

# Alexander Alekhine

## Quotes

*Chess, Art, Player, Thinking, Games, Psychology, Believe, Responsibility,  
Beast, Play, Combination, Strategy, Differences, Struggle, Opinion, Style, True  
Beauty, Objectivity, Opportunity, Fighting*

Psychology is the most important factor in chess.

~Alexander Alekhine

During a chess tournament a master must envisage himself as a cross between an ascetic monk and a beast of prey.

~Alexander Alekhine

You can become a big master in chess only if you see your mistakes and short-comings. Exactly the same as in life itself.

~Alexander Alekhine

A lifetime is not enough to learn everything about chess.

~Alexander Alekhine

I consider chess an art, and accept all those responsibilities which art places upon its devotees.

~Alexander Alekhine

Playing for complications is an extreme measure that a player should adopt only when he cannot find a clear and logical plan.

~Alexander Alekhine

Chess, like other arts, must be practiced to be appreciated.

~Alexander Alekhine

Play on both sides of the board is my favourite strategy.

~Alexander Alekhine

I study chess eight hours a day, on principle.

~Alexander Alekhine

Deux fous gagnent toujours, mais trois fous, non!

~Alexander Alekhine

I believe that true beauty of chess is more than enough to satisfy all possible demands.

~Alexander Alekhine

Chess first of all teaches you to be objective.

~Alexander Alekhine

Capablanca was snatched too early from the chess world. With his death we have lost a great chess genius, the like of whom we will never see again.

~Alexander Alekhine

Combination is a soul of chess.

~Alexander Alekhine

Chess is not only knowledge and logic

~Alexander Alekhine

Young players expose themselves to grave risks when they blindly imitate the innovations of masters without themselves first checking all the details and consequences of these innovations.

~Alexander Alekhine

Chess will always be the master of us all.

~Alexander Alekhine

During a Chess competition a Chessmaster should be a combination of a beast of prey and a monk

~Alexander Alekhine

Chess is a matter of vanity.

~Alexander Alekhine

As a rule, so-called "positional" sacrifices are considered more difficult,

and therefore more praise-worthy, than those which are based exclusively on an exact calculation of tactical possibilities.

~Alexander Alekhine

In my opinion, a master is morally obliged to seize every sort of opportunity and to try to solve the problems of the position without fear of some simplifications.

~Alexander Alekhine

Chess for me is not a game, but an art. Yes, and I take upon myself all those responsibilities which an art imposes on its adherents.

~Alexander Alekhine

The purpose of human life and the sense of happiness is to give the maximum what the man is able to give.

~Alexander Alekhine

I think that for the highest achievements nowadays... need to have the stable as a rock scientific base. And also need to own modesty.

~Alexander Alekhine

The retreat of a minor piece to the back rank, where it cuts the lines of communication between the rooks, is permissible only in exceptional cases.

~Alexander Alekhine

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