julius Caesar was a Roman statesman and general, who played an important role in the demise of the Roman Republic and the rise of the Roman Empire. Though he was brutal at times, he was extremely efficient in the art of strategy. He used his power to carry out a much-needed reform, relieving debt, enlarging the senate and revising the calendar. He thought he would stay in power for his life, which alienated his republican senators. As a result, they murdered him.

Quotes:

- *Experience is the teacher of all things.*
- *If we must break the law, do it to seize power; in all other cases, observe it.*
- *No one is so brave that he is not disturbed by something unexpected.*



Katherine Coleman Johnson (August 26, 1918 - February 24, 2020)

Katherine Coleman Johnson was an American mathematician, whose calculations of orbital mechanics as a NASA employee were critical to the success of the first and subsequent U.S. crewed spaceflights. During her 35 year career, she earned a reputation of mastering complex manual calculations and helped pioneer the use of computers to perform the tasks. She was the first African-American woman to work as a NASA scientist. She was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the NASA Group Achievement Award and in 2019, she was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal. The 2016 movie, *Hidden Figures* was the story of her life and her pioneering legacy will never be forgotten.

Quotes:

- *Like what you do, and then you will do your best.*
- *I am always interested in learning something new.*
- *I don't have a feeling of inferiority, never had. I am as good as anybody, but no better.*
- *Life is tough, but it is tougher when you are stupid.*

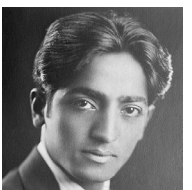


King Arthur (5th century)

King Arthur led the defense of Britain against Saxon invaders. He is said to be the first one to come up with the idea of a round table, so that everyone would be considered equal. He was married to Guinevere, who fell in love with his top knight, Lancelot and that caused the end of his golden era. His son Mordred from Morgana was responsible for his death.

Quotes:

- *I did not know how empty my soul was until it was filled.*
- *Believe in the person you want to become.*
- *A sword wields no strength unless the hand that holds it has courage.*

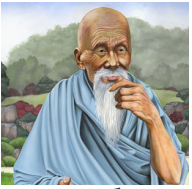


Krishnamurti (May 11, 1895 - February 17, 1986)

Krishnamurti was an Indian philosopher, speaker and writer. In his early life, he was groomed by Charles Leadbeater and Annie Besant, leaders of the Theosophical Society. They believed him to be a 'vehicle' for the Lord Maitreya, as a World Teacher. However, he later rejected this position and withdrew from the Theosophy organization behind it. He made his permanent home in Ojai, California. To this day non-profit foundations in India, Great Britain and the U.S. oversee several independent schools, based from his views on education. They continue to transcribe and distribute his teachings and writings.

Quotes:

- *It is no measure of health to be well adjusted to a profoundly sick society.*
- *I maintain that Truth is a pathless land and you cannot approach it by any one path of religion, belief or sect.*
- *If we can really understand the problem, the answer will come out of it, because the answer is not separate from the problem.*

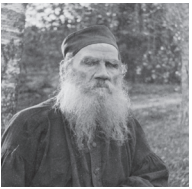


Lao Tzu (4th to 6th century BC)

Lao Tzu was a Chinese philosopher who wrote the Tao Te Ching. He was the founder of Taoism, which teaches the subtlety of the 'way' of things. Confucius was one of his students and they both left the world feeling unfulfilled, stating: "there are no listeners". There were over 100,000 followers, but many have turned to Buddhism. Today there are 12,000 Taoists remaining.

Quotes:

- *A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step.*
- *Nature does not hurry, yet everything is accomplished.*
- *Kindness in words creates confidence, kindness in thinking creates profoundness, kindness in giving creates love.*



Leo Tolstoy (September 9, 1828 - November 20, 1910)

Leo Tolstoy was a Russian writer, who is regarded as one of the greatest authors of all times. He is primarily known for having written the masterpieces War and Peace and Anna Karenina, which are commonly regarded as among the finest novels ever written. Leo Tolstoy developed a radical Christian philosophy. He experienced a profound moral crisis, followed by what he regarded as an equally profound spiritual awakening. His literal interpretation of the ethical teachings of Jesus, centering on the Sermon on the Mount, caused him to become a fervent Christian anarchist. This led to his excommunication from the Russian Orthodox Church in 1901. He was said to have become depressed and suicidal when his book Russian Herald was published. However, he did not die from a broken heart, he died of pneumonia.

Quotes:

- *Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing himself.*
- *If you want to be happy, be.*
- *The two most powerful warriors are patience and time.*



Leonardo da Vinci (April 15, 1452 - May 2, 1519)

Leonardo da Vinci was an Italian artist and is widely considered one of the greatest painters of all time. The Mona Lisa is the most famous of his works, and the most famous portrait ever made, today worth \$850,000,000. He was an illegitimate, love child of a lawyer by the name of Ser Piero and a peasant name Caterina. He did not receive any formal education and yet was the most diversely talented person to have ever lived. As well as a painter, he was a sculptor, architect, musician, mathematician, engineer, inventor, geologist, cartographer, botanist and writer. His estimated IQ scores were 220. He died in his home that King Francis I of France gave him, as they had become close friends. Some 20 years after his death, Cellini, a great sculptor, is quoted as saying, "There had never been another man born in the world, who knew as much as Leonardo, not so much about painting, sculpture and architecture, as that he was a very great philosopher."

Quotes:

- *Simplicity is the ultimate sophistication.*
- *He who does not punish evil, commands it to be done.*
- *Nothing can be loved or hated until it is understood.*

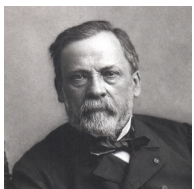


Louise Hay (October 8, 1926 - August 30, 2017)

Louise Hay was an American motivational author and the founder of Hay House Publishing. She authored several new thought self-help books, including *Heal Your Body*. This book came as a result of her healing herself from incurable cancer in 1978. The book contains a list of different ailments and their 'probable' causes, along with positive affirmations. It is a little book well worth having.

Quotes:

- *Every thought we think is creating our future.*
- *Love is the great miracle cure.*
- *The point of power is always in the present moments.*

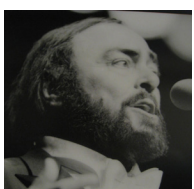


Louis Pasteur (December 27, 1822 - September 28, 1895)

Louis Pasteur was a French biologist, microbiologist and chemist. He was renowned for his discoveries in the principles of vaccinations, microbial fermentation and pasteurization. Louis Pasteur proved that germs cause disease and he developed vaccines for anthrax and rabies. He is remembered for his remarkable breakthroughs in the causes and prevention of diseases, and his discoveries have saved many lives ever since. He has long been heralded as the 'father of modern hygiene, public health and much of modern medicine.

Quotes:

- *In the fields of observation, chance favors only the prepared mind.*
- *Science knows no country, because knowledge belongs to humanity, and is the torch which illuminates the world.*
- *My strength lies solely in my tenacity.*



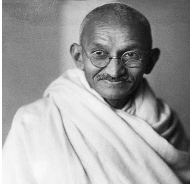
Luciano Pavarotti (October 12, 1935 - September 6, 2007)

Luciano Pavarotti was an Italian operatic tenor, who became one of the most acclaimed and loved tenors of all times. He made his debut in 1961, performing in *La Boheme*. He then made his international debut at the Royal Opera House in London in 1963, and made his American debut in Miami, in the production of Donizetti's *Lucia di Lammermoor*. Though Enrico Caruso is considered the most famous tenor in history, Luciano Pavarotti became the most commercially successful tenor. Unfortunately, he died too young at the age of 71 from pancreatic cancer.

Quotes:

- *You don't need any brains to listen to music.*

- *Learning music by reading about it, is like making love by mail.*
- *If children are not introduced to music at an early age, I believe something fundamental is actually being taken from them.*



Mahatma Gandhi (October 2, 1869 - January 30, 1948)

Mahatma Gandhi was an Indian lawyer, anti-colonial nationalist and political ethicist. He employed nonviolent resistance and led a successful campaign for India's independence from British rule. He inspired movement for civil rights and freedom across the world. He was assassinated on his way to prayer, by a Hindu nationalist, who was enraged because of Gandhi's work to bring Moslems and Hindus together. The whole world mourned.

Quotes:

- *An eye for an eye only ends up making the whole world blind.*
- *Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony.*
- *Where there is love, there is life.*

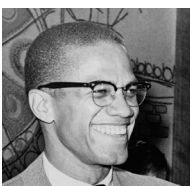


Malala Yousafzai (July 12, 1997 - present)

Malala Yousafzai is a Pakistani activist for female education. She was shot by the Taliban in 2012, when she was just 14 for being in school. Though she nearly died, she was determined to fight for girl's rights to education. She is the youngest person ever to win the Nobel Peace Prize. However, she is not defined by her awards, she is a heroine through her selfless devotion to a life of work in using her platform to fight for peace, equality and education. Today she lives in the United Kingdom and still works tirelessly for these causes.

Quotes:

- *We realize the importance of our voices only when we are silenced.*
- *I tell my story, not because it is unique, but because it is not, as it is the story of many girls.*
- *I do not want to be thought of as the 'girl who was shot by the Taliban', but 'the girl who fought for education'.*



Malcolm X (May 19, 1897 - February 21, 1965)

Malcolm X, real name El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz was the leader of the American Black Muslim movement. He became the chief aide of Prophet Fard in Detroit. When Prophet Fard disappeared, Malcolm X took over. However, when the Detroit temple was taken over by moderates, Malcolm X moved to Chicago to found Temple No. 2. Though he believed in fairness and morals, he also believed in taking violent measures. It was a long, challenging road and in 1965, he was assassinated.

Quotes:

- *Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.*

- *You can't separate peace from freedom because no one can be at peace unless he has his freedom.*
- *If we have no critics, we'll likely have no success.*



Maria Montessori (August 31, 1870 - May 6, 1952)

Maria Montessori was an Italian physician and educator. She is best known for the philosophy of education that bears her name. She opened the first Montessori school in Rome, on January 6, 1907. She discovered that given a free choice of activity, the children showed more interest in practical activities and over time, she saw a spontaneous self-discipline emerge. Today there are 20,000 Montessori schools worldwide.

Quotes:

- *Never help a child with a task at which they feel they can succeed.*
- *The greatest sign of success for a teacher is to be able to say "The children are now working as if I did not exist".*
- *One test of the correctness of educational procedure is the happiness of the children.*



Marianne Williamson (July 8, 1952 - present)

Marianne Williamson is an American author, spiritual leader, politician and activist. She has written 13 books, including four New York Times number one bestsellers. She is the co-founder of the Peace Alliance, an organization supporting peace-building projects.

Quotes:

- *Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure.*
- *Joy is what happens to us when we allow ourselves to recognize how good things really are.*
- *The practice of forgiveness is our most important contribution to the healing of the world.*



Marie Curie (November 7, 1867 - July 4, 1934)

Marie Curie was a Polish and naturalized French physicist and chemist, who conducted pioneering research on radio activity. She is considered one of the most famous scientists that ever lived. Her contributions, such as the discovery of Radium and other key elements, help us out every day, when getting an x-ray. In 1895, she worked on the x-ray machine discovered by Wilhelm Roentgen, and used her newly discovered element, radium, to be the gamma ray source, which allowed for more accurate and stronger x-rays. Because of her time, as a woman, she had to seek out alternative ways to get educated. She is the only person to win the Nobel Prize in two separate sciences.

Quotes:

- *Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood.*

- *Be less curious about people and more curious about ideas.*
- *One never notices what has been done; one can only see what remains to be done.*

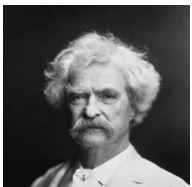


Marilyn vos Savant (August 11, 1946 - present)

Marilyn Vos Savant is an American magazine columnist, author, lecturer and playwright. She is listed as having the highest recorded intelligence quotient. She was named as one of the Five Outstanding Speakers of 1999, and in 2003 she was awarded an honorary Doctor of Letters. She is married to Robert Jarvik, one of the developers of the Jarvik-7 artificial heart and she is the Chief Financial Officer of Jarvik Heart Inc.

Quotes:

- *To acquire knowledge, one must study, but to acquire wisdom, one must observe.*
- *Being defeated is often a temporary condition. Giving up is what makes it permanent.*
- *Success is achieved by developing our strengths, not by eliminating our weaknesses.*

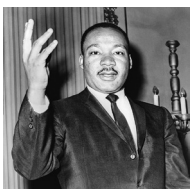


Mark Twain (November 30, 1835 - April 21, 1910)

Mark Twain is the pen name of Samuel Clemens. He was an American writer, humorist, entrepreneur, publisher and lecturer. He was called “the father of American literature”. His novels include *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* and its sequel, *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*. Mark Twain was born shortly after an appearance of Halley’s Comet, and he predicted that would go out with it. Coincidentally, or miraculously, he died the day after the comet made its closest approach to the Earth.

Quotes:

- *Lies, damned lies and statistics.*
- *The two most important days of your life are the day you are born, and the day you find out why.*
- *If we tell the truth, we don’t have to remember anything.*



Martin Luther King Jr. (January 15, 1929 - April 4, 1968)

Martin Luther King Jr. was an African American minister and activist, who became the most visible spokesperson and leader in the civil rights movement. He dreamt and believed that all inhabitants of the United States would be judged by their personal qualities, and not by the color of their skin. As a result of his incredible work, he, as the youngest man ever, had received the Nobel Peace Prize for his nonviolent campaign against racism. On August 28, 1963, he delivered a speech to over 250,000 from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington DC. The speech was a defining moment of the civil rights movement and among the most iconic speeches in American History. Unfortunately, he was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee and it was never clear as to who was behind his murder. However, to this present day, people still mourn him.

Part of His Speech:

"I still have a dream, a dream deeply rooted in the American dream – one day this nation will rise up and live up to its creed in that we hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men are created equal.....I have a dream!"

Quotes:

- *Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.*
- *Let no man pull us so low as to hate him.*
- *Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.*

Masahisa Goi (November 22, 1916 - August 17, 1980)

He was philosopher and writer. His name Goi means five in one. At thirty years old, he had a visitation from five masters, Lao Tzu, Buddha, Maitreya, Jesus and the Elder of Venus. Based on that visitation, he initiated a worldwide movement of prayer for world peace called May Peace Prevail On Earth. Their mandate is to bring peace to the world by planting peace poles worldwide. Today there are over 250,000 Peace Poles in every country.

Quotes:

- *When a person understands what sort of existence a human being is and what exactly the self is, that person has been liberated forever.*
- *World peace comes about when each individual lives in a peaceful setting.*
- *Heaven refers to the realm that is the interior part of a human being, and that the divine self is none other than the selfless light, existing in our innermost depths*



Maya Angelou (April 4, 1928 - May 28, 2014)

May Angelou was an American poet, and civil rights activist. She published seven autobiographies, several books of poetry and is credited with a list of plays, movies, and television shows over a 50- year span. She was respected as a spokesperson for black people and women, and her works have been considered a defense of black culture. She has a challenging childhood but after many mistakes, was able to rise above it. She wrote about them in her biography, because she did not believe in skeletons in the closet. She marched with Martin Luther King and Malcolm X and was chosen to speak at the inauguration of Bill Clinton. In all, she had a flavorful, fruitful and fantastic experience, while being here on Earth.

Quotes:

- *I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.*
- *There is no greater agony than bearing an untold story inside of you.*
- *If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change our attitude.*



Menachem Begin (August 16, 1913 - March 9, 1992)

Menachem Begin was an Israeli politician and sixth Prime Minister of Israel. Before the creation of Israel, he was the leader of the Zionist militant group Irgun. His most significant achievement as Prime Minister was the signing of a peace treaty with Egypt in 1979, for which he and Anwar Sadat shared the Nobel Prize for Peace. However, As Israeli military involvement in Lebanon deepened, many things happened that shocked world public opinion. Begin grew increasingly isolated. Depressed by the death of his wife Aliza in November 1982, he withdrew from public life, until his resignation in 1983.

Quotes:

- *Peace is the beauty of life.*
- *No more wars, no more bloodshed. Shalom, salaam, forever.*
- *We were granted the right to exist by the God of our fathers at the glimmer of the dawn of human civilization nearly 4000 years ago. And for that right, we have paid a price ever since.*

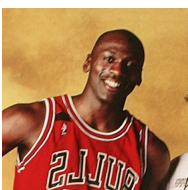


Michael Jackson (August 29, 1958 - June 25, 2009)

Michael Jackson was dubbed the King of Pop as he is regarded as one of the most significant cultural figures and one of the greatest entertainers in the history of music. He sold over 350 million records worldwide. Thriller is the best-selling album of all time, with estimated 66 million copies sold. Michael received 13 Grammy Awards, The Grammy Lifetime Achievement award and had 39 Guinness World Records, including The most Successful Entertainer of all Time. Though Michael, like several other famous people, went through many challenges in his lifetime and died of a drug overdose, he will always be remembered as a creative genius, whose music brought people of all walks of life great happiness.

Quotes:

- *If you want to make the world a better place, take a look at yourself, then make that change.*
- *The greatest education in the world is watching the masters at work.*
- *Just because it's in print does not mean it's the gospel.*



Michael Jordan (February 17, 1963 - present)

Michael Jordan, also known as MJ, is an American former professional basketball player. He played 15 seasons in the NBA, winning six championships with the Chicago Bulls. He was extremely close with his father James Jordan and his father attended all his games. In 1993, when his father died, Michael went through a challenging time, decided to retire and turned to baseball. However, he returned to basketball and the Bulls in 1995 and the team dominated the league. He is known to be the best player and a one-of-a-kind player. Though he went through challenges, (as we all do), he is greatly admired by all generations.

Quotes:

- *Some people want it to happen, some wish it would happen, others make it happen.*
- *There is no "I" in team but there is in win.*
- *I have failed over and over and over again in my life and that is why I succeed.*



Miguel de Cervantes (September 29, 1547 - April 22, 1616)

Miguel de Cervantes was a Spanish writer and one of the world's pre-eminent novelists. He is best known for his novel, *Don Quixote*, a work often cited, as both the first modern novel, and one of the pinnacles of literature. In 1575, he and his brother were captured by Ottoman pirates and taken to Algiers, to be sold as slaves. His brother was saved by their parents, but they did not have the funds to save him as well. As a result, Miguel remained a prisoner for 5 more years, many times trying to escape but always being caught. In 1580, he was finally freed by a religious charity and returned to Spain. In 1605, *Don Quixote* was first published and the second part was published in 1615. Through these works, he finally achieved a degree of financial security. He produced a series of works between 1613 and his death in 1616. Today, *Don Quixote* and *Sancho* are still as popular as they were 404 years ago, if not so, even more!

Quotes:

- *The truth may be stretched thin, but it never breaks and it always surfaces above lies, as oil floats on water.*
- *When life itself seems lunatic, who knows where madness really lies?*
- *There is not book so bad..that it does not have something good in it.*

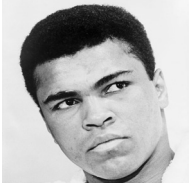


Mother Teresa (August 26, 1910 - September 5, 1997)

Mother Teresa was an Albanian-Indian nun and missionary. She taught in India for 17 years and said that she experienced her 'call' in 1946. A controversial figure during her life, and even after her death, she was admired by many for her charitable work. In 1950, she founded the Missionaries of Charity, that has over 4500 nuns and is active in 133 countries. It manages homes for people who are dying of HIV/AIDS, leprosy and tuberculosis. It runs soup kitchens, dispensaries, mobile clinics, family counselling programs, as well as orphanages and schools. She was fluent in five languages, and she would always say: "I belong to the world". She was very small, but oh so mighty!

Quotes:

- *Peace begins with a smile*
- *There are no great things, only small things with great love. Happy are those.*
- *If you judge people you have no time to love them.*



Muhammed Ali (January 17, 1942 - June 3, 2016)

Muhammad Ali was an American professional boxer, activist and philanthropist. Nicknamed “The Greatest”, he is widely regarded as one of the most significant and celebrated sports figures of the 20th century. Not afraid of the white establishment, Ali stated: “I am American – I am the part you won’t recognize, but get used to me.” However, Ali had more white colleagues than most African American people throughout his life. He joined the Nation of Islam and kept that regime throughout his life. When he died, he was mourned globally.

Quotes:

- *Float like a butterfly, sting like a bee.*
- *Don’t count the days, make the days count.*
- *Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on Earth.*



Neil Armstrong (August 5, 1930 - August 25, 2012)

Neil Armstrong was an American astronaut and aeronautical engineer. He is most famous for being the first person to walk on the Moon on July 20, 1969. The mission included Michael Collins and Buzz Aldrin. He was also a naval aviator, test pilot, and university professor. His space missions were Apollo 11 and Gemini 8. In 1949, he saw active service in the Korean War and went on to fly 78 combat missions. Today, he is considered a true American hero, and will be for all time to come.

Quotes:

- *When landing on the Moon: That is one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.*
- *Houston, Tranquility Base here – The Eagle has landed.*
- *Mystery creates wonder and wonder is the basis of man’s desire to understand.*



Nelson Mandela (July 18, 1918 - December 5, 2013)

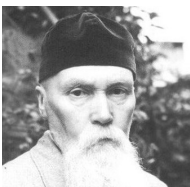
Nelson Mandela was a South African anti-apartheid revolutionary, political leader and philanthropist, who served as President of South Africa from 1994-1999. He was the first black head of state and was the first elected in a fully representative democratic election. He spent 27 years in prison for his beliefs, and was released in 1990. The whole time he was in prison, he believed that one day, he would be president. He was proof that the feelings of freedom come from within, no matter the circumstances.

Quotes:

- *A nation should not be judged by how it treats its highest citizens but its lowest ones.*
- *A winner is a dreamer who never gives up.*
- *As we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same.*



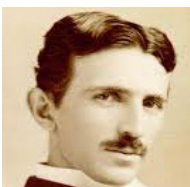
Nicholas Roerich (October 9, 1874 - December 13, 1947) and Helena Roerich (February 12, 1879 - October 5, 1955)



Nicholas Roerich was a Russian painter, writer, archaeologist, theosophist, philosopher and public figure, who in his youth was greatly influenced by the spiritual. His paintings are said to have a hypnotic expression. He was nominated several times for the Nobel Peace Prize. The so-called Roerich Pact was signed into law by the United States in April 1935. The Roerich Pact states that historic monuments, museums, scientific, artistic, educational and cultural institutions should be protected both in times of peace and war. His wife, Helena was much like him, and she became very involved with Theosophy. In the early 20th century, in cooperation with the Teachers of the East, she created a philosophic teaching of Living Ethics.

Quotes:

- *The evolution of the new era rests on the cornerstone of knowledge and beauty.*
- *Where there is peace, there is culture; where there is culture, there is peace.*
- *Cease speaking of enemies, when an achievement can kindle a great light.*



Nikola Tesla (July 10, 1856 - January 7, 1943)

Nikola Tesla was a Serbian-American inventor, electrical and mechanical engineer and futurist. He is best known for his contributions to the design of modern alternating current electricity supply systems. He worked for Edison before he struck out on his own. He built a wireless-controlled boat, one of the first ever exhibited. He pursued his ideas for wireless lighting and x-ray imaging. After his death, his work fell into relative obscurity until 1960, when the General Conference on Weights and Measures named the SI unit of magnetic flux, the Tesla, in his honor. There has been a resurgence in popular interest in Tesla since 1990.

Quotes:

- *The present is theirs, the future, for which I really worked, is mine.*
- *The day science begins to study non-physical phenomena, it will make more progress in one decade than in all previous centuries of its existence.*
- *Our virtues and our failings are inseparable, like force and matter. When they separate, man is no more.*



Oprah Winfrey (January 29, 1954 - present)

Oprah Winfrey is an American talk show host, actress, television producer, media executive and philanthropist. Working in local media, she was both the youngest news anchor and the first black female news anchor at Nashville's WLAC-TV. In 1983, she relocated to Chicago to host a low-rated morning talk show. Within months, the show went from last place in rating, to overtaking Donahue as the highest-rated talk show in Chicago. In 2015, she purchased a minority stake in Weight Watchers for a reported \$34 million and by 2020 the value of those shares had increased to \$430 million. Born in rural poverty, she became a millionaire at the age of 32, and today she is the world's

only black billionaire. Her stamina and perseverance are truly something to be admired.

Quotes:

- *Turn your wounds into wisdoms.*
- *Where there is no struggle, there is no strength.*
- *Doing the best at this moment puts you in the best place for the next moment.*



Paul Newman (January 26, 1925 - September 26, 2008)

Paul Newman was an American actor, film director, producer, race car driver, Indy Car owner, entrepreneur and philanthropist. In 1982, he founded Newman's Own, a line of food products, and all monies from that venture was donated to charity. In 1988, he co-founded Hole in the Wall Gang Camp, for seriously ill children. It is now in Ireland, France and Israel. He was voted the Most Generous Celebrity in 2008, contributing over twenty million dollars to various charities. From 1970 to the early 1990's, he was very involved in auto racing, where he proved to be quite a contender. Unfortunately, Paul Newman died of lung cancer at 83 years old. He is missed to this day.

Quotes:

- *If you don't have enemies, you don't have character.*
- *You only grow when you are alone*
- *Watching something is nothing like doing it.*



Paul Twitchell (October 22, 1908 - September 17, 1971)

Twitchell was an American spiritual lecturer and writer and founder of the known as Eckankar. He was accepted by the Eckankar members as the Living Master from 1965 until his death. The Eckankar teachings state that everything and everywhere are the everlasting cosmic current, called Sugmad. To reach Sugmad one must use soul travel, which can only be acquired by submitting to an Eck Master, who will burn the person's debt of karma.

Quotes:

- *If we want to keep the blessings of life coming to us, we must learn to be grateful for whatever is given.*
- *The definition of a true religion is one that does good in the world.*
- *The reason for spiritual enlightenment is not to escape life, but to learn how to live it richly and enjoy it.*

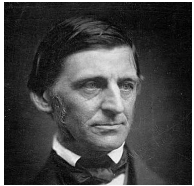


Princess Kaiulani (October 16, 1875 - March 6, 1899)

Princess Kaiulani was heir to the throne of the Kingdom of Hawaii and held the title of Crown Princess. She was world renowned because of her intelligence and determination. After the overthrow of the Hawaiian monarchy in 1893, she went to the US to help restore the kingdom. However, her efforts could not prevent the annexation. She truly could not adjust to losing her kingdom, and died of a broken heart from pneumonia.

Quotes:

- *I think it is better to know the worst, rather than trying to imagine it.*
- *I owe no allegiance to the Provisional Government so established, nor to any power or to anyone, only to the will of my people, and the welfare of my country.*
- *Throw the trash from the garden of our heart and let only the golden blossoms of aloha grow there. (Aloha means harmony, helpfulness, humility and unity)*



Ralph Emerson (May 25, 1803 - April 27, 1882)

Ralph Emerson was an American lecturer and philosopher, who led the transcendentalist movement. He was a central figure in a philosophical group, who shared a key belief that each individual could transcend, or move beyond the physical world of the senses, into a deeper spiritual experience through free will and intuition. He saw a direct connection between man, nature and God. Mr. Emerson believed that God was best understood as a spirit, an ideal, a breath of life; everywhere and always filling the world with the inexhaustible power of divine presence. He valued and lectured on the following key aspects of transcendentalism: equality, individualism, self-reliance, integrity and optimism.

Quotes:

- *The earth laughs in flowers.*
- *To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else is the greatest accomplishment.*
- *Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.*



Richard Branson (July 18, 1950 - present)

Sir Richard Branson is a British business magnate, investor, author and philanthropist. He founded Virgin Group, which controls more than 400 companies in various fields, including Virgin Airlines and Virgin Records. He is a man, who has always been ahead of his time, and believes in turning ideas into reality. It is interesting to note that there are three billionaires, who are passionately involved in space initiatives. Along with Richard Branson, are Jeff Bezos and Elon Musk.

Quotes:

- *You don't learn to walk by following rules. You learn by doing and falling over.*
- *Business opportunities are like buses, there's always another one coming.*
- *One thing is certain in business, you and everyone around you will make mistakes.*



Rosa Parks (February 4, 1913 - October 24, 2005)

Rosa Parks was an American activist in the civil rights movement, . She was best known for her pivotal role in the Montgomery bus boycott. On December 1, 1955, she was jailed for refusing to give up her seat on a public bus to a white man, which was a violation at the time. She knew the bus driver, who had continually

treated her terribly. Her action started a one year boycott, whereby the bus company no longer served black communities. Throughout the boycott, Mrs. Parks received threatening phone calls and death threats. But she stayed committed. She became deeply active in NAACP, working to improve civil rights in her community. She was called the mother of the freedom movement.

Quotes:

- *The only tired I was, was tired of giving in.*
- *Each person must live their life as a model for others.*
- *the I have learned over the years that when one's mind is made up, this diminishes fear; knowing what must be done does away with fear.*

Rosicrucianism

Rosicrucianism is a spiritual and cultural movement that arose in Europe in the early 17th century. They became known after the publication of several texts that announced the existence of an unknown esoteric order to the world and encouraged seeking its knowledge. The doctrine of the order is built on esoteric truths from the ancient past.

By promising a spiritual transformation at a time of great turmoil, the manifestos influenced many people to seek esoteric knowledge. It was very influential on Freemasonry as it emerging in Scotland. As well, the Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn was birthed from the movement.

In the late 1500, the order was said to comprise no more than eight members, each a doctor. They undertook an oath to heal the sick without accepting payment, to maintain a secret fellowship and to find a replacement for himself before he died.

In the early 17th century the manifestos caused excitement throughout Europe by declaring the existence of a secret brotherhood of alchemists and sages who were preparing to transform the art, science, religious, political and intellectual landscapes of Europe.

The idea of such an order, exemplified by the network of astronomers, professors, mathematicians and natural philosophers gave rise to the Invisible College, founded in 1660. It was constituted by a group of scientists who held wanted to develop knowledge by experimental investigations. Among these were Robert Boyle, who wrote *The Cornerstones of the Invisible*.

Today Some of the Initiatory groups which follow the system of study are:

The Ancient Mystical Order Rosae Crucis, incorporated in the U.S. in 1915

The Order of the Heremetic Gold and Rose and Cross, established in the Philippines in 1930

The Rose Cross Order, reestablished in Spain in 1988

Canada's first Rosicrucian Society in 1997.

Quotes:

- *Do not forget the biggest weapon is your heart, don't fall victim to fairytales.*
- *In times of war, surround yourself with people of value, virtue and high morals, because it's always better to lose, perish and vanish in glory than to live in shame.*
- *The truth is more complex than it seems; and a good heart has more impact than anyone with a thousand words or actions.*



Rudolf Steiner (February, 1861- March 30, 1925)

Rudolf Steiner was an Austrian philosopher, social reformer, architect, and claimed clairvoyant. Today Waldorf Schools, are also known for their Steiner education. It is based on the educational philosophy which strives to develop pupil's intellectual, artistic and practical skill in an integrated and holistic manner. The principles are: works for all children, irrespective of their academic ability, class, ethnicity or religion. Take account of the needs of the whole child, academic, physical, emotional and spiritual. Base the education on the different phases of the child's development. The schools are called Waldorf because Mr. Steiner's first school opened in 1919, for the children of the Waldorf-Astoria Company, in Stuttgart, Germany. Today there are more than 3,000 Waldorf schools worldwide.

Quotes:

- *To be free is to be capable of thinking one's own thoughts, not the thoughts or society, but thoughts generated by one's deepest, most original, most essential and spiritual self, one's individuality.*
- *Receive the children in reverence, educate them in love, and send them forth in freedom.*
- *To truly know the world, look deeply within your own being; to truly know yourself, take real interest in the world.*



St. Bridget (451 AD - 25 AD)

St. Bridget, also known as St. Brigid, is known as the female patron of Ireland. When she was a young girl, she insisted on becoming ugly, giving all her possessions to the poor and becoming a nun. She gave her life to women and was founder of the first community of religious women in Ireland, along with several other monasteries for nuns. She is known to have performed many miracles, including healings and miraculously feeding the poor.

Quotes:

- *It is a virtue and a prize to listen patiently to and put up with insults for the sake of God.*
- *I should like a great lake of ale for the King of Kings.*



St. Francis of Assisi (1181 or 1182 - 10/3/1226)

St. Francis was an Italian Catholic friar, mystic and philosopher. He was born into a wealthy family and spent lavishly. On a pilgrimage to Rome, he had a mystical vision of Jesus, and as a result, decided to give his life to God. He

worked closely with St. Clare and together, they created a patronage to animals and ceremony blessings for the animals. He believed that nature itself was the mirror of God. He called all creatures his brothers and sisters and even preached to the birds. He and St. Clare are called Brother sun and Sister Moon. San Francisco is named after St. Francis.

Quotes:

- *Start by doing what is necessary, then do what is possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible.*
- *For it is in the giving that we receive.*
- *If God can work through me, he can work through anyone.*



St. Patrick (unknown - 493 AD)

St. Patrick was a fifth-century missionary and bishop in Ireland. Known as the “Apostle of Ireland”, he is considered the primary patron saint of that country. At the age of 16, he was captured by Irish pirates from his home in Britain and taken as a slave to Ireland. His job was to take care of the animals. After six years, he heard a voice telling him that he would soon go home and then return. Listening to that voice, he escaped, returned to his family in Britain, became a cleric, and returned to Ireland. Legend credits Patrick with teaching the doctrine of the Holy Trinity by using the shamrock, a three-leaved plant. Today the shamrock has become a central symbol of Ireland and St. Patrick’s Day, which is March 17.

Quotes:

- *Sufficient for me is that honor which is not seen by men, but it felt in the heart.*
- *I have vowed to God to teach the unfaithful, though I will be despised.*
- *I most certainly believe that it is the gift of God that I am what I am.*

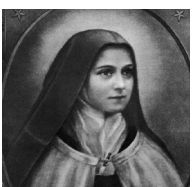


St. Teresa of Avila (March 28, 1515 - October 4, 1582)

Saint Teresa of Avila was a Spanish noble woman, who felt called to become a nun. She was a mystic and author of spiritual writings and poems. She founded numerous convents throughout Spain. As well, she was the originator of the Carmelite Reform, which restored a contemplative life to the order. Teresa’s biggest miracle was bringing her nephew back to life after he had been killed in an accident. She was well known for her raptures and the levitation that took place during those raptures. She died feeling very complete. One can go to Avila and visit the monastery where she lived and wrote.

Quotes:

- *To have courage for whatever comes in life – everything lies in that.*
- *Accustom yourself continually to make many acts of love, for they enkindle and melt the soul.*
- *Be gentle to all and stern with yourself.*



St. Therese of Lisieux (January 2, 1873 - September 30, 1897)

Saint Therese is known as “The Little Flower of Jesus” and she is one of the most popular saints in the history of the church. She had such a simplicity and practicality to her spiritual life, as well as her complete devotion to Jesus.

Therese died at 24 from tuberculosis. Today, she is best known for her book, *The Story of a Soul*. However, she also wrote *Last Conversations*, *The Poetry of Saint Therese* and the *Prayers of Saint Therese*. Today, her body is on display in Lisieux, France.

Quotes:

- *The world is my ship, and not my home.*
- *If every tiny flower wanted to be a rose, spring would lose its loveliness.*
- *Without love, deeds, even the most brilliant, count as nothing.*



Stephen Hawking (January 8, 1942 - March 14, 2018)

Stephen Hawking was an English theoretical physicist, cosmologist and author. He was also the director of research at the Cambridge University. In 1963, he was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease, that gradually paralyzed him over the decades. After the loss of his speech, he was able to communicate through a speech-generating device, activating it through his cheek muscle. He was the first to set out a theory of cosmology, explaining the union of the general theory of relativity and quantum mechanics. He went on to achieve commercial success with several works of popular science. He was voted as one of the Greatest Britons for his incredible accomplishments and living so productively with this disease for over 50 years.

Quotes:

- *Intelligence is the ability to adapt to change.*
- *Life would be tragic if it were not funny.*
- *It matters if you just don't give up.*



Susan B. Anthony (February 15, 1820 - March 13, 1906)

Susan B. Anthony was an American social reformer and women's rights activist, who played a pivotal role in the women's suffrage movement. Born into a Quaker family and committed to social equality, at 17, she collected anti-slavery petitions. At 20, she teamed up with Elizabeth Stanton and they travelled the nation to promote the unlawful idea that women could not vote. In 1872, she was arrested for voting. She was fined \$100.00 but never paid the fine. In 1979, Congress honored Susan by putting her portrait on a new one-dollar coin for fighting for the abolition of slavery, and alcohol. Unfortunately, Susan died 14 years before women were given the right to vote, which is the 19 Amendment in 1920.

Quotes:

- *Men, their rights, and nothing more; women, their rights and nothing less.*
- *I declare to you that women must not depend upon the protection of man, but must be taught to protect themselves, and there I take my stand.*
- *There never will be complete equality until women themselves help to make laws and elect lawmakers.*

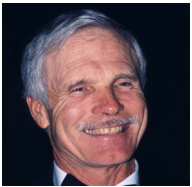


Susan Rice (November 17, 1964 - present)

Susan Rice is an American diplomat, academic Democratic policy advisor, and former public official, who served at the 27th United States ambassador to the United Nation from 2009-2013. She was also the 24th United States national security advisor from 2013-2017. On March 28, 2018, Ms. Rice was appointed to the board of directors at Netflix. She was inducted into Stanford's Black Alumni Hall of Fame and was presented with the award of Commander of the Legion of Honor of France for her contributions to Franco-American Relations.

Quotes:

- *I am aware of being black and female because...that is what I am.*
- *One cannot erase the tremendous burden of apartheid in 10 years, 20 years or even 30 years.*
- *With me, what you see is what you get.*



Ted Turner (November 19, 1938 - present)

Ted Turner is an American media proprietor, producer and philanthropist. As a businessman, he is known as the founder of Cable News Network, the first 24 hour cable news channel. In 1963, he took over the family business, Turner Advertising Co. after his father's suicide. He then turned it around and renamed it Turner Communications. In addition, he pioneered the superstation concept in cable television. In 1982, he launched CNN and began headline news broadcasting. In 2010, he pledged half or more of his fortune to charity.

Quotes:

- *We can never quit. Winners never quit and quitters never win.*
- *The mind is just a muscle.*
- *We should set goals beyond our reach so we always have something to live for.*



Templar Knights (1119 - 1314)

Their first Grand Master was Hughes de Payen. They were 20,000 knights who came together to honor the Virgin Mary, by helping pilgrims get to the Holy Land safely. They were responsible for starting banking and became very powerful and wealthy. The Pope and King of France were too worried about their power, so in 1307, they had 20,000 of them arrested and tortured. Many fled to Scotland and fought with Robert the Bruce. The rest were dead by 1314. However, they remain alive through the work of many, including The Masons.

Quotes:

- *In times of war, as in life, surround yourself with people of value, virtue and high morals, because it is always better to lose, perish and vanish in glory than to live in shame.*
- *As a Master Mason, we are now at a wiser, more mature age, awaiting the inevitable destiny which binds us all – that being death.*

- *You must know your enemy to beat them in their own game, but be ready as well for the ultimate sacrifice, for nobody comes out of hell without a scratch.*

The Holy Grail Seekers

The Holy Grail Seekers, from King Arthur's time, were three knights; Bors, Percival and Galahad. They were chosen to find the Grail, after it mysteriously disappeared from the Round Table. Lancelot was chosen to find the Grail, but based on his fall with King Arthur's wife, Guinevere, he could not be involved. Bors, though so loyal did not find it. Percival did, but did not ask the right question, so lost it. Galahad (Lancelot's son) being the purest of them all, found it and was raptured. To this day, the Grail is always sought and has not yet been found.

Quotes:

- *May the glorious light brighten our path.*
- *Camelot is a belief that we hold in our hearts.*
- *Love cometh of the heart, and not by constraint.*

The Trimates

The Trimates, sometimes called Leakey's Angels is a name given to three women, Jane Goodall, Dian Fossey and Birute Galdikas. They were chosen by anthropologist Louis Leakey as ethologists to study hominids in their natural environment. Dian Fossey studied gorillas, Jane Goodall studied chimpanzees and Birute Galdikas studied orangutans. At the time of Leakey's death in 1972, Jane and Dian had progressed significantly in their long-term field research in Africa, while Birute was just getting underway with her field studies in Indonesia. These three women have proven to be extremely important in bringing a consciousness concerning hominids, their personalities, the way they live and most importantly how they need to be protected. Ethology is the scientific study of animal behavior under natural conditions, and viewing behavior as an evolutionary. Ethology has its scientific roots in the work of Charles Darwin (1809-1945). Because it is widely believed that as humans, we are considered hominids and are still evolving, all these studies were intertwined psychologically and considered very important.



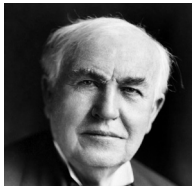
Thich Nhat Nanh (October 11, 1926 - present)

Thich Nhat Nanh is a global spiritual leader, poet and peace activist. He is renowned for his powerful teachings, and bestselling writing on mindfulness. He spends most of his life residing at the Plum Village Monastery in France, while travelling internationally to give retreats.

Quotes:

- *We have to walk in a way that we only print peace and serenity on the Earth.*

- *There is no way to happiness – happiness is the way.*
- *Hope is important because it can make the present moment less difficult to bear.*



Thomas Edison (February 11, 1847 - October 18, 1931)

Thomas Edison was an American inventor and businessman. He was described as America's greatest inventor. He developed many devices, such as the electric power generation, mass communication, sound recording and motion pictures. He held over 1,000 patents for his inventions. He is credited for the first practical light bulb. It is believed that he made over 5,000 attempts before successfully completing it.

Quotes:

- *Genius is 1 percent inspiration and 99 percent perspiration.*
- *I have not failed. I have just found 10,000 ways that won't work.*
- *Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try, just one more time.*

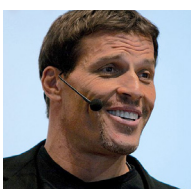


Tiger Woods (December 30, 1975 - present)

Tiger Woods is an American professional golfer. He holds a number of golf records and is widely regarded as one of the greatest golfers, and one of the most famous athletes of all time. Tiger Woods knew his abilities and goals at three, and by turning seven, Tiger won his first tournament for youth. Even though he stuttered as a child, he took a class, until he finally stopped. However, during that time he said he would talk to his dog, who would sit there and listen until he fell asleep. His perseverance is something to be admired. He founded a nonprofit, called TGR which supports students and educators by providing digital workshops. It also shares resources, tools and tips.

Quotes:

- *You can always become better.*
- *I get to play golf for a living, what could be better!*
- *I did envision being a successful player, but not all the hysteria around it off the golf course.*



Tony Robbins (February 29, 1960 - present)

Tony Robbins is an American author, public speaker, life coach and philanthropist. He is known for his infomercials, seminars and self-help books. His seminars are passionate and empowering.

Quotes:

- *It is in our moments of decision that our destiny is shaped.*
- *The path to success is to take massive, determined action.*
- *If we do what we've always done, we'll get what we've always gotten.*

Tzadiks

Tzadiks are righteous individuals who come to earth to help humanity through service and kindness. It has been written that if the world could have 36 Tzadiks, the world could be saved.

Quotes:

- *Connect with God, without getting in your way.*
- *Be the most human of all human beings.*
- *Do not be wise in words – be wise in deeds*

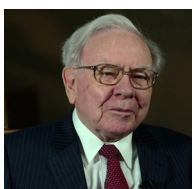


Vincent Van Gogh (March 30, 1853 - July 29, 1890)

Vincent van Gogh was a Dutch impressionist painter, who is among the most famous and influential figures in the history of Western art. In just over a decade, he created 2,100 artworks, including 860 oil paintings, most of which date from the last two years of his life. Today his paintings are worth \$152,000,000 dollars. He is also known for cutting off his left ear. He had become ill where he began to hallucinate and suffer attacks, in which he lost consciousness. On July 27, 1890, he shot himself in the cheek. Because the bullet was deflected by a rib, he was able to walk back to his home where he was attended by two doctors, but without a surgeon present, the bullet could not be removed. He died 30 hours later and his last words were: “The sadness will last forever.” It has been studied and many retrospective diagnoses have been proposed but it seems clear that he suffered from bipolar disorder, which was exaggerated from malnutrition, overwork, insomnia and alcohol.

Quotes:

- *Love many things, for therein lies the true strength, for whosoever loves much performs much.*
- *If you truly love nature, you will find beauty everywhere.*
- *For my part I know nothing with any certainty, but the sight of the stars makes me dream.*



Warren Buffet (August 30, 1930 - present)

Warren Buffet is an American investor, business tycoon and philanthropist. He is chairman and CEO of Berkshire Hathaway, a multinational conglomerate holding company. Some subsidiaries of the company are Dairy Queen, Duracell, Fruit of the Loom, Geico, See’s Candies and many more. He was born at the height of the Great Depression and even as a child, showed a savvy business acumen. By the time he graduated high school, he had already bought a forty-acre farm in Omaha, Nebraska. He also had a pinball machine venture he sold for \$1,200.00, which was a fortune at that time. Today, he is considered the 4th wealthiest person in the world, with a worth of \$79.2 billion dollars. Yet he lives very humbly, living in the same house he bought 60 years ago. He says it is the best investment he ever made, now worth \$652,000.

Quotes:

- *We simply attempt to be fearful when others are greedy and to be greedy only when others are fearful.*
- *Price is what you pay; value is what you get.*
- *Someone's sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago.*



Wayne Dyer (May 10, 1940 - August 29, 2015)

Wayne Dyer was an American self-help author and motivational speaker. His first book, *Your Erroneous Zones*, is one of the best-selling books of all time, with an estimated 100 million copies sold to date. Unfortunately, in 2009, he developed leukemia but died of a heart attack, six years later. He was a preacher for “New Age/New Thought” religion.

Quotes:

- *If we change the way we look at things, the things we look at change.*
- *We will see it when we believe it.*
- *How people treat us is their karmas; how we react is ours.*



William Lloyd Garrison (December 10, 1805 - May 24, 1879)

William Lloyd Garrison was a prominent American abolitionist, journalist, suffragist and social reformer. He started the abolition of slavery and founded the organization, American Anti-Slavery Society. He published a newspaper called the *Liberator*, which denounced all people and acts that would prolong slavery, which included the Constitution, which he burned. He helped lead the successful abolitionist campaign against slavery in the United States, which he fought for 25 years.

Quotes:

- *I am in earnest – I will not equivocate – I will not excuse – I will not retreat a single inch – and I will be heard.*
- *I will be as harsh as truth and as uncompromising as justice.*
- *Wherever there is a human being, I see God-given rights inherent in that being, whatever may be the sex or complexion.*



William Shakespeare (baptized April 26, 1564 - April 23, 1616)

William Shakespeare was an English playwright, poet and actor. He is widely regarded as the greatest writer in the English language. He is also considered the world's greatest dramatist. He wrote *Hamlet*, *Romeo and Juliet*, *Othello*, *King Lear* and *Macbeth*. His works have been translated into every major living language. His plays are performed more often than those of any other playwright.

Quotes:

- *All that glitters is not gold.*
- *A fool thinks himself to be wise, but the wise knows himself to be a fool.*
- *Cowards die many times before their deaths; the valiant never taste death but once.*



William Wallace (1270 - August 23, 1305)

Sir William Wallace was a Scottish Knight, who became one of the main leaders during the First War of Scottish Independence. Along with Andrew Moray, Wallace defeated the English army at the Battle of Stirling Bridge. However, Wallace was captured, and King Edward 1 of England had him hanged and tortured for high treason. Since his death, Wallace has obtained an iconic status far beyond his homeland. He became more universally known when the movie Braveheart was made, which is the story of his life.

Quotes:

- *Every man dies, not every man truly lives.*
- *They may take our lives, but they will never take our freedom.*
- *You think the people exist to provide you with position, and I think your position exists to provide those people with freedom.*

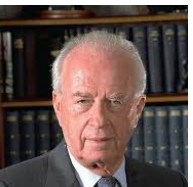


Winston Churchill (November 30, 1874 - January 24, 1965)

Winston Churchill was a British statesman, army officer and writer. He was Prime Minister of England from 1940 to 1945. He became a Cabinet Minister at the age of 33, one of the youngest to ever be appointed. He led his country to victory in the Second World War, without having the support he needed. However, in truth, he was truly the hero against Hitler. He was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature for his writings. His funeral was a testament to his greatness.

Quotes:

- *Never, never, never give up.*
- *Success consists of going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm.*
- *The greatest lesson in life is to know that even fools are right sometimes.*



Yitzhak Rabin (March 1, 1922 - November 4, 1995)

Yitzhak Rabin was an Israeli politician, statesman and general. He was the fifth Prime Minister of Israel, serving two terms in office. In 1964, he was appointed Chief of the General Staff and oversaw Israel's victory in the 1967 Six Day War. He also served as Israel's ambassador to the United States, which deepened the ties between Israel and the U.S. In 1994, he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, along with Yasser Arafat and Shimon Peres for the Oslo Accords. The Oslo Accord were signed in Taba, Egypt and Washington D.C. It resulted in the recognition of Israel by the PLO and the recognition of a Palestinian Authority tasked with limited self-governance of part of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Some Israelis saw Yitzhak Rabin as a hero for this, and some saw him as a traitor. As a result, so sadly, on November 4, 1995, he was assassinated by an Israeli right-wing extremist, who opposed the Oslo Accords.

Quotes:

- *Military cemeteries in every corner of the world are silent testimony to the failure of national leaders to sanctify human life.*
- *We must fight terrorism as if there is not peace process, and work to achieve peace as if there is no terror.*
- *A diplomatic peace is not yet the real peace.*



Yuri Gagarin (March 9, 1934 - March 27, 1968)

Yuri Gagarin was a Soviet Air Force pilot and cosmonaut. He became the first human to journey into outer space. His capsule, Vostok 1 completed one orbit of Earth on April 12, 1961. The flight lasted 108 minutes. Following the flight, Gagarin became a cultural hero in the Soviet Union. He died just shy of the Vostok 1 mission 70th anniversary in a routine training flight that went down.

Quotes:

- *I looked and looked, but I didn't see God.*
- *I see Earth, and saw how beautiful our planet it.*
- *The path of a cosmonaut is not an easy, triumphant march to glory, as some people make it out to be.*