

Che Guevara Quotes

*Men, Country, People, Government, Fighting, Revolution, Struggle, Thinking,
America, Wall, Heart, Latin, World, Humanity, Mean, Fall, Powerful, Victory,
Justice, Life*

Live your life not celebrating victories, but overcoming defeats.

~Che Guevara

The true revolutionary is guided by great feelings of love.

~Che Guevara

It's a sad thing not to have friends, but it is even sadder not to have enemies.

~Che Guevara

Democracy cannot consist solely of elections that are nearly always fictitious and managed by rich landowners and professional politicians.

~Che Guevara

Be realistic, demand the impossible!

~Che Guevara

Above all, try always to be able to feel deeply any injustice committed against any person in any part of the world. It is the most beautiful quality of a revolutionary.

~Che Guevara

Every day People straighten up the hair, why not the heart?

~Che Guevara

Let the world change you and you can change the world

~Che Guevara

If you have the capacity to tremble with indignation every time that an injustice is committed in the world, then we are comrades.

~Che Guevara

Youth should learn to think and act as a mass. It is criminal to think as individuals!

~Che Guevara

The walls of the educational system must come down. Education should not be a privilege, so the children of those who have money can study.

~Che Guevara

We have no right to believe that freedom can be won without struggle.

~Che Guevara

The revolution is not an apple that falls when it is ripe. You have to make it fall.

~Che Guevara

I don't care if I fall as long as someone else picks up my gun and keeps on shooting.

~Che Guevara

To accomplish much you must first lose everything.

~Che Guevara

Silence is argument carried out by other means.

~Che Guevara

If you tremble with indignation at every injustice then you are a comrade of mine.

~Che Guevara

I am not a liberator. Liberators do not exist. The people liberate themselves.

~Che Guevara

Words that do not match deeds are not important.

~Che Guevara

Let's be realistic. Let's do the impossible!

~Che Guevara

We cannot be sure of having something to live for unless we are willing to die for it.

~Che Guevara

The ***** is indolent and lazy, and spends his money on frivolities, whereas the European is forward-looking, organized and intelligent.

~Che Guevara

And then many things became very clear... we learned perfectly that the life of a single human being is worth millions of times more than all the property of the richest man on earth.

~Che Guevara

A new era will dawn in Africa, when the impoverished masses of a nation rise up to rescue their right to a decent life from the hands of the ruling oligarchies.

~Che Guevara

It's not my fault if reality is Marxist

~Che Guevara

Above all, always be capable of feeling deeply any injustice committed against anyone, anywhere in the world.

~Che Guevara

I know you are here to kill me. Shoot, coward, you are only going to kill a man.

~Che Guevara

At the risk of seeming ridiculous, let me say that the true revolutionary is guided by a great feeling of love. It is impossible to think of a genuine

revolutionary lacking this quality.

~Che Guevara

To execute a man we don't need proof of his guilt. We only need proof that it's necessary to execute him. It's that simple.

~Che Guevara

I would rather die standing up to live life on my knees.

~Che Guevara

Democracy is not compatible with financial oligarchy.

~Che Guevara

One must endure without losing tenderness.

~Che Guevara

The best form of saying is doing.

~Che Guevara

Justice remains the tool of a few powerful interests; legal interpretations will continue to be made to suit the convenience of the oppressor powers.

~Che Guevara

I knew that the moment the great governing spirit strikes the blow to divide all humanity into just two opposing factions, I would be on the side of the common people.

~Che Guevara

Everyday you have to fight so that love for humanity can be transformed into concrete deeds, into acts that set an example, that mobilize.

~Che Guevara

The Revolution is made by man, but man must forge his revolutionary spirit from day to day.

~Che Guevara

A country that does not know how to read and write is easy to deceive.

~Che Guevara

A revolutionary must become a cold killing machine motivated by pure hate. We must create the pedagogy of the paredÃ³n [execution wall].

~Che Guevara

The ultimate and most important revolutionary aspiration: to see human beings liberated from their alienation

~Che Guevara

The negro has maintained his racial purity by his well known habit of avoiding baths

~Che Guevara

Whenever death may surprise us, let it be welcome if our battle cry has reached even one receptive ear and another hand reaches out to take up our arms.

~Che Guevara

Words without deeds are worthless.

~Che Guevara

The world must not only be interpreted, it must be transformed. Man ceases to be the slave and tool of his environment and converts himself into the architect of his own destiny.

~Che Guevara

Many will call me an adventurer - and that I am, only one of a different sort: one of those who risks his skin to prove his truths.

~Che Guevara

War is always a struggle in which each contender tries to annihilate the other. Besides using force, they will have recourse to all possible tricks and stratagems to achieve the goal.

~Che Guevara

Mexicans are a band of illiterate Indians.

~Che Guevara

There is no other definition of socialism valid for us than that of the abolition of the exploitation of man by man.

~Che Guevara

Cruel leaders are replaced only to have new leaders turn cruel.

~Che Guevara

I now know, by an almost fatalistic conformity with the facts, that my destiny is to travel.

~Che Guevara

Man truly achieves his full human condition when he produces without being compelled by the physical necessity of selling himself as a commodity.

~Che Guevara

Chess is an effective means to educate and train the human intellect.

~Che Guevara

We are overcome by anguish at this illogical moment of humanity.

~Che Guevara

We must do away with all newspapers. A revolution cannot be accomplished with freedom of the press.

~Che Guevara

I will fight with all the weapons within my reach rather than let myself be nailed to a cross or whatever.

~Che Guevara

...because it is the very nature of Imperialism to turn humans into beasts.

~Che Guevara

How is it possible to feel nostalgia for a world I never knew?

~Che Guevara

Americans are given the sole option of electing their jailer for four years and sometimes do him the honour of re-electing him.

~Che Guevara

One has to grow hard but without ever losing tenderness.

~Che Guevara

A smoke in times of rest is a great companion to the solitary soldier.

~Che Guevara

We travel just to travel.

~Che Guevara

In a revolution one wins or dies, if it is a real one

~Che Guevara

The final hour of colonialism has struck, and millions of inhabitants of Africa, Asia and Latin America rise to meet a new life and demand their unrestricted right to self-determination.

~Che Guevara

What do we leave behind when we cross each frontier? Each moment seems split in two: melancholy for what was left behind and the excitement of entering a new land.

~Che Guevara

When forces of oppression come to maintain themselves in power against established law, peace is considered already broken.

~Che Guevara

It is an illusion to think that the matter can be resolved through words.

~Che Guevara

Revolution cleanses men, improving them as the experimental farmer corrects the defects of his plants.

~Che Guevara

The revolution is made through human beings, but individuals must forge their revolutionary spirit day by day

~Che Guevara

If any person has a good word for the previous government that is good enough for me to have him shot.

~Che Guevara

We must strive every day so that this love of living humanity is transformed into actual deeds, into acts that serve as examples, as a moving force.

~Che Guevara

The interests of the IMF represent the big international interests that today seem to be established and concentrated in Wall Street.

~Che Guevara

The question is one of fighting the causes and not just being satisfied

with getting rid of the effects.

~Che Guevara

Our youth must always be free, discussing and exchanging ideas concerned with what is happening throughout the entire world.

~Che Guevara

Youth must refrain from ungrateful questioning of governmental mandates. Instead they must dedicate themselves to study, work and military service. The very spirit of rebellion is reprehensible.

~Che Guevara

I knew that when the great guiding spirit cleaves humanity into two antagonistic halves, I will be with the people.

~Che Guevara

The desire to sacrifice an entire lifetime to the noblest of ideals serves no purpose if one works alone.

~Che Guevara

Real revolutionaries adorn themselves on the inside, not on the surface.

~Che Guevara

Peaceful coexistence cannot be limited to the powerful countries if we want to ensure world peace.

~Che Guevara

The victory of Socialism is well worth millions of atomic victims!

~Che Guevara

I have never considered myself an economist.

~Che Guevara

You know, comrade Pachman, I don't enjoy being a Minister, I would rather play chess like you, or make a revolution in Venezuela.

~Che Guevara

I have sworn before a picture of the old and mourned comrade Stalin that I won't rest until I see these capitalist octopuses annihilated.

~Che Guevara

Wrapped in a police blanket, I watched the rain and smoked one black cigarette after another.

~Che Guevara

How can it be "mutually beneficial" to sell at world market prices the raw materials that cost the underdeveloped countries immeasurable sweat and suffering.

~Che Guevara

Democracy is not compatible with financial oligarchy, with discrimination against Blacks and outrages by the Ku Klux Klan.

~Che Guevara

Guerrilla warfare is used by the side which is supported by a majority but which possesses a much smaller number of arms for use in defense against oppression.

~Che Guevara

The fundamental principle is that no battle, combat, or skirmish is to be fought unless it will be won.

~Che Guevara

The myth of the self-made man, has to be profoundly hypocritical: it is the self-serving demonstration that a lie is the truth

~Che Guevara

It is not just a simple game, it is a weapon of the revolution.

~Che Guevara

If we had to kneel in order to live in peace, [U.S. government] will have to kill us before.

~Che Guevara

We must not return to the practice of hiding our defects so they may not be seen. That would be neither honest nor revolutionary.

~Che Guevara

I am not Christ or a philanthropist, old lady, I am all the contrary of a Christ.

~Che Guevara

Do not shoot! I am Che Guevara and worth more to you alive than dead.

~Che Guevara

It is not a matter of wishing success to the victim of aggression, but of sharing his fate; one must accompany him to his death or to victory

~Che Guevara

I wanted to take part in the liberation of even a small piece of enslaved Latin America.

~Che Guevara

We have a lot of friends, but not among the governments - the friends are in the peoples. And in the last instance the peoples will be the rulers of those states.

~Che Guevara

As long as imperialism exists it will, by definition, exert its domination over other countries. Today that domination is called neocolonialism.

~Che Guevara

The guerrilla band is not to be considered inferior to the army against which it fights simply because it is inferior in fire power.

~Che Guevara

It is not necessary to wait until all conditions for making revolution exist; the insurrection can create them.

~Che Guevara

While envisaging the destruction of imperialism, it is necessary to identify its head, which is no other than the United States of America.

~Che Guevara

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