

# Michelangelo Quotes

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The greatest danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high and we miss it, but that it is too low and we reach it.

~Michelangelo

Your gifts lie in the place where your values, passions and strengths meet. Discovering that place is the first step toward sculpting your masterpiece, Your Life.

~Michelangelo

I saw the angel in the marble and carved until I set him free.

~Michelangelo

The greater danger for most of us lies not in setting our aim too high and falling short; but in setting our aim too low, and achieving our mark.

~Michelangelo

To know each other is the best way to understand each other. To understand each other is the only way to love each other.

~Michelangelo

I created a vision of David in my mind and simply carved away everything that was not David.

~Michelangelo

Do not fret, for God did not create us to abandon us.

~Michelangelo

If people knew how hard I worked to get my mastery, it wouldn't seem so wonderful at all.

~Michelangelo

Perfection is no small thing, but it is made up of small things.

~Michelangelo

Every block of stone has a statue inside it and it is the task of the sculptor to discover it.

~Michelangelo

A man paints with his brains and not with his hands.

~Michelangelo

The idea is there locked inside. All you have to do is remove the excess stone.

~Michelangelo

Your greatness is measured by your horizons.

~Michelangelo

The true work of art is but a shadow of the divine perfection.

~Michelangelo

Only God creates. The rest of us just copy.

~Michelangelo

So take care of your life and take notice and be observant, for the number of widows is always far greater than the number of widowers.

~Michelangelo

The greatest risk to man is not that he aims to high and misses, but that he aims to low and hits.

~Michelangelo

Every beauty which is seen here by persons of perception resembles more than anything else that celestial source from which we all are come.

~Michelangelo

Gazing on beautiful things acts on my soul.

~Michelangelo

No great work of art is ever finished.

~Michelangelo

What spirit is so empty and blind, that it cannot recognize the fact that the foot is more noble than the shoe, and skin more beautiful than the garment with which it is clothed?

~Michelangelo

Sculpture is made by taking away, while painting is made by adding.

~Michelangelo

He who follows another will never overtake him

~Michelangelo

Genius is eternal patience.

~Michelangelo

Beauty depends on purpose. It is in the elements best suited to their purpose or aim that beauty shines forth most strongly.

~Michelangelo

The marble not yet carved can hold the form of every thought the greatest artist has.

~Michelangelo

There is no greater harm than that of time wasted.

~Michelangelo

Lord, make me see thy glory in every place.

~Michelangelo

If we have been pleased with life, we should not be displeased with

death, since it comes from the hand of the same master.

~Michelangelo

I have never felt salvation in nature. I love cities above all.

~Michelangelo

If you knew how much work went into it, you wouldn't call it genius.

~Michelangelo

Do you know that women who are chaste remain much fresher than those who are not?

~Michelangelo

As you give out, so shall you receive.

~Michelangelo

I couldn't give you something mediocre even if that's all you asked for.

~Michelangelo

An artist does his most difficult work when he steps back from the blank canvas and thinks about what he is going to create.

~Michelangelo

An artist must have his measuring tools not in the hand, but in the eye.

~Michelangelo

Draw, Antonio; draw, Antonio; draw and don't waste time.

~Michelangelo

Love is a beautiful image Imagined or seen within the heart, The friend of virtue and gentility.

~Michelangelo

I serve for the love of God and in Him have all my hope.

~Michelangelo

It is necessary to keep one's compass in one's eyes and not in the hand, for the hands execute, but the eye judges.

~Michelangelo

I already have a wife who is too much for me.. she is my art, and my works are my children.

~Michelangelo

Art is a jealous thing; it requires the whole and entire man.

~Michelangelo

If I am more alive because love burns and chars me, as a fire, given wood or wind, feels new elation, it's that he who lays me low is my salvation, and invigorates the more, the more he scars me.

~Michelangelo

He who does not master the nude cannot understand the principles of architecture.

~Michelangelo

The promises of this world are, for the most part, vain phantoms; and to confide in one's self, and become something of worth and value is the best and safest course.

~Michelangelo

Lord free me of myself, so I can please you!

~Michelangelo

A good artist ought never to allow impatience to overcome his sense of the main end of art - perfection

~Michelangelo

The best of artists has no conception that the marble alone does not contain within itself.

~Michelangelo

Do not be concerned that you might set a target too high and fail. Be concerned that you will set it too low and succeed.

~Michelangelo

Patience is eternal genius

~Michelangelo

Many believe - and I believe - that I have been designated for this work by God. In spite of my old age, I do not want to give it up; I work out of love for God and I put all my hope in Him.

~Michelangelo

Beauty is the purgation of superfluities.

~Michelangelo

If it be true that any beautiful thing raises the pure and just desire of man from earth to God, the eternal fount of all, such I believe my love.

~Michelangelo

And still I am learning.

~Michelangelo

I am a poor man and of little worth, who is laboring in that art that God has given me in order to extend my life as long as possible.

~Michelangelo

My soul can find no staircase to Heaven unless it be through Earth's loveliness.

~Michelangelo

To touch is to give life.

~Michelangelo

Read the heart and not the letter for the pen cannot draw near the good intent.

~Michelangelo

I am still learning. (at age 87)

~Michelangelo

How wrong are those simpletons, of whom the world is full, who look more at... color than at the figures which show spirit and movement.

~Michelangelo

Trifles make perfection, and perfection is no trifle.

~Michelangelo

Souls will never ascend to Heaven until the sight of beauty lifts them there.

~Michelangelo

I live in sin, to kill myself I live; no longer my life my own, but sin's; my good is given to me by heaven, my evil by myself, by my free will, of which I am deprived.

~Michelangelo

The best artist has that thought alone Which is contained within the marble shell; The sculptor's hand can only break the spell To free the figures slumbering in the stone.

~Michelangelo

However rich I may have been, I have always lived like a poor man.

~Michelangelo



Faith in oneself is the best and safest course.

~Michelangelo

Lord, grant that I may always desire more than I can accomplish.

~Michelangelo

True art is made noble and religious by the mind producing it.

~Michelangelo

A beautiful thing never gives so much pain as does failing to hear and see it.

~Michelangelo

I feast on wine and bread, and feasts they are.

~Michelangelo

And who is so barbarous as not to understand that the foot of a man is nobler than his shoe, and his skin nobler than that of the sheep with which he is clothed.

~Michelangelo

The hand that follows intellect can achieve.

~Michelangelo

Can't you see the angel imprisoned in the block of stone trying to get out? I am trying to free him

~Michelangelo

When they asked Michelangelo how he made his statue of David he is reported to have said, "It is easy. You just chip away the stone that doesn't look like David.

~Michelangelo

I criticise by creation, not by finding fault.

~Michelangelo

Serene I fold my hands and wait.

~Michelangelo

Let whoever may have attained to so much as to have the power of drawing know that he holds a great treasure.

~Michelangelo

The power of one fair face makes my love sublime, for it has weaned my heart from low desires.

~Michelangelo

Art is a shadow of Divine perfection.

~Michelangelo

Critique by creating.

~Michelangelo

The mind, the soul, becomes ennobled by the endeavour to create something perfect, for God is perfection, and whoever strives after perfection is striving for something divine.

~Michelangelo

It is well with me only when I have a chisel in my hand.

~Michelangelo

A great sculpture can roll down a hill without breaking.

~Michelangelo

The more the marble wastes, The more the statue grows.

~Michelangelo

I live and love in God's peculiar light.

~Michelangelo

If people knew how hard I worked at my art, they would not consider me a genius.

~Michelangelo

Good painting is the kind that looks like sculpture.

~Michelangelo

Death and love are the two wings that bear the good man to heaven.

~Michelangelo

No thought is born in me that does not bear the image of death.

~Michelangelo

Already at sixteen, my mind was a battlefield: my love of pagan beauty, the male nude, at war with my religious faith. A polarity of themes and forms: one spiritual, the other earthly.

~Michelangelo

Art lives on constraint and dies of freedom.

~Michelangelo

Art is the gift of God, and must be used unto His glory. That in art is highest which aims at this.

~Michelangelo

After four tortured years, more than 400 over life-sized figures, I felt as old and as weary as Jeremiah. I was only 37, yet friends did not recognize the old man I had become.

~Michelangelo

If I love in thee, beloved, only what thou lovest most, do not be angry; for so one spirit is enamoured of another.

~Michelangelo

I dare affirm that any artist... who has nothing singular, eccentric, or at least reputed to be so, in his person, will never become a superior talent.

~Michelangelo

Carving is easy, you just go down to the skin and stop.

~Michelangelo

Love lent me wings; my path was like a stair; A lamp unto my feet, that sun was given; And death was safety and great joy to find; But dying now, I shall not climb to Heaven.

~Michelangelo

No one has mastery, Before he is at the end, Of his art and his life.

~Michelangelo

Trifles make perfection but perfection is not a trifle

~Michelangelo

With few words I shall make thee understand my soul.

~Michelangelo

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