

Marcus Tullius Cicero

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Politicians are not born; they are excreted.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

Poor is the nation that has no heroes, but poorer still is the nation that having heroes, fails to remember and honor them.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

It is the peculiar quality of a fool to perceive the faults of others and to forget his own.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

Read at every wait; read at all hours; read within leisure; read in times of labor; read as one goes in; read as one goes out. The task of the educated mind is simply put: read to lead.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

We learn nothing from history except that we learn nothing from history.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

It is not enough to acquire wisdom, it is necessary to employ it.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

Times are bad. Children no longer obey their parents, and everyone is writing a book.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

Nothing is more unreliable than the populace, nothing more obscure than human intentions, nothing more deceptive than the whole electoral system.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

To be ignorant of what occurred before you were born is to remain always a child.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

Silence is one of the great arts of conversation.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

Never was a government that was not composed of liars, malefactors and thieves.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

The life of the dead is placed on the memories of the living. The love you gave in life keeps people alive beyond their time. Anyone who was given love will always live on in another's heart.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

To be ignorant of what occurred before you were born is to remain always a child. For what is the worth of human life, unless it is woven into the life of our ancestors by the records of history?

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

Any man can make mistakes, but only an idiot persists in his error.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

A man would have no pleasures in discovering all the beauties of the universe, even in heaven itself, unless he had a partner to whom he might communicate his joys.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

I have always been of the opinion that unpopularity earned by doing what is right is not unpopularity at all, but glory.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

Friendship improves happiness and abates misery, by the doubling of our joy and the dividing of our grief.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

A nation can survive its fools, and even the ambitious. But it cannot survive treason from within.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

The wise are instructed by reason, average minds by experience, the stupid by necessity and the brute by instinct.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

The higher we are placed, the more humbly we should walk.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

I prefer tongue-tied knowledge to ignorant loquacity.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

Not cohabitation but consensus constitutes marriage.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

Take from a man his reputation for probity, and the more shrewd and clever he is, the more hated and mistrusted he becomes.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

Nothing is so unbelievable that oratory cannot make it acceptable.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

Knowledge which is divorced from justice, may be called cunning rather than wisdom.

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When you have no basis for an argument, abuse the plaintiff.

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If you wish to persuade me, you must think my thoughts, feel my feelings, and speak my words.

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Next to God we are nothing. To God we are Everything.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

Justice is the crowning glory of the virtues.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

Great is our admiration of the orator who speaks with fluency and discretion.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all the others.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

An unjust peace is better than a just war.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

Brevity is the best recommendation of speech, whether in a senator or an orator.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

It is not by muscle, speed, or physical dexterity that great things are achieved, but by reflection, force of character, and judgment.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

To be content with what we possess is the greatest and most secure of riches.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

Study carefully, the character of the one you recommend, lest their misconduct bring you shame.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

A happy life consists in tranquility of mind.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

A man of courage is also full of faith.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

The home is the empire! There is no peace more delightful than one's own fireplace.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

They who say that we should love our fellow-citizens but not foreigners, destroy the universal brotherhood of mankind, with which benevolence and justice would perish forever.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

They condemn what they do not understand.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

While there's life, there's hope.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

The authority of those who teach is often an obstacle to those who want to learn.

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In a republic this rule ought to be observed: that the majority should not have the predominant power.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

No wise man ever thought that a traitor should be trusted.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

What then is freedom? The power to live as one wishes.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

Justice consists in doing no injury to men; decency in giving them no offense.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

Wars are to be undertaken in order that it may be possible to live in peace without molestation.

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There are no true friends in politics.

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Whatever you do, do with all your might.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

Long life is denied us; therefore let us do something to show that we have lived.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

If we are not ashamed to think it, we should not be ashamed to say it.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

It is difficult to persuade mankind that the love of virtue is the love of themselves.

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Life is nothing without friendship.

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More is lost by indecision than wrong decision. Indecision is the thief of opportunity. It will steal you blind.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

More laws, less justice.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

We are obliged to respect, defend and maintain the common bonds of union and fellowship that exist among all members of the human race.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

A home without books is a body without soul.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

There is no duty more obligatory than the repayment of kindness.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

The higher our position the more modestly we should behave.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

What society does to its children, so will its children do to society.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

Friends, though absent, are still present.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

Yield, ye arms, to the toga; to civic praise, ye laurels.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

We should be careful that our benevolence does not exceed our means.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

Cultivation to the mind is as necessary as food to the body.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

Diseases of the soul are more dangerous and more numerous than those of the body.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

The shifts of fortune test the reliability of friends.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

The pursuit, even of the best things, ought to be calm and tranquil.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

You will be as much value to others as you have been to yourself.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

Of all nature's gifts to the human race, what is sweeter to a man than his children?

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

Virtue and decency are so nearly related that it is difficult to separate them from each other but in our imagination.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

There never was a great soul that did not have some divine inspiration.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

Any man may make a mistake; none but a fool will stick to it. Second thoughts are best as the proverb says.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

Whatever is graceful is virtuous, and whatever is virtuous is graceful.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

I criticize by creation - not by finding fault.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

A letter does not blush.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

For books are more than books, they are the life, the very heart and core of ages past, the reason why men worked and died, the essence and quintessence of their lives.

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There is nothing which God cannot do. [Lat., Nihil est quod deus efficere non possit.]

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

Men do not realize how great an income thrift is.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

We should be as careful of our words as of our actions.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

Extreme justice is extreme injustice.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

We forget our pleasures, we remember our sufferings.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

Be a pattern to others and then all will go well.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

Care should be taken that the punishment does not exceed the guilt; and also that some men do not suffer for offenses for which others are not even indicted.

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If we lose affection and kindness from our life: we lose all that gives it charm.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

Most happy is he who is entirely self-reliant, and who centers all his requirements in himself alone.

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To freemen, threats are impotent. [Lat., Nulla enim minantis auctoritas apud liberos est.]

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

It is the nature of every person to error, but only the fool perseveres in error.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

It is exercise alone that supports the spirits, and keeps the mind in vigor.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

If we are forced, at every hour, to watch or listen to horrible events, this constant stream of ghastly impressions will deprive even the most delicate among us of all respect for humanity.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

As the grace of man is in the mind, so the beauty of the mind is eloquence.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

If our lives are endangered by plots or violence or armed robbers or enemies, any and every method of protecting ourselves is morally right.

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In friendship we find nothing false or insincere; everything is straight forward, and springs from the heart.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

Freedom suppressed and again regained bites with keener fangs than freedom never endangered.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

Old age is by nature rather talkative.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

Memory is the treasury and guardian of all things.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

Let your desires be ruled by reason.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

Too much liberty leads both men and nations to slavery.

~Marcus Tullius Cicero

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