

COURAGE.

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- *A coward dies many times before his death. The valiant never taste of death but once.*
 - [William Shakespeare's Julius Caesar](#)
- *I dare do all that may become a man; Who dares do more is none.*
 - [William Shakespeare's Macbeth](#), Act I, Scene VII
- *It doesn't matter where you go in this world. There will always be corruption and inequality. It is not only human nature, but the way of nature its self. It is completely unavoidable. Happiness comes from having the courage to change the world to suit you, the wisdom to change your self to suit the world and knowing how much of each is necessary.*
 - [Nicholas Colin McLaughlin](#)
- *All problems become smaller if you don't dodge them, but confront them. Touch a thistle timidly, and it pricks you; grasp it boldly, and its spines crumble.*
 - [William S. Halsey](#)
- *All serious daring starts from within.*
 - [Harriet Beecher Stowe](#)
- *Love makes us human, courage makes us extraordinary.*
 - [Faryal Khan Kharal](#)
- *An elephant pierced by arrows stands unperturbed. The courageous relent not in adversities.*
 - [Valluvar Tirukkural](#) 597

- *And each man stand with his face in the light of his own drawn sword. Ready to do what a hero can.*
 - [Elizabeth Barrett Browning](#)
- *Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength while loving someone deeply gives you courage.*
 - [Lao Tzu](#)
- *Boasting at home is not valor; parade is not battle; when war comes the valiant will be known.*
 - [Anonymous](#)
- *Courage easily finds its own eloquence.*
 - [Plautus](#)
- *Courage is a poison, forever potent and always inflicting those who wish to carry it.*
 - [Adam Murphy](#)
- *Courage is being scared to death— and saddling up anyway.*
 - [John Wayne](#)
- *Courage is like a muscle; it is strengthened by use.*
 - [Ruth Gordon](#)
- *Courage is like love, it must have hope for nourishment.*
 - [Napoleon Bonaparte](#)
- *Courage is not the lack of fear. It is acting in spite of it.*
 - [Mark Twain](#)
- *Courage is not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it.*
 - [Nelson Mandela](#)

- *Courage is not the towering oak / That sees storms come and go, / It is the fragile blossom / That opens in the snow.*
 - [Alice MacKenzie Swaim](#)
- *Courage is rarely reckless or foolish... courage usually involves a highly realistic estimate of the odds that must be faced.*
 - [Margaret Truman](#)
- *Courage is rightly esteemed the first of human qualities because it is the quality which guarantees all others.*
 - [Winston Churchill](#)
- *Courage is sometimes frail as hope is frail: a fragile shoot between two stones that grows brave toward the sun though warmth and brightness fail, striving and faith the only strength it knows.*
 - [Frances Rodman](#)
- *Courage is the price life exacts for peace.*
 - [Amelia Earhart](#)
- **Cowardly Lion:** *Courage! What makes a king out of a slave? Courage! What makes the flag on the mast to wave? Courage! What makes the elephant charge his tusk in the misty mist, or the dusky dusk? What makes the muskrat guard his musk? Courage! What makes the sphinx the seventh wonder? Courage! What makes the dawn come up like thunder? Courage! What makes the Hottentot so hot? What puts the "ape" in apricot? What have they got that I ain't got? Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Woodsman: Courage! Cowardly Lion: You can say that again! Hunh!*
 - [L. Frank Baum](#)
- *Cowardice. . . is almost always simply a lack of ability to suspend the functioning of the imagination.*

- [Ernest Hemingway](#)
- *Every great work, every big accomplishment, has been brought into manifestation through holding to the vision, and often just before the big achievement, comes apparent failure and discouragement.*
 - [Florence Scovel Shinn](#)
- *Everyone has talent. What is rare is the courage to follow that talent to dark place where it leads.*
 - [Erica Jong](#)
- *Go to the edge of the cliff and jump off. Build your wings on the way down.*
 - [Ray Bradbury](#), Brown Daily Herald (March 24, 1995)
- *Fear comes from uncertainty. When we are absolutely certain, whether of our worth or worthlessness, we are almost impervious to fear.*
 - [William Congreve](#)
- *Fear imprisons; faith liberates; fear paralyzes; faith empowers; fear disheartens; faith encourages; fear sickens; faith heals; fear makes useless; faith makes serviceable.*
 - [Harry Emerson Fosdick](#)
- *Fear is an instructor of great sagacity, and the herald of all revolutions.*
 - [Ralph Waldo Emerson](#)
- *Few things are more attractive than courage, cheerfulness and optimism. But they take on an extra dimension when you realize that they are not a lucky assembly of character traits, but the result of an*

act of will—a deliberate attempt to tackle an unkind destiny with strength of purpose and good humor.

- [Jane Shilling](#)
- *Flatter me, and I may not believe you. Criticize me, and I may not like you. Ignore me, and I may not forgive you. Encourage me, and I will not forget you.*
 - [William Arthur Ward](#)
- *Fortunately for themselves and the world, nearly all men are cowards and dare not act on what they believe. Nearly all our disasters come of a few fools having the 'courage of their convictions.'*
 - [Coventry Patmore](#)
- *God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.*
 - [Reinhold Niebuhr](#)
- *Great occasions do not make heroes or cowards; they simply unveil them to the eyes. Silently and imperceptibly, as we wake or sleep, we grow strong or we grow weak, and at last some crisis shows us what we have become.*
 - [Brooke Foss Westcott](#)
- *Grief has limits, whereas apprehension has none. For we grieve only for what we know has happened, but we fear all that possibly may happen.*
 - [Pliny the Younger](#)
- *I am old enough to know that victory is often a thing deferred, and rarely at the summit of courage. What is at the summit of courage, I*

think, is freedom. The freedom that comes with the knowledge that no earthly thing can break you.

- [Paula Giddings](#)
- *I believe that anyone can conquer fear by doing the things he fears to do, provided he keeps doing them until he gets a record of successful experiences behind him.*
 - [Eleanor Roosevelt](#)
- *If we could be heroes, if just for one day.*
 - [David Bowie](#)
- *If you let fear of consequence prevent you from following your deepest instinct, then your life will be safe, expedient and thin.*
 - [Katharine Butler Hathaway](#)
- *If you're careful enough, nothing bad or good will ever happen to you.*
 - [Ashleigh Brilliant](#)
- *In times of stress, be bold and valiant.*
 - [Horace](#)
- *It is better to die on one's feet than to live on one's knees.*
 - [Albert Camus](#)
- *It is curious—curious that physical courage should be so common in the world, and moral courage so rare.*
 - [Mark Twain](#)
- *It isn't the absence of conscience or values that prevents us from being all we should be, it is simply the lack of moral courage.*
 - [Michael Josephson](#)
- *It requires more courage to suffer than to die.*

- [Napoléon Bonaparte](#)
- *It's when you know you're licked before you begin but you begin anyway and you see it through no matter what.*
 - [Harper Lee](#) in "To kill a Mockingbird"
- *Last, but by no means least, courage— moral courage, the courage of one's convictions, the courage to see things through. The world is in a constant conspiracy against the brave. It's the age-old struggle— the roar of the crowd on one side and the voice of your conscience on the other.*
 - [Douglas MacArthur](#)
- *Life is a compromise of what your ego wants to do, what experience tells you to do, and what nerves let you do.*
 - [Bruce Crampton](#)
- *Many of our fears are tissue-paper thin, and a single courageous step would carry us through them.*
 - [Brendan Francis](#)
- *No one reaches a high position without daring.*
 - [Publilius Syrus](#)
- *Nurture your mind with great thoughts, for you will never go any higher than you think.*
 - [Benjamin Disraeli](#)
- *Often I have found that the one thing that can save is the thing which appears most to threaten ... one has to go down into what one most fears and that process ... comes a saving flicker of light and energy that, even if it does not produce the courage of a hero, at any rate enables a trembling mortal to take one step further.*

- Laurens Van Der Post
- *One man with courage makes a majority.*
 - Andrew Jackson
- *One must think like a hero merely to behave like a decent human being.*
 - May Sarton
- *Pain nourishes courage. You can't be brave if you've only had wonderful things happen to you.*
 - Mary Tyler Moore
- *Perfect courage means doing unwitnessed what we would be capable of with the world looking on.*
 - La Rochefoucauld
- *Proust has pointed out that the predisposition to love creates its own objects; is this not also true of fear?*
 - Elizabeth Bowen
- *So many people tiptoe through life, so carefully, to arrive, safely, at death.*
 - Jermaine Evans
- *Strength and courage aren't always measured in medals and victories. They are measured in the struggles they overcome. The strongest people aren't always the people who win, but the people who don't give up when they lose.*
 - Ashley Hodgeson
- *The art of living lies not in eliminating but in growing with troubles.*
 - Bernard M. Baruch

- *The basest of all things is to be afraid.*
 - [William Faulkner](#)
- *The greatest test of courage on the earth is to bear defeat without losing heart.*
 - [R. G. Ingersoll](#)
- *The mighty oak was once a little nut that stood its ground.*
 - [Anonymous](#)
- *The one permanent emotion of the inferior man is fear—fear of the unknown, the complex, the inexplicable. What he wants beyond everything else is safety.*
 - [H. L. Mencken](#)
- *The world has no room for cowards.*
 - [Robert Louis Stevenson](#)
- *There is nothing better than the encouragement of a good friend.*
 - [Katherine Hathaway](#)
- *To have courage for whatever comes in life— everything lies in that.*
 - [Mother Teresa](#)
- *To see what is right and not to do it is cowardice.*
 - [Confucius](#) (K'ung-Fu-tzu)
- *What worries you, masters you.*
 - [Haddon W. Robinson](#)
- *What would life be if we had no courage to attempt anything?*
 - [Vincent Van Gogh](#)

- *What great thing would you attempt to do if you knew you could not fail?*
 - [Robert Schuller](#)
- *What you are afraid to do is a clear indicator of the next thing you need to do.*
 - [Anonymous](#)
- *Whatever enlarges hope will also exalt courage.*
 - [Samuel Johnson](#)
- *Whatever you do, you need courage. Whatever course you decide upon, there is always someone to tell you that you are wrong. There are always difficulties arising that tempt you to believe your critics are right. To map out a course of action and follow it to an end requires some of the same courage that a soldier needs. Peace has its victories, but it takes brave men and women to win them.*
 - [Ralph Waldo Emerson](#)
- *When it comes to the pinch, human beings are heroic.*
 - [George Orwell](#)
- *Worrying is like a rocking chair: it gives you something to do, but it doesn't get you anywhere.*
 - [Van Wilder](#)
- *You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You are able to say to yourself, 'I have lived through this horror. I can take the next thing that comes along.' You must do the thing you think you cannot do.*
 - [Eleanor Roosevelt](#)
- *I cannot advise that we remain as we are.*

- [Socrates](#)
- *Never share a foxhole with anyone braver than you.*
 - [Anonymous](#)
- *The important thing when you are going to do something brave is to have someone on hand to witness it.*
 - [Michael Howard](#)
- *Courage mounteth with occasion.*
 - [William Shakespeare](#)
- *If one man can stand tall, there will be hope for us all.*
 - [Jeff Wayne](#)
- *Courage is often lack of insight, whereas cowardice in many cases is based on good information.*
 - [Peter Ustinov](#)

Religion

- *A man's ethical behavior should be based effectually on sympathy, education, and social ties; no religious basis is necessary. Man would indeed be in a poor way if he had to be restrained by fear of punishment and hope of reward after death. ~ [Albert Einstein](#)*
- *A religion that is small enough for our understanding would not be large enough for our needs. ~Arthur James Balfour*
- *All Faith is false, all Faith is true:
Truth is the shattered mirror strown*

In myriad bits; while each believes

his little bit the whole to own. ~ Richard Francis Burton

- *All religions are ancient monuments to superstition, ignorance, ferocity; and modern religions are only ancient follies. ~ Paul Henri Thiry*
- *All religions are cruel, all founded on blood; for all rest principally on the idea of sacrifice-that is, on the perpetual immolation of humanity to the insatiable vengeance of divinity. ~ Mikhail Bakunin*
- *All ... religions show the same disparity between belief and practice, and each is safe till it tries to exclude the rest. Test each sect by its best or its worst as you will, by its high-water mark of virtue or its low-water mark of vice. But falsehood begins when you measure the ebb of any other religion against the flood-tide of your own. There is a noble and a base side to every history. ~ Thomas Wentworth Higginson*
- *All religions, with their gods, demigods, prophets, messiahs and saints, are the product of the fancy and credulity of men who have not yet reached the full development and complete possession of their intellectual powers. ~ Mikhail Bakunin, God and the State (1871)*
- *All statements are true in some sense, false in some sense, meaningless in some sense, true and false in some sense, true and meaningless in some sense, false and meaningless in some sense, and true and false and meaningless in some sense. ~ Principia Discordia*
- *America has freedom of religion, although I'm not sure which religion is free. ~ Anonymous*
- *Any body of men who believe in hell will persecute whenever they have the power. ~ Joseph M. McCabe*
- *Anyone who can worship a trinity and insist that his religion is a monotheism can believe anything just give him time to rationalize it. Forgive me for being blunt. ~ Robert Heinlein (in Job: A Comedy of Justice)*

- *Any religion that teaches there is only heaven or hell is gonna be a haven for manic-depressives. ~ E.T.B.*
- *A religion, even if it calls itself a religion of love, must be hard and unloving to those who do not belong to it. ~ Sigmund Freud, Group Psychology and the Analysis of the Ego (1921)*
- *Difference of opinion is helpful in religion. ~ Thomas Jefferson*
- *Each religion, so dear to those whose life it sanctifies, and fulfilling so necessary a function in the society that has adopted it, necessarily contradicts every other religion, and probably contradicts itself. ~ George Santayana*
- *Faith: The opposite of dogmatism. ~ John Ralston Saul*
- *Source: The Doubter's Companion — "Faith"*
- *Forgive him, for he believes that the customs of his tribe are the laws of nature! ~ George Bernard Shaw*
- *Government oppressed the body of the wage-slave, but Religion oppressed his mind, and poisoned the stream of progress at its source. ~ Upton Sinclair*
- *Source: The Jungle - "Chapter 31"*
- *How absurd to try and make two men think alike on matters of religion, when I cannot make two timepieces agree! ~ Charles V, Holy Roman Emperor*
- *I am as firmly convinced that religions do harm as I am that they are untrue. ~ Bertrand Russell*
- *I believe that religion, generally speaking, has been a curse to mankind — that its modest and greatly overestimated services on the ethical side have been more than overcome by the damage it has done to clear and honest thinking. ~ H. L. Mencken*
- *I believe that traditional religious belief and scientific knowledge depict the universe in radically different ways. At the bedrock they are incompatible and mutually exclusive. ~ E.O. Wilson*

- *I can't talk religion to a man with bodily hunger in his eyes. ~ George Bernard Shaw*
- *I distrust those people who know so well what God wants them to do because I notice it always coincides with their own desires. ~ Susan B. Anthony*
- *I do not feel obliged to believe that the same God who has endowed us with sense, reason, and intellect has intended us to forgo their use. ~ Galileo Galilei*
- *I do not think that the real reason why people accept religion is anything to do with argumentation. They accept religion on emotional grounds. One is often told that it is a very wrong thing to attack religion, because religion makes men virtuous. So I am told; I have not noticed it. ~ Bertrand Russell, Why I am not a Christian*
- *I feel, like all modern Americans, no consciousness of sin and simply do not believe in it. All I know is that if God loves me only half as much as my mother does, he will not send me to Hell. That is a final fact of my inner consciousness, and for no religion could I deny its truth. ~ Lin Yutang*
- *I've come to the conclusion that there can be little or no dialogue between 'proclaimers of truth' (religious and secular ideologues) and 'discoverers of truth' (empiricists). The former tend to debate, the latter tend to discuss. ~ Edward H. Ashment*
- *I never told my own religion nor scrutinized that of another. I never attempted to make a convert, nor wished to change another's creed. I am satisfied that yours must be an excellent religion to have produced a life of such exemplary virtue and correctness. For it is in our lives, and not from our words, that our religion must be judged. ~ Thomas Jefferson, in a letter to Mrs. H. Harrison Smith (1816)*
- *I never really hated a one true God, but the God of the people I hated. ~ Marilyn Manson, Disposable Teens*

- *I prefer rationalism to atheism. The question of God and other objects-of-faith are outside reason and play no part in rationalism, thus you don't have to waste your time in either attacking or defending. ~ Isaac Asimov*
- *I tried to find Him on the Christian cross, but He was not there; I went to the Temple of the Hindus and to the old pagodas, but I could not find a trace of Him anywhere. I searched on the mountains and in the valleys but neither in the heights nor in the depths was I able to find Him. I went to the Caaba in Mecca, but He was not there either. I questioned the scholars and philosophers but He was beyond their understanding. I then looked into my heart and it was there where He dwelled that I saw him; he was nowhere else to be found. ~ Jelaluddin Rumi*
- *If a person who indulges in gluttony is a glutton, and a person who commits a felony is a felon, then God is an iron. ~ Spider Robinson*
- *Incurably religious, that is the best way to describe the mental condition of so many people. ~ Thomas Edison*
- *No good will come from the gathering of like minded men of impatient nature. ~ Sudo*
- *If religion was a thing that money could buy, The rich would be saved, but the poor would die. ~ Spiritual*
- *If there is any fixed star in our constitutional constellation, it is that no official, high or petty, can prescribe what shall be orthodox in politics, nationalism, religion, or other matters of opinion, or force citizens to confess by word or act their faith therein. ~ Robert H. Jackson*
- *"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth, and the earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters."*
It's an oral history. It was passed down, word-of-mouth, father to son, from Adam to Seth, from Seth to Enos, from Enos to Cainan, for 40 generations, a growing, changing, story, it was handed down, word-of-

mouth, father to son. Until Moses finally gets it down on lambskin. But lambskins wear out, and need to be recopied. Copies of copies of copies of copies of copies of copies of an oral history passed down through 40 generations.

From Hebrew it's translated into Arabic, from Arabic to Latin, from Latin to Greek, from Greek to Russian, from Russian to German, from German to an old form of English that you could not read. Through 400 years of evolution of the English language to the book we have today, which is: a translation of a translation of a translation of a translation of a translation of a copy of a copy of a copy of a copy of a copy of a copy of a copy of an oral history passed down through 40 generations. You can't put a grocery list through that many translations, copies, and re-telling, and not expect to have some big changes in the dinner menu when the kids make it back from Kroger's.

And yet people are killing each other over this written word. Here's a tip: If you're killing someone in the name of God — you're missing the message. ~ Nick Annis in the preface to God is Good.

- In the long run, nothing can withstand reason and experience, and the contradiction religion offers to both is palpable. ~ Sigmund Freud*
- In the matter of religion, people eagerly fasten their eyes on the difference between their own creed and yours; whilst the charm of the study is in finding the agreements and identities in all the religions of humanity. ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- Indeed, I am a free rider, but only in the freedom from one set of cultural traditions usually gathered under the umbrella of religion. But, like everyone else, I face judges that are in their own ways transcendent and powerful: family and friends, colleagues and peers, mentors and teachers, and society at large. My judges may be lowercased and occasionally deceivable, but they are transcendent of me as an individual, even if they are not transcendent of nature; as such, together, we all stand in a long pilgrim community struggling*

down the evolutionary and historical ages trying to live and love and learn to temper our temptations and do the right thing. I may be free from God, but the god of nature holds me to her temple of judgment no less than her other creations. I stand before my maker and judge not in some distant and future ethereal world, but in the reality of this world, a world inhabited not by spiritual and supernatural ephemera, but by real people whose lives are directly affected by my actions, and whose actions directly affect my life. ~ Michael Shermer in response to a review by Michael Novak, discussed in Shermer's The Science of Good and Evil

- *Instead of holding on to the Biblical view that we are made in the image of God, we come to realize that we are made in the image of the monkey... ~ Lin Yutang*
- *It may be that today gold has become the exclusive ruler of life, but the time will come when man will again bow down before a higher god. ~ Adolf Hitler, Mein Kampf, Ralph Mannheim translation, p. 436.*
- *It is in our lives and not our words that our religion must be read. ~ Thomas Jefferson*
- *It takes a great deal of Christianity to wipe out our uncivilized Eastern instincts, such as falling in love at first sight. ~ Rudyard Kipling*
- *It were better to be of no Church, than to be bitter for any. ~ William Penn*
- *It is a severe Rebuke upon us, that God makes us so many Allowances, and we make so few to our Neighbor: As if Charity had nothing to do with Religion; Or Love with Faith, that ought to work by it. ~ William Penn*
- *Let us overthrow the totems, break the taboos. Or better, let us consider them cancelled. ~ Pierre Trudeau*
- *Life in Lubbock, Texas, taught me two things: One is that God loves you and you're going to burn in hell. The other is that sex is the most awful,*

*filthy thing on earth and you should save it for someone you love. ~
Butch Hancock*

- *Faith: Another word for hope. Serris*
- *"...the primary epiphenomena of any religion's foundation are the production and flourishing of hypocrisy, megalomania and psychopathy, and the first casualties of a religion's establishment are the intentions of its founder." ~Louis de Bernières (in Birds Without Wings)*
- *[edit] M through Z*
- *Making fun of born-again Christians is like hunting dairy cows with a high powered rifle and scope. ~ P.J. O'Rourke*
- *Man is the religious animal. He is the only religious animal. He is the only animal that has the True Religion — several of them. He is the only animal that loves his neighbor as himself and cuts his throat, if his theology isn't straight. He has made a graveyard of the globe in trying his honest best to smooth his brother's path to happiness and heaven. ~ Mark Twain*
- *Matter and mind are not separate, they are aspects of one energy. Look at the mind as a function of matter and you have science; look at matter as the product of the mind and you have religion. ~ Sri Nisargadatta Maharaj*
- *Matters of religion should never be matters of controversy. We neither argue with a lover about his taste, nor condemn him, if we are just, for knowing so human a passion. ~ George Santayana*
- *Moral indignation is jealousy with a halo. ~ H. G. Wells*
- *Morality is simply the attitude we adopt to people we personally dislike. ~ Oscar Wilde*
- *My own view on religion is that of Lucretius. I regard it as a disease born of fear and as a source of untold misery to the human race. I cannot, however, deny that it has made some contributions to civilization. It helped in early days to fix the calendar, and it caused*

Egyptian priests to chronicle eclipses with such care that in time they became able to predict them. These two services I am prepared to acknowledge, but I do not know of any others. ~ Bertrand Russell, Has Religion Made Useful Contributions to Civilization? (1930)

- *My theology, briefly, is that the universe was dictated but not signed. ~ Christopher Morley, US author & journalist, 1890-1957*
- *On the surface, [holy scriptures] may appear to have been composed as conscientious history. In depth they reveal themselves to have been conceived as myths: poetic readings of the mysteries of life from a certain interested point of view. But to read a poem as a chronicle of fact is -- to say the least -- to miss the point. To say a little more, it is to prove oneself a dolt. ~ Joseph Campbell*
- *Source: Occidental Mythology: The Masks of God*
- *Once there was a time when all people believed in God and the church ruled. This time is called the Dark Ages. Richard Lederer*
- *One's religion is whatever he is most interested in. ~ J.M. Barrie The Twelve-Pound Look (1910)*
- *Our love, when it is without counting the cost, leads the other toward God. Our love makes straight the paths of the Lord. ~ Catherine Doherty Unfinished Pilgrimage*
- *People are divided into two groups -- the righteous and the unrighteous -- and the righteous do the dividing. ~ Lord Cohen*
- *People use the word 'natural'... What is natural to me is these botanical species which interact directly with the nervous system. What I consider artificial is 4 years at Harvard, and the Bible, and Saint Patrick's cathedral, and the sunday school teachings. ~ Timothy Leary, Methods of Control*
- *Philosophy is questions that may never be answered. Religion is answers that may never be questioned.*

- *Anonymous; quoted in Dennett, Daniel C. (2006). Breaking the Spell: Religion as a Natural Phenomenon, 1st ed., p. 17, Viking Penguin. ISBN 0-670-03472-X.*
- *Religion consists in a set of things which the average man thinks he believes and wishes he was certain of. ~ Mark Twain*
- *Religion deserves no more respect than a pile of garbage. ~ H. L. Mencken*
- *Religion easily—has the best bullshit story of all time. Think about it. Religion has convinced people that there's an invisible man...living in the sky. Who watches everything you do every minute of every day. And the invisible man has a list of ten specific things he doesn't want you to do. And if you do any of these things, he will send you to a special place, of burning and fire and smoke and torture and anguish for you to live forever, and suffer, and burn, and scream, until the end of time. But he loves you. He loves you. He loves you and he needs money. ~ George Carlin*
- *Religion either makes men wise and virtuous, or it makes them set up false pretenses to both. ~ William Hazlitt*
- *Religion is the manifestation of the divinity already in man. ~Swami Vivekananda*
- *Religious experiences which are as real as life to some may be incomprehensible to others. ~ William O. Douglas: opinion, United States v. Ballard, 1944*
- *Religion is an attempt to get control over the sensory world, in which we are placed, by means of the wish-world which we have developed inside us as a result of biological and psychological necessities. [...] If one attempts to assign to religion its place in man's evolution, it seems not so much to be a lasting acquisition, as a parallel to the neurosis which the civilized individual must pass through on his way from childhood to maturity. ~ Sigmund Freud, Moses and Monotheism (1939)*

- *Religion is an illusion and it derives its strength from the fact that it falls in with our instinctual desires. ~ Sigmund Freud, New Introductory Lectures on Psychoanalysis*
- *Religion is an insult to human dignity. With or without it, you'd have good people doing good things and evil people doing bad things, but for good people to do bad things, it takes religion. ~ Steven Weinberg, Nobel Laureate in physics*
- *Religion is, by definition, interpretation; and by definition, all interpretations are valid. However, some interpretations are more reasonable than others. ~ Reza Aslan [1]*
- *Religion is excellent stuff for keeping common people quiet. ~ Napoleon Bonaparte*
- *Religion is mass spirituality. You have to agree with everyone. ~ unknown*
- *Religion is poison. ~ Mao Zedong*
- *Religion is regarded by the common people as true, by the wise as false, and by rulers as useful. ~ Seneca the Younger [citation needed]*
- *Religion is the masterpiece of the art of animal training, for it trains people as to how they shall think. ~ Arthur Schopenhauer, Studies in Pessimism*
- *Religion is the most malevolent of all mind viruses. ~ Arthur C. Clarke, The Onion AV Club interview (18th February 2004)*
- *Religion is what keeps the poor from murdering the rich. ~ Napoleon Bonaparte*
- *Religion, like poetry, is simply a concerted effort to deny the most obvious realities. ~ H. L. Mencken*
- *Religious suffering is, at one and the same time, the expression of real suffering and a protest against real suffering. Religion is the sigh of the oppressed creature, the heart of a heartless world, and the soul of soulless conditions. It is the opium of the people. ~ Karl Marx*

- *Religion... comprises a system of wishful illusions together with a disavowal of reality, such as we find in an isolated form nowhere else but in amentia, in a state of blissful hallucinatory confusion. ~ Sigmund Freud*
- *Religion is comparable to a childhood neurosis. ~ Sigmund Freud*
- *Religion is something left over from the infancy of our intelligence; it will fade away as we adopt reason and science as our guidelines. ~ Bertrand Russell*
- *Religion is no longer the opiate of the masses. It is the speed of the masses. ~ Akbar Ahmed*
- *Religion began when the first scoundrel met the first fool. ~ Voltaire*
- *Religion is the dream of the human mind. But even in dreams we do not find ourselves in emptiness or in heaven, but on earth, in the realm of reality; we only see real things in the entrancing splendor of imagination and caprice, instead of in the simple daylight of reality and necessity. ~ Ludwig Feuerbach, The Essence of Christianity (1841)*
- *Religion, n. A daughter of Hope and Fear, explaining to Ignorance the nature of the Unknowable. ~ Ambrose Bierce, The Devil's Dictionary*
- *Religions are founded on the fear of the many and the cleverness of the few. ~ Stendhal*
- *Religions are the great fairy tales of conscience. ~ George Santayana*
- *Science can destroy religion by ignoring it as well as by disproving its tenets. No one ever demonstrated, so far as I am aware, the non-existence of Zeus or Thor — but they have few followers now. ~ Arthur C. Clarke*
- *Science without religion is lame, religion without science is blind. ~ Albert Einstein*
- *So far as religion of the day is concerned, it is a damned fake... Religion is all bunk. ~ Thomas Edison*
- *So many gods, so many creeds;
So many paths that wind and wind,*

*While just the art of being kind
Is all the sad world needs. ~ Ella Wheeler Wilcox*

- *Some people just can't understand that they can't understand what they can't understand. ~ Brandon Miller*
- *Some of you say religion makes people happy. So does laughing gas. ~ Clarence Darrow*
- *Such religion as there can be in modern life, every individual will have to salvage from the churches for himself. ~ Lin Yutang*
- *That religion which regards the recognition of human dignity as a sin, is not a religion but a disease. ~ Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar*
- *The beauty of religious mania is that it has the power to explain everything. Once God (or Satan) is accepted as the first cause of everything which happens in the mortal world, nothing is left to chance... logic can be happily tossed out the window. ~ Stephen King*
- *The cosmos is a gigantic fly-wheel making 10,000 revolutions a minute. Man is a sick fly taking a dizzy ride on it. Religion is the theory that the wheel was designed and set spinning to give him a ride. ~ H. L. Mencken, Prejudices: Third Series (1917)*
- *The different religions have never overlooked the part played by the sense of guilt in civilization. What is more, they come forward with a claim...to save mankind from this sense of guilt, which they call sin. ~ Sigmund Freud, Civilization and its Discontents(1931)*
- *The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. ~ Psalm 14:1*
- *The God to whom depth in philosophy bring back men's minds is far from being the same from whom a little philosophy estranges them. ~ George Santayana*
- *The god of the cannibals will be a cannibal, of the crusaders a crusader, and of the merchants a merchant. ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- *The government of the United States of America is not in any sense founded on the Christian Religion. ~ Treaty of Tripoli, signed by President John Adams (1796)*

- *The only good thing ever to come out of religion was the music. ~ George Carlin*
- *The progress of religion is steadily to its identity with morals. Strength enters just as much as the moral element prevails. ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- *The religion that is afraid of science dishonors God and commits suicide. ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- *The word religion is extremely rare in the New Testament or the writings of mystics. The reason is simple. Those attitudes and practises to which we give the collective name of religion are themselves concerned with religion hardly at all. To be religious is to have one's attention fixed on God and on one's neighbor in relation to God. Therefore, almost by definition, a religious man, or a man when he is being religious, is not thinking about religion; he hasn't the time. Religion is what we (or he himself at a later moment) call his activity from the outside. ~ C.S. Lewis in "Lilies that Fester" in The Twentieth Century (April 1955).*
- *Thou shalt keep thy religion to thyself. ~ George Carlin*
- *To surrender to ignorance and call it God has always been premature, and it remains premature today. ~ Isaac Asimov*
- *Vain are the thousand creeds
That move men's hearts: unutterably vain;
Worthless as withered weeds,
Or idlest froth amid the boundless main... ~ Emily Brontë*
- *We are not engaged in a complicated joke disguised as a religion. We are engaged in a religion disguised as a complicated joke. ~ Principia Discordia*
- *We Christians neither want nor worship crosses as the pagans do. ~ Minucius Felix (Christian author, circa 200 A.D.)*
- *We do not destroy religion by destroying superstition. ~ Cicero*

- *We do not want churches because they will teach us to quarrel about God, as the Catholics and Protestants do. We do not want that. We may quarrel with men about things on earth, but we never quarrel about the Great Spirit. ~ Chief Joseph*
- *We have just enough religion to make us hate, but not enough to make us love one another. ~ Jonathan Swift*
- *We must respect the other fellow's religion, but only in the sense and to the extent that we respect his theory that his wife is beautiful and his children smart. ~ H. L. Mencken*
- *What gods are there, what gods have there ever been, that were not from man's imagination? ~ Joseph Campbell*
- *When a meteorite comes striking the face of Mother Earth, it's not about which religious group representing the world to battle it. Christianity, Buddhism, Islam...none will be able to do that. It is about all mankind and living things holding hand in hand, united in the battle against the 'war'. Religions are mere superstitions, used to explain the unexplainable in the past when people had no idea of what science is. ~ Edwin Mak*
- *When men stop believing in God, it isn't that they then believe in nothing: they believe in everything. ~ Umberto Eco*
- *When people stop believing in God, they don't believe in nothing—they believe in anything. ~ G. K. Chesterton*
- *Whoever saith, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire ~ Jesus, Matthew 5:22; "Preacher turned atheist" Dan Barker's retort*

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- *One who has health has hope, and one who has hope has everything.*
~ Arabic proverb
- *A leader is a dealer in hope.* ~ Napoleon Bonaparte
- *All human wisdom is summed up in two words — wait and hope.* ~ Alexander Dumas
- *Beware how you take away hope from another human being.* ~ Oliver Wendell Holmes
- *Creativity comes from trust. Trust your instincts. And never hope more than you work.* ~ Rita Mae Brown
- *Even now I am full of hope, but the end lies in God.* ~ Pindar
- *Whether you believe it or not, hope still believes in you.* ~ Kraig X Wenman
- *Every area of trouble gives out a ray of hope; and the one unchangeable certainty is that nothing is certain or unchangeable.* ~ John Fitzgerald Kennedy
- *Everything passes away - suffering, pain, blood, hunger, pestilence. The sword will pass away too, but the stars will still remain when the shadows of our presence and our deeds have vanished from the earth. There is no man who does not know that. Why, then, will we not turn our eyes towards the stars? Why?* ~ Mikhail Bulgakov, from *The White Guard*
- *Everything that is done in the world is done by hope.* ~ Martin Luther
- *Great hopes make great men.* ~ Thomas Fuller
- *He that lives upon hope will die fasting.* ~ Benjamin Franklin
- *Hope and fear are inseparable.* ~ La Rochefoucauld
- *Hope begins in the dark, the stubborn hope that if you just show up and try to do the right thing, the dawn will come. You wait and watch and work: you don't give up.* ~ Anne Lamott
- *Hope dies last. (Or Hope is lost last) (La esperanza muere al último. (O "la ezperanza es lo ultimo que se pierde"))* ~ Spanish proverbs

- *Hope is a state of mind, not of the world. Hope, in this deep and powerful sense, is not the same as joy that things are going well, or willingness to invest in enterprises that are obviously heading for success, but rather an ability to work for something because it is good. ~ Vaclav Havel*
- *Hope is the poor man's bread. ~ George Herbert*
- *Hope for the best, but prepare for the worst. ~ English proverb*
- *Hope is the thing with feathers
That perches in the soul,
And sings the tune without the words,
And never stops at all.
~ Emily Dickinson ~*
- *Hope is a waking dream. ~ Aristotle*
- *Fear can hold you prisoner. Hope can set you free. ~ The Shawshank Redemption*
- *Hope is hope for infinite Hope. ~ J.R.R. Tolkien*
- *Hope is the first step on the road to disappointment. ~ Librarian - Warhammer 40,000*
- *Hope is necessary in every condition. The miseries of poverty, sickness and captivity would, without this comfort, be insupportable. ~ Samuel Johnson*
- *Hope is not the conviction that something will turn out well, but the certainty that something makes sense regardless of how it turns out.
~ Vaclav Havel*
- *Hope is the best possession. None are completely wretched but those who are without hope, and few are reduced so low as that. ~ William Hazlitt*
- *Hope is the feeling you have that the feeling you have isn't permanent. ~ Jean Kerr*
- *Hope is the pillar of the world. ~ Anonymous*

- *Hope — it is the quintessential human delusion, simultaneously the source of your greatest strength and your greatest weakness. ~ The Architect The Matrix Reloaded*
- *Hope makes for a good breakfast, but a poor supper. ~ Francis Bacon*
- *Hope? Only for a hopeless future. ~ Dylan Turner*
- *Hope sees the invisible, feels the intangible and achieves the impossible. ~ Anonymous*
- *Hope springs eternal within the human breast:
Man never is, but always to be blest. ~ Alexander Pope*
- *I steer my bark with hope in the head, leaving fear astern. My hopes indeed sometimes fail, but not oftener than the forebodings of the gloomy. ~ Thomas Jefferson*
- *I'm an idealist. I don't know where I'm going but I'm on the way. ~ Carl Sandburg*
- *If I was perfect, then you would be coming to my house to pray to me. ~ Jeffrey L Keller*
- *If it were not for hopes, the heart would break. ~ Thomas Fuller*
- *If we were logical, the future would be bleak indeed. But we are more than logical. We are human beings, and we have faith and we have hope, and we can work. ~ Jacques Cousteau*
- *In all pleasure, hope is a considerable part ~ Samuel Johnson*
- *In this uncertain space between birth and death ... we need hope as surely as we need food and water, love and friendship. The trick, however, is to remember that hope is a perilous thing, that it's not a steel and concrete bridge across the void between this moment and a brighter future. Hope is no stronger than tremulous beads of dew strung on a filament of spider web, and it alone can't long support the terrible weight of an anguished mind and a tortured heart. - by T.G.S.R.*
- *It is the around-the-corner brand of hope that prompts people to action, while the distant hope acts an opiate. ~ Eric Hoffer*

- *Just as despair can come to one only from other human beings, hope, too, can be given to one only by other human beings. ~ Elie Weisel*
- *Justice divine has weighed: the doom is clear. All hope renounce, ye lost, who enter here. ~ Dante Alighieri, from The Divine Comedy: Inferno*
- *Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. The important thing is to not stop questioning. ~ Albert Einstein*
- *Light tomorrow with today. ~ Elizabeth Barrett Browning*
- *Listen now to the gentle whispers of hope. ~ Charles D. Brodhead*
- *Never deprive someone of hope — it may be all they have. - H. Jackson Brown, Jr.*
- *Never give out while there is hope; but hope not beyond reason, for that shows more of desire than judgement ~ William Penn*
- *Never give up, never surrender! ~ Galaxy Quest*
- *Optimism is the father that leads to achievement. ~ Helen Keller*
- *Remember Red. Hope is a good thing, maybe the best of things, and no good thing ever dies. ~ The Shawshank Redemption*
- *Hope is the confidence or belief pertaining to ones ability to predict outcome/s. When the foundations of that confidence or belief are shaken hope slowly melts away. ~ Shrikant*
- *I am prepared for the worst, but hope for the best. ~ Benjamin Disraeli*
- *Strong hope is a much greater stimulant to life than any single realized joy could be. ~ Friedrich Nietzsche*
- *The future belongs to those who believe in their dreams. ~ Eleanor Roosevelt*
- *The pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity. The optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty ~ Winston Churchill*
- *The very least you can do in your life is to figure out what you hope for. And the most you can do is live inside that hope. Not admire it from a distance but live right in it, under its roof. ~ Barbara Kingsolver*

- *There is always fertilization of new sap in the suffered immolations. ~ Julián Sancerni Giménez*
- *There is no hope of joy except in human relations. ~ Antoine de Saint-Exupéry*
- *There is no such thing as bad weather, only different kinds of good weather. ~ John Ruskin*
- *To hope means to be ready at every moment for that which is not yet born, and yet not become desperate if there is no birth in our lifetime. ~ Erich Fromm*
- *True hope dwells on the possible, even when life seems to be a plot written by someone who wants to see how much adversity we can overcome. True hope responds to the real world, to real life; it is an active effort ~ Walter Anderson*
- *True hope is swift, and flies with swallow's wings. ~ William Shakespeare*
- *We must accept finite disappointment, but we must never lose infinite hope. ~ Martin Luther King*
- *We should not let our fears hold us back from pursuing our hopes. ~ John Fitzgerald Kennedy*
- *While there's life, there's hope! ~ Ancient Proverb*
- *Words without actions are the assassins of idealism. ~ Herbert Hoover*
- *Your hopes, dreams and aspirations are legitimate. They are trying to take you airborne, above the clouds, above the storms, if you only let them. ~ William James*
- *Hope equals desire accompanied by expectation ~ James Nichols III*
- *Fuck Hope. ~ George Carlin*
- *Hope gave man a reason to live ~ Faryal Khan Kharal*
- *High expectations are the keys to everything. SAAD*

- *Onward Phoenix! Sire of the sun,/ Forever, it's desire that burns within/ That melts the ice to bring you home ~ The Phoenix by Eiseart Dunne*
- *Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God. ~ Corrie ten Boom*
- *Hope, last and most dangerous thing a person can lose - Anonymus*
- *In every second when there is hope and despair, in every such moment, there is an opportunity waiting for you. Just have the courage to uncover it. ~ AS*
- *"Walk on, walk on with hope in your heart, and you'll never walk alone, you'll never walk alone " ~ Song You'll Never Walk Alone - Music by Richard Rodgers; Text by Oscar Hammerstein II*
- *"Hope in reality is the worst of all evils because it prolongs the torment of man." -Friedrich Nietzsche*
- *"Yet it is necessary to hope, though hope should always be deluded, for hope itself is happiness, and its frustrations, however frequent, are yet less dreadful than its extinction." -Samuel Johnson, Idler #58*
- *Hope is not a strategy. ~ Hillary Rodham Clinton*
- *Imagine a man who doesn't believe in anything, hope for anything, doesn't love anyone. This is a description of a dead or paralyzed soul. This happens from great grief, or from an unhappy upbringing when parents make from their children's souls paralytics*

List of misquotations

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This page consists of things that many people think are correct quotes but are actually incorrect. This does not include quotes that were actually blunders by the people that said them.

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- **"Just the facts, ma'am."**
 - *This, the best known quote from the Jack Webb series [Dragnet](#), was never said by Sgt. Friday in any of the Dragnet radio or television series. The quote was, however, adopted in the 1987 Dragnet pseudo-parody film starring Dan Aykroyd and Tom Hanks in which Aykroyd played Sgt. Joe Friday.*
 - *Correct versions:*
 - *"All we want are the facts, ma'am."*
 - *"All we know are the facts, ma'am."*
 - *Multiple, unspecified episodes*
 - *Mikkelson, Barbara and David P. ([29 March 2002](#)). [Just the Facts](#). Urban Legends. snopes.com. Retrieved on [2006-12-18](#).*

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- **"Power corrupts; absolute power corrupts absolutely.*"**
 - *Notes: This misquote hearkens back to the British [Lord Acton](#), a 19th century English historian who was commenting about tyrant monarchs (Caesar, Henry VIII, Napoleon, various Russian Tsars, etc.). It is probably the single most misquoted statement in the English language.*

Lord Acton actually wrote: "Power tends to corrupt; absolute power corrupts absolutely. Great men are almost always bad men."

- **"Beam me up, Scotty" - [James T. Kirk](#)**
 - From the [Star Trek science fiction television](#) series. Several variants of this do occur in the series, such as "Beam me aboard," "Beam us up home," or "Two to beam up," but "Beam me up, Scotty" was never said during the run of the original Star Trek series. However, the quote "Beam me up, Scotty" was uttered in [Star Trek: The Animated Series](#). The movie [Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home](#) included the closest other variation: "Scotty, beam me up."
- **"Damn it, Jim! I'm a doctor not a..." - [Leonard McCoy](#)**
 - From the [Star Trek science fiction television](#) series. McCoy had several lines of this sort, except that he never said "damn it". Only one "swear word" was used on the original Star Trek series (prior to the movies) and it was "hell," uttered on only a couple of separate occasions.
- **"Religion is the opiate of the masses." - [Karl Marx](#)**
 - Correct quote: "Religion is the sigh of the oppressed creature, the heart of a heartless world and the soul of soulless conditions. It is the opium of the people." Marx's intended meaning is subtler than the misquote would suggest.
- **"This is one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." - [Neil Armstrong](#)**
 - Correct quote: "This is one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind"
 - This is probably one of the most misquoted phrases in the English language, it is due to a break in the radio transmission between the moon lander and the command module and although Armstrong actually said the correct version, everyone else heard the incorrect

version and upon realizing this Armstrong himself admits the incorrect version was better.

- **"Blood, Sweat, and Tears" - [Winston Churchill](#)**
 - Correct quote: "I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears, and sweat."
 - The quote appeared in the book *Metropolis*, written by Thea von Harbou (wife of [Metropolis](#) director [Fritz Lang](#)), first published in [1926](#). The text, describing Joh Frederson who has just finished his first day working to keep the machines of Metropolis alive, states, "He tasted a salty taste on his lips, and did not know if it was from blood, sweat, or tears."
 - Notes: A similar quote from Winston Churchill can be found in a recorded speech he gave to the House of Commons where he says "I have never promised anything but blood, sweat and tears, now however we have a new experience. We have victory. a..a remarkable victory. A bright gleam has caught the helmets of our soldiers and warmed and cheered all our hearts."

- **"Elementary, my dear Watson" - [Sherlock Holmes](#)**
 - Correct quote: Though "Elementary," and "...my dear Watson." both do appear in the beginning of *The Crooked Man*, it is the "...my dear Watson" that appears first and "Elementary" is the succinct reply to Watson's exclamation one turn of dialogue later. This is the closest these four immortal words ever appear together in the canon.
 - Notes: The closing lines of the 1929 film "The Return of Sherlock Holmes" were:

Watson: Amazing, Holmes.

Holmes: Elementary, my dear Watson, elementary.

- **"Et tu, Brute ?" or "Et tu, Brutus ?"**
 - Translation: **You too, Brutus?** (literally, "And you, Brutus?")

- *Note: The second instance is incorrect Latin grammar, as "Brutus" is in the nominative case, and it should be in the vocative.*
- *"Et tu, Brute?" is an accurate quotation of [William Shakespeare](#)'s [Julius Caesar](#). He renders as Latin in an English play what was originally quoted as Greek spoken by a Roman.*
- *A better translation would be "Even you, Brutus?", as "et" in this instance is used as an intensive adverb to express something unexpected, rather than as a conjunction.*
- *Correct quote: "Kai su, teknon?" (quoted by [Suetonius](#))*
- *Translation from the [Greek](#): "You too, my child?"*
- *There is also another sentence after Caesar says these words. Caesar says "Et tu, Brute? Then fall Caesar." He means that, since Brutus, his one last hope of salvation, has also betrayed him, he has no hope. Alternatively it could be interpreted that since even Brutus, a man with a reputation for honor and whom he has considered his friend, betrays him, he no longer wants to live.*
- *Note: It is very unlikely that Caesar actually said these words.*
- ***"Friends, Romans, Countrymen, Lend me your ears." - [William Shakespeare](#) ([Julius Caesar](#))***
- *Note: The quote is often attributed to Julius Caesar; it was actually said by the character Antony in the play [Julius Caesar](#).*
- ***"God helps those who help themselves"***
- *The saying is not biblical and, in fact, violates a primary scriptural teaching that only God determines a person's destiny, according to religion analyst George Barna. It is an ancient proverb that shows up in the literature of many cultures, including a 1736 edition of Benjamin Franklin's Poor Richard's Almanac. But it does not appear in the Bible and suggests a spiritual self-reliance inconsistent with Christianity, said David Kinnaman, vice president of Barna Research Group.*

- **"Lead on, Macduff"**
 - Correct quote: "Lay on, Macduff, and damned be him who first cries 'Hold! enough!'" - [William Shakespeare](#) ([Macbeth](#))
- **"Bubble bubble, toil and trouble."**
 - Correct quote: "Double double, toil and trouble." - [William Shakespeare](#) ([Macbeth](#))
 - Notes: It is worth mentioning that the line following this quote reads "Fire burn and cauldron bubble"; if the first line had indeed read "Bubble bubble, toil and trouble", the second line would sound redundant. If this is kept in mind, accidental misquotations can be avoided.
- **"Me Tarzan, you Jane."**
 - Occurs in none of the Tarzan films nor in the book by Edgar Rice Burroughs.
 - Occurred in an interview with the actor of Tarzan in the films, saying this is as complicated as his dialogue got.
- **"It don't mean a thing, if it ain't got that swing"**
 - Although this is the correct quote from the song of the same name, its meaning is often misinterpreted by those not familiar with it. It is first assumed to mean "the song is worthless without the swing," but it actually means "you don't need the swing to make the song."
 - This meaning is better portrayed when the quote is accompanied by the next line, "It don't mean a thing, all you have to do is sing."
- **"Methinks the lady doth protest too much"**
 - Correct quote: "The lady doth protest too much, methinks." - [William Shakespeare](#) ([Hamlet](#)) This quote comes from Hamlet, Act 3, scene 2, line 230 (line accuracy may differ in varying versions of the play). In this case, "protest" means more of "proclaim" than "argue

against". Gertrude says it when Hamlet asks her if she's enjoying the play, in which the Player King and Player Queen act out what Hamlet believes was the murder of his father. On one level, she's critiquing the play by saying the Player Queen has too much to say. On another level, knowing what Hamlet is doing, she's critiquing her son by telling him very subtly that he's got it wrong - at least as matters pertain to her. However, she might not for certain have made the connection with her story yet. It is early in the play and what has happened so far really isn't very much like her story at all. She could simply be making an observation on human behaviour in general. Someone who is telling the truth is usually doing so rather plainly and shortly. Someone who is assuring too much is usually lying either to herself or to the audience. Therefore Gertrude implies that she predicts the Player Queen will break her word. Hamlet seems to interpret her statement in this way since in the next line Hamlet says: "O, but she'll keep her word".

- **"Money is the root of all evil."**
 - Correct quote: "For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows." (1 Timothy 6:10 [King James Version](#))
 - Many translations render what the KJV renders as "the root" (originally ριζα) as "a root" or "at the root" and "all evil" (πας κακος) as "all sorts of evil" or "all kinds of evil". (See also translations in [New International Version](#), [New American Standard Bible](#), [New Living Translation](#).) All translations agree that it is the love of money, rather than money itself, that is associated with evil.
- **"It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of needle, than for a rich man to enter heaven."**
 - The word "camel" or "ghemel" is from a root meaning "to bear a burden", and perhaps should have been translated "rope".

- **"Now is the winter of our discontent."**
 - In context: "Now is the winter of our discontent / Made glorious summer by this son of York." - [William Shakespeare](#) ([Richard III](#))
 - Notes: This is a misquotation because, despite the same word order, the grammar of the quotation is different from the grammar of the original, and hence the meaning lost. As misquoted, *is is* the main verb, and the phrase means, "The winter of our discontent is happening now." In the full quote, *is is* is a helper verb, and might be rephrased according to modern usage, to clarify the meaning: "Now the winter of our discontent is made into a glorious summer by this son of York."

- **"Alas, poor Yorick. I knew him well."**
 - Correct quote: "Alas, poor Yorick. I knew him, Horatio - a fellow of infinite jest, of most excellent fancy." - [William Shakespeare](#) ([Hamlet](#), Act V, Scene I)

- **"People sleep peaceably in their beds at night only because rough men stand ready to do violence on their behalf."**
 - Alternative: "We sleep safely at night because rough men stand ready to visit violence on those who would harm us."
 - Notes: allegedly said by [George Orwell](#) although there is no evidence that Orwell ever wrote or uttered either of these versions of this idea. They do bear some similarity to comments made in an essay that Orwell wrote on Rudyard Kipling, when quoting from one of his poems.
 - "Yes, making mock o' uniforms that guard you while you sleep" - [Rudyard Kipling](#) (Tommy)
 - "I have neither the time nor the inclination to explain myself to a man who rises and sleeps under the blanket of the very freedom that I provide, then questions the manner in which I provide it." - [Jack Nicholson](#) ([A Few Good Men](#))

- *Alternative: "We sleep soundly in our beds because rough men stand ready in the night to visit violence on those who would do us harm." - [Winston Churchill](#) (miscellaneous quotation, no date)*
- **"Play it again, Sam"**
 - *Actual quote: "Play it Sam, for old times' sake, play 'As Time Goes By'." - [Ingrid Bergman](#) (Casablanca)*
 - *Actual quote: "You played it for her, you can play it for me. ... If she can stand it, I can! Play it!" - [Humphrey Bogart](#) (Casablanca)*
 - *Note: Woody Allen paid homage to Casablanca under the title Play It Again, Sam, which is likely the source of much such misquotation.*
 - *The line first occurred in the Marx Brothers' film A Night in Casablanca (1946), another possible source of the misquotation.*
- **"Someone set us up the bomb"**
 - *Correct quote: "Somebody set up us the bomb"*
 - *The spoken words are "Someone set us up the bomb" in the [flash animation](#) which made the phenomenon popular.*
 - *Notes: From a Japanese video game, [Zero Wing](#), with a very unskilled and amusing English translation. Similar to "[all your base are belong to us](#)".*
- **"The rest is science"**
 - *Correct quote: "The rest is silence" - [William Shakespeare](#) ([Hamlet](#))*
 - *Notes: This phrase may also be used as a play on words, or even plain prose, as when Steve Swallow, the jazz musician, said about jazz composition, "Eventually, an idea always comes, and then the rest is science."*
- **"To gild the lily"**
 - *Correct quote: "To gild refined gold, to paint the lily" - [William Shakespeare](#) ([The Life and Death of King John](#), Act IV, Scene II, line 13)*

- **"Why don't you come up and see me sometime?"**
 - Correct quote: "Why don't you come up sometime and see me?" - [Mae West](#) ([She Done Him Wrong](#))
 - She switched the word order in her next film, [I'm No Angel](#), where she does say "Come up and see me sometime", but without the "Why don't you".
 - A mechanical mouse in a [Tom and Jerry](#) cartoon repeated "come up and see me sometime".
- **"I am not a crook"** [Richard Nixon](#)
 - Often attributed to his denial of any foreknowledge of the [Watergate](#) break-in, when in fact the question raised in a Press Conference was about his personal finances.
- **"Luke, I am your father."**
 - Correct quote: "No. I am your father." - [Darth Vader](#), [Star Wars Episode V: The Empire Strikes Back](#)
 - Notes: Said in response to Luke Skywalker's accusation about his father's death: "He told me enough! He told me you killed him!" Although the accent is on the I, it is also often misquoted with the am having the accent. The dialogue is also often misquoted as Luke saying, "I'll never join you! You killed my father!" and Vader saying, "No Luke, I am your father." (The first correct quote with 'No. I am your father' is from the movie; NPR radio adaption used 'No Luke, I am your father'.)
- **"You dirty rat!"**
 - Never said by [James Cagney](#) in any film. However, in *Blonde Crazy* (1931) he says that another character is a "dirty, double-crossing rat".
 - Also quoted in the 1934 [Cole Porter](#) musical ["Anything Goes"](#)
- **"The only traditions of the Royal Navy are rum, sodomy and the lash."**

- [Winston Churchill](#)'s personal secretary, Anthony Montague-Browne, said that although Churchill did not say this, he wished he had.
- **"A language is a dialect with a Navy."**
 - This was not said by [Otto von Bismarck](#), but rather by the linguist Max Weinreich or his student Joshua Fishman, who actually said "A shprakh iz a diyalekt mit an armey un a flot" (in English: "A language is a dialect with an army and a navy.")
- **"The hottest places in hell are reserved for those who in times of great moral crisis maintain their neutrality"**, or a variation on that.
 - This was stated by John F. Kennedy and attributed by him to [Dante \[1\]](#). However, in the [Divine Comedy](#) those who "non furon ribelli né fur fedeli" — neither rebelled against nor were faithful to God — are located directly inside the gate of Hell, a region neither hot nor cold (Inferno, canto 3); the lowest part of Hell, a frigid lake of ice, was for traitors.
- **"A damn close run thing"** [Arthur Wellesley](#), the 1st Duke of Wellington, referring to his victory over [Napoleon](#) at Waterloo.
 - He actually said "It has been a damn nice thing-the nearest run thing you ever saw...", where he used nice in the archaic meaning of "careful or precise" and not the modern "attractive or agreeable" or the even more archaic meaning of "foolish".
- **"Do you feel lucky, punk?"** - [Clint Eastwood](#) as Harry Callahan in [Dirty Harry](#)
 - Correct quote plus context: "Ah-ah, I know what you're thinking, punk. You're thinking, 'Did he fire six shots or only five?' And to tell you the truth, I've forgotten myself in all this excitement. But being as this is a .44 Magnum, the most powerful handgun in the world, and would blow your head clean off, you've got to ask yourself a question: Do I feel lucky? Well, do ya, PUNK?"

- *Jim Carrey's character in The Mask paraphrased Harry Callahan by speaking this misquote.*
- ***"Whenever I hear the word 'culture' I reach for my revolver."***
 - *The actual quote is "Wenn ich Kultur höre ... entsichere ich meinen Browning". Which translates as: "Whenever I hear [the word] 'culture'... I release the safety-catch of my Browning!"*
 - *This quote is often mistakenly attributed to leading Nazi [Hermann Goering](#), or occasionally to [Julius Streicher](#), a lower-ranking Nazi. This misattribution may date from the famous [Frank Capra](#) documentaries (Why We Fight) shown to American troops before shipping out.*
 - *In fact, it's a line uttered by the character Thiemann in Act 1, Scene 1 of the play Schlageter, written by [Hanns Johst](#). The association with Nazism is appropriate, as the play was first performed in April 1933, in honor of [Hitler](#)'s birthday.*
 - *Baldur von Schirach, head of the Hitlerjugend, delivered this sentence in a public speech, circa 1938. A footage of the scene, with von Schirach actually drawing his gun, appears in Frederic Rossif's documentary "from Nurnberg to Nurnberg".*
 - *Notes: It's possible that this is actually a rather more felicitous phrase in translation than it is in the original. Both the original German and this more elegant English translation were juxtaposed by Howard Thomas in his review of an article by Nicholas H Battey in the Journal of Experimental Biology, December 2002, as "the famous words of Hanns Johst: 'Wenn ich Kultur höre ... entsichere ich meinen Browning' - 'Whenever I hear the word culture, I reach for my revolver.'"*
 - *Additionally it should be noted that a Browning (most likely the M1935 High-Power) is not a revolver, but a magazine-fed semi-automatic pistol.*
- ***"Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned"***

- *The correct quotation is "Heaven has no rage like love to hatred turned/ Nor hell a fury like a woman scorned." by [William Congreve](#) in The Mourning Bride of 1697.*
- ***"Don't fire till you see the whites of their eyes."***
 - *This quotation is usually attributed to Andrew Jackson at the [Battle of New Orleans](#).*
 - *In fact, it originates with [Israel Putnam](#), a general in George Washington's Continental Army, at the [Battle of Bunker Hill](#). The full quotation is, "Don't fire till you see the whites of their eyes. Then, fire low."*
 - *Source: George Washington's War by [Robert Leckie](#)*
- ***"Houston, we have a problem"***
 - *This phrase, supposedly uttered by [Apollo 13](#) commander, [Jim Lovell](#) was, in its original rendering: "Houston, we've had a problem here". [\[2\]](#)*
- ***"Kismet Hardy / Kiss me, Hardy" - British Vice Admiral [Horatio Nelson](#)***
 - *Nelson is rumoured to have said "Kismet Hardy" or "Kiss me, Hardy" whilst he was dying. Kismet means Fate. However, the OED gives the earliest use in the English language of "kismet" as 1849. Nelson did say Kiss me, Hardy to his Flag Captain, Thomas Masterman Hardy, but they were not his final words, and Hardy was not present at Nelson's death. Nelson's actual final words (related by Victory's Surgeon William Beatty, who was with him when he died) were "Thank God, I have done my duty".*
- ***"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing" - [Edmund Burke](#)***
 - *The above is most likely a summary of the following quote in Burke's "Thoughts on the Cause of Present Discontents": "When bad*

men combine, the good must associate; else they will fall one by one, an unpitied sacrifice in a contemptible struggle."

- *Also attributed to Alexis de Tocqueville .*
- ***"We don't need no steenking badges!"*** - Bandit in [*The Treasure of the Sierra Madre*](#)
 - *The correct quote is "Badges? We ain't got no badges! We don't need no badges. I don't have to show you any stinkin' badges!"*
 - *This quote is actually from the film Blazing Saddles, in an obvious spoof of the original source.*
- *When the newly recruited Mexican Bandits are presented badges for their participation in the upcoming raid on the town of Rock Ridge, the leader responds with: "Badges? We don't need no stinking badges."*
 - *This is also quoted in the [Weird Al Yankovic](#) film [UHF](#), with 'badges' replaced with 'badgers'.*
- ***"Spare the rod, spoil the child"***
 - *There are numerous proverbs dealing with the subject of discipline in childrearing, but this is the closest: "He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes." - [Bible](#) (King James Version), Proverbs 13:24*
- ***"Crisis? What crisis?"***- British Prime Minister [James Callaghan](#)
 - *This was a headline from [The Sun](#) newspaper (11 January 1979) referring to Callaghan's reply at an improvised press conference. Asked "What is your general approach, in view of the mounting chaos in the country at the moment?", Callaghan replied "Well, that's a judgment that you are making. I promise you that if you look at it from outside, and perhaps you're taking rather a parochial view at the moment, I don't think that other people in the world would share the view that there is mounting chaos."*

- **"Sometimes a cigar is just a cigar."**
 - This quote is often attributed to [Sigmund Freud](#) to show that even that a famous psychoanalyst can admit that not everything has a profound meaning; However, no variation of this quote ever appears in his writings. It was probably falsely attributed by a journalist, long after Freud's death.
- **"Preach the Gospel always, and if necessary, use words."**
 - Often attributed to [Francis of Assisi](#), the origin of this quote is unknown, but it certainly is concordant with St. Francis's theology.
- **"Romeo, Romeo... Wherefore art thou Romeo?"**
 - This line from Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet can be considered a misquotation as it is usually used in the wrong sense: people often believe that Juliet is asking where Romeo is, but she is actually asking why his name is Romeo lamenting that he is thus a Montague and an enemy.
- **"Show me a young Conservative and I'll show you someone with no heart. Show me an old Liberal and I'll show you someone with no brains."**
 - Neither this nor any of its common variations were ever said by [Winston Churchill](#). [\[3\]](#)
- **"I woke up this mornin' and I got myself a beer."**
 - Correctly, according to the book ["Light My Fire"](#) by fellow Doors member [Ray Manzarek](#), [Jim Morrison](#) was in fact singing "I woke up this mornin' and I got myself a **beard**", as the song allegedly tells of [Morrison](#) waking up after 3 weeks of [drug](#) induced sleep.
- **My momma always said life was like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're gonna get.**

- This famous line is spoken by [Tom Hanks](#), playing Forrest Gump in the 1994 film of the same name. However, in Winston Groom's original novel, the "box of chocolates" line is rather different: "Bein' an idiot ain't no box of chocolates." Groom reportedly dislikes the change. [\[4\]](#)

- **Let them eat cake.**

- This was never said by [Marie Antoinette](#). [Jean-Jacques Rousseau](#), in his 1783 autobiography Confessions, relates that "a great princess" is said to have advised, with regard to starving peasants, "S'ils n'ont plus de pain, qu'ils mangent de la brioche", commonly translated as "If they have no bread, let them eat cake". It has been speculated that he was actually referring to Maria Theresa of Spain.

- Notes: Homage is paid to this misquote in the movie [Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan](#):

Joachim: They're requesting communications, sir.

Khan: Let them eat static.

- **You want the truth? You can't handle the truth!**

- In the film [A Few Good Men](#), [Jack Nicholson](#), only says the line "You can't handle the truth!", although the extended version is considered to be the better.

- **Hello, Clarice**

- This line, while occasionally used in parody of the film [The Silence of the Lambs](#), was never once used in the film itself. However, Anthony Hopkins's character, [Hannibal Lecter](#), does at one point utter a similar phrase of "Good evening, Clarice." On the other hand in the sequel [Hannibal](#), when the doctor answers detective Pazzi's cell phone, just before he pushes him off the library balcony, Dr. Lecter greets agent Starling with the following, "Is this Clarice?, Well, hello Clarice..."

- **Well, here's another fine mess you've gotten me into**

- Attributed to [Oliver Hardy](#), and often said after another one of [Stan Laurel](#)'s mistakes, it was never actually said in any of the Laurel & Hardy movies. The actual quote was "Well, here's another *nice* mess you've gotten me into

Chinese proverbs

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This is a collection of Chinese [proverbs](#) (諺語 yàn yǔ) and idioms (成語 chéng yǔ), given in and sorted by their pinyin transcription. Chinese proverbs and four and more characters in idioms are developed from the formulaic or social dialect/saying/expression (歇後語 in pinyin: xiè hòu yǔ) and historical story in Chinese.

Some proverbs are literary, that is, from a written source. (See the historical written language or the more modern written language.) Others originated among families, street vendors, and other commoners -- all walks of life.

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 - Literally: A single member of a family eats; the whole family will not be hungry.
 - Superficial meaning: If one member of the family eats, the rest of the family will be happy for him or her and won't be hungry.
- 福無重至, 禍不單行 (fú wú chóng zhì, huò bù dān xíng)
(blessing+not+repeat+arrive, misfortune+not+single+travel)
 - Meaning: Fortune seldom repeats; troubles never occur alone.

- 冰冻三尺，非一日之寒 (bing1 dong4 san1 chi3, fei1 yi2 ri4 zhi1 han2) (ice+freeze+three+units(~feet),not+one+day's(7th and 8th)+chill)
 - *Literally: Three feet of ice does not result from one day of freezing weather.*
 - *Moral: A predicament is not formed without a period of events creating it.*
 - *Compare: Rome was not built in a day (Roma non fu fatta in un giorno, Italian proverb).*
- 大水冲了龙王庙 (da4 shui3 chong1 le long2 wang2 miao4) (big+water+poured over+finish+dragon+king+temple)
 - *Literally: massive amounts of water flooded the dragon-king temple.*
 - *Moral: even those who work to prevent something (bad) can be hurt or damaged by it.*
 - *Explanation: the dragon-king is a mystical creature that lives underwater and controls the natural bodies of water. People visit the dragon-king temple to placate him and prevent floods, thus this proverb is ironic situationally (Sometimes this proverb is used as '大水冲了龙王庙，一家人不认一家人' (...yi1 jia1 ren2 bu4 ren4 yi1 jia1 ren2 ...one+home+person+not+know+one+home+person). You can use this idiom under such situation: You had some conflict/misunderstanding with a stranger, but finally you found that this stranger was your neighbor, or your sister's boy-friend, or any other person that had some relation with*

you. You two would use this idiom to cover your embarrassment and make peace with each other, because your conflict is just like the flooding of dragon-king's temple (dragon-king: rain god in some sense).

- *空穴来风未必无因 (kong1 xue4 lai2 feng2 wei4 bi4 wu2 yin1)*
(empty+cave+come+wind+not+surely+not+cause)
 - *Literally: If the wind comes from an empty cave, it's not without a reason.*
 - *Moral: Most seemingly strange events and actions have logical explanations.*
- *老骥伏枥，志在千里 (lao3 ji4 fu2 li4, zhi4 zai4 qian1 li3)*
(old+thoroughbred+hidden+stable,determined+be+thousand+distance (unit))
 - *Literally: The old horse in the stable still yearns to run 1000 li¹.*
 - *Moral: Don't underestimate experienced people, old people still may have great ambitions and potential. Another one is "The older the ginger the hotter the spice".*
 - *Note: 'stable' and 'li' rhyme in Mandarin*

¹ li: a Chinese unit of linear measure, corresponds to about .5 kilometers.

- *路遥知马力，日久见人心 (pinyin: lu4 yao2 zhi1 ma3 li4, ri4 jiu3 jian4 ren2 xin1)*

- *Literally: Over a long distance, you learn about the strength of your horse; over a long time, you learn about the character of your friend.*
- *Usage: This can be used positively to praise a true friend; or negatively to criticize friends that could not stand a test.*

- 人要脸，树要皮; (pinyin: ren2 yao4 lian3 shu4 yao4 pi2)
 - *Literally: a person needs a face; a tree needs bark.*
 - *Meaning: a person needs a clean reputation to survive.*
 - *Note: Face here is used metaphorically as the face (social custom).*
 - *Usage: when someone behaves dishonorably (once or repeatedly), it can be said directly to that person as admonishment (as parents to an child).*

- 肉包子打狗 (pinyin: rou4 bao1 zi da3 gou3) (meat+bun(2nd and 3rd)+hit+dog)
 - *Literally: to hit a dog with a meat-bun.*
 - *Interpretation: the dog will not be driven off, but rather enjoy the meat-bun instead.*
 - *Moral: using the wrong method to approach a problem.*

- 世上无难事，只怕有心人 (pinyin: shi4 shang4 wu2 nan2 shi4 zhi3 pa4 you3 xin1 ren2)
 - *Literally: On this world there exists no such impossible tasks, they fear only those with perseverance.*

- *Moral: No task in this world is impossible so long as there are willing hearts.*

- 树倒猢猻散 (pinyin: shu4 dao3 hu2 sun1 san4)
 - *Literally: When a tree falls, the monkeys scatter.*
 - *Usage: When a leader loses power, his followers become disorganized. This proverb is anti-anarchistic.*

- 水能载舟，亦能覆舟 (pinyin: shui3 neng2 zai4 zhou1, yi4 neng2 fu4 zhou1)
 - *Literally: Not only can water float a boat, it can sink it also.*
 - *Moral: There are opposite aspects of any tool or power.*
 - *Note: This concept is related to yin-yang (it can be used under such conditions as: the multitude can support the government or overthrow the government).*

- 天下乌鸦一样黑 (pinyin: tian1 xia4 wu1 ya1 yi2 yang4 hei1)
 - *Literally: All crows in the world are black.*
 - *Meanings: There are several possible interpretations:*
 1. *A natural interpretation: Some rules, like those natural forces of the Universe, are unbendable, regardless how much you may want it to change.*
 2. *A stereotypical interpretation: something or someone (bad) is no different from all the others (e.g., All government officials are corrupt, all lawyers are snakes, etc.).*

- 星星之火可以燎原 (pinyin: xing1 xing1 zhi1 huo3 ke3 yi3 liao2 yuan2)
 - *Literally: A spark can start a fire that burns the entire prairie.*
 - *Moral: don't underestimate the potential destructive power that a seemingly minor problems can spread.*
 - *Compare: A butterfly beating it wings in America can start a hurricane in China.*
- 熊瞎子摘苞米, 摘一个丢一个 (pinyin: xiong2 xia1 zi zhai1 bao1 mi3, zhai1 yi2 ge4 diu1 yi2 ge4)
 - *Literally: blind bear picks corn, picks one and throws one.*
 - *Meaning: You will lose what you already have if you keep seeking for more.*
 - *Note: (Story) A bear (a bear, in Chinese culture, frequently symbolizes someone with little common sense) was picking corn and sticking the corn in his armpit. As he puts the next corn cob into his armpit, opening his arm, he drops the one he already had.*
- 也要马儿好, 也要马儿不吃草 (pinyin: ye3 yao4 ma3 er2 hao3, ye3 yao4 ma3 er2 bu4 chi1 cao3) (also+want+horse+good, also+want+horse+not+eat+hay)
 - *Literally: Wants the horse to be good and not to eat hay at the same time.*
 - *Moral: You can't have your cake and eat it too (English equivalent).*

- *Usage: someone has an unrealistic expectation.*
- *Note: 'good' and 'hay' rhyme in Mandarin.*

- *有志者，事竟成 (pinyin: you3 zhi4 zhe, shi4 jing4 cheng2)*
 - *Literally: If a person has ambition, things will be accomplished.*
 - *Moral: Where there is a will, there is a way (English equivalent).*

- *玉不琢不成器 (pinyin: yu4 bu4 zhuo2 bu4 cheng2 qi4)*
 - *Literally: Jade requires chiseling before becoming a gem.*
 - *Moral: a person needs training and discipline to build character.*

- *斩草不除根，春风吹又生 (pinyin: zhan3 cao3 bu4 chu2 gen1, chun1 feng1 chui1 you4 sheng1)*
 - *Literally: If the roots are not removed during weeding, the weeds will grow again when the winds of Spring blows.*
 - *Moral:*
 - 1) *It is essential to finish a task thoroughly or the effort would be wasted*
 - 2) *To solve any problems, the source of the problem must also be dealt with.*

- - *Compare: A stitch in time saves nine (approximate English equivalent).*

- 知子莫若父 (pinyin: zhi1 zi3 mo4 ru2 fu4)
 - Literally: No one knows a son better than the father.
 - Moral: Having spent decades with each other, family members know what type of persons each other are like. "Sons" and "fathers" also apply to the female equivalents.
 - Usage: Character witness in a trial. Despite his/her denial, an honest parent can tell if their children are capable of heinous crimes, like murder.
- 我看见我忘记。我听见我记住。我做我了解。 (pinyin: wǒ kàn jiàn wǒ wàng jì. wǒ tīng jiàn wǒ jì zhù. wǒ zuò wǒ liǎo jiě)
 - Literally: I see, I forget. I hear, I remember. I do, I understand.
 - Moral: You can only understand something by trying it yourself.
 - Revised: Show me and I [will] forget. Tell me and I [will] remember. Involve me and I [will] understand.
- 虎父无犬子 (pinyin: hǔ fù wú quǎn zǐ)
 - Literally: A tiger father has no canine sons.
 - Moral: The son of a great man is of no less valor than his father.
- 人算不如天算 (pinyin: rén suàn bù rú tiān suàn)
 - Literally: Man's schemes are inferior to those made by heaven.
 - Figuratively: Man proposes and God disposes.

- 有錢能使鬼推磨 (pinyin: yǒu qián néng shǐ guǐ tuī mò)
 - Literally: If you have money you can make the devil push your grind stone.
 - Note: English equivalent: When money talks, bullshit walks.
- 八仙过海，各显神通 (pinyin: ba1 xian1 guo4 hai3 ge4 xian3 shen2 tong1)
 - Literally: like the Eight Immortals crossing the sea, each one displaying his/her special feats.
 - Moral: Everyone has his/her own powers.
- 八字没一撇 (pinyin: ba1 zi4 mei2 yi4 pie3)
 - Literally: The character "eight" (八) does not have one stroke yet.
 - Figuratively: It takes two strokes to write the character "eight".
 - Moral: A particular thing hasn't even taken shape.
- 不到黄河心不死 (pinyin: bu4 dao4 huang2 he2 xin1 bu4 si3) (or 不见黄河不落泪)
 - Literally: Not having arrived at the Yellow River, the heart is not dead.
 - Figuratively: Feeling despair only when one arrives at the Yellow River.
 - Moral: Only when there is no road left does one finally feel despair.

- Similarly: [不见棺材不掉泪](#), meaning no tears until one sees one's own coffin.
- 一將功成萬骨枯 (yī jiāng gōng chéng wàn gǔ kū) (one+general+accomplishment+succeed+myriad+bones+dry up)
 - Literally: Tens of thousands of bones will become ashes when one general achieves his fame.
 - Meaning: A great person needs others to sacrifice themselves to build his success.

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Wikipedia has an article on [Four-character idioms](#)

- 指鹿為馬 (zhǐ lù wéi mǎ) (point+deer+as+horse)
 - Translation: Point at a deer and call it a horse
 - Meaning: Deliberately twisting the truth for ulterior motives.
 - Source: Zhao Gao, the chief advisor of Emperor Qin Er Shi, was attempting to completely control the government. Thus, he devised a test of loyalty of the officials. Once, at a formal imperial gathering, he brought a deer in front of the officials and called it a horse. Naturally, Qin Er Shi disagreed, but thought Zhao was joking. Some officials followed the emperor's lead, while some followed Zhao's lead. Zhao then took steps to eliminate the officials who refused to call the deer a horse.
- 指桑罵槐 (zhǐ sāng mà huái) (point+mulberry tree+blame+locust tree)

- *Translation: Reviling a locust tree when pointing at a mulberry tree.*
 - *Meaning: While one might appear to be criticizing someone or something, the intended criticism might refer to someone or something else completely.*

- 不耻下问 (bù chǐ xià wèn) (not+shame+down+inquire of)
 - *Literally and morally: No shame in asking those of lower status.*

- 骄兵必败 (jiāo bīng bì bài) (arrogant+soldier+certain+be defeated)
 - *Literally: The arrogant army will lose the battle for sure.*
 - *Moral: anyone who is arrogant/over-confident about their own abilities will fail indeed.*

- 掩耳盗铃 (yǎn ěr dào líng) (conceal+ear+rob+bell)
 - *Literally: Covering one's own ears while stealing a bell (The bell is too heavy to be carried away, so the guy wants to break it into pieces first. But he is afraid that the noise of breaking the bell will wake up the owner).*
 - *Moral: Ignoring the facts is only fooling oneself.*
 - *Compare: [Elephant in the room](#), [The Emperor's New Clothes](#).*

- 画蛇添足 (huà shé tiān zú) (draw+snake+add+foot)
 - *Literally: Adding legs when painting a snake.*

- *Moral: Don't overdo something.*
- *English equivalent: to gild the lily.*

- 以毒攻毒/(yǐ dú gōng dú) (with+poison+attack+poison/)
 - *Literally: Fight poison with poison.*
 - *Meaning: Fight fire with fire.*

- 以牙還牙 (yǐ yá huán yá) (with+teeth+return+teeth)
 - *Literally: A tooth for a tooth.*
 - *Meaning: [An eye for an eye](#); to seek revenge in a manner in which one was injured.*

- 自相矛盾 (zì xiāng máo dùn) (self+each other+spear+shield)
 - *Literally: piercing one's shield with one's spear.*
 - *Meaning: [Self-contradiction](#).*
 - *The story about this is that a man was selling shields and spears at a marketplace. He raised up one of his spears and shouted, "This spear can pierce through any wall!" Then, he raised up one of his shields and shouted, "This shield can deflect anything." When he was asked what would happen if he pierced his own shield with his own spear, he was speechless, since he had contradicted himself.*

- 三人成虎 (sān rén chéng hǔ) (three+people+become+tiger)
 - *Literally: Three people can make up a tiger.*

- *Meaning: If an unfounded premise or urban legend is mentioned and repeated by many individuals, the premise will be erroneously accepted as the truth; see [Three men make a tiger](#).*
- *See also: [Appeal to the majority](#).*
- 萬念俱灰(wàn niàn jù huī) (ten thousand+thought+are all+ashes)
 - *Literally: the thousands of thoughts have turned into ashes.*
 - *Meaning: to express the disappointment of not one, but thousands of thoughts not being able to materialise*

War

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War is a conflict involving the organized use of [weapons](#) and physical force by [states](#) or other large-scale groups. Warring parties usually hold [territory](#), which they can win or lose; and each has a leading person or organization which can surrender, or collapse, thus ending the war. Wars are usually a series of [w:military campaigns](#) between two opposing sides involving a dispute over, amongst others issues, [sovereignty](#), [territory](#), [resources](#), [religion](#), or [ideology](#). A war to [liberate](#) an [occupied](#) country is called a "[war of liberation](#)"; a war between internal factions within a state is a [civil war](#). Until the end of [World War II](#), participants usually issued formal [declarations of war](#).

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 - [Friedrich Nietzsche](#), Thus Spake Zarathustra
- *As long as war is regarded as wicked, it will always have its fascination. When it is looked upon as vulgar, it will cease to be popular.*
 - [Oscar Wilde](#), The Critic as Artist (1891)
- *You cannot qualify war in harsher terms than I will. War is cruelty, and you cannot refine it; and those who brought war into our country deserve all the curses and maledictions a people can pour out. I know I had no hand in making this war, and I know I will make more sacrifices to-day than any of you to secure peace. But you cannot have peace and a division of our country. If the United States submits to a division now, it will not stop, but will go on until we reap the fate of Mexico, which is eternal war. The United States does and must assert its authority, wherever it once had power; for, if it relaxes one bit to pressure, it is gone, and I believe that such is the national feeling. This feeling assumes various shapes, but always comes back to that of Union. Once admit the Union, once more acknowledge the authority of the national Government, and, instead of devoting your houses and streets and roads to the dread uses of war, I and this army become at once your protectors and supporters, shielding you from danger, let it come from what quarter it may. I know that a few*

individuals cannot resist a torrent of error and passion, such as swept the South into rebellion, but you can point out, so that we may know those who desire a government, and those who insist on war and its desolation.

You might as well appeal against the thunder-storm as against these terrible hardships of war. They are inevitable, and the only way the people of Atlanta can hope once more to live in peace and quiet at home, is to stop the war, which can only be done by admitting that it began in error and is perpetuated in pride.

- - *William T. Sherman, letter to the City of Atlanta, [William Tecumseh Sherman](#)*
- *Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired, signifies, in the final sense, a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed. The world in arms is not spending money alone. It is spending the sweat of its laborers, the genius of its scientists, the hopes of its children.*
 - *[Dwight David Eisenhower](#), 1953, a speech to the American Society of Newspaper Editors*
- *Honour? There ain't no honour in this war. The machine-guns killed it. And if the machine-guns didn't, then the artillery did. And if the artillery didn't, then the chlorine gas sure as hell did.*
 - *A soldier discussing the Great War, [Great War: American Front](#)*
- *I can give no adequate description of the Horror Camp in which my men and myself were to spend the next month of our lives. It was just a barren wilderness, as bare as a chicken run. Corpses lay everywhere, some in huge piles, sometimes they lay singly or in pairs where they had fallen. It took a little time to get used to seeing men*

women and children collapse as you walked by them and to restrain oneself from going to their assistance. One had to get used early to the idea that the individual just did not count. One knew that five hundred a day were dying and that five hundred a day were going on dying for weeks before anything we could do would have the slightest effect. It was, however, not easy to watch a child choking to death from diphtheria when you knew a tracheotomy and nursing would save it, one saw women drowning in their own vomit because they were too weak to turn over, and men eating worms as they clutched a half loaf of bread purely because they had to eat worms to live and now could scarcely tell the difference. Piles of corpses, naked and obscene, with a woman too weak to stand propping herself against them as she cooked the food we had given her over an open fire; men and women crouching down just anywhere in the open relieving themselves of the dysentery which was scouring their bowels, a woman standing stark naked washing herself with some issue soap in water from a tank in which the remains of a child floated. It was shortly after the British Red Cross arrived, though it may have no connection, that a very large quantity of lipstick arrived. This was not at all what we men wanted, we were screaming for hundreds and thousands of other things and I don't know who asked for lipstick. I wish so much that I could discover who did it, it was the action of genius, sheer unadulterated brilliance. I believe nothing did more for these internees than the lipstick. Women lay in bed with no sheets and no nightie but with scarlet red lips, you saw them wandering about with nothing but a blanket over their shoulders, but with scarlet red lips. I saw a woman dead on the post mortem table and clutched in her hand was a piece of lipstick. At last someone had done something to make them individuals again, they were someone, no longer merely the number tattooed on the arm. At last they could take

an interest in their appearance. That lipstick started to give them back their humanity.

- [Imperial War Museum](#) (1945), as [quoted by Banksy](#)
- *I regard the death and mangling of a couple thousand men as a small affair, a kind of morning dash — and it may be well that we become so hardened.*
 - General [William Tecumseh Sherman](#), 1864-07, letter to his wife, July 1864
- *If you wish for peace, understand war.*
 - Strategy (1967) by [B. H. Liddell Hart](#)
- *If you're in a war, instead of throwing a hand grenade at some guys, throw one of those little baby-type pumpkins. Maybe it'll make everyone think of how crazy war is, and while they're thinking, you can throw a real grenade at them.*
 - [Jack Handey](#) 12/11/93
- *It makes me hate war, but it doesn't make me believe that we're in a world that can live without war yet.*
 - Lt. Josh Rushing, Pentagon spokesman, in [Control Room](#) (2004), upon viewing footage of dead and wounded American soldiers in Iraq
- *It takes two sides to make war. It only takes one side to make a massacre. attrib. 2ACR, 1991, Al Samawah*
- *Look, there is one statement that bothers me more than anything else, and that's the idea that when the troops are in combat everybody has to shut up. Imagine if we put troops in combat with a faulty rifle, and that rifle was malfunctioning and troops were dying as a result. I can't think anyone would allow that to happen, that*

would not speak up. Well, what's the difference between a faulty plan and strategy that's getting just as many troops killed?

- Gen. [Anthony Zinni](#), U.S. Marine Corps (Ret.), former [CENTCOM](#) Commander-in-Chief, 2004-05-21, television interview on CBS's "60 Minutes"
- *Man is the only animal that deals in that atrocity of atrocities, War. He is the only one that gathers his brethren about him and goes forth in cold blood and calm pulse to exterminate his kind. He is the only animal that for sordid wages will march out...and help to slaughter strangers of his own species who have done him no harm and with whom he has no quarrel ... and in the intervals between campaigns he washes the blood off his hands and works for "the universal brotherhood of man" — with his mouth.*
 - What Is Man? (1906) by [Mark Twain](#)
- *O Lord our Father, our young patriots, idols of our hearts, go forth to battle-be Thou near them! With them, in spirit, we also go forth from the sweet peace of our beloved firesides to smite the foe. O Lord our God, help us to tear their soldiers to bloody shreds with our shells; help us to cover their smiling fields with the pale forms of their patriot dead; help us to drown the thunder of the guns with the shrieks of their wounded writhing in pain; help us to lay waste their humble homes with a hurricane of fire; help us to wring the hearts of their unoffending widows with unavailing grief; help us to turn them out roofless with their little children to wander unfriended the wastes of their desolated land in rags and hunger and thirst, sports of the sun flames of summer and the icy winds of winter, broken in spirit, worn with travail, imploring Thee for the refuge of the grave and denied it—for our sakes who adore Thee, Lord, blast their hopes, blight their lives, protract their bitter pilgrimage, make heavy their steps, water their way with their tears, stain the white snow with the blood of*

their wounded feet! We ask it, in the spirit of love, of Him Who is the Source of Love, and Who is the ever-faithful refuge and friend of all that are sore beset and seek His aid with humble and contrite hearts. Amen.

- The War Prayer by [Mark Twain](#).
- *The more you sweat in training, the less you'll bleed in battle.*
 - *An Army Basic Training Saying*
- *The struggle against war, properly understood and executed, presupposes the uncompromising hostility of the proletariat and its organizations, always and everywhere, toward its own and every other imperialist bourgeoisie...*
 - [Leon Trotsky](#) "Resolution on the Antiwar Congress of the London Bureau" (July 1936)
- *The struggle against war and its social source, capitalism, presupposes direct, active, unequivocal support to the oppressed colonial peoples in their struggles and wars against imperialism. A 'neutral' position is tantamount to support of imperialism.*
 - [Leon Trotsky](#) "Resolution on the Antiwar Congress of the London Bureau" (July 1936)
- *Then, Sir, we will give them the bayonet!*
 - General [Stonewall Jackson](#), 1861-07, in reply to Colonel B.E. Bee when he reported that the enemy were beating them back, first battle of [Bull Run](#)
- *War does not end strife - it sows it. War does not end hatred - it feeds it. For those who argue war is a necessary evil, I say you are half right. War is evil (where strife, there every evil work: Bible, James 3:16). But it is not necessary. War cannot be a necessary evil, because non-violence is a necessary good. The two cannot co-exist.*

- US Congressman [John Lewis](#), [\[1\]](#)
- *War is fought by human beings.*
 - On War by [Carl von Clausewitz](#)
- *War is a continuation of politics by other means.*
 - On War' by [Karl von Clausewitz](#)
- *War is not a pathology that, with proper hygiene and treatment, can be wholly prevented. War is a natural condition of the State, which was organized in order to be an effective instrument of violence on behalf of society. Wars are like deaths, which, while they can be postponed, will come when they will come and cannot be finally avoided.*
 - The Shield of Achilles by [Philip Bobbitt](#)
- *War is too damn expensive these days to ever be justified as a solution*
 - [Clint Borgen](#), [\[2\]](#)
- *War, what is it good for? Absolutely nothing!*
 - War a song by [Edwin Starr](#)
- [Göring](#): *Why, of course, the people don't want war. Why would some poor slob on a farm want to risk his life in a war when the best that he can get out of it is to come back to his farm in one piece. Naturally, the common people don't want war; neither in Russia nor in England nor in America, nor for that matter in Germany. That is understood. But, after all, it is the leaders of the country who determine the policy and it is always a simple matter to drag the people along, whether it is a democracy or a fascist dictatorship or a Parliament or a Communist dictatorship.*
Gilbert: There is one difference. In a democracy, the people have

some say in the matter through their elected representatives, and in the United States only Congress can declare wars.

Göring: Oh, that is all well and good, but, voice or no voice, the people can always be brought to the bidding of the leaders. That is easy. All you have to do is tell them they are being attacked and denounce the pacifists for lack of patriotism and exposing the country to danger. It works the same way in any country.

- *In an interview with Gilbert in Göring's jail cell during the Nuremberg War Crimes Trials (18 April 1946), [\[3\]](#)*

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- *Let us make war, since evidently, you have found peace intolerable.*
 - *[Publius Scipio Africanus](#) to Hannibal before the battle of Zama*
- *A nice war is a war where everybody who is heroic is a hero, and everybody more or less is a hero in a nice war. Now this war [World War II] is not at all a nice war.*
 - *[Gertrude Stein](#)*
- *A pre-emptive war in 'defense' of freedom would surely destroy freedom, because one simply cannot engage in barbarous action without becoming a barbarian, because one cannot defend human values by calculated and unprovoked violence without doing mortal damage to the values one is trying to defend.*
 - *[J. William Fulbright](#)*
- *A really great people, proud and high-spirited, would face all the disasters of war rather than purchase that base prosperity which is bought at the price of national honor.*
 - *[Theodore Roosevelt](#)*

- *All wars are wars among thieves who are too cowardly to fight and therefore induce the young manhood of the whole world to do the fighting for them.*
 - [Emma Goldman](#)
- *All wars are civil wars because all men are brothers.*
 - [François Fenelon](#)
- *Don't fear a man with an arsenal of bombs - Fear the man who only wants one.*
- *Don't rejoice in his defeat, you men. Although the world stood up and stopped the Bastard, the Bitch that bore him is in heat again.*
 - [Bertolt Brecht, May 5, 1945](#)
- *Don't talk to me about atrocities; all war is an atrocity.*
 - Field-Marshal [Horatio Herbert Kitchener, 1st Earl Kitchener](#)
- *History does not long entrust the care of freedom to the weak, or the timid.*
 - [Dwight D. Eisenhower](#)
- *How good music and bad reasons sound when one marches against an enemy!*
 - [Friedrich Nietzsche](#)
- *I can picture in my mind a world without war, a world without hate. And I can picture us attacking that world, because they'd never expect it.*
 - [Jack Handey](#)
- *I hate war as only a soldier who has lived it can, only as one who has seen its brutality, its futility, its stupidity.*
 - [Dwight David Eisenhower](#)

- *I have concluded, there is no war, in the history of man, that could not have been avoided by 15 minutes of honest diplomacy.*
 - [Andrew Mutton](#)
- *I have not come to you except for the purpose of restoring your rights from the hands of the oppressors...*
 - [Napoleon Bonaparte](#)'s motivation for invading Egypt in 1798
- *I have seen war. I have seen war on land and sea. I have seen blood running from the wounded. I have seen the dead in the mud. I have seen cities destroyed. I have seen children starving. I have seen the agony of mothers and wives. I hate war.*
 - [Franklin Delano Roosevelt](#)
- *I know not with what weapons World War III will be fought, but World War IV will be fought with sticks and stones.*
 - [Albert Einstein](#)
- *I know war as few other men now living know it, and nothing to me is more revolting. I have long advocated its complete abolition, as its very destructiveness on both friend and foe has rendered it useless as a method of settling international disputes.*
 - [Douglas MacArthur](#)
- *I went into the British Army believing that if you want peace you must prepare for war. I believe now that if you prepare for war, you get war.*
 - Major-General [Frederick B. Maurice](#)
- *If soldiers were to begin to think, not one of them would remain in the army.*
 - [Frederick the Great](#)

- *If we don't end war, war will end us.*
 - [H. G. Wells](#)
- *If we give up all future wars we must give up our empires and all hope of empire.*
 - [Georges Clemenceau](#)
- *Igitur qui desiderat pacem, praeparet bellum. (Latin)*
 - Translation: "Therefore, whoever wishes for peace, let him prepare for war." - [Vegetius](#) in [De Re Militari](#)
- *In war, the morale is to the material as three is to one.*
 - [Napoleon Bonaparte](#)
- *In war, there are no unwounded soldiers.*
 - [Jose Narosky](#)
- *In war there is no prize for the runner-up*
 - General [Omar Bradley](#)
- *In war, truth is the first casualty*
 - [Aeschylus Aeschylus](#)
- *In war, with its enormous friction, even the mediocre is quite, an achievement.*
 - [Helmuth Johann Ludwig von Moltke](#)
- *In wartime truth is so precious that she should always be attended by a bodyguard of lies.*
 - [Winston Churchill](#)
- *It is a tribute to the humanity of ordinary people that horrible acts must be camouflaged [with words] like security, peace, freedom, democracy, the 'national interest'.*

- [Howard Zinn](#), Boston University professor and former Second World War bomber pilot, USA.
- *It is fatal to enter any war without the will to win it.*
 - General [Douglas MacArthur](#)
- *It is fun to be in the same decade with you.*
 - [Franklin D. Roosevelt](#) to [Sir Winston Churchill](#) during [World War II](#)
- *It is missing the point to think that the martial art is solely in cutting a man down; it is in killing evil. It is in the strategem of killing the evil of one man and giving life to ten thousand*
 - [Yagyu Munemori](#)
- *It is only those who have neither fired a shot nor heard the shrieks and groans of the wounded who cry aloud for blood, more vengeance, more desolation. War is hell.*
 - General [William Tecumseh Sherman](#)
- *It is well that war is so terrible — lest we should grow too fond of it.*
 - [Robert E. Lee](#)
- *Let no one ever, from henceforth say one word in any way countenancing war. It is dangerous even to speak of how here and there the individual may gain some hardship of soul by it. For war is hell, and those who institute it are criminals. Were there even anything to say for it, it should not be said; for its spiritual disasters far outweigh any of its advantages.*
 - Robert Nichols
- *Men changed war, war changed men*
- *Might doesn't make right, it makes fact.*

- [Elimelech Packouz](#)
- *Never interrupt your enemy when he is making a mistake.*
 - [Napoleon Bonaparte](#)
- *Only the dead have seen the end of war.*
 - [Plato](#)
- *Patriots always talk of dying for their country, and never of killing for their country.*
 - [Bertrand Russell](#)
- *Peace cannot be achieved by force, only by understanding*
 - [Albert Einstein](#)
- *Quand les riches se font la guerre, ce sont les pauvres qui meurent.*
 - *Translation: When the rich make war, it's the poor that die.*
 - [Jean-Paul Sartre](#)
- *So long as there are men there will be wars*
 - [Albert Einstein](#)
- *Sometimes I think war is God's way of teaching us geography.*
 - [Paul Rodriques](#)
- *Sweat saves blood, blood saves lives, brain save both.*
 - [Erwin Rommel](#)
- *The Arabian Freedom Movement in the Middle East is our natural ally... In this connection special importance is attached to the liberation of Iraq...*
 - [Adolf Hitler](#)'s motive for supporting a 1941 coup in Baghdad

- *The most persistent sound which reverberates through man's history is the beating of war drums.*
 - [Arthur Koestler](#)
- *The object of war is a more perfect peace.*
 - General [William Tecumseh Sherman](#)
- *The only good part of a war is its ending.*
 - [Abraham Lincoln](#)
- *The purpose of all war is ultimately peace.*
 - [Saint Augustine](#)
- *The purpose of war is to push back the unrighteous enemy, not to exterminate the human race.*
 - [Marshal Daun](#) of Austria.
- *The saying 'there are no atheists in foxholes' is not a testament against atheists. It is a testament against foxholes.*
- *There can only be peace when they will start to love their children more than they hate us.*
 - [Golda Meir](#)
- *There is no war crime, war is a crime.*
 - [D.R.I.](#)
- *This is the field where the battle did not happen, where the unknown soldier did not die. This is the field where grass joined hands, where no monument stands, and the only heroic thing is the sky.*
 - [William Stafford](#)
- *This war, like the next war, is a war to end war.*
 - [David Lloyd George](#)

- *Three cheers for war in general.*
 - [Benito Mussolini](#)
- *War alone brings up to their highest tension all human energies and imposes the stamp of nobility upon the peoples who have the courage to make it.*
 - [Benito Mussolini](#)
- *War begins with One man's lack of Soul, Intellect and Reasoning.*
 - [William Cameron](#)
- *War does not decide who is right, war decides who is left.*
 - [Bertrand Russell](#)
- *War in our time has become an anachronism. Whatever the case in the past, war in the future can serve no useful purpose. A war which became general, as any limited action might, would only result in the virtual destruction of mankind.*
 - General of the Army [Dwight David Eisenhower](#)
- *War is an ugly thing, but not the ugliest of things. The decayed and degraded state of moral and patriotic feeling which thinks that nothing is worth war is much worse. The person who has nothing for which he is willing to fight, nothing which is more important than his own personal safety, is a miserable creature, and has no chance of being free unless made or kept so by the exertions of better men than himself.*
 - [John Stuart Mill](#)
- *War is cruelty. There is no use trying to reform it. The crueller it is the sooner it's over.*

- General [William Tecumseh Sherman](#)
- *War is delightful to those who have not experienced it.*
 - [Desiderius Erasmus](#)
- *War is God's way of teaching Americans geography.*
 - [Ambrose Bierce](#)
- *War is harmful, not only to the conquered but to the conqueror.*
 - [Ludwig von Mises](#)
- *War is just one more big government program.*
 - [Joseph Sobran](#)
- *War is not nice.*
 - [Barbara Bush](#)
- *War is over, if you want it.*
 - [John Lennon](#)
- *War is sweet to those who have never experienced it.*
 - [Pindar](#)
- *War is too serious a matter to entrust to military men.*
 - [Georges Clemenceau](#)
- *War kills men, and men deplore the loss; but war also crushes bad principles and tyrants, and so saves societies.*
 - [Charles Caleb Colton](#)
- *War may sometimes be a necessary evil. But no matter how necessary, it is always an evil, never a good. We will not learn how to live together in peace by killing each other's children.*
 - [Jimmy Carter](#)

- *War should be made a crime, and those who instigate it should be punished as criminals.*
 - [Charles Evans Hughes](#)
- *War will not end until all of the violent people are killed*
 - Czarmangis by [Roger Langbecker](#)
- *War would end if the dead could return.*
 - [Stanley Baldwin](#)
- *Older men declare war. But it is the youth that must fight and die.*
 - [Herbert Hoover](#)
- *We have seen the enemy and he is us.*
 - [Walt Kelly](#)
- *We make war that we may live in peace.*
 - [Aristotle](#)
- *We'll fight them until Hell freezes over and then we'll fight them on ice*
- *What difference does it make to the dead, the orphans and the homeless, whether the mad destruction is wrought under the name of totalitarianism or the holy name of liberty or democracy?*
 - [Mohandas Gandhi](#)
- *What is War Crimes when war in itself is a crime*
 - [Calvin Austin](#)
- *When people speak to you about a preventive war, you tell them to go and fight it. After my experience, I have come to hate war. War settles nothing.*
 - [Dwight D. Eisenhower](#)

- *When the tyrant has disposed of foreign enemies by conquest or treaty, and there is nothing to fear from them, then he is always stirring up some war or other, in order that the people may require a leader.*
 - [Plato](#)
- *When your mother and father are having a fight, do you want them to kill each other? Or do you just want them to stop fighting?*
 - [Farewell to Manzanar Ko Wakatsuki](#)
- *You can't say civilization don't advance, however, for in every war they kill you in a new way.*
 - [Will Rogers](#)
- *You may not be interested in war, but war is interested in you.*
 - [Leon Trotsky](#)

[edit] War quotations in fiction

- *Anyone who clings to the historically untrue — and thoroughly immoral — doctrine that 'violence never settles anything' I would advise to conjure up the ghosts of Napoleon Bonaparte and of the Duke of Wellington and let them debate it. The ghost of Hitler could referee, and the jury might well be the Dodo, the Great Auk, and the Passenger Pigeon. Violence settled their fates quite nicely. Violence, naked force, has settled more issues in history than has any other factor, and the contrary opinion is wishful thinking at its worst. Breeds that forget this basic truth have always paid for it with their lives and freedoms. — Mr. Dubois in [Starship Troopers](#) by [Robert A. Heinlein](#)*
- *Cry Havoc! and let slip the dogs of war. - Julius Caesar [William Shakespeare](#)*

- *It's all an accident, an accident of hands. Mine, others, all without mind, from one extreme to another, but neither works nor will ever. Yet we stand here in the middle of no man's land. — Sergeant Steiner considers the causes of WW2's eastern front as he releases a young russian soldier, [Cross of Iron](#)*
- *Look, all I know is what they taught me at Command School. There are certain rules about a war. Rule #1 is young men die. And Rule #2 is doctors can't change Rule #1. - Henry Blake [M*A*S*H \(TV series\)](#)*
- *Make love; not war!*
- *On the frontlines, there is but one commandment: Thou Shalt Kill. - tagline of [Warhammer 40,000: Dawn of War](#)*
- *Once more unto the breach, dear friends, once more; or close the wall up with our English dead! In peace, there's nothing so becomes a man as modest stillness and humility; but when the blast of war blows in our ears, then imitate the action of the tiger; stiffen the sinews, summon up the blood, disguise fair nature with hard-favour'd rage — King Henry, in King Henry V, act 3 scene 1, by [William Shakespeare](#)*
- *The purpose of war is to support your government's decisions by force. — [Robert Heinlein](#), [Starship Troopers](#)*
- *There are always casualties in war. - Ben Marco (Denzel Washington) in [The Manchurian Candidate](#), 2004 (adaptation of a novel by [Richard Condon](#))*
- *They call this war a cloud over the land. But they made the weather and then they stand in the rain and say "Shit, it's raining!" — [Ruby](#) in [Cold Mountain](#) 2003*

- *War is good for business. - 34th Rule of Acquisition (Star Trek: Deep Space Nine - 'Destiny')*
- *Peace is good for business. - 35th Rule of Acquisition*
- *WAR IS PEACE. — The Party in [Nineteen Eighty-Four](#) by [George Orwell](#)*
- *We few, we happy few, we band of brothers: for he today that sheds his blood with me shall be my brother; — King Henry, in King Henry V, act 4 scene 3, by [William Shakespeare](#)*
- *The silence spreads. I talk and must talk. So I speak to him and say to him: "Comrade, I did not want to kill you. If you jumped in here again, I would not do it, if you would be sensible too. But you were only an idea to me before, an abstraction that lived in my mind and called forth its appropriate response. It was that abstraction I stabbed. But now, for the first time, I see you are a man like me. I thought of your hand-grenades, of your bayonet, of your rifle; now I see your wife and your face and our fellowship. Forgive me, comrade. We always see it too late. Why do they never tell us that you are poor devils like us, that your mothers are just as anxious as ours, and that we have the same fear of death, and the same dying and the same agony--forgive me, comrade; how could you be my enemy? If we threw away these rifles and this uniform you could be my brother, just like Kat and Albert. Take twenty years of my life, comrade, and stand up--take more, for I do not know what I can even attempt to do with it now."*
[All Quiet on the Western Front](#)
- *War. War never changes. — From the introductions of the computer games [Fallout](#) and [Fallout 2](#)*
- *You have seen violence and death, but you know nothing of war. It is the antithesis of Life: Hope crying for its dead brother; Reason,*

grinning at its own dismembered limbs in its lap; Decency raped to death. - Urrkon of the D'avvrus, [Joss Whedon](#)'s Fray

- *War is much more fun when you're winning!!*

Martok (A Klingon)

- *We're Klingons. We don't embrace other cultures, we conquer them.*

Martok (A Klingon)

- *Don't fear a man with an arsenal of bombs - Fear the man who only wants one.*
- *"You, you, and you... Panic. The rest of you, come with me." - Sergeant Major Jonas Blane (The Unit)*
- *"There are more planes in the ocean than submarines in the sky." U.S.N. sailor*
- *"When people ask me what I did in the war, I tell them I did the same thing we all did. We fought for what was right. I've come to realize, there's nothing good about war... But there is good in why you fight wars. And we were all fighting for the same thing." -Lt. William Holt, Medal of Honor European Assault*
- *Nobody ever won a war by dying for his country, he won it by making the other bastard die for his.*
 - [George S. Patton](#)
- *Chaos. Panic. Disorder. My work here is done.*
- *Ain't it great!*

EPITAPHS

- [John Quincy Adams](#) (by himself) - [1767](#) - [1848](#)
 - *"This is the last of Earth! I am content!"*
- [Ezekial Aikle](#) (unknown)
 - *"Here Lies
Ezekial Aikle
Aged 102
The Good
Die Young"*
 - *from East Dalhousie, Nova Scotia, Canada*
- [Alexander the Great](#) (unknown)
 - *"A tomb now suffices him for whom the world was not enough"*
- [Gracie Allen](#) and [George Burns](#) (themselves)
 - *"Together again."*
- [Susan B. Anthony](#) (unknown)
 - *"Liberty, Humanity, Justice, Equality"*

[\[edit\]](#) **B**

- [Clyde Barrow](#) (unknown) - 1909-1934
 - *"Gone but not forgotten."*
 - *Buried beside, and sharing a tombstone with, his brother Marvin (aka "Buck").*
 - *Outlaw, bank robber and partner of Bonnie Parker*
- [Hilaire Belloc](#) (unknown) - 1870-1953

- *"When I am dead, I hope it may be said: His sins were scarlet, but his books were read."*
 - *from Sonnets and Verse 'On His Books'*
- [Quniaron Bellthing](#) (unknown) - 1930-2004
 - *"Well this was fun, let's do it again sometime."*
 - *Grave in Scotland.*
- [w:Jakob Bernoulli](#) (by himself) - [1654-1705](#)
 - *"Eadem mutata resurgo"*
 - *Translation: "Though changed I shall arise the same"*
 - *Referring to the accompanying inscription of a logarithmic spiral, which remains the same after mathematical transformations. He considered it a symbol of resurrection. CLARIFICATION: Bernoulli called the logarithmic spiral Spira mirabilis, "the marvelous spiral", and wanted one engraved on his headstone. Unfortunately, an Archimedean spiral was placed there instead.*
- [Billy the Kid](#) (unknown)
 - *"Truth and History.
21 Men.
The Boy Bandit King
He Died As He Lived
William H. Bonney 'Billy the Kid'"*
- [Mel Blanc](#) (by himself)
 - *"That's all, folks!"*
 - *Trademark line of cartoon character Porky Pig, whose voice was provided by Blanc for many years.*
- [William Bligh](#) (unknown)

- *"Sacred
To The Memory Of
William Bligh, Esquire F.R.S.
Vice Admiral Of The Blue,
The Celebrated Navigator
Who First Transplanted The Breadfruit Tree
From Otahette To The West Indies,
Bravely fought The Battles Of His Country
And Died Beloved, Respected, And Lamented
On The 7th Day Of December, 1817
Aged 64"*
- *John Brown (unknown)*
 - *"Stranger! Approach this spot with gravity!
John Brown is filling his last cavity."*
- [Charles Bukowski](#) (by himself)
 - *"Don't Try"*
- [Samuel Butler](#) (by [Samuel Wesley](#)) - [1612-1680](#)
 - *"While Butler, needy wretch, was yet alive,
No generous patron would a dinner give;
See him, when starv'd to death, and turn'd to dust,
Presented with a monumental bust.
The poet's fate is here in emblem shown,
He ask'd for bread, and he received a stone."*

[\[edit\]](#) [C](#)

- [Al Capone](#) (by himself)
 - *"My Jesus, mercy"*
- [Andrew Carnegie](#) (unknown)

- *"Here lies a man who knew how to enlist the service of better men than himself."*
- [George Washington Carver](#) (unknown)
 - *"He could have added fortune to fame, but caring for neither, he found happiness and honor in being helpful to the world."*
- [Walter Chiari](#) (by himself)
 - *"O friends, don't cry - it's just unused sleep."*
- [Winston Churchill](#) (unknown)
 - *I am ready to meet my Maker.
Whether my Maker is prepared for the great ordeal of meeting me is another matter.*
- [Samuel Taylor Coleridge](#) (by himself)
 - *"Stop, Christian Passer-by! - Stop, child of God,
And read with gentle breast. Beneath this sod
A poet lies, or that which once seem'd he.
O, lift one thought in prayer for S.T.C.;
That he who many a year with toil of breath
Found death in life, may here find life in death!
Mercy for praise - to be forgiven for fame
He ask'd, and hoped, through Christ. Do thou the same!"*
- [Ian Curtis](#) (Himself)
 - *"Love Will Tear Us Apart"*
 - *Singer/Songwriter of the band Joy Division*
 - *Chosen for his headstone by his wife Deborah Curtis*

[\[edit\]](#) **D**

- [Rodney Dangerfield](#) (himself) - 1921-2004

- *"There goes the neighborhood."*
- [Bette Davis](#) (unknown)
 - *"She did it the hard way"*
- [Jefferson Davis](#) (unknown)
 - *"At Rest
An American Soldier
And Defender of the Constitution"*
- [Emily Dickinson](#) (herself)
 - *"Called back"*
- [John Donne](#) (Himself)
 - *"John Donne
Undone."*
- Sir [Arthur Conan Doyle](#) (unknown)
 - *"Steel-true and blade-straight
The great artificer
Made my mate."*
- [Diophantus of Alexandria](#) (unknown)
 - *"This tomb holds Diophantus. Ah, what a marvel! And the tomb tells scientifically the measure of his life. God vouchsafed that he should be a boy for the sixth part of his life; when a twelfth was added, his cheeks acquired a beard; He kindled for him the light of marriage after a seventh, and in the fifth year after his marriage He granted him a son. Alas! late-begotten and miserable child, when he had reached the measure of half his father's life, the chill grave took him. After consoling his grief by this science of numbers for four years, he reached the end of his life."*

[\[edit\]](#) E

- [Wyatt Earp](#) (unknown)
 - *Nothing's So Sacred As Honor
And
Nothing's So Loyal As Love.*
- [Eazy-E](#) ([Eric Wright](#))
 - *Now I'm in the biggest fight of my life, and it ain't easy. But I want to say much love to those who have been down to me.
And thanks for your support.*

Just remember: it's YOUR real time and YOUR real life.

- [Emmet Robert](#) (Himself) - 1778-1803
 - *"Let no man write my epitaph; for as no man who knows my motives dare now vindicate them, let not prejudice or ignorance asperse them. Let them and me repose in obscurity and peace, and my tomb remain uninscribed, until other times, and other men, can do justice to my character; when my country takes her place among the nations of the earth, then, and not till then, let my epitaph be written. I have done."*
- [Edward I of England](#) (unknown)
 - *"Hic est Edwardvs Primus Scottorum Malleus"*
 - *Translation: "Here is Edward I, Hammer of the Scots"*

[\[edit\]](#) F

- [W.C. Fields](#) (unknown)- 1880-1946
 - *"W. C. Fields 1880 - 1946"*
 - *In a 1925 article in Vanity Fair Fields had proposed the epitaph
"Here lies W.C. Fields. I would rather be living in*

Philadelphia." because of his long-standing jokes about Philadelphia (he was actually born there), and the grave being one place he might actually not prefer to be. This is often repeated as "On the whole, I'd rather be in Philadelphia." which he might have stated at other times, and sometimes is distorted into a last dig at Philadelphia: "Better here than in Philadelphia." His actual tomb at Forest Lawn in Glendale, California simply reads as above.

- [F. Scott Fitzgerald](#) (himself; from [The Great Gatsby](#))
 - "So we beat on, boats against
the current, borne back
ceaselessly into the past."
- [Benjamin Franklin](#) (himself)
 - "The Body of
B. Franklin, Printer
Like the Cover of an old Book
Its Contents turn out
And Stript of its Lettering & Guilding
Lies here. Food for Worms
For, it will as he believed
appear once more
In a new and more elegant Edition
corrected and improved
By the Author
- [Robert Frost](#) (himself)
 - "I had a lover's quarrel with the world"
- [R. Buckminster Fuller](#) (himself)
 - "Call Me Trimtab"

- *A trimtab is the smallest part of a rudder for a ship or airplane, and controls the direction of the craft. He was probably alluding how much power one individual can have in the world.*

[\[edit\]](#) G

- [Rene Gagnon](#) (unknown)
 - *"For God And His Country
He Raised Our Flag In Battle
And Showed A Measure Of His
Pride At A Place Called "Iwo Jima"
Where Courage Never Died"*
- [John Gay](#) (himself)
 - *"Life's a jest, and all things show it;
I thought so once, and now I know it."*
- [Jackie Gleason](#) (himself)
 - *"And away we go!"*
 - *Trademark catchphrase from his television shows.*
- [Mane Garrincha](#)
 - *"Here rests in peace the one who was the Joy of the People –
Mané Garrincha."*
- [Mahatma Gandhi](#)
 - *"Hey Ram"*

[\[edit\]](#) H

- [Henry II](#) (by Ralph of Diceto)
 - *"I was Henry the King"*

To me Diverse realms were subject, I was duke and count of many provinces.

Eight feet of ground is now enough for me, whom many kingdoms failed to satisfy.

Who reads these lines, let him reflect, upon the narrowness of death.

And in my case behold, the image of our mortal lot.

This scanty tomb doth now suffice,

For whom the Earth was not enough."

- [Werner Heisenberg](#) (unknown)
 - "He lies here, somewhere."
 - *This is a joke about the famous Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle, which implies that one may not know the position and momentum of a particle simultaneously.*
- Richard Hind
 - "Here lies the body of Richard Hind,
Who was neither ingenious, sober, nor kind."
- [Winifred Holtby](#) (by herself) - [1898-1935](#)
 - "God give me work while I may live, and life till my work is done."

[\[edit\]](#) I

[\[edit\]](#) J

- [Thomas Jefferson](#) (unknown)
 - "Author of the Declaration of American independence of the statute of Virginia for religious freedom and father of the University of Virginia"

- *Despite his being the 2nd Vice-President and 3rd President of the USA, these are not mentioned.*
- [Jesse James](#) (by his mother)
 - *"Murdered by a traitor and a coward whose name is not worthy to appear here"*
- [George Johnson](#) (unknown)
 - *"Here lies George Johnson
Hanged by mistake, 1882
He was right
We was wrong
But we strung him up
And now he's gone"*
- [Carl Jung](#) (unknown)
 - *"Vocatus atque non vocatus
deus aderit"*
 - *Translation: "Invoked or not invoked, God will be present."*
- [Jeremiah Johnson](#) (unknown)
 - *"I told you I was sick."*
- [John Jones](#) (by Himself)
 - *"Hold my drink, you're gonna' love this."*

[\[edit\]](#) K

- [Nikos Kazantzakis](#) (by himself)
 - *"Then elpizo tipota. The fovamai tipota. Eimai eleftheros."*
("Δεν ελπίζω τιποτα. Δε φοβαμαι τιποτα. Είμαι ελευθερος")

- *Translation: "I hope for nothing. I fear nothing. I am free."*
- [John Keats](#) (by himself and his friends) - [1795-1821](#)
 - *"This Grave contains all that was mortal, of a Young English Poet, who on his Death Bed, in the Bitterness of his heart, at the Malicious Power of his enemies, desired these words to be Engraven on his Tomb Stone: Here lies One Whose Name was writ in Water."*
 - *Keats desired only the phrase "Here lies one whose name was writ in water" to be on his tombstone. However his friends, Joseph Severn and Charles Brown, added the rest.*
 - *"K-eats! if thy cherished name be "writ in water"
E-ach drop has fallen from some mourner's cheek;
A-sacred tribute; such as heroes seek,
T-hough oft in vain - for dazzling deeds of slaughter
S-leep on! Not honoured less for Epitaph so meek!"*
 - *Written on a small plaque, on the cemetery wall nearby.*
- [Kent](#) (by himself)
 - *"Grim death took me without any warning
I was well at night and dead at nine in the morning"*
- [Martin Luther King, Jr.](#)
 - *"Free at last. Free at last. Thank God Almighty I'm Free At Last."*
 - *Lyrics of an old Negro Spiritual he frequently quoted.*

[\[edit\]](#) L

- [Vivien Leigh](#)

- *Now boast thee, death,
in thy possession lies
A lass unparallel'd*
 - From Antony and Cleopatra by [William Shakespeare](#)
- [Jack Lemmon](#) (by himself)
 - "In"
 - 30's- 60's Hollywood Comedian
- Primo Levi
 - 174517
 - It was his number in Auschwitz.
- [Charles Lindbergh](#) and [Anne Lindbergh](#)
 - *"If I take the wings of the morning
and
dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea"*
 - from Psalm 139:9
- [John Locke](#) (unknown)
 - *Stop Traveller! Near this place lieth John Locke. If you ask what kind of a man he was, he answers that he lived content with his own small fortune. Bred a scholar, he made his learning subservient only to the cause of truth. This thou will learn from his writings, which will show thee everything else concerning him, with greater truth, than the suspect praises of an epitaph. His virtues, indeed, if he had any, were too little for him to propose as matter of praise to himself, or as an example to thee. Let his vices be buried together. As to an example of manners, if you seek that, you have it in the Gospels; of vices, to wish you have one nowhere; if mortality, certainly, (and may it profit thee), thou hast one here and everywhere." (translated from the original Latin)*

- [Jack London](#) (unknown)
 - *"The Stone the Builders Rejected"*
- [Howard Phillips Lovecraft](#) (unknown)
 - *"I am Providence"*
 - *a reference to the deceased's beloved hometown*
- [Bela Lugosi](#) (his children)
 - *"Beloved father"*

[\[edit\]](#) M

- [Rob Roy MacGregor](#) (unknown)
 - *"Despite them"*
 - *At the time of Rob Roy's fame, the MacGregor name became banned and was never allowed to be heard or seen by law. The epitaph phrase in full, "Rob Roy MacGregor, despite them" is a last standing testament to defy that law.*
- [Roger Maris](#) (unknown) [1935-1985](#)
 - *"61/61
Against all Odds"*
- [Dean Martin](#) (by himself) [w:1917-1995](#)
 - *"Everybody Loves Somebody Sometime"*
 - *Title of one of his songs*
- [Groucho Marx](#) (by himself)
 - *"Groucho Marx 1890-1977"*
 - *In an interview, he jokingly suggested his epitaph read "Excuse me, I can't stand up.", but his mausoleum*

marker bears only his stage name and years of birth and death.

- [Karl Marx](#) (unknown)
 - *"Workers of all lands unite. The philosophers have only interpreted the world in various ways; the point is to change it."*
- [Leonard Matlovich](#) (by himself) - [1943- 1988](#)
 - *"When I was in the military, they gave me a medal for killing two men and a discharge for loving one."*
- [John Laird McCaffery](#) ("your friends") - [1940- 1995](#)
 - *"Free your body and soul
Unfold your powerful wings
Climb up the highest mountains
Kick your feet up in the air
You may now live forever
Or return to this earth
Unless you feel good where you are!"*
 - *First letters of each line spell out, "F-U-C-K Y-O-U." Is unknown concerning McCaffery's "friends" motives.*
- [H. L. Mencken](#) (by himself) - [1880-1956](#)
 - *"If after I depart this vale you ever remember me and have thought to please my ghost, forgive some sinner, and wink your eye at some homely girl"*
- [Spike Milligan](#) (by himself) - [1918-2002](#)
 - *Dúirt mé leat go raibh mé breoite.*
 - *Translation from Gaelic: "I told you I was ill."*
- [Lester Moore](#) (unknown)

- *"Here lies
Lester Moore
four slugs
from a 44
no Les
no more"*
- [Jim Morrison](#) (unknown) - [1943-1971](#)
 - *"Truth to your own spirit" (originally in Greek)*
 - *His body is buried in Paris's famous Père LaChaise cemetery in the company of many other celebrities. Next to him in the "Poet's Corner" are buried many celebrated writers, including Balzac, Molière, and Oscar Wilde.*
- *Matthew Mudd (unknown) from Massachusetts:*
 - *"Here lies Matthew Mudd,
Death did him no hurt;
When alive he was only Mudd,
But now he's only dirt."*
- [Audie Murphy](#) (unknown)
 - *"MEDAL OF HONOR
DSC - SS & OLC
LM - BSM & OLC
PH & 2 OLC"*

[\[edit\]](#) N

- [Isaac Newton](#)
 - *"Nature and Nature's laws lay hid in night:
God said, 'Let Newton be!' and all was light."*
- [Joshua A. Norton](#)

- *"Norton I
Emperor of the United States
and
Protector of Mexico"*
- [Frank Nitti](#)(unknown)
 - *"There is but no life without Death*

[\[edit\]](#) **O**

- [Osho](#)
 - *"Never born, Never died: visited the planet earth between
December 11, 1931 and, January 19, 1990."*

[\[edit\]](#) **P**

- [Bonnie Parker](#) (Unknown) 1910-1934
 - *"As the flowers are all made sweeter by
the sunshine and the dew, so this old
world is made brighter by the lives
of folks like you."*
 - *Outlaw, bank robber and partner of Clyde Barrow*
 - *It is thought that this epitaph may have been a
stock message that was supplied by the
undertaker with the tombstone.*
- [Dorothy Parker](#) - 1893-1967
 - *"Here lie the ashes of Dorothy Parker (1893 - 1967) Humorist,
Writer, Critic, Defender of human and civil rights. For her
epitaph, she suggested "Excuse My Dust". This memorial
garden is dedicated to her noble spirit which celebrated the*

*oneness of humankind and to the bonds of everlasting
friendship between Black and Jewish people. Dedicated by The
National Association of the Advancement of Colored People,
October 20, 1988." (On a memorial plaque)*

- [Penn and Teller](#) (by themselves)
 - *"Is **this** your card?" and a graphic of a card of the 3 of clubs.*
 - *From the Book "Penn and Teller's How to play in traffic"
[ISBN 1572972939](#) - Penn and Teller bought a cenotaph
(an epitaph without a grave beneath it) and placed it in
Forest Lawn Cemetery in Hollywood. They invite people
touring there to use it to surprise their friends as a
punchline for a card trick.*
- [Fernando Pessoa](#) (himself)
 - *"Fui o que não sou"*
 - *Translation: "I was that which I am not."*
- [James Louis Petigru](#) (unknown) - [1789-1863](#)
 - *"In the admiration of his Peers;
In the respect of his People,
In the affection of his Family,
His was the highest place."*
- [Allan Pinkerton](#) (unknown)
 - *"A friend to honesty and a foe to crime"*
- [Edgar Allan Poe](#) (himself)
 - *"Fly
Quoth the Raven,
'Nevermore.'"*
 - *From his poem "The Raven"*

- [Fritiof Nilsson Piraten](#) (by himself) - [1895-1972](#)
 - *"Här under är askan av en man som hade vanan att skjuta allt till morgondagen. Dock bättrades han på sitt yttersta och dog verkligen den 31 januari 1972."*
 - *Roughly translated: "Here lies the ashes of a man who had the habit of postponing everything until tomorrow. Though he bettered on his final day and really died 31st of January 1972."*

[\[edit\]](#) [Q](#)

[\[edit\]](#) [R](#)

- [Will Rogers](#) (himself)
 - *"If you live life right
death is a joke
as far as fear is concerned"*
- William P. Rothwell (unknown)from Rhode Island:
 - (carved into a boulder) *"This is on me."*
- [Babe Ruth](#) (Cardinal Spellman)
 - *"May
That Divine Spirit
That Animated
BABE RUTH
to Win the Crucial
Game of Life
Inspire the Youth
of America"*

[\[edit\]](#) [S](#)

- [William Shakespeare](#) - baptized April 26, [1564](#)- April 23, [1616](#)
 - *"Good friend, for Jesus' sake forbear
To dig the dust enclosed here.
Blessed be the man that spares these stones,
And cursed be he that moves my bones."*
 - *It was not unusual, at the time of Shakespeare's death, for corpses to be removed from graves and burnt allowing for the reuse of the grave site. Shakespeare's grave remains undisturbed.*
- [Frank Sinatra](#) (by himself) - [1915-1998](#)
 - *"The best is yet to come."*
 - *Title of one of his trademark songs*
- *Harry Edsel Smith* (unknown) - [1903-1942](#)
 - *"Looked up the elevator shaft
To see
If the car was on the way down.
It was."*
- [Robert Louis Stevenson](#) (by himself) - [1850-1894](#)
 - *"Under the wide and starry sky
Dig the grave and let me lie,
Glad did I live and gladly die
And I laid me down with a will.
This be the verse you grave for me:
Here he lies where he longed to be.
Home is the sailor, home from the sea,
And the hunter home from the hill."*
- [Alexander Vasilyevich Suvorov](#) - [1729-1800](#)
 - *"Here lies Suvorov"*

- [Jonathan Swift](#) (unknown)
 - *"Here lies the body of Jonathan Swift, Professor of Holy Theology, for thirty years Dean of this cathedral church, where savage indignation can tear his heart no more. Go, traveller, and if you can imitate one who with his utmost strength protected liberty. He died in the year 1745, on the 19th of October, aged seventy-eight"*
- [Lucius Cornelius Sulla](#) (by himself) - died [78 BC](#)
 - *"No better friend - No worse enemy"*

[\[edit\]](#) **T**

- [Alfred Lord Tennyson](#) (himself)
 - *"Sunset and evening star,

And one clear call for me!

And may there be no moaning of the bar,

When I put out to sea,

But such a tide as moving seems asleep,

Too full for sound and foam,

When that which drew from out the boundless deep

Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,

And after that the dark!"*

*And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark;
For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar."*

- - - *This poem ("Crossing the Bar") is included at the end of every collection of his works.*
- [Studs Terkel](#) (Suggested by himself)
 - *"Curiosity did not kill this cat."*
- [Thomas Thetcher](#)

*In Memory of Thomas Thetcher
a Grenadier in the North Reg.
of Hants Militia, who died of a
violent Fever contracted by drinking
Small Beer when hot the 12th of May
1764. Aged 26 Years.
In grateful remembrance of whose universal*

*good will towards his Comrades, this Stone
is placed here at their expence, as a small
testimony of their regard and concern.*

*Here sleeps in peace a Hampshire Grenadier,
Who caught his death by drinking cold small Beer,
Soldiers be wise from his untimely fall
And when ye're hot drink Strong or none at all.*

This memorial being decay'd was restord
by the Officers of the Garrison A.D. 1781.

*An Honest Soldier never is forgot
whether he die by Musket or by Pot.*

*The Stone was replaced by the North Hants
Militia when disembodied at Winchester,
on 26th April 1802, in consequence of
the original Stone being destroyed.*

And again replaced by

The Royal Hampshire Regiment 1966.

- [J. R. R. Tolkien](#)

"Beren"

Beren was a famous human hero during the

First Age of Tolkien's fictional world

Middle-earth. Beren's love was the immortal

Elven maid Lúthien who chose the fate of

mortality to be able to follow Beren after

he died. The name "Lúthien" is inscribed

underneath the name Edith Tolkien on the

pair's headstone.

[\[edit\]](#) **U**

- [Peter Ustinov](#) (suggested by himself) - [1921-2004](#)
 - "Do not walk on the grass"
 - According to an obituary in [DIE ZEIT](#), Ustinov's answer to the question what he would like to see written on his headstone.

[\[edit\]](#) **V**

- [Voltaire](#) (unkown) - [1694-1778](#)
 - "Here lies Voltaire"
- Santiago Vizan Gulizia
 - "I dont regret anything, thanks"
 - In reference to his wild lifestyle.

[\[edit\]](#) **W**

- [George Washington](#) (unknown)
 - *"Looking into the portals of eternity taught that
The Brotherhood of Man is inspired by God's Word;
Then all prejudice of race vanishes away."*
- [H. G. Wells](#) (himself) - [1866-1946](#)
 - *"I told you so, you damned fools."*
- [Oscar Wilde](#) (himself)
 - *"And alien tears will fill for him
Pity's long-broken urn,
For his mourners will be outcast men,
And outcasts always mourn."*
 - From [The Ballad of Reading Gaol](#)
- [Hank Williams](#) (his wife)
 - *"Thank you for the love you gave me
There could be nobody stronger
Thank you for many beautiful songs
They will live long, and longer"*
- [Christopher Wren](#) (unknown)
 - *"Lector, si monumentum requiris circumspice."*
 - Translation: "Reader, if you seek his monument, look around."
 - Wren is buried in St Paul's Cathedral, London, which he designed.
- [Virginia Woolf](#) (by herself)
 - *"Against you I will fling myself
unvanquished and unyielding, O Death!"*

Grave of W. B. Yeats; Drumecliff, Co. Sligo

- [W. B. Yeats](#) (by himself)
 - *"Cast a cold eye
On life, on death.
Horseman, pass by!"*
 - *This epitaph is from Under Ben Bulben, one of Yeats' last poems. The last section of Under Ben Bulben describes Yeats' resting-place-to-be. See W.B. Yeats at [Wikisource](#)*

[\[edit\]](#) Z

[\[edit\]](#) *Epithaphs in fiction*

- [Edmund Blackadder](#) (by himself)
 - *"Here lies Edmund Blackadder, and he's bloody annoyed."*
- *"A Jacobite's Epitaph"* ([Thomas Babington Macaulay](#))
 - *To my true king I offer'd free from stain*

Courage and faith; vain faith, and courage vain.

For him I threw lands, honours, wealth, away,

And one dear hope, that was more prized than they.

For him I languish'd in a foreign clime,

Gray-hair'd with sorrow in my manhood's prime;

Heard on Lavernia Scargill's whispering trees,

And pined by Arno for my lovelier Tees;

Beheld each night my home in fever'd sleep,

Each morning started from the dream to weep;

Till God, who saw me tried too sorely, gave

*The resting-place I ask'd, an early grave.
O thou, whom chance leads to this nameless stone,
From that proud country which was once mine own,
By those white cliffs I never more must see,
By that dear language which I spake like thee,
Forget all feuds, and shed one English tear
O'er English dust. A broken heart lies here."*

- [Scrooge McDuck](#) (Keno Don Rosa)
 - *"Fortuna favet fortibus"*
 - Translation: "Fortune favours the brave"
 - Appears on an (unpublished) drawing by author Keno Don Rosa
- [Jenny Sparks](#) (unknown)
 - *"Bugger this. I want a better world."*
- [Ron Obvious](#)
 - *"Here lies a knave,
Where in the grave,
His first good deed,
Was feed the weed."*
 - from [Monty Python's Flying Circus](#)
- [David St. Hubbins](#) (himself)
 - *"Here lies David St. Hubbins...and why not?"*
 - from "This is Spinal Tap"
- [Buffy Summers](#) (unknown) - 1981–2001

- *Beloved sister*
Devoted friend
She saved the world
A lot
 - [Buffy the Vampire Slayer](#), "[The Gift](#)"
- *Senator Vrooman (Ambrose Bierce)*
 - *"Here lies the bones of Senator Vrooman*
Whose head was as hard as the heart of a woman
Whose heart was as soft as the head of a hammer
Dame Fortune inspired him to eminence, damn her!
 - *Fictional future senator used as one of five examples under "Epitaph", from The Devil's Dictionary.*
- *Van Ruijven*
 - *"He Painted Me."*
 - *In reference to painter Jan Vermeer; from the film Girl with a Pearl Earring*
- *Royal Tenenbaum (At his suggestion)*
 - *Royal O'Reilly Tenenbaum (1932-2001) Died Tragically*
Rescuing His Family From The Remains Of A Destroyed Sinking Battleship
 - *From [The Royal Tenenbaums](#)*

[\[edit\]](#) *Unknown*

- *from a Canadian WWI Memorial (Rudyard Kipling)*
 - *"From little towns in a far land we came*
To save our honour and a world aflame.
By little towns in a far land we sleep
And trust the world we won for you to keep."

- *from Ireland*
 - *"Tears cannot
Restore her:
Therefore I weep."*
- *Adult's grave in Rome, Italy*
 - *"Quello che siete fummo, quello che siamo sarete"*
 - *Translation: "What you are we were and what we are
you will become"*
- *Child's grave in Miami, FL (by Edmund Waller)*
 - *"What small amount of time they share
Who are so wondrous sweet and fair"*
 - *From Waller's poem "Go, Lovely Rose"*
- *Infant*
 - *"Since I am so quickly done for
I wonder what I was begun for?"*
- *Infant in Vermont*
 - *"Here lies our darling baby boy
He never cries or hollers
He lived for one and twenty days
And cost us forty dollars."*
- *from New Albany, OH*
 - *"Stop ye travellers as you pass by
As you are now, so once was I
As I am now, soon you shall be -
Prepare yourself to follow me."*
 - *Graffiti response:
"To follow you
I am not content --*

*How do I know
which way you went?"*

- *from Perth, Scotland*
 - *"Reader one moment stop and think,
That I am in eternity and you are on the brink."*
- *from [Fable](#)*
 - *"Blimey it's darker than I thought in here."*
 - *"No man can hold his breath for ten minutes."*
 - *"What you lookin' at?"*
 - *"You're standing on my head."*
 - *"Rover was a true friend and pet, but ran in thunderstorms
when wet."*
 - *"Not dead only sleeping, buried me anyway. Unlucky."*
 - *"I finished before you in the human race."*
 - *"Anyone want to swap places?"*
 - *"Thank you for reading this grave now bugger off!"*
 - *"Let me out!"*

[\[edit\]](#) Unknown Soldiers

- - *"Here rests in honored glory an American soldier known but to
God."*
 - [Tomb of the Unknowns](#), Arlington National Cemetery,
Arlington, Virginia; also used in other American War
cemeteries, such as the ones in Normandy.
- - *Their name liveth forevermore.*
 - From [Ecclesiasticus](#) chosen by [Rudyard Kipling](#)

- *British Soldier, in [Westminster Abbey](#)*
 - *Beneath this stone lies the body
of a British warrior
Unknown by name or rank
brought from France to lie among
the most illustrious of the land
and buried here on Armistice Day
11 Nov: 1920, in the presence of
His Majesty King George V
His Ministers of State
the Chiefs of his Forces
and a vast concourse of the nation.*

*Thus are commemorated the many
multitudes who during the Great
War of 1914-1918 gave the most that
Man can give Life itself
for God
for King and country
for loved ones, home and empire
for the sacred cause of Justice and
the Freedom of the world.*

*They buried him among the kings because he
had done good toward God and toward
his house.*

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