

# Lajos Kossuth

## Quotes

*Men, Europe, People, Independence, Government, Principles, Country, Light,  
Years, Ambition, Character, Past, Destiny, Bravery, Justice, Fate, Neutrality,  
Humanity, Growth, Accepting*

Hungary is, in a word, in a state of WAR against the Hapsburg dynasty, a war of legitimate defence, by which alone it can ever regain independence and freedom.

~Lajos Kossuth

The unspoken word never does harm.

~Lajos Kossuth

I believe that the confidence of Hungary in me is not shaken by misfortune nor broken by my calumniators.

~Lajos Kossuth

Neutrality, as a lasting principle, is an evidence of weakness.

~Lajos Kossuth

The principle of evil in Europe is the enervating spirit of Russian absolutism.

~Lajos Kossuth

Humility is the part of wisdom, and is most becoming in men. But let no one discourage self-reliance; it is, of all the rest, the greatest quality of true manliness.

~Lajos Kossuth

I am a man of peace, God knows how I love peace; but I hope I shall never be such a coward as to mistake oppression for peace.

~Lajos Kossuth

Liberty is a principle; its community is its security; exclusiveness is its doom.

~Lajos Kossuth

The policy of the house of Austria, which aimed at destroying the independence of Hungary as a state, has been pursued unaltered for

three hundred years.

~Lajos Kossuth

It is the surmounting of difficulties that makes heroes.

~Lajos Kossuth

The era of Christianity peace, brotherhood, the Golden Rule as applied to governmental matters is. yet to come, and when it comes, then, and then only, will the future of nations be sure.

~Lajos Kossuth

The cause of freedom is identified with the destinies of humanity, and in whatever part of the world it gains ground by and by, it will be a common gain to all those who desire it.

~Lajos Kossuth

Nationality is the aggregated individuality of the greatest men of the nation.

~Lajos Kossuth

The power that is supported by force alone will have cause often to tremble.

~Lajos Kossuth

Yet my humble capacity has not preserved me from calumnies.

~Lajos Kossuth

The time draws near, when a radical change must take place for the whole world in the management of diplomacy.

~Lajos Kossuth

I can understand Communism, but not Socialism.

~Lajos Kossuth

Bravery is often too sharp a spur.

~Lajos Kossuth

It is chiefly in New York that I feel induced to urge this, because New York is, by innumerable ties, connected with Europe - more connected than several parts of Europe itself.

~Lajos Kossuth

Even in political considerations, now-a-days, you have stronger motives to feel interested in the fate of Europe than in the fate of the Central or Southern parts of America.

~Lajos Kossuth

My principles in respect of religious interest are two,--one is, that the Church shall not meddle with politics, and the government shall not meddle with religion.

~Lajos Kossuth

And if you cannot remain indifferent, you must resolve to throw your weight into that balance in which the fate and condition of man is weighed.

~Lajos Kossuth

It is well to be independent also well not to be neutral.

~Lajos Kossuth

Now since France has three times in sixty years failed to obtain practical results from Political revolutions, all Europe is apt to press forward into new Social doctrine to regulate the future.

~Lajos Kossuth

Now that I am a deputy, I will cease to be an agitator.

~Lajos Kossuth

My nomination to be Governor was not to gratify ambition.

~Lajos Kossuth

In exile, I have tried to profit by the past and prepare for the future.

~Lajos Kossuth

I have to thank the people, Congress and Government of the United States, for my liberation from captivity.

~Lajos Kossuth

In my opinion, the form of Government may be different in different countries, according to their circumstances, their wishes, their wants. England loves her Queen, and has full motive to do so.

~Lajos Kossuth

Argument is not always truth.

~Lajos Kossuth

No man can force the harp of his own individuality into the people's heart; but every man may play upon the chords of the people's heart, who draws his inspiration from the people's instinct.

~Lajos Kossuth

Light has spread, and even bayonets think.

~Lajos Kossuth

Fear must rule in a despotism.

~Lajos Kossuth

Judgment of the people is often wiser than the wisest men.

~Lajos Kossuth

The brave are parsimonious of threats.

~Lajos Kossuth

The protection of God cannot, without sacrilege, be invoked but in behalf of justice and right.

~Lajos Kossuth

Ethics may be defined as the obligations of morality.

~Lajos Kossuth

Let him who looks for a monument to Washington look around the United States. Your freedom, your independence, your national power, your prosperity, and your prodigious growth are a monument to him.

~Lajos Kossuth

To know a people's character, we must see it at its homes, and look chiefly to the humbler abodes where that portion of the people dwells which makes the broad basis of the national prosperity.

~Lajos Kossuth

History is the revelation of Providence.

~Lajos Kossuth

I consider that it is on instruction and education that the future security and direction of the destiny of every nation chiefly and fundamentally rests.

~Lajos Kossuth

I will not become a Napoleon nor an Alexander, and labour for my own ambition; but I will labour for freedom and for the moral well-being of man.

~Lajos Kossuth

You must be a power on earth, and must therefore accept all the consequences of this position.

~Lajos Kossuth

I am a straightforward man.

~Lajos Kossuth

Your generous part in my liberation is taken by the world for the revelation of the fact, that the United States are resolved not to allow the despots of the world to trample on oppressed humanity.

~Lajos Kossuth

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