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Most convicted felons are just people who were not taken to museums or Broadway musicals as children.
-- Libby Gelman-Waxner

Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere.
-- Chinese Proverb

Jealousy is the only vice that gives no pleasure.
-- Anonymous

Courage is being scared to death - but saddling up anyway.
John Wayne

You have to have confidence in your ability, and then be tough enough to follow through.
Rosalynn Carter (1927 -)

Getting ahead in a difficult profession requires avid faith in yourself. That is why some people with mediocre talent, but with great inner drive, go much further than people with vastly superior talent.
Sophia Loren (1934 -)

If A is success in life, then A equals x plus y plus z. Work is x; y is play; and z is keeping your mouth shut.
Albert Einstein (1879 - 1955), Observer, Jan. 15, 1950

You're confusing product with process. Most people, when they criticize, whether they like it or hate it, they're talking about product. That's not art, that's the result of art. Art, to whatever degree we can get a handle on (I'm not sure that we really can) is a process. It begins in the heart and the mind with the eyes and hands.
Jeff Melvoin, Northern Exposure, Fish Story, 1994

Love looks through a telescope; envy, through a microscope.
-- Josh Billings

The optimist sees opportunity in every danger; the pessimist sees danger in every opportunity.
-- Winston Churchill

When I give a lecture, I accept that people look at their watches, but what I do not tolerate is when they look at it and raise it to their ear to find out if it stopped.
-- Marcel Achard

I have often regretted my speech, never my silence.
-- Anonymous

There's nothing wrong with having nothing to say -- unless you insist on saying it.
-- Anonymous

Talk low, talk slow, and don't talk too much.
John Wayne, Advice on acting

Acting is not being emotional, but being able to express emotion.
Kate Reid

The less their ability, the more their conceit.
Ahad HaAm

Real success is finding your lifework in the work that you love.
David McCullough (1933 -)

Art is born of the observation and investigation of nature.
Cicero (106 BC - 43 BC)

I love acting. It is so much more real than life.
Oscar Wilde (1854 - 1900), The Picture of Dorian Gray, 1891

We're actors - we're the opposite of people.
Tom Stoppard (1937 -), Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead (1967)

What would you attempt to do if you knew you would not fail?
-- Robert Schuller

You may be disappointed if you fail, but you are doomed if you don't try.
-- Beverly Sills

Adolescence is a period of rapid changes. Between the ages of 12 and 17, for example, a parent ages as much as 20 years.
-- Anonymous

If you want to recapture your youth, just cut off his allowance.
-- Al Bernstein

I feel that if a person has problems communicating the very least he can do is to shut up.
-- Tom Lehrer

Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new.
-- Albert Einstein

Whether you think that you can, or that you can't, you are usually right.
-- Henry Ford

The greatest test of courage on earth is to bear defeat without losing heart.
-- Robert G. Ingersoll

This anonymous quote inspired me and several students as we prepared our class play,
Julius Caesar, several years ago.

"When we come to the edge of the light we know, and are about to step off into the darkness of the unknown, of this we can be sure: either God will provide something solid to stand on or ...we will be taught to fly."

Love is what we are born with. Fear is what we learn. The spiritual journey is the unlearning of fear and prejudices and the acceptance of love back in our hearts. Love is the essential reality and our purpose on earth. To be consciously aware of it, to experience love in ourselves and others, is the meaning of life. Meaning does not lie in things. Meaning lies in us.
-- Marianne Williamson, A Return to Love

If you do not tell the truth about yourself you cannot tell it about other people.
-- Virginia Woolf

This world is a comedy for those who think and a tragedy for those who feel.
-- Horace Walpole

The limits of my language means the limits of my world.
-- Ludwig Wittgenstein

Experience is one thing you can't get for nothing.
-- Oscar Wilde

Good judgment comes from experience, and experience--well, that comes from poor judgment.
-- Cousin Woodman

A grouch escapes so many little annoyances that it almost pays to be one.
-- Kin Hubbard

Defeat is not the worst of failures. Not to have tried is the true failure.
-- George E. Woodberry

Curiosity killed the cat, but for a while I was a suspect.
-- Steven Wright

choose a block of marble and chop off whatever I don't need.
-- Francois-Auguste Rodin, when asked how he managed to make his remarkable
statues

Perhaps the most valuable result of all education is the ability to make yourself do
the thing you have to do, when it ought to be done, whether you like it or not.
-- Aldous Huxley

Success is peace of mind which is a direct result of self-satisfaction in knowing you
did your best to become the best you are capable of becoming.
-- John R. Wooden, Practical Modern Basketball

You can complain because roses have thorns, or you can rejoice because thorns have
roses.
-- Ziggy, character in comic strip by Tom Wilson

The surest sign that intelligent life exists elsewhere in the universe is that it has
never tried to contact us.
-- Bill Watterson, in his comic strip Calvin and Hobbes

Let go of your attachment to being right, and suddenly your mind is more open.
You're able to benefit from the unique viewpoints of others, without being crippled by
your own judgment.
-- Ralph Marston

If a man is talking in the forest, and there is no woman there to hear him, is he still
wrong?
-- Jenny Weber

I myself have never been able to find out precisely what feminism is; I only know
that people call me a feminist whenever I express sentiments that differentiate me
from a doormat.
-- Rebecca West, 1913

Whatever women do they must do it twice as well as men to be thought half as
good. Luckily this is not difficult.
-- Charlotte Whitton

Bigamy is having one wife too many. Monogamy is the same.
-- Oscar Wilde

For most of history, Anonymous was a woman.
-- Virginia Woolf

The whole art of teaching is only the art of awakening the natural curiosity of young minds for the purpose of satisfying it afterwards.
-- Anatole France

You are educated when you have the ability to listen to almost anything without losing your temper or self-confidence.
-- Robert Frost

Music makes one feel so romantic - at least it always gets on one's nerves - which is the same thing nowadays.
-- Oscar Wilde

Imagine if birds were tickled by feathers. You'd see a flock of birds come by, laughing hysterically!
-- Steven Wright

Children today are tyrants. They contradict their parents, gobble their food, and tyrannize their teachers.
-- Socrates

On the other hand, you have different fingers.
-- Steven Wright

There's a fine line between fishing and standing on the shore like an idiot.
-- Steven Wright

The philosophy exam was a piece of cake -- which was a bit of a surprise, actually, because I was expecting some questions on a sheet of paper.
-- Smith & Jones

Ron Burgundy: I won't be able to make it fellas. Veronica and I trying this new fad called uh, "jogging". I believe it's 'jogging' or 'yogging'. it might be a soft "j". I'm not sure but apparently you just run for an extended period of time. It's supposed to be wild.
-Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy (2004)

Ferris: Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in awhile, you could miss it.
-Ferris Bueller's Day Off (1986)

Bob: We find it's always better to fire people on a Friday. Studies have statistically shown that there's less chance of an incident if you do it at the end of the week.
-Office Space (1999)

Wayne: Garth, marriage is punishment for shoplifting in some countries.
-Wayne's World (1992)

Wayne: I once thought I had mono for an entire year, It turned out I was just really bored.
-Wayne's World (1992)

Forrest Gump: I don't know if we each have a destiny, or if we're all just floatin' around accidental-like on a breeze. But I, I think maybe it's both.
-Forrest Gump (1994)

Fabrizio: In Sicily, women are more dangerous than shotguns.
-Godfather, The (1972)

Bo: There's a monster outside my room, can I have a glass of water?
-Signs (2002)

Graham: See what you have to ask yourself is what kind of person are you? Are you the kind that sees signs, sees miracles? Or do you believe that people just get lucky? Or, look at the question this way: Is it possible that there are no coincidences?
-Signs (2002)

Merrill: One time, I was at this party... and I was sitting on the couch with Amanda McKinney. She was just sitting there, looking beautiful. So, I lean in to kiss her, and I realize I have gum in my mouth. So, I turn to spit it out and put it in a paper cup. I turn back, and Amanda McKinney throws up all over herself. I knew the moment it happened, it was a miracle. I could have been kissing her when she threw up. It would have scarred me for life. I may never have recovered.
-Signs (2002)

Hannibal: A census taker once tried to test me. I ate his liver with some fava beans and a nice chianti.
-Silence of the Lambs, The (1991)

The Joker: Tell me something, my friend. You ever dance with the devil by the pale moonlight?
-Batman (1989)

Morpheus: There's a difference between knowing the path, and walking the path.
-Matrix, The (1999)

Morpheus: You have to let it all go, Neo. Fear, doubt, and disbelief. Free your mind.
-Matrix, The (1999)

Morpheus: If real is what you can feel, smell, taste and see, then 'real' is simply electrical signals interpreted by your brain
-Matrix, The (1999)

Neo: There is no spoon.
-Matrix, The (1999)

Jack: When you marooned me on that god forsaken spit of land, you forgot one very important thing, mate: I'm Captain Jack Sparrow.
-Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl (2003)

Will: Where's Elizabeth? Jack: She's safe, just like I promised. She's all set to marry Norrington, just like she promised. And you get to die for her, just like you promised. So we're all men of our word really... except for Elizabeth, who is in fact, a woman.
-Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl (2003)

Jack: You seem somewhat familiar. Have I threatened you before?
-Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl (2003)

Uncle Ben: With great power, comes great responsibility.
-Spider-Man (2002)

Stan: Well you can take the girl outta the trailer park but you can't take the trailer park outta the girl.
-Swordfish (2001)

Gabriel: Oh come on Stan! Not everything ends the way you think it should! Besides, audiences love happy endings.
-Swordfish (2001)

You have a cough? Go home tonight, eat a whole box of Ex-Lax--tomorrow you'll be afraid to cough.
-- Pearl Williams

This fun paragraph was in an email.

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