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PREFACE

The sayings which I have collected from my youth up to my senior age are presented here for one purpose, which is best stated in words adapted from the book written by the greatest sage ever born:

'Their purpose is to teach people wisdom and discipline, to help them understand the insights of the wise. Their purpose is to teach people to live disciplined and successful lives, to help them do what is right, just, and fair. These sayings will give insight to the simple, knowledge and discernment to the young. Let the wise listen to these sayings and become even wiser. Let those with understanding receive guidance by exploring the meaning in these sayings and insights, the words of the wise and their counsels.' King Solomon in Proverbs 1:2-6

I hope my life compilation of great sayings of the wise will inspire you tremendously enough to take decisions that will transform your life and propel you into a new dimension of goals and achievements. I have been meticulous in collecting absolutely only those sayings which have principles that I live by. And they are included here not only on the primary basis of the worthiness of their principles, but also on the secondary basis of the excellence of the way they are expressed in the English language. An awesome principle of living finding verbal expression through an unskilled communicator can be stated in an awful way. I think almost all the sayings in this book are delightful truths presented in equally delectable language.

May your walk on earth be safer, more thrilling, and above all, more regretless because of this book.

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10 Commandments

Only 68 of 200 Anglican priests polled could name all Ten Commandments, but more than half said they believed in space aliens.

Randy Cassingham

Argument

I never make the mistake of arguing with people for whose opinions I have no respect.

Edward Gibbon

Acceptance

We cannot change anything until we accept it. Condemnation does not liberate, it oppresses.

Carl Gustav Jung

Achievement

My mother drew a distinction between achievement and success. She said that achievement is the knowledge that you have studied and worked hard and done the best that is in you. Success is being praised by others. That is nice but not as important or satisfying. Always aim for achievement and forget about success.

Helen Hayes

Adventure

An adventure is only an inconvenience rightly considered. An inconvenience is only an adventure wrongly considered.

G.K. Chesterton

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A large volume of adventures may be grasped within this little span of life, by him who interests his heart in everything.

Laurence Sterne

Adversity

Whether we rise to the challenge of adversity or are devastated by it is largely a matter of choice. Ultimately, we are responsible for that choice.

Carl Hiebert - Author, pilot, photographer, and professional speaker. Carl first made a name for himself and aviation history in Canada when he overcame huge odds to organize (that took years) and fly a successful 58-day flight from the Atlantic Ocean in Halifax to the Pacific Ocean in Vancouver - in an open cockpit ultralight.

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'Life is not fair. We live in a world of happenstance, randomness, viruses, and cars that go crunch in the night. Each day of my life begins in pain - chronic, frustrating, relentless pain - it is my biggest burdens to bear - so the issue becomes one of choice. Do I focus on the pain and the outrageous injustice of it all, or do I focus on the opportunities that are still there despite the hurt? - my wheelchair brings with it many restrictions and limitations - including most of the sports I relished in the past. Focusing on these limitations is a guaranteed exercise in frustration. The alternative perspective is that my accident and this wheelchair have given me a richer life in many respects.

Carl Hiebert

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Adversity either makes a person bigger or makes him smaller. It never leaves him as he was before.

Norman Vincent Peale

Advice

A good scare is worth more to a man than good advice.

Edgar Watson Howe

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Two quick ways to disaster: 1. Take nobody's advice. 2. Take everybody's advice.

Ralph Cansier

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The true secret of giving advice is, after you have given it, to be perfectly indifferent whether it is taken or not, and never persist in trying to set people right.

Hannah Whitall Smith

Affliction

Not to be afflicted is a sign of weakness; for, therefore God imposeth no more on me, because he sees I can bear no more.

Joseph Hall

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Affliction appears to be the guide to reflection; the teacher of humility; the parent of repentance; the nurse of faith; the strengthener of patience, and the promoter of charity. Extraordinary afflictions are not always the punishment of extraordinary sins, but sometimes the trial of extraordinary graces.

Matthew Henry

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If you would not have affliction visit you twice, listen at once to what it teaches.

Buroh

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In the day of prosperity we have many refuges to resort to; in the day of adversity only one.

Horatius Bonar

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If you can keep your head when all about you are losing theirs, it's just possible you haven't grasped the situation.

Jean Kerr

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At last I was beginning to see revealed the higher and hidden meaning of that suffering for which I had been unable to find a justification, that sharp reminder from the Supreme Reason which no mere mortal can at first understand. This was why my murderous misfortunes had been sent to me - to deny me all possibility, snatch from me any chance of lying low and keeping quiet, to make me desperate enough to speak and act.

Alexander Solzhenitsyn, in his autobiography, *The Oak and the Calf*

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Affliction is responsible for nine-tenths of whatever solid and durable happiness there is in our lives.

C.S. Lewis

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Count not thyself to have found true peace, if thou hast felt no grief; no that then all is well if thou hast no adversary; nor that this is perfect, if all things fall out according to thy desire.

Honore de Balzac

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In the depths of winter I finally learned there was in me an invincible summer.

Albert Camus

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Our enemies are sacred because they make us strong.

Native American saying

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We acquire the strength we have overcome.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Age

Age may instruct the young, cheer the faint, and encourage the desponding; if eventide has less of vigorous heat, it should have more of calm wisdom, therefore in the evening I will not withhold my hand.

C. H. Spurgeon

Albert Einstein

Any intelligent fool can make things bigger, more complex, and more violent. It takes a touch of genius - and a lot of courage - to move in the opposite direction.

Imagination is more important than knowledge.

Gravitation is not responsible for people falling in love.

I want to know God's thoughts; the rest are details.

The hardest thing in the world to understand is the income tax.

Reality is merely an illusion, albeit a very persistent one."

The only real valuable thing is intuition.

A person starts to live when he can live outside himself.

I am convinced that He (God) does not play dice.

God is subtle but he is not malicious.

Weakness of attitude becomes weakness of character.

I never think of the future. It comes soon enough.

The eternal mystery of the world is its comprehensibility.

Sometimes one pays most for the things one gets for nothing.

Science without religion is lame. Religion without science is blind.

Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new.

Great spirits have often encountered violent opposition from weak minds.

Everything should be made as simple as possible, but not simpler.

The secret to creativity is knowing how to hide your sources.

The only thing that interferes with my learning is my education.

We can't solve problems by using the same kind of thinking we used when we created them.

Education is what remains after one has forgotten everything he learned in school.

The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing.

If A is a success in life, then A equals x plus y plus z. Work is x; y is play; and z is keeping your mouth shut.

Two things are infinite: the universe and human stupidity; and I'm not sure about the universe.

I know not with what weapons World War III will be fought, but World War IV will be fought with sticks and stones.

In order to form an immaculate member of a flock of sheep one must, above all, be a sheep.

Heroism on command, senseless violence, and all the loathsome nonsense that goes by the name of patriotism - how passionately I hate them!

You see, wire telegraph is a kind of a very, very long cat. You pull his tail in New York and his head is meowing in Los Angeles. Do you understand this? And radio operates exactly the same way: you send signals here, they receive them there. The only difference is that there is no cat.

He who joyfully marches to music rank and file, has already earned my contempt. He has been given a large brain by mistake, since for him the spinal cord would surely suffice. This disgrace to civilization should be done away with at once. Heroism at command, how violently I hate all this, how despicable and ignoble war is; I would rather be torn to shreds than be a part of so base an action. It is my conviction that killing under the cloak of war is nothing but an act of murder.

Anger

Anger is short madness.

Horace

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He who angers you controls you.

Animals

The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated.

Mahatma Gandhi

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I love animals - they taste great.

Answers

The wise man doesn't give the right answers, he poses the right questions

Claude Levi Strauss

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Comfort is not always the goal of your answers, rather coherence and truth tempered with mercy, understanding, and compassion.

Ravi Zacharias

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Edward Gibbon

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A woman has the last word in any argument. Anything a man says after that is the beginning of a new argument.

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It is impossible to defeat an ignorant man in an argument.

William McAdoo

Atheist

An atheist is a man with no invisible means of support.

John Buchan

Attitude

Attitudes are much more important than aptitudes.

Beauty

I'm tired of all this nonsense about beauty being only skin-deep. That's deep enough. What do you want, an adorable pancreas?

Jean Kerr

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Beautiful young people are accidents of nature, But beautiful old people are works of art.

Eleanor Roosevelt

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The average girl would rather have beauty than brains because she knows the average man can see much better than he can think.

Ladies Home Journal

Beer

Beer is living proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy.

Belief

It is in the nature of man to believe and to love: if he has not the right objects for his beliefs and love, he will attach himself to wrong ones.

Pascal

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The Fremen* are civil, educated, and ignorant. They're not mad. They're trained to believe, not to know. Belief can be manipulated. Only knowledge is dangerous.

Dune Messiah - Frank Herbert

*The Fremen are a group of people in the fictional Dune universe created by Frank Herbert.

Bereavement

The continuity of being is lacerated; the settled course of sentiment and action is stopped; and life stands suspended and motionless till it is driven by external causes into a new channel.

Dr Samuel Johnson, on the death of his wife

Best

I do the very best I know how - the very best I can; and I mean to keep doing so until the end

Abraham Lincoln

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God always gives the best to those who leave the choice with him.

James Hudson Taylor

Better Way

There is a better way. Find it!

Thomas Edison

[More sayings of the wise waiting to be uploaded.]