

Mao Zedong Quotes

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Peace, Thinking, Class, Military, Chinese, Winning, Men, Mistake, Long, Gun,
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All political power comes from the barrel of a gun. The communist party must command all the guns, that way, no guns can ever be used to command the party.

~Mao Zedong

Deaths have benefits. They can fertilise the ground.

~Mao Zedong

Maybe you're afraid of sinking. Don't think about it. If you don't think about it, you won't sink. If you do, you will.

~Mao Zedong

Civilize the mind but make savage the body.

~Mao Zedong

All genuine knowledge originates in direct experience.

~Mao Zedong

To Be Attacked by the Enemy Is Not a Bad Thing but a Good Thing.

~Mao Zedong

Political power grows out of the barrel of a gun.

~Mao Zedong

Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness. Kindness in giving creates love.

~Mao Zedong

In time of difficulties, we must not lose sight of our achievements.

~Mao Zedong

Enable every woman who can work to take her place on the labour front, under the principle of equal pay for equal work.

~Mao Zedong

The people, and the people alone, are the motive force in the making of world history.

~Mao Zedong

We are indebted to Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin for giving us a weapon. The weapon is not a machine-gun, but Marxism-Leninism.

~Mao Zedong

When the enemy advances, withdraw; when he stops, harass; when he tires, strike; when he retreats, pursue.

~Mao Zedong

Don't wait until problems pile up and cause a lot of trouble before trying to solve them. Leaders must march ahead the movement, not lag behind it.

~Mao Zedong

Investigation may be likened to the long months of pregnancy, and solving a problem to the day of birth. To investigate a problem is, indeed, to solve it.

~Mao Zedong

The young people are the most active and vital force in society. They are the most eager to learn and the least conservative in their thinking. This is especially so in the era of socialism.

~Mao Zedong

In waking a tiger, use a long stick.

~Mao Zedong

When there is not enough to eat, people starve to death. It is better to let half of the people die so that the other half can eat their fill.

~Mao Zedong

Firstly, do not fear hardship, and secondly, do not fear death.

~Mao Zedong

Communism is not love. Communism is a hammer which we use to crush the enemy.

~Mao Zedong

The revolutionary war is a war of the masses; it can be waged only by mobilizing the masses and relying on them.

~Mao Zedong

Letting a hundred flowers blossom and a hundred schools of thought contend is the policy for promoting the progress of the arts and the sciences and a flourishing culture in our land.

~Mao Zedong

Learn from the masses, and then teach them.

~Mao Zedong

Who are our enemies? Who are our friends? This is a question of the first importance for the revolution.

~Mao Zedong

Be resolute, fear no sacrifice, and surmount every difficulty to win victory.

~Mao Zedong

Imperialism is a paper tiger.

~Mao Zedong

To read too many books is harmful.

~Mao Zedong

Weapons are an important factor in war, but not the decisive one; it is

man and not materials that counts.

~Mao Zedong

Complacency is the enemy of study. We cannot really learn anything until we rid ourselves of complacency.

~Mao Zedong

The weeds of socialism are better than the crops of capitalism.

~Mao Zedong

War can only be abolished through war, and in order to get rid of the gun it is necessary to take up the gun.

~Mao Zedong

Let a hundred flowers bloom, let a hundred schools of thought contend.

~Mao Zedong

We think too small, like the frog at the bottom of the well. He thinks the sky is only as big as the top of the well. If he surfaced, he would have an entirely different view.

~Mao Zedong

If you want to know the taste of a pear, you must change the pear by eating it.

~Mao Zedong

Politics is war without bloodshed while war is politics with bloodshed.

~Mao Zedong

It's always darkest before it becomes totally black.

~Mao Zedong

Long distance running is particularly good training in perseverance.

~Mao Zedong

You can't solve a problem? Well, get down and investigate the present facts and [the problem's] past history! When you have investigated the problem thoroughly, you will know how to solve it.

~Mao Zedong

Historical experience is written in blood and iron.

~Mao Zedong

The guerrilla must move amongst the people as a fish swims in the sea.

~Mao Zedong

An army without culture is a dull-witted army, and a dull-witted army cannot defeat the enemy.

~Mao Zedong

Revolutionary war is an antitoxin which not only eliminates the enemy's poison but also purges us of our own filth.

~Mao Zedong

Oxford shirts. Definitely more oxford shirts.

~Mao Zedong

In times of difficulty we must not lose sight of our achievements, must see the bright future and must pluck up our courage.

~Mao Zedong

Dont give a child a fish but show him how to fish

~Mao Zedong

People of the world, unite and defeat the U.S. aggressors and all their running dogs!

~Mao Zedong

Classes struggle, some classes triumph, others are eliminated. Such is history; such is the history of civilization for thousands of years.

~Mao Zedong

Morality begins at the point of a gun.

~Mao Zedong

We can learn what we did not know. We are not only good at destroying the Old World, we are also good at building the new.

~Mao Zedong

When guerillas engage a stronger enemy, they withdraw when he advances, harass him when he stops, strike him when he is weary, pursue him when he withdraws.

~Mao Zedong

Look at World War II, at Hitler's cruelty. The more cruelty, the more enthusiasm for revolution.

~Mao Zedong

Passivity is fatal to us. Our goal is to make the enemy passive.

~Mao Zedong

I voted for you during your last election.

~Mao Zedong

Despise Your enemy stragetically, but take him seriously tactically

~Mao Zedong

Let a hundred flowers bloom.

~Mao Zedong

In a suitable temperature, an egg becomes a chicken, and there are no chickens born of stones.

~Mao Zedong

The spark from a tiny star can ignite the plains.

~Mao Zedong

Power comes from the muzzle of a gun, those that have the guns have the power, those that have the power dictate what type of government their shall be.

~Mao Zedong

We Communists are like seeds and the people are like the soil. Wherever we go, we must unite with the people, take root and blossom among them.

~Mao Zedong

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~Mao Zedong

Communism has nothing to do with love. Communism is an excellent hammer which we use to destroy our enemy.

~Mao Zedong

Everything under heaven is in utter chaos; the situation is excellent.

~Mao Zedong

We should support whatever the enemy opposes and oppose whatever the enemy supports

~Mao Zedong

That has less significance than a dog's fart.

~Mao Zedong

Women hold up half the sky.

~Mao Zedong

Whoever has an army has power and that war decides everything.

~Mao Zedong

The first law of war is to preserve ourselves and destroy the enemy.

~Mao Zedong

Swollen in head, weak in legs, sharp in tongue but empty in belly.

~Mao Zedong

When we look at thing, we must examine its essence and treat its appearance merely as an usher at the threshold, we must, once we cross the threshold, grasp the essence of the thing.

~Mao Zedong

Even though I believe we should promote Chinese medicine, I personally do not believe in it. I don't take Chinese medicine.

~Mao Zedong

Not just in China, but everywhere in the world without exception, one either leans to the side of imperialism or the side of socialism. Neutrality is mere camouflage; a third road does not exist.

~Mao Zedong

Many who have read Marxist books have become renegades from the revolution, whereas illiterate workers often grasp Marxism very well.

~Mao Zedong

People like me sound like a lot of big cannons.

~Mao Zedong

The cardinal responsibility of leadership is to identify the dominant

contradiction at each point of the historical process and to work out a central line to resolve it.

~Mao Zedong

If you want to know the theory and methods of revolution, you must take part in revolution.

~Mao Zedong

No political party can possibly lead a great revolutionary movement to victory unless it possesses revolutionary theory and knowledge of history and has a profound grasp of the practical movement.

~Mao Zedong

There may be thousands of principles of Marxism, but in the final analysis they can be summed up in one sentence: Rebellion is justified.

~Mao Zedong

If there were no contradictions and no struggle, there would be no world, no process, no life, and there would be nothing at all.

~Mao Zedong

We must thoroughly clear away all ideas among our cadres of winning easy victories through good luck, without hard and bitter struggle, without sweat and blood.

~Mao Zedong

Complacency is the enemy of study.

~Mao Zedong

New things have to experience difficulties and setbacks as they grow.

~Mao Zedong

The masses are the real heroes, while we ourselves are often childish

and ignorant, and without this understanding, it is impossible to acquire even the most rudimentary knowledge.

~Mao Zedong

All the rest of the world uses the word electricity. They've borrowed the word from English. But we Chinese have our own word for it!

~Mao Zedong

People who try to commit suicide - don't attempt to save them! . . .
China is such a populous nation, it is not as if we cannot do without a few people.

~Mao Zedong

The enemy will not perish of himself. Neither will the Chinese reactionaries nor the aggressive forces of U.S. imperialism in China step down from the stage of history of their own accord.

~Mao Zedong

Without an army for the people, there is nothing for the people.

~Mao Zedong

All counter-revolutionary wars are unjust, all revolutionary wars are just.

~Mao Zedong

Genuine equality between the sexes can only be realized in the process of the socialist transformation of society as a whole.

~Mao Zedong

Not to have a correct political point of view is like having no soul.

~Mao Zedong

The Chinese people have stood up.

~Mao Zedong

We are advocates of the abolition of war, we do not want war; but war can only be abolished through war.

~Mao Zedong

There is in guerrilla warfare no such thing as a decisive battle; there is nothing comparable to the fixed, passive defense that characterizes orthodox war.

~Mao Zedong

Once all struggles are grasped, miracles are possible.

~Mao Zedong

We shall heal our wounds, collect our dead and continue fighting.

~Mao Zedong

The arrow of Marxist-Leninism must be used to hit the target of the Chinese Revolution.

~Mao Zedong

On all basic points our policies have proved correct from the very beginning.

~Mao Zedong

If we have a correct theory but merely prate about it, pigeonhole it and do not put it into practice, then that theory, however good, is of no significance.

~Mao Zedong

There is great disorder in the heavens, and the situation is excellent.

~Mao Zedong

Revolution is a drama of passion. We did not win the people over by appealing to reason but by developing hope, trust, fraternity.

~Mao Zedong

I have witnessed the tremendous energy of the masses. On this foundation it is possible to accomplish any task whatsoever.

~Mao Zedong

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