

Carlos Castaneda

Quotes

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Courage, Reality, Juan, Order, Mean, Wisdom, Way, Awareness, Giving,
Journey*

The trick is in what one emphasizes. We either make ourselves miserable, or we make ourselves happy. The amount of work is the same.

~Carlos Castaneda

Self-importance requires spending most of one's life offended by something or someone.

~Carlos Castaneda

The basic difference between an ordinary man and a warrior is that a warrior takes everything as a challenge while an ordinary man takes everything as a blessing or a curse.

~Carlos Castaneda

A warrior lives by acting, not by thinking about acting, nor by thinking about what he will think when he has finished acting.

~Carlos Castaneda

Never take a path that has no heart in it. You can't lose if your heart is in your work, but you can't win if your heart is not in it.

~Carlos Castaneda

Things don't change, only the way you look at them.

~Carlos Castaneda

A man of knowledge lives by acting, not by thinking about acting.

~Carlos Castaneda

We hardly ever realize that we can cut anything out of our lives, anytime, in the blink of an eye.

~Carlos Castaneda

In the universe there is an immeasurable, indescribable force which shamens call intent, and absolutely everything that exists in the entire

cosmos is attached to intent by a connecting link.

~Carlos Castaneda

We don't need more to be thankful for, we just need to be more thankful.

~Carlos Castaneda

As long as a man feels that he is the most important thing in the world he cannot really appreciate the world around him.

~Carlos Castaneda

In a world where death is the hunter, my friend, there is no time for regrets or doubts. There is only time for decisions.

~Carlos Castaneda

You are like you are, because you tell yourself that you are that way.

~Carlos Castaneda

The aim is to balance the terror of being alive with the wonder of being alive.

~Carlos Castaneda

The world is such-and-such or so-and-so only because we tell ourselves that that is the way it is.

~Carlos Castaneda

One must have something to die for in order to have something to live for

~Carlos Castaneda

Self importance is man's greatest enemy.

~Carlos Castaneda

Warriors do not win victories by beating their heads against walls, but

by overtaking the walls. Warriors jump over walls; they don't demolish them.

~Carlos Castaneda

It takes all the time and all the energy we have to conquer the idiocy in us

~Carlos Castaneda

If a warrior is to succeed at anything, the success must come gently, with a great deal of effort but with no stress or obsession.

~Carlos Castaneda

Seek and see all the marvels around you. You will get tired of looking at yourself alone, and that fatigue will make you deaf and blind to everything else. - Don Juan

~Carlos Castaneda

Do you know at this very moment you are surrounded by eternity? And do you know that you can use that eternity if you so desire?

~Carlos Castaneda

Any path is only a path, and there is no affront to oneself or to others, in dropping it if that is what your heart tells you.

~Carlos Castaneda

Fright never injures anyone. What injures the spirit is having someone always on your back, beating you, telling you what to do and what not to do

~Carlos Castaneda

Feeling important makes one heavy, clumsy and vain. To be a warrior one needs to be light and fluid.

~Carlos Castaneda

The ego is like a tired old dog. We can never kill it, so put it out on the back porch, let it rest there, and step around it.

~Carlos Castaneda

Things don't change. You change your way of looking, that's all

~Carlos Castaneda

Beware of those who weep with realization, for they have realized nothing.

~Carlos Castaneda

When you need an answer, look over your left shoulder and ask your death.

~Carlos Castaneda

Forget the self and you will fear nothing, in whatever level or awareness you find yourself to be.

~Carlos Castaneda

Only a warrior can survive the path of knowledge because the art of the warrior is to balance the pain of being a man with the wonder of being a man.

~Carlos Castaneda

The secret is not in what you do to yourself but rather in what you don't do.

~Carlos Castaneda

A warrior knows that he is only a man. His only regret is that his life is so short that he can't grab onto all the things he would like to. But for him, this is not an issue; it's only a pity.

~Carlos Castaneda

Your problems is that you think you have time.

~Carlos Castaneda

Think about it: what weakens us is feeling offended by the deeds and misdeeds of our fellow men. Our self-importance requires that we spend most of our lives offended by someone.

~Carlos Castaneda

When one has nothing to lose, one becomes courageous. We are timid only when there is something we can still cling to.

~Carlos Castaneda

A warrior doesn't know remorse for anything he has done, because to isolate one's acts as being mean, or ugly, or evil is to place an unwarranted importance on the self.

~Carlos Castaneda

There are lots of things a warrior can do at a certain time which he couldn't do years before. Those things themselves did not change; what changed was his idea of himself.

~Carlos Castaneda

Men have to be hooked. Women don't need that. Women go freely into anything. That's their power and at the same time their drawback. Men have to be led and women have to be contained

~Carlos Castaneda

Will is what can make you succeed when your thoughts tell you that you're defeated.

~Carlos Castaneda

Nothing in this world is a gift. Whatever must be learned must be learned the hard way.

~Carlos Castaneda

Anything is one of a million paths. Therefore you must always keep in mind that a path is only a path; if you feel you should not follow, you must not stay with it under any circumstances.

~Carlos Castaneda

The sorcerer's description of the world is perceivable. But our insistence on holding on to our standard version of reality renders us almost deaf and blind to it.

~Carlos Castaneda

The only thing we all have in common is that we play tricks in order to force ourselves to abandon the quest. The counter-measure is to persist in spite of all the barriers and disappointments.

~Carlos Castaneda

An average man is too concerned with liking people or with being liked himself. A warrior likes, that's all. He likes whatever or whomever he wants, for the hell of it.

~Carlos Castaneda

A guardian is broad-minded and understanding. A guard, on the other hand, is a vigilante, narrow-minded and most of the time despotic.

~Carlos Castaneda

Sorcerers are convinced that all of us are a bunch of nincompoops. We can never relinquish our crummy control voluntarily, thus we have to be tricked

~Carlos Castaneda

I'm never angry at anybody! No human being can do anything important enough for that. You get angry at people when you feel that their acts are important. I don't feel that way any longer.

~Carlos Castaneda

You say you need help. Help for what? You have everything needed for the extravagant journey that is your life.

~Carlos Castaneda

Tonight in your dreams you must look at your hands.

~Carlos Castaneda

When a warrior learns to stop the internal dialogue, everything becomes possible; the most far-fetched schemes become attainable.

~Carlos Castaneda

Dwelling upon the self too much produces terrible fatigue. A man in that position is deaf and blind to everything else. The fatigue itself makes him cease to see the marvels all around.

~Carlos Castaneda

Nobody knows who I am or what I do. Not even I. Don Juan Matus

~Carlos Castaneda

To ask me to verify my life by giving you my statistics is like using science to validate sorcery. It robs the world of its magic and makes milestones out of us all.

~Carlos Castaneda

For a sorcerer, reality, or the world as we all know it, is only a description.

~Carlos Castaneda

A warrior never worries about his fear.

~Carlos Castaneda

Man has a dark side, yes, and it is called stupidity.

~Carlos Castaneda

Eventually I saw that the path of the heart requires a full gesture, a degree of abandon that can be terrifying. Only then is it possible to achieve a sparkling metamorphosis.

~Carlos Castaneda

The average man is hooked to his fellow men, while the warrior is hooked only to infinity.

~Carlos Castaneda

When nothing is for sure, we remain alert, perennially on our toes. It is more exciting not to know which bush the rabbit is hiding behind than to behave as though we knew everything.

~Carlos Castaneda

It doesn't matter how one was brought up. What determines the way one does anything is personal power.

~Carlos Castaneda

Burn your bridges every 2 years.

~Carlos Castaneda

It is best to erase all personal history because that would make us free from the encumbering thoughts of other people

~Carlos Castaneda

Challenges cannot possibly be good or bad. Challenges are simply challenges.

~Carlos Castaneda

A warrior must learn to make every act count, since he is going to be here in this world for only a short while, in fact, too short for witnessing all the marvels of it.

~Carlos Castaneda

A warrior thinks of death when things become unclear. The idea of death is the only thing that tempers our spirit.

~Carlos Castaneda

A rule of thumb for a warrior is that he makes his decisions so carefully that nothing that may happen as a result of them can surprise him, much less drain his power.

~Carlos Castaneda

Man lives only to learn. And if he learns it is because it is the nature of his lot, for good or bad.

~Carlos Castaneda

The only thing that is real is the being in you that is going to die.

~Carlos Castaneda

A man goes to knowledge as he goes to war, wide awake, with fear, with respect, and with absolute assurance.

~Carlos Castaneda

Intent is what sends a shaman through a wall, through space, to infinity.

~Carlos Castaneda

Learn to see, and then you'll know that there is no end to the new worlds of our vision.

~Carlos Castaneda

...to tune the spirit when someone is trampling on you is called control

~Carlos Castaneda

And so you're afraid of the emptiness of your friend's life. But there's no emptiness in the life of a man of knowledge, I tell you. Everything is filled to the brim and everything is equal.

~Carlos Castaneda

We have to balance the lineality of the known universe with the nonlineality of the unknown universe.

~Carlos Castaneda

To die with elation is a crappy way of dying... A warrior dies the hard way. His death must struggle to take him. A warrior does not give himself to it.

~Carlos Castaneda

Look at every path closely and deliberately, then ask ourselves this crucial question: Does this path have a heart? If it does, then the path is good. If it doesn't, it is of no use.

~Carlos Castaneda

Only as a warrior can one survive the path of knowledge.

~Carlos Castaneda

For me the world is weird because it is stupendous, awesome, mysterious, unfathomable; my interest has been to convince you that you must assume responsibility for being here.

~Carlos Castaneda

A warrior takes his lot, whatever it may be, and accepts it in ultimate humbleness. He accepts in humbleness what he is, not as a grounds for regret but as a living challenge.

~Carlos Castaneda

How can I know who I am when I am all this?

~Carlos Castaneda

Conclusions arrived at through reasoning have very little or no influence in altering the course of our lives.

~Carlos Castaneda

Intent is what can make a man succeed when his thoughts tell him that he is defeated.

~Carlos Castaneda

A warrior acts as if he knows what he is doing, when in effect he knows nothing.

~Carlos Castaneda

Our senses perceive the way they do because a specific feature of our awareness forces them to do so...because we learn what to perceive.

~Carlos Castaneda

We are men and our lot in life is to learn and to be hurled into inconceivable new worlds.

~Carlos Castaneda

What is a truthful life? A life lived with deliberateness, a good, strong life.

~Carlos Castaneda

A warrior, on the other hand, is a hunter. He calculates everything. That's control. But once his calculations are over he acts. He lets go. That's abandon.

~Carlos Castaneda

You're chained to you reason ... Understanding is only a very small affair, so very small

~Carlos Castaneda

We chose whether to be warriors or to be ordinary.

~Carlos Castaneda

Once it has learned to dream the double, the self arrives at this weird crossroad and a moment comes when one realizes that it is the double who dreams the self.

~Carlos Castaneda

The world is incomprehensible. We won't ever understand it; we won't ever unravel its secrets. Thus we must treat the world as it is: a sheer mystery.

~Carlos Castaneda

Before you embark on it you ask the question: Does this path have a heart? If the answer is no, you will know it, and then you must choose another path.

~Carlos Castaneda

A warrior takes responsibility for his acts, for the most trivial of acts. An average man acts out his thoughts, and never takes responsibility for what he does.

~Carlos Castaneda

Leave Jesus on the cross. He's very happy there!

~Carlos Castaneda

For my teachers, unfortunately, certain things were, as they are for you, only tales of power

~Carlos Castaneda

A warrior seeks to act rather than talk.

~Carlos Castaneda

Knowledge for a warrior is something that comes at once, engulfs him, and passes on

~Carlos Castaneda

You see all of us go through the same doubts. We are afraid of being mad; unfortunately for us, of course, all of us are already mad.

~Carlos Castaneda

All paths are the same, leading nowhere. Therefore, pick a path with heart!

~Carlos Castaneda

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