

# Emanuel Lasker

## Quotes

*Player, Chess, Games, Moving, Fighting, Order, Two, Play, Long, Special,  
Giving, Truth, Thinking, Vanity, Art, Loss, Three, Lying, Chance, Mean*

When you see a good move, look for a better one.

~Emanuel Lasker

Education in Chess has to be an education in independent thinking and judging. Chess must not be memorized.

~Emanuel Lasker

On the chessboard, lies and hypocrisy do not survive long. The creative combination lays bare the presumption of a lie; the merciless fact, culminating in the checkmate, contradicts the hypocrite.

~Emanuel Lasker

The hardest game to win is a won game

~Emanuel Lasker

Without error there can be no brilliancy

~Emanuel Lasker

I keep on fighting as long as my opponent can make a mistake.

~Emanuel Lasker

By some ardent enthusiasts Chess has been elevated into a science or an art. It is neither; but its principal characteristic seems to be - what human nature mostly delights in - a fight.

~Emanuel Lasker

The laws of chess do not permit a free choice: you have to move whether you like it or not.

~Emanuel Lasker

The combination player thinks forward; he starts from the given position, and tries the forceful moves in his mind

~Emanuel Lasker

I have added these principles to the law: get the Knights into action before both Bishops are developed

~Emanuel Lasker

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I have known many chess players, but among them there has been only one genius - Capablanca!

~Emanuel Lasker

The game gives us a satisfaction that Life denies us. And for the Chess player, the success which crowns his work, the great dispeller of sorrows, is named 'combination'.

~Emanuel Lasker

To refer to the oft mooted question, "Which piece is stronger, the Bishop or the Knight?" it is clear that the value of the Bishop undergoes greater changes than that of the Knight.

~Emanuel Lasker

To find the right plan is just as hard as looking for its sound justification.

~Emanuel Lasker

By positional play a master tries to prove and exploit true values, whereas by combinations he seeks to refute false values ... A combination produces an unexpected re-assessment of values.

~Emanuel Lasker

Chess is, above all, a fight.

~Emanuel Lasker

Loss generally occurs when a player overrates his advantage or for

other reasons seeks to derive from a minute advantage a great return such as a forced win.

~Emanuel Lasker

A chess game, after all, is a fight in which all possible factors must be made use of, and in which a knowledge of the opponent's good and bad qualities is of the greatest importance.

~Emanuel Lasker

Vanity should never tempt a player to engage in a combat at the risk of loss of health. It is bad enough to lose without the additional annoyance of paying doctors' bills.

~Emanuel Lasker

An advantage could consist not only in a single important advantage but also in a multitude of insignificant advantages.

~Emanuel Lasker

Without error, there is no brilliancy.

~Emanuel Lasker

Chess is neither a science nor an art. It is what human nature most delights in--a fight.

~Emanuel Lasker

In Chess, as it is played by masters, chance is practically eliminated.

~Emanuel Lasker

The attack is that process by means of which you remove obstructions.

~Emanuel Lasker

Our efforts in chess attain only a hundredth of one percent of their rightful result... Our education, in all domains of endeavour, is frightfully wasteful of time and values.

~Emanuel Lasker

I believe in magic ... There is magic in the creative faculty such as great poets and philosophers conspicuously possess, and equally in the creative chessmaster.

~Emanuel Lasker

The intelligent perusal of fine games cannot fail to make the reader a better player and a better judge of the play of others.

~Emanuel Lasker

Show me three variations in the leading handbook on the openings, and I will show you two of those three that are defective.

~Emanuel Lasker

Show me three lines of the opening theory moves and I will prove to you that two of them are incorrect.

~Emanuel Lasker

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