

Pearl S. Buck

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To find joy in work is to discover the fountain of youth.

~Pearl S. Buck

To know how to do something well is to enjoy it.

~Pearl S. Buck

Chinese are wise in comprehending without many words what is inevitable and inescapable and therefore only to be borne.

~Pearl S. Buck

In our changing world nothing changes more than geography.

~Pearl S. Buck

Some are kissing mothers and some are scolding mothers, but it is love just the same, and most mothers kiss and scold together.

~Pearl S. Buck

Exclusion is always dangerous. Inclusion is the only safety if we are to have a peaceful world.

~Pearl S. Buck

All in all, Vermont is a jewel state, small but precious.

~Pearl S. Buck

Love cannot be forced, love cannot be coaxed and teased. It comes out of heaven, unasked and unsought.

~Pearl S. Buck

Hunger makes a thief of any man.

~Pearl S. Buck

The test of a civilization is in the way that it cares for its helpless members

~Pearl S. Buck

You cannot make yourself feel something you do not feel, but you can make yourself do right in spite of your feelings.

~Pearl S. Buck

When good people in any country cease their vigilance and struggle, then evil men prevail.

~Pearl S. Buck

A good marriage is one which allows for change and growth in the individuals and in the way they express their love.

~Pearl S. Buck

Every great mistake has a halfway moment, a split second when it can be recalled and perhaps remedied.

~Pearl S. Buck

All things are possible until they are proved impossible - and even the impossible may only be so, as of now.

~Pearl S. Buck

Truth is always exciting. Speak it, then. Life is dull without it.

~Pearl S. Buck

Inside myself is a place where I live all alone and that is where I renew my springs that never dry up.

~Pearl S. Buck

The boundary between civilization and barbarism is difficult to draw: put one ring in your nose and you are a savage, put two rings in your ears and you are civilized.

~Pearl S. Buck

There is an alchemy in sorrow. It can be transmuted into wisdom, which, if it does not bring joy, can yet bring happiness.

~Pearl S. Buck

Euthanasia is a long, smooth-sounding word, and it conceals its danger as long, smooth words do, but the danger is there, nevertheless.

~Pearl S. Buck

If our American way of life fails the child, it fails us all.

~Pearl S. Buck

music is not technique and melody, but the meaning of life itself, infinitely sorrowful and unbearably beautiful.

~Pearl S. Buck

None who have always been free can understand the terrible fascinating power of the hope of freedom to those who are not free.

~Pearl S. Buck

Let woman out of the home, let man into it, should be the aim of education. The home needs man, and the world outside needs woman.

~Pearl S. Buck

The secret of joy in work is contained in one word - excellence. To know how to do something well is to enjoy it.

~Pearl S. Buck

The bitterest creature under heaven is the wife who discovers that her husband's bravery is only bravado, that his strength is only a uniform, that his power is but a gun in the hands of a fool.

~Pearl S. Buck

Many people lose the small joys in the hope for the big happiness.

~Pearl S. Buck

Growth itself contains the germ of happiness.

~Pearl S. Buck

there is one word that can be the guide for your life- it is the word reciprocity.

~Pearl S. Buck

It is good to know our universe. What is new is only new to us.

~Pearl S. Buck

Most mothers kiss and scold together.

~Pearl S. Buck

Fatalism is a false premise. What will be is not necessarily what must be.

~Pearl S. Buck

The truly creative mind in any field is no more than this: A human creature born abnormally, inhumanly sensitive.

~Pearl S. Buck

A hungry man can't see right or wrong. He just sees food.

~Pearl S. Buck

A person's heart withers if it does not answer another heart.

~Pearl S. Buck

You can judge your age by the amount of pain you feel when you come in contact with a new idea.

~Pearl S. Buck

I feel no need for any other faith than my faith in the kindness of human beings. I am so absorbed in the wonder of earth and the life upon it that I cannot think of heaven and angels.

~Pearl S. Buck

I don't wait for moods. You accomplish nothing if you do that. Your mind must know it has got to get down to work.

~Pearl S. Buck

To serve is beautiful, but only if it is done with joy and a whole heart and a free mind.

~Pearl S. Buck

A foreigner is a friend I have yet to meet.

~Pearl S. Buck

One faces the future with one's past.

~Pearl S. Buck

On this earth, though far and near, without love, there's only fear.

~Pearl S. Buck

What the common man cannot understand he hates.

~Pearl S. Buck

If you want to understand today, you have to search yesterday.

~Pearl S. Buck

We need to restore the full meaning of that old word, duty. It is the other side of rights.

~Pearl S. Buck

The young do not know enough to be prudent, and therefore they attempt the impossible - and achieve it, generation after generation.

~Pearl S. Buck

In this unbelievable universe in which we live, there are no absolutes. Even parallel lines, reaching into infinity, meet somewhere yonder.

~Pearl S. Buck

Our society must make it right and possible for old people not to fear the young or be deserted by them, for the test of a civilization is the way that it cares for its helpless members.

~Pearl S. Buck

To eat bread without hope is still slowly to starve to death.

~Pearl S. Buck

We learn as much from sorrow as from joy, as much from illness as from health, from handicap as from advantage and indeed perhaps more.

~Pearl S. Buck

There are many ways of breaking a heart. Stories were full of hearts broken by love, but what really broke a heart was taking away its dream -- whatever that dream might be.

~Pearl S. Buck

Love dies only when growth stops.

~Pearl S. Buck

I feel no need for any other faith than my faith in human beings.

~Pearl S. Buck

men cannot be free in a nation where women are forbidden freedom.

~Pearl S. Buck

An intelligent, energetic, educated woman cannot be kept in four walls - even satin-lined, diamond-studded walls - without discovering sooner or later that they are still a prison cell.

~Pearl S. Buck

Perhaps one has to be very old before one learns to be amused rather than shocked.

~Pearl S. Buck

Order is the shape upon which beauty depends.

~Pearl S. Buck

In a mood of faith and hope my work goes on. A ream of fresh paper lies on my desk waiting for the next book. I am a writer and I take up my pen to write.

~Pearl S. Buck

None but the ignorant can be bored by life. To the lovers of learning, life is pure adventure shared with adventurers.

~Pearl S. Buck

Nothing and no one can destroy the Chinese people. They are relentless survivors.

~Pearl S. Buck

We must have hope or starve to death.

~Pearl S. Buck

Men and women should own the world as a mutual possession.

~Pearl S. Buck

Race prejudice is not only a shadow over the colored it is a shadow over all of us, and the shadow is darkest over those who feel it least and allow its evil effects to go on.

~Pearl S. Buck

Purposeless activity may be a phase of death.

~Pearl S. Buck

It may be that religion is dead, and if it is, we had better know it and set ourselves to try to discover other sources of moral strength before it is

too late.

~Pearl S. Buck

Men would rather be starving and free than fed in bonds.

~Pearl S. Buck

She had always been too wise to tell him all she thought and felt, knowing by some intuition of her own womanhood that no man wants to know everything of any woman.

~Pearl S. Buck

Praise out of season, or tactlessly bestowed, can freeze the heart as much as blame.

~Pearl S. Buck

Self-expression must pass into communication for its fulfillment.

~Pearl S. Buck

When men destroy their old gods they will find new ones to take their place.

~Pearl S. Buck

an artist is always seeking revelation.

~Pearl S. Buck

Introversion, at least if extreme, is a sign of mental and spiritual immaturity.

~Pearl S. Buck

But what happens when her beauty is torn from her like a cover from a book? Will he care to read her then, although her pages speak of nothing but love for him?

~Pearl S. Buck

destructiveness comes only when life isn't lived. People who can live their lives don't destroy themselves.

~Pearl S. Buck

Some of the biggest failures I ever had were successes.

~Pearl S. Buck

An Englishman is never afraid of being laughed at. He just thinks the other fellow is a fool. But Americans still can't risk anybody laughing at them.

~Pearl S. Buck

We should so provide for old age that it may have no urgent wants of this world to absorb it from meditation on the next. It is awful to see the lean hands of dotage making a coffer of the grave.

~Pearl S. Buck

Vermont is a country unto itself.

~Pearl S. Buck

The basic discovery about any people is the discovery of the relationship between its men and its women.

~Pearl S. Buck

Life is stronger than death.

~Pearl S. Buck

What is a neglected child? He is a child not planned for, not wanted. Neglect begins, therefore, before he is born.

~Pearl S. Buck

As for New York City, it is a place apart. There is not its match in any other country in the world.

~Pearl S. Buck

Man was lost if he went to a usurer, for the interest ran faster than a tiger upon him.

~Pearl S. Buck

Nothing in life is as good as the marriage of true minds between man and woman. As good? It is life itself.

~Pearl S. Buck

to know how to read is to light a lamp in the mind, to release the soul from prison, to open a gate to the universe." from Pavilion of Women page 292

~Pearl S. Buck

We send missionaries to China so the Chinese can get to heaven, but we won't let them into our country.

~Pearl S. Buck

Our bodies can be mobilized by law and police and men with guns, if necessary-but where shall we find that which will make us believe in what we must do, so that we can fight through to victory?

~Pearl S. Buck

Life without idealism is empty indeed. We just hope or starve to death.

~Pearl S. Buck

A man is educated and turned out to work. But a woman is educated and turned out to grass.

~Pearl S. Buck

It is difficult not to wonder whether that combination of elements which produces a machine for labor does not create also a soul of sorts, a dull resentful metallic will, which can rebel at times.

~Pearl S. Buck

There will never cease to be ferment in the world unless people are sure of their food.

~Pearl S. Buck

If I have learned anything in my long life it is to be grateful for every occasion when I followed my sympathies and avoided my antipathies.

~Pearl S. Buck

Can such stiff and formal moldings as words capture the spirit-essence of love?

~Pearl S. Buck

If you start to revise before you've reached the end, you're likely to begin dawdling with the revisions and putting off the difficult task of writing.

~Pearl S. Buck

the heart never grows old.

~Pearl S. Buck

God is not in the vastness of greatness. He is hid in the vastness of smallness . He is not in the general. He is in the particular.

~Pearl S. Buck

Somehow I had learned from Thoreau, who doubtless learned it from Confucius, that if a man comes to do his own good for you, then must you flee that man and save yourself

~Pearl S. Buck

Every event has had its cause, and nothing, not the least wind that blows, is accident or causeless.

~Pearl S. Buck

doing and being are very closely tied together, and unless you are

doing what you secretly want to do, you aren't able to be the sort of person you want to be.

~Pearl S. Buck

Now, five years is nothing in a man's life except when he is very young and very old... - Wang Lung

~Pearl S. Buck

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