

# Karl Marx

## Quotes

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Catch a man a fish, and you can sell it to him. Teach a man to fish, and you ruin a wonderful business opportunity.

~Karl Marx

My object in life is to dethrone God and destroy capitalism.

~Karl Marx

If you can cut the people off from their history, then they can be easily persuaded.

~Karl Marx

There must be something rotten in the very core of a social system which increases its wealth without diminishing its misery

~Karl Marx

When the sufferers learn to think, then the thinkers will learn to suffer.

~Karl Marx

Religion is the sigh of the oppressed creature, the heart of a heartless world, and the soul of soulless conditions. It is the opium of the people.

~Karl Marx

Accumulation of wealth at one pole is at the same time accumulation of misery, agony of toil, slavery, ignorance, brutality, mental degradation, at the opposite pole

~Karl Marx

Social reforms are never carried out by the weakness of the strong; but always by the strength of the weak.

~Karl Marx

Follow your own path, no matter what people say.

~Karl Marx

The last capitalist we hang shall be the one who sold us the rope.

~Karl Marx

The production of too many useful things results in too many useless people.

~Karl Marx

The full man does not understand the wants of the hungry

~Karl Marx

The unity of the bourgeoisie can be shaken only by the unity of the proletariat.

~Karl Marx

From each according to his abilities, to each according to his needs.

~Karl Marx

The social principles of Christianity preach cowardice, self-contempt, abasement, submission, humility, in a word all the qualities of the canaille

~Karl Marx

Religion is the impotence of the human mind to deal with occurrences it cannot understand.

~Karl Marx

Keep people from their history, and they are easily controlled.

~Karl Marx

Democracy is the road to socialism.

~Karl Marx

The first requisite for the happiness of the people is the abolition of religion.

~Karl Marx

The task is not just to understand the world but to change it.

~Karl Marx

History repeats itself, the first as tragedy, then as farce.

~Karl Marx

The theory of Communism may be summed up in one sentence:  
Abolish all private property.

~Karl Marx

A heavy or progressive or graduated income tax is necessary for the proper development of Communism.

~Karl Marx

Social progress can be measured exactly by the social position of the fair sex.

~Karl Marx

Last words are for those fools who believe they have not yet said enough.

~Karl Marx

Be careful to trust a person who does not like wine.

~Karl Marx

Without doubt, machinery has greatly increased the number of well-to-do idlers.

~Karl Marx

The human being is in the most literal sense a political animal, not merely a gregarious animal, but an animal which can individuate itself only in the midst of society.

~Karl Marx

On a level plain, simple mounds look like hills; and the insipid flatness of our present bourgeoisie is to be measured by the altitude of its great intellects.

~Karl Marx

Religion is the opium of the masses.

~Karl Marx

Workers of the world unite; you have nothing to lose but your chains.

~Karl Marx

The Jews of Poland are the smeariest of all races.

~Karl Marx

I am nothing but I must be everything.

~Karl Marx

The only antidote to mental suffering is physical pain.

~Karl Marx

Money degrades all the gods of man and converts them into commodities.

~Karl Marx

Capital is dead labor, which, vampire-like, lives only by sucking living labor, and lives the more, the more labor it sucks.

~Karl Marx

The method of production of the material things of life generally determines the social, political and spiritual currents of life.

~Karl Marx

All social rules and all relations between individuals are eroded by a cash economy, avarice drags Pluto himself out of the bowels of the earth.

~Karl Marx

Men make their own history

~Karl Marx

What the bourgeoisie therefore produces, above all, are its own grave-diggers. Its fall and the victory of the proletariat are equally inevitable.

~Karl Marx

They don't know it, but they are doing it.

~Karl Marx

A heavy progressive or graduated income tax.

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Machines were, it may be said, the weapon employed by the capitalists to quell the revolt of specialized labor.

~Karl Marx

The national debt has given rise to joint stock companies, to dealings in negotiable effects of all kinds, and to agiotage, in a word to stock-exchange gambling and the modern bankocracy.

~Karl Marx

Hazrat Mahal, Begum of Oudh, during the national liberation uprising of 1857-59 in India headed the rebels.

~Karl Marx

A commodity appears at first sight an extremely obvious, trivial thing. But its analysis brings out that it is a very strange thing, abounding in

metaphysical subtleties and theological niceties.

~Karl Marx

The rich will do anything for the poor but get off their backs.

~Karl Marx

The philosophers have only interpreted the world, in various ways: the point, however, is to change it.

~Karl Marx

Communism begins where atheism begins.

~Karl Marx

Reason has always existed, but not always in a reasonable form.

~Karl Marx

Without the presence of class warfare, trade unions would be hard put to justify their existence.

~Karl Marx

We have no compassion and we ask no compassion from you. When our turn comes, we shall not make excuses for the terror.

~Karl Marx

In bourgeois society capital is independent and has individuality, while the living person is dependent and has no individuality.

~Karl Marx

All I know is that I am not a Marxist.

~Karl Marx

Only in community with others has each individual the means of cultivating his gifts in all directions; only in the community, therefore, is personal freedom possible.

~Karl Marx

Do not be deluded by the abstract word Freedom. Whose freedom? Not the freedom of one individual in relation to another, but freedom of Capital to crush the worker.

~Karl Marx

The more of himself man attributes to God, the less he has left in himself.

~Karl Marx

The class struggle necessarily leads to the dictatorship of the proletariat.

~Karl Marx

Change the economic base and you will change human beings.

~Karl Marx

I wish to avenge myself against the One who rules above.

~Karl Marx

For the bureaucrat, the world is a mere object to be manipulated by him.

~Karl Marx

Accumulate, accumulate! This is Moses and the Prophets!

~Karl Marx

The education of all children, from the moment that they can get along without a mother's care, shall be in state institutions.

~Karl Marx

Money plays the largest part in determining the course of history.

~Karl Marx



I do not like money, money is the reason we fight.

~Karl Marx

To be radical is to grasp things by the root.

~Karl Marx

The history of all previous societies has been the history of class struggles.

~Karl Marx

Take away a nation's heritage and they are more easily persuaded.

~Karl Marx

The wealthy man is the man who is much, not the one who has much

~Karl Marx

Misery motivates, not utopia.

~Karl Marx

The meaning of peace is the absence of opposition to socialism.

~Karl Marx

The consciousness of the past weighs like a nightmare on the brain of the living.

~Karl Marx

The ideas of the ruling class are in every epoch the ruling ideas, i.e., the class which is the ruling material force of society, is at the same time its ruling intellectual force.

~Karl Marx

There is only one effective antidote for mental suffering and that is physical pain.

~Karl Marx

Luxury is the opposite of the naturally necessary.

~Karl Marx

The state is the executive committee of the ruling class.

~Karl Marx

Under no pretext should arms and ammunition be surrendered; any attempt to disarm the workers must be frustrated, by force if necessary.

~Karl Marx

Each piece of money is a mere coin, or means of circulation, only so long as it actually circulates.

~Karl Marx

The past lies like a nightmare upon the present.

~Karl Marx

The alienation of man thus appeared as the fundamental evil of capitalist society.

~Karl Marx

Private property has made us so stupid and one-sided that an object is only ours when we have it

~Karl Marx

As the variable capital always stays in the hands of the capitalist in some form or other, it cannot be claimed in any way that it converts itself into revenue for anyone .

~Karl Marx

Is it a misfortune that magnificent California was seized from the lazy Mexicans who did not know what to do with it.

~Karl Marx

There are no circumstances imaginable, not even victory, under which the proletariat should give up its possession of arms.

~Karl Marx

Labour is ... not the only source of material wealth, i.e, of the use-values it produces. As William Petty says, Labour is the father of material wealth, the earth is its mother.

~Karl Marx

Revolutions are the locomotives of history.

~Karl Marx

Religion is the opiate of the people.

~Karl Marx

The imaginary flowers of religion adorn man's chains. Man must throw off the flowers, and also the chains.

~Karl Marx

Society does not consist of individuals but expresses the sum of interrelations, the relations within which these individuals stand.

~Karl Marx

Men's ideas are the most direct emanations of their material state.

~Karl Marx

We will hang the capitalists with the rope that they sell us.

~Karl Marx

Let the ruling classes tremble at a communist revolution. The proletarians have nothing to lose but their chains. They have a world to win. Workingmen of all countries, unite!

~Karl Marx

Experience praises the most happy the one who made the most people happy.

~Karl Marx

Although gold and silver are not by nature money, money is by nature gold and silver.

~Karl Marx

Nothing is easier than to give Christian asceticism a Socialist tinge.

~Karl Marx

Force is the midwife of every old society pregnant with a new one.

~Karl Marx

Every provisional political set-up following a revolution requires a dictatorship, and an energetic dictatorship at that.

~Karl Marx

The democratic concept of man is false, because it is Christian. The democratic concept holds that . . . each man is a sovereign being. This is the illusion, dream, and postulate of Christianity.

~Karl Marx

In my free time I do differential and integral calculus.

~Karl Marx

In this sense, the theory of the Communists may be summed up in the single sentence: Abolition of private property. - Manifesto of the Communist Party

~Karl Marx

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