

Marcus Aurelius

Quotes

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The happiness of your life depends upon the quality of your thoughts.

~Marcus Aurelius

When you arise in the morning, think of what a precious privilege it is to be alive - to breathe, to think, to enjoy, to love.

~Marcus Aurelius

Everything we hear is an opinion, not a fact. Everything we see is a perspective, not the truth.

~Marcus Aurelius

It never ceases to amaze me: we all love ourselves more than other people, but care more about their opinions than our own.

~Marcus Aurelius

You have power over your mind - not outside events. Realize this, and you will find strength.

~Marcus Aurelius

The opinion of 10,000 men is of no value if none of them know anything about the subject.

~Marcus Aurelius

If you are distressed by anything external, the pain is not due to the thing itself, but to your estimate of it; and this you have the power to revoke at any moment.

~Marcus Aurelius

Whenever you are about to find fault with someone, ask yourself the following question: What fault of mine most nearly resembles the one I am about to criticize?

~Marcus Aurelius

The object of life is not to be on the side of the majority, but to escape

finding oneself in the ranks of the insane.

~Marcus Aurelius

Very little is needed to make a happy life; it is all within yourself, in your way of thinking.

~Marcus Aurelius

Most of what we say and do is not essential. If you can eliminate it, you'll have more time, and more tranquillity. Ask yourself at every moment, 'Is this necessary?'

~Marcus Aurelius

Waste no more time arguing what a good man should be. Be one.

~Marcus Aurelius

It is not death that a man should fear, but he should fear never beginning to live.

~Marcus Aurelius

What we do in life ripples in eternity.

~Marcus Aurelius

Death smiles at us all, all a man can do is smile back.

~Marcus Aurelius

The impediment to action advances action. What stands in the way becomes the way.

~Marcus Aurelius

Our anger and annoyance are more detrimental to us than the things themselves which anger or annoy us.

~Marcus Aurelius

Do not indulge in dreams of having what you have not, but reckon up

the chief of the blessings you do possess, and then thankfully remember how you would crave for them if they were not yours.

~Marcus Aurelius

Our life is what our thoughts make it.

~Marcus Aurelius

Dwell on the beauty of life. Watch the stars, and see yourself running with them.

~Marcus Aurelius

Never let the future disturb you. You will meet it, if you have to, with the same weapons of reason which today arm you against the present.

~Marcus Aurelius

Be tolerant with others and strict with yourself.

~Marcus Aurelius

I'm going to be meeting with people today who talk too much - people who are selfish, egotistical, ungrateful. But I won't be surprised or disturbed, for I can't imagine a world without such people.

~Marcus Aurelius

The things you think about determine the quality of your mind. Your soul takes on the color of your thoughts.

~Marcus Aurelius

The happiness of your life depends upon the quality of your thoughts: therefore, guard accordingly, and take care that you entertain no notions unsuitable to virtue and reasonable nature.

~Marcus Aurelius

If it is not right do not do it; if it is not true do not say it.

~Marcus Aurelius

Adapt yourself to the life you have been given; and truly love the people with whom destiny has surrounded you.

~Marcus Aurelius

Everything that happens happens as it should, and if you observe carefully, you will find this to be so.

~Marcus Aurelius

The first rule is to keep an untroubled spirit. The second is to look things in the face and know them for what they are.

~Marcus Aurelius

A person's worth is measured by the worth of what he values.

~Marcus Aurelius

The most complete revenge is not to imitate the aggressor.

~Marcus Aurelius

No matter what anyone says or does, my task is to be emerald, my color undiminished.

~Marcus Aurelius

He who lives in harmony with himself lives in harmony with the universe.

~Marcus Aurelius

Give yourself a gift: the present moment.

~Marcus Aurelius

Natural ability without education has more often raised a man to glory and virtue than education without natural ability.

~Marcus Aurelius

The best revenge is to be unlike him who performed the injury.

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Whatever anyone does or says, I must be emerald and keep my colour.

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If you are pained by any external thing, it is not this that disturbs you, but your own judgment about it.

~Marcus Aurelius

Accept the things to which fate binds you, and love the people with whom fate brings you together, but do so with all your heart.

~Marcus Aurelius

Imagine you were now dead, or had not lived before his moment. Now view the rest of your life as a bonus.

~Marcus Aurelius

Don't be ashamed to need help. Like a soldier storming a wall, you have a mission to accomplish. And if you've been wounded and you need a comrade to pull you up? So what?

~Marcus Aurelius

Do not act as if you were going to live ten thousand years. Death hangs over you. While you live, while it is in your power, be good.

~Marcus Aurelius

Nothing has such power to broaden the mind as the ability to investigate systematically and truly all that comes under thy observation in life.

~Marcus Aurelius

Look back over the past, with its changing empires that rose and fell, and you can foresee the future, too.

~Marcus Aurelius

Past and future have no power over you. Just the present - and even that can be minimized.

~Marcus Aurelius

How much time he saves who does not look to see what his neighbor says or does or thinks.

~Marcus Aurelius

To understand the true quality of people, you must look into their minds, and examine their pursuits and aversions.

~Marcus Aurelius

The true worth of a man is to be measured by the objects he pursues.

~Marcus Aurelius

Every man's life lies within the present; for the past is spent and done with, and the future is uncertain.

~Marcus Aurelius

The best revenge is not to be like your enemy.

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Take care that you entertain no notions unsuitable to virtue and reasonable nature.

~Marcus Aurelius

Be not careless in deeds, nor confused in words, nor rambling in thought.

~Marcus Aurelius

The cucumber is bitter? Then throw it out. There are brambles in the path? Then go around. That's all you need to know.

~Marcus Aurelius

The secret of all victory lies in the organization of the non-obvious.

~Marcus Aurelius

No one was ever injured by the truth; but he who persists in self-deception and ignorance is injured.

~Marcus Aurelius

Life is short. Do not forget about the most important things in our life, living for other people and doing good for them.

~Marcus Aurelius

Look within. Within is the fountain of good, and it will ever bubble up, if thou wilt ever dig.

~Marcus Aurelius

The art of living is more like wrestling than dancing.

~Marcus Aurelius

Your task is to stand straight; not to be held straight.

~Marcus Aurelius

Your days are numbered. Use them to throw open the windows of your soul to the sun. If you do not, the sun will soon set, and you with it.

~Marcus Aurelius

I cannot comprehend how any man can want anything but the truth.

~Marcus Aurelius

Just as the sand-dunes, heaped one upon another, hide each the first, so in life the former deeds are quickly hidden by those that follow after.

~Marcus Aurelius

Withdraw to the untroubled quietude deep within the soul, and refresh yourself.

~Marcus Aurelius

Failing to understand the workings of one's own mind is bound to lead to unhappiness.

~Marcus Aurelius

Know the joy of life by piling good deed on good deed until no rift or cranny appears between them.

~Marcus Aurelius

Your life is an expression of all your thoughts.

~Marcus Aurelius

If you are pained by external things, it is not they that disturb you, but your own judgement of them. And it is in your power to wipe out that judgement now.

~Marcus Aurelius

Give thyself time to learn something new and good, and cease to be whirled around.

~Marcus Aurelius

Look well into thyself; there is a source of strength which will always spring up if thou wilt always look.

~Marcus Aurelius

Do not be wise in words - be wise in deeds.

~Marcus Aurelius

Without a purpose, nothing should be done.

~Marcus Aurelius

It's silly to try to escape other people's faults. They are inescapable. Just try to escape your own.

~Marcus Aurelius

If any man despises me, that is his problem. My only concern is not doing or saying anything deserving of contempt.

~Marcus Aurelius

Reject your sense of injury, and the injury itself disappears.

~Marcus Aurelius

Let men see, let them know, a real man, who lives as he was meant to live.

~Marcus Aurelius

He who pays no attention to what his neighbor does, says or thinks, preferring to concentrate on making his own actions appropriate and justifiable, better uses his time.

~Marcus Aurelius

Accustom yourself not to be disregarding of what someone else has to say: as far as possible enter into the mind of the speaker.

~Marcus Aurelius

My true Self is free. I cannot be contained.

~Marcus Aurelius

Time is a sort of river of passing events, and strong is its current; no sooner is a thing brought to sight than it is swept by and another takes its place, and this too will be swept away.

~Marcus Aurelius

Snow endures but for a season, and joy comes with the morning.

~Marcus Aurelius

Choose not to be harmed and you won't feel harmed. Don't feel harmed and you haven't been.

~Marcus Aurelius

Live not one's life as though one had a thousand years, but live each day as the last.

~Marcus Aurelius

Confine yourself to the present.

~Marcus Aurelius

Why should we feel anger at the world? As if the world would notice?

~Marcus Aurelius

A person's life is dyed with the color of his imagination.

~Marcus Aurelius

Everything is interwoven, and the web is holy.

~Marcus Aurelius

Short is the little which remains to thee of life. Live as on a mountain.

~Marcus Aurelius

The wise man sees in the misfortune of others what he should avoid.

~Marcus Aurelius

It doesn't hurt me unless I interpret its happening as harmful to me. I can choose not to.

~Marcus Aurelius

Each day provides its own gifts.

~Marcus Aurelius

Live your life as if you are ready to say goodbye to it at any moment, as

if the time left for you were some pleasant surprise.

~Marcus Aurelius

This is moral perfection: to live each day as though it were the last; to be tranquil, sincere, yet not indifferent to one's fate.

~Marcus Aurelius

Live out your life in truth and justice, tolerant of those who are neither true nor just.

~Marcus Aurelius

Be like the cliff against which the waves continually break; but it stands firm and tames the fury of the water around it.

~Marcus Aurelius

To expect an impossibility is madness.

~Marcus Aurelius

When you are offended at anyone's fault, turn to yourself and study your own failings. By attending to them, you will forget your anger and learn to live wisely.

~Marcus Aurelius

How ridiculous and how strange to be surprised at anything which happens in life

~Marcus Aurelius

Think of what you have rather than of what you lack. Of the things you have, select the best and then reflect how eagerly you would have sought them if you did not have them.

~Marcus Aurelius

Whatever any one does or says, I must be good; just as if the emerald were always saying this: "Whatever any one does or says, I must still

be emerald, and keep my color.

~Marcus Aurelius

The only wealth which you will keep forever is the wealth you have given away.

~Marcus Aurelius

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