

# Muhammad Iqbal

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Thinking*

Be aware of your own worth, use all of your power to achieve it. Create an ocean from a dewdrop. Do not beg for light from the moon, obtain it from the spark within you.

~Muhammad Iqbal

People who have no hold over their process of thinking are likely to be ruined by liberty of thought. If thought is immature, liberty of thought becomes a method of converting men into animals.

~Muhammad Iqbal

From your past emerges the present, and from the present is born your future.

~Muhammad Iqbal

Nations are born in the hearts of poets, they prosper and die in the hands of politicians.

~Muhammad Iqbal

If one cannot live the life of the brave, then it is better to die like the brave.

~Muhammad Iqbal

Life is a struggle and not a matter of privilege. It is nothing but one's knowledge of the temporal and the spiritual world.

~Muhammad Iqbal

I tell you the sign of a believer; When Death comes, there is a smile on his lips

~Muhammad Iqbal

Democracy is a system where people are counted not weighed.

~Muhammad Iqbal

If faith is lost, there is no security and there is no life for him who does

not adhere to religion.

~Muhammad Iqbal

When the thinking of a people becomes corrupt, the pure silver becomes impure in its hands.

~Muhammad Iqbal

Words, without power, is mere philosophy.

~Muhammad Iqbal

My ancestors were Brahmins. They spent their lives in search of god. I am spending my life in search of man.

~Muhammad Iqbal

It is true that we are made of dust. And the world is also made of dust. But the dust has motes rising.

~Muhammad Iqbal

I lead no party; I follow no leader. I have given the best part of my life to careful study of Islam, its law and polity, its culture, its history and its literature.

~Muhammad Iqbal

When truth has no burning, then it is philosophy, when it gets burning from the heart, it becomes poetry.

~Muhammad Iqbal

The man of Love follows the path of God-and shows affection to both the believer and the nonbe-liever.

~Muhammad Iqbal

The intellect of two thousand asses cannot bring forth a single man's thought.

~Muhammad Iqbal

Preserve your history and become everlasting; receive new life from the times that have gone by.

~Muhammad Iqbal

A community receives light from its history, it becomes aware of itself by remembrance of its history.

~Muhammad Iqbal

Become dust - and they will throw thee in the air; Become stone - and they will throw thee on glass.

~Muhammad Iqbal

Vision without power does bring moral elevation but cannot give a lasting culture.

~Muhammad Iqbal

Human intellect is nature's attempt at self criticism

~Muhammad Iqbal

The ultimate aim of the ego is not to see something, but to be something.

~Muhammad Iqbal

Unbeliever is he who follows predestination even if he be Muslim, Faithful is he, if he himself is the Divine Destiny.

~Muhammad Iqbal

A wrong concept misleads the understanding; a wrong deed degrades the whole man, and may eventually demolish the structure of the human ego.

~Muhammad Iqbal

Why should I ask the wise men: Whence is my beginning? I am busy with the thought: Where will be my end?

~Muhammad Iqbal

Man is primarily governed by passion and instinct.

~Muhammad Iqbal

The wing of the Falcon brings to the king, the wing if the crow brings him to the cemetery.

~Muhammad Iqbal

I am a hidden meaning made to defy. The grasp of words, and walk away With free will and destiny. As living, revolutionary clay.

~Muhammad Iqbal

Rise above sectional interests and private ambitions... Pass from matter to spirit. Matter is diversity; spirit is light, life and unity.

~Muhammad Iqbal

Islam is itself destiny and will not suffer destiny.

~Muhammad Iqbal

Why hast thou made me born in this country, The inhabitant of which is satisfied with being a slave?

~Muhammad Iqbal

The religion of that prophet [Karl Marx] who knew not the truth, is founded upon equality of the belly.

~Muhammad Iqbal

Destiny is the prison and chain of the ignorant. Understand that destiny like the water of the Nile: Water before the faithful, blood before the unbeliever.

~Muhammad Iqbal

I have never considered myself a poet. Therefore, I am not a rival of

anyone, and I do not consider anybody my rival.

~Muhammad Iqbal

The soul is neither inside nor outside the body; neither proximate to nor separate from it.

~Muhammad Iqbal

Though the terror of the sea gives to none security, in the secret of the shell. Self preserving we may dwell.

~Muhammad Iqbal

Indeed, in view of its function, religion stands in greater need of a rational foundation of its ultimate principles than even the dogmas of science.

~Muhammad Iqbal

The thought of a limit to perceptual space and time staggers the mind.

~Muhammad Iqbal

Be not entangled in this world of days and nights; Thou hast another time and space as well.

~Muhammad Iqbal

Conduct, which involves a decision of the ultimate fate of the agent cannot be based on illusions.

~Muhammad Iqbal

I tell the truth: your enemy is also your friend-his presence makes your life fuller and richer.

~Muhammad Iqbal

But only a brief moment is granted to the brave one breath or two, whose wage is the long nights of the grave.

~Muhammad Iqbal

The scientific observer of Nature is a kind of mystic seeker in the act of prayer.

~Muhammad Iqbal

The standpoint of the man who relies on religious experience for capturing Reality must always remain individual and incommunicable.

~Muhammad Iqbal

Sexual self-restraint was only a preliminary stage in the ego's evolution.

~Muhammad Iqbal

Since love first made the breast an instrument  
Of fierce lamenting, by its flame my heart  
Was molten to a mirror, like a rose I pluck my breast  
apart, that I may hang This mirror in your sight.

~Muhammad Iqbal

God is not a dead equation!

~Muhammad Iqbal

The Ego is partly free. partly determined, and reaches fuller freedom by approaching the Individual who is most free: God.

~Muhammad Iqbal

Thus passing through the infinite varieties of space we reach the Divine space which is absolutely free from all dimensions and constitutes the meeting point of all infinities.

~Muhammad Iqbal

That is why, according to this newer psychology, Christianity has already fulfilled its biological mission, and it is impossible for the modern man to understand its original significance.

~Muhammad Iqbal

But inner experience is only one source of human knowledge.

~Muhammad Iqbal

Physiologically less violent and psychologically more suitable to a concrete type of mind.

~Muhammad Iqbal

The truth is that the religious and the scientific processes, though involving different methods, are identical in their final aim. Both aim at reaching the most real.

~Muhammad Iqbal

Inductive reason, which alone makes man master of his environment, is an achievement and when once born it must be reinforced by inhibiting the growth of other modes of knowledge.

~Muhammad Iqbal

Yet higher religion, which is only a search for a larger life, is essentially experience and recognized the necessity of experience as its foundation long before science learnt to do so.

~Muhammad Iqbal

If the object of poetry is, to make men, then poetry is the heir of prophecy.

~Muhammad Iqbal

Plants and minerals are bound to predestination. The faithful is only bound to the Divine orders.

~Muhammad Iqbal

It may, however, be said that the level of experience to which concepts are inapplicable cannot yield any knowledge of a universal character, for concepts alone are capable of being socialized.

~Muhammad Iqbal



Divine life is in touch with the whole universe on the analogy of the soul's contact with the body.

~Muhammad Iqbal

It is the nature of the self to manifest itself, In every atom slumbers the might of the self.

~Muhammad Iqbal

I have never considered myself a poet. I have no interest in poetic artistry.

~Muhammad Iqbal

It is absolutely certain that God does exist.

~Muhammad Iqbal

I, therefore, demand the formation of a consolidated Muslim State in the best interest of India and Islam.

~Muhammad Iqbal

British physician, West African Countries and Peoples Man's place is higher than the sky. Respect for man is the underlying spirit of civilization.

~Muhammad Iqbal

The possessor of a sound heart puts to test his power by entering into big adventures.

~Muhammad Iqbal

I have seen the movement of the sinews of the sky, And the blood coursing in the veins of the moon.

~Muhammad Iqbal

Ends and purposes, whether they exist as conscious or subconscious tendencies, form the warp and woof of our conscious experience.

~Muhammad Iqbal

But the perception of life as an organic unity is a slow achievement, and depends for its growth on a people's entry into the main current of world-events.

~Muhammad Iqbal

It is the mysterious touch of the ideal that animates and sustains the real, and through it alone we can discover and affirm the ideal.

~Muhammad Iqbal

Our bread and water are of one table: the progeny of Adam are as a single soul.

~Muhammad Iqbal

The alchemist of the West has turned stone into glass  
But my alchemy has transmuted glass into flint  
Pharaohs of today have stalked me in vain

~Muhammad Iqbal

Everything that possesses life dies if it has to live in uncongenial surroundings.

~Muhammad Iqbal

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