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Quotations on Education

- "Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world." **Nelson Mandela**
- "Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever." **Mahatma Gandhi**
- "Children must be taught how to think, not what to think." **Margaret Mead**
- "I have never let my schooling interfere with my Education." **Mark Twain**
- "Education is what remains after one has forgotten what one has learnt in school." **Einstein**
- "It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it." **Aristotle**
- "Education is the manifestation of perfection already in man." **Swami Vivekananda**

Quotations on Science and Religion

- "All thinking men are atheists." **Ernst Hemingway**
- "Atheism is so senseless and odious to mankind..." **Issac Newton**
- "The notion that Science and Spirituality are somehow mutually exclusive does a disservice to both." **Carl Sagan**
- "Science without Religion is lame and Religion without Science is blind" **Einstein**
- "What can be asserted without evidence can be dismissed without evidence." **Christopher Hitchens**

Quotes on Democracy

- "The best argument against democracy is a five-minute conversation with the average voter." **Churchill**
- "The tyranny of a prince in an oligarchy is not so much dangerous to the public welfare as the apathy of a citizen in a democracy" **Montesquieu**

- “The ballot is stronger than the bullet.” **Abraham Lincoln**
- “There cannot be daily democracy without daily citizenship.” **Ralph Nader**
- ” I understand democracy as something that gives the weak the same chance as the strong.” **Mahatma Gandhi**
- “Democracy is not law of the majority but protection of the minority.” **Albert Camus**
- “In a democracy, the individual enjoys not only the ultimate power, but carries the ultimate responsibility.” **Norman Cousins**

Quotes on Materialism/Consumerism

- “A fellow who is ashamed merely of shabby clothing or modest meals is not even worth conversing with.” **Confucius**
- “To live fully, we must use things and love people, not love things and use people.” **Powell John**
- “The world has enough for everyone’s need but not enough for everyone’s greed.” **Mahatma Gandhi**
- “If everyone demanded peace instead of another television set, then there would be peace.” **John Lennon**

Quotations on Peace/Justice

- “When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will know peace.” William Gladstone
- “Peace and Justice are two sides of the same coin.” **Eisenhower**
- “Poverty is the worst form of violence.” **Mahatma Gandhi**

Quotes by Mahatma Gandhi

- “The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.”
- “Happiness is when what you think, what you say and what you do are in harmony.”
- “An eye for an eye only ends up making the whole world blind.”
- “First they ignore you, then they laugh at you, then they fight you, then you win”
- “Satisfaction lies in the effort, not in the attainment. Full effort is full victory.”
- “Strength does not come from physical capacity. It comes from indomitable will.”
- “The good man is the friend of all living things.”
- “Intolerance is itself a form of violence and an obstacle to the growth of a true democratic spirit.”
- “The greatness of a nation can be judged by the way its animals are treated.”

- “I suppose leadership at one time meant muscles; but today it means getting along with people.”
- “There are people in the world, so hungry, that God cannot appear to them except in the form of bread.”
- “Violent means will give violent freedom.”
- “There is higher courts than courts of justice and that is conscience.”
- “To believe in something, and not to live it, is dishonesty.”
- “A man is but the product of his thoughts. What he thinks, he becomes.”

Quotes on Women Empowerment

- “If you want something said, ask a man; if you want something done, ask a woman” **Margaret Thatcher**
- “There is no tool for development more effective than the empowerment of women.” **Kofi Annan**
- “Educate a man and you educate an individual. Educate a woman and you educate a family.” **A. Cripps**
- “I think women are foolish to pretend they are equal to men, they are far superior and always have been.” **William Golding**
- “If women are expected to do the same work as men, we must teach them the same things.” **Plato**
- “Women are the largest untapped reservoir of talent in the world.” **Hillary Clinton**
- “There is no hope for that family or country where there is no estimation of women, where they live in sadness. For this reason, they have to be raised first.” **Swami Vivekananda**

Quotes on Freedom of Speech, Liberty

- “People demand freedom of speech as a compensation for the freedom of thought which they seldom use.” **Soren Kierkegaard**
- “They who can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.” **Benjamin Franklin**
- “If liberty means anything at all, it means the right to tell people what they do not want to hear.” **George Orwell**
- “Liberty means responsibility. That is why most men dread it.” **George B. Shaw**
- “When governments fear the people, there is liberty. When the people fear the government, there is tyranny.” **Thomas Jefferson**

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