

# Aulus Persius Flaccus

## Quotes

*Men, Art, Knows, Character, Teacher, Yesterday, Affair, Genius, Knowledge,  
Morrow, Giving, Skins, Numbers, Strong, Please, Opinion, People, Income,  
Retiring, Fame*

We consume our tomorrows fretting about our yesterdays.

~Aulus Persius Flaccus

You follow words of the toga (language of the cultivated class). [Lat., Verba togae sequeris.]

~Aulus Persius Flaccus

He conquers who endures.

~Aulus Persius Flaccus

Is any man free except the one who can pass his life as he pleases?

~Aulus Persius Flaccus

He who conquers, endures.

~Aulus Persius Flaccus

Bad advice is often most fatal to the adviser.

~Aulus Persius Flaccus

Your knowing a thing is nothing, unless another knows you know it.

~Aulus Persius Flaccus

The belly is the giver of genius.

~Aulus Persius Flaccus

Each man has his own desires; all do not possess the same inclinations.

~Aulus Persius Flaccus

The belly (i.e. necessity) is the teacher of art and the liberal bestower of wit.

~Aulus Persius Flaccus

Nothing can be born of nothing; nothing can be resolved into nothing.

~Aulus Persius Flaccus

Oh, the cares of men! how much emptiness there is in human concerns!

~Aulus Persius Flaccus

It is pleasing to be pointed at with the finger and to have it said, "There goes the man." [Lat., At pulchrum est digito monstrari et dicier his est.]

~Aulus Persius Flaccus

Let them (the wicked) see the beauty of virtue, and pine at having forsaken her. [Lat., Virtutem videant, intabescantque relicta.]

~Aulus Persius Flaccus

Indulge, and to thy genius freely give, For not to live at ease is not to live.

~Aulus Persius Flaccus

Quantum est in rebus inane! How much folly there is in human affairs.

~Aulus Persius Flaccus

Things fit only to give weight to smoke.

~Aulus Persius Flaccus

Our life is our own to-day, to-morrow you will be dust, a shade, and a tale that is told. Live mindful of death; the hour flies.

~Aulus Persius Flaccus

But when to-morrow comes, yesterday's morrow will have been already spent: and lo! a fresh morrow will be for ever making away with our years, each just beyond our grasp.

~Aulus Persius Flaccus

Please not thyself the flattering crowd to hear; 'Tis fulsome stuff, to

please thy itching ear. Survey thy soul, not what thou does appear, But what thou art.

~Aulus Persius Flaccus

Live according to your income.

~Aulus Persius Flaccus

You pray for good health and a body that will be strong in old age. Good-but your rich foods block the gods' answer and tie Jupiter's hands.

~Aulus Persius Flaccus

For Yesterday was once To-morrow.

~Aulus Persius Flaccus

The stomach is the teacher of the arts and the dispenser of invention.

~Aulus Persius Flaccus

Thou art moist and soft clay; thou must instantly be shaped by the glowing wheel. [Lat., Udum et molle lutum es: nunc, nunc properandus et acri Fingendus sine fine rota.]

~Aulus Persius Flaccus

Oh, what a void there is in things.

~Aulus Persius Flaccus

I know you even under the skin.

~Aulus Persius Flaccus

The man who wishes to bend me with his tale of woe must shed true tears - not tears that have been got ready overnight.

~Aulus Persius Flaccus

Each man has his fancy.

~Aulus Persius Flaccus

Retire within thyself, and thou will discover how small a stock is there.  
[Lat., Tecum habita, et noris quam sit tibi curta supellex.]

~Aulus Persius Flaccus

Learn whom God has ordered you to be, and in what part of human affairs you have been placed.

~Aulus Persius Flaccus

Is then thy knowledge of no value, unless another know that thou possessest that knowledge?

~Aulus Persius Flaccus

Hunger is the teacher of the arts and the bestower of invention.

-Magister artis ingenique largitor Venter

~Aulus Persius Flaccus

O natal star, thou producest twins of widely different character. [Lat., Geminos, horoscope, varo Producis genio.]

~Aulus Persius Flaccus

Out of nothing can come, and nothing can become nothing.

~Aulus Persius Flaccus

And don't consult anyone's opinions but your own.

~Aulus Persius Flaccus

Check disease in its approach.

~Aulus Persius Flaccus

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