

Miyamoto Musashi

Quotes

*War, Way, Men, Art, Enemy, Warrior, Thinking, Strategy, Use, Mind, Life,
Training, Inspirational, Knowing, Doe, Spirit, Winning, Mean, Body, Opponents*

Truth is not what you want it to be; it is what it is, and you must bend to its power or live a lie.

~Miyamoto Musashi

Anger. Control your anger. If you hold anger toward others, they have control over you. Your opponent can dominate and defeat you if you allow him to get you irritated.

~Miyamoto Musashi

The purpose of today's training is to defeat yesterday's understanding.

~Miyamoto Musashi

To win any battle, you must fight as if you are already dead

~Miyamoto Musashi

Determine that today you will overcome your self of the day before, tomorrow you will win over those of lesser skill, and later you will win over those of greater skill.

~Miyamoto Musashi

It may seem difficult at first, but everything is difficult at first.

~Miyamoto Musashi

You must understand that there is more than one path to the top of the mountain

~Miyamoto Musashi

No Fear, No Hesitation, No Surprise, No Doubt

~Miyamoto Musashi

Fixation is the way to death. Fluidity is the way to life.

~Miyamoto Musashi

The path that leads to truth is littered with the bodies of the ignorant.

~Miyamoto Musashi

In time, all things work to your advantage when you pursue them with an open heart.

~Miyamoto Musashi

All man are the same except for their belief in their own selves, regardless of what others may think of them

~Miyamoto Musashi

A man cannot understand the art he is studying if he only looks for the end result without taking the time to delve deeply into the reasoning of the study.

~Miyamoto Musashi

You can only fight the way you practice

~Miyamoto Musashi

True warriors are fierce because their training is fierce.

~Miyamoto Musashi

Whatever your determination or will power, it is foolish to try to change the nature of things. Things work the way they do because that is the way of things

~Miyamoto Musashi

Think lightly of yourself and deeply of the world

~Miyamoto Musashi

The only reason a warrior is alive is to fight, and the only reason a warrior fights is to win

~Miyamoto Musashi

When you decide to attack, keep calm and dash in quickly, forestalling

the enemy...attack with a feeling of constantly crushing the enemy, from first to last.

~Miyamoto Musashi

The true science of martial arts means practicing them in such a way that they will be useful at any time, and to teach them in such a way that they will be useful in all things.

~Miyamoto Musashi

In battle, if you you make your opponent flinch, you have already won.

~Miyamoto Musashi

Accept everything just the way it is.

~Miyamoto Musashi

Do not waste time idling or thinking after you have set your goals

~Miyamoto Musashi

Step by step walk the thousand-mile road.

~Miyamoto Musashi

A warrior has no confusion in his mind...This is true emptiness.

~Miyamoto Musashi

Do not sleep under a roof. Carry no money or food. Go alone to places frightening to the common brand of men. Become a criminal of purpose. Be put in jail, and extricate yourself by your own wisdom.

~Miyamoto Musashi

Get beyond love and grief: exist for the good of Man.

~Miyamoto Musashi

It is difficult to understand the universe if you only study one planet

~Miyamoto Musashi

Unless you really understand others, you can hardly attain your own self-understanding.

~Miyamoto Musashi

The ultimate aim of martial arts is not having to use them

~Miyamoto Musashi

Too much is the same as not enough.

~Miyamoto Musashi

Study strategy over the years and achieve the spirit of the warrior. Today is victory over yourself of yesterday; tomorrow is your victory over lesser men.

~Miyamoto Musashi

If you wish to control others you must first control yourself

~Miyamoto Musashi

Perceive that which cannot be seen with the eye.

~Miyamoto Musashi

Generally speaking, the Way of the warrior is resolute acceptance of death.

~Miyamoto Musashi

When you have attained the way of strategy there will be nothing that you cannot understand. You will see the way in everything.

~Miyamoto Musashi

Water adopts the shape of its receptacle, it is sometimes a trickle and sometimes a wild sea.

~Miyamoto Musashi

The Way is in training... Do nothing which is not of value.

~Miyamoto Musashi

Even if a man has no natural ability, he can be a warrior.

~Miyamoto Musashi

Do nothing which is of no use.

~Miyamoto Musashi

When you appreciate the power of nature, knowing the rhythm of any situation, you will be able to hit the enemy naturally and strike naturally.

~Miyamoto Musashi

A bullet from a gun does not make a distinction between practice and combat. You are training to be one and the same way in your life

~Miyamoto Musashi

This is truth: When you sacrifice your life, you must make fullest use of your weaponry. It is false not to do so, and to die with a weapon as yet undrawn.

~Miyamoto Musashi

You may abandon your own body but you must preserve your honour.

~Miyamoto Musashi

If you know the way broadly you will see it in everything.

~Miyamoto Musashi

It is imperative to master the principles of the art of war and learn to be unmoved in mind even in the heat of the battle.

~Miyamoto Musashi

...most warriors only perform tricks. The way of the warrior is filled with soul and feeling

~Miyamoto Musashi

To cut and slash are two different things. Cutting, whatever form of cutting it is, is decisive, with a resolute spirit. Slashing is nothing more than touching the enemy.

~Miyamoto Musashi

If you do not control the enemy, the enemy will control you

~Miyamoto Musashi

When you cannot be deceived by men you will have realised the wisdom of strategy.

~Miyamoto Musashi

Crossing at a ford occurs often in a man's lifetime. It means setting sail even though your friends stay in harbour, knowing the route, knowing the soundness of your ship and the favour of the day.

~Miyamoto Musashi

Develop intuitive judgement and understanding for everything.

~Miyamoto Musashi

Perception is strong and sight weak. In strategy it is important to see distant things as if they were close and to take a distanced view of close things.

~Miyamoto Musashi

As far as I'm concerned, I regret nothing.

~Miyamoto Musashi

Do not let your opponent see your spirit

~Miyamoto Musashi

To become the enemy, see yourself as the enemy of the enemy

~Miyamoto Musashi

Do not act following customary beliefs.

~Miyamoto Musashi

See to it that you temper yourself with one thousand days of practice, and refine yourself with ten thousand days of training.

~Miyamoto Musashi

Know your enemy, know his sword.

~Miyamoto Musashi

Polish your wisdom: learn public justice, distinguish between good and evil, study the ways of different arts one by one.

~Miyamoto Musashi

There is timing in everything. Timing in strategy cannot be mastered without a great deal of practice.

~Miyamoto Musashi

People in this world look at things mistakenly, and think that what they do not understand must be the void. This is not the true void. It is bewilderment.

~Miyamoto Musashi

In all forms of strategy, it is necessary to maintain the combat stance in everyday life and to make your everyday stance your combat stance.

~Miyamoto Musashi

You should not have a favourite weapon. To become over-familiar with one weapon is as much a fault as not knowing it sufficiently well.

~Miyamoto Musashi

With your spirit open and unconstricted, look at things from a high point

of view.

~Miyamoto Musashi

You win battles by knowing the enemy's timing, and using a timing which the enemy does not expect.

~Miyamoto Musashi

When your opponent is hurrying recklessly, you must act contrarily and keep calm. You must not be influenced by the opponent.

~Miyamoto Musashi

from one thing, know ten thousand things

~Miyamoto Musashi

The spirit of defeating a man is the same for ten million men. The strategist makes small things into big things, like building a great Buddha from a one foot model.

~Miyamoto Musashi

All things entail rising and falling timing. You must be able to discern this.

~Miyamoto Musashi

Do not regret what you have done

~Miyamoto Musashi

Consider yourself lightly; consider the world deeply.

~Miyamoto Musashi

Approach the enemy with the attitude of defeating him without delay.

~Miyamoto Musashi

If you fail to take advantage of your enemies' collapse, they may recover.

~Miyamoto Musashi

The important thing in strategy is to suppress the enemy's useful actions but allow his useless actions

~Miyamoto Musashi

Do not let the body be dragged along by mind nor the mind be dragged along by the body

~Miyamoto Musashi

Whatever the Way, the master of strategy does not appear fast. Of course, slowness is bad. Really skillful people never get out of time, and are always deliberate, and never appear busy.

~Miyamoto Musashi

The way is in training.

~Miyamoto Musashi

If you learn indoor techniques, you will think narrowly and forget the true Way. Thus you will have difficulty in actual encounters.

~Miyamoto Musashi

If you do not look at things on a large scale, it will be difficult to master strategy.

~Miyamoto Musashi

If the enemy thinks of the mountains, attack like the sea; and if he thinks of the sea, attack like the mountains.

~Miyamoto Musashi

Respect Buddha and the gods without counting on their help

~Miyamoto Musashi

When in a fight to the death, one wants to employ all one's weapons to

the utmost. I must say that to die with one's sword still sheathed is most regrettable.

~Miyamoto Musashi

In the void is virtue, and no evil. Wisdom has existence, principle has existence, the Way has existence, spirit is nothingness.

~Miyamoto Musashi

Pay attention even to life's trifles.

~Miyamoto Musashi

If you are not progressing along the true way, a slight twist in the mind can become a major twist. This must be pondered well.

~Miyamoto Musashi

When your spirit is not in the least clouded, when the clouds of bewilderment clear away, there is the true void.

~Miyamoto Musashi

By knowing things that exist, you can know that which does not exist.

~Miyamoto Musashi

From inside fortifications, the gun has no equal among weapons. It is the supreme weapon on the field before the ranks clash, but once swords are crossed the gun becomes useless.

~Miyamoto Musashi

No man is invincible, and therefore no man can fully understand that which would make him invincible

~Miyamoto Musashi

Never stray from the Way.

~Miyamoto Musashi

It is difficult to realize the true Way just through sword-fencing. Know the smallest things and the biggest things, the shallowest things and the deepest things.

~Miyamoto Musashi

Cutting down the enemy is the way of strategy, and there is no need for many refinements of it.

~Miyamoto Musashi

One must make the warrior walk his everyday walk.

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When the enemy starts to collapse you must pursue him without the chance of letting go. If you fail to take advantage of your enemies collapse, they may recover.

~Miyamoto Musashi

Always return your weapon along the same path it traveled out on. In this way you can use it again without having to relocate and rethink our attitude.

~Miyamoto Musashi

In contests of strategy it is bad to be led about by the enemy. You must always be able to lead the enemy about.

~Miyamoto Musashi

Become acquainted with every art.

~Miyamoto Musashi

If the enemy stays spirited it is difficult to crush him.

~Miyamoto Musashi

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