

Plato Quotes

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If you do not take an interest in the affairs of your government, then you are doomed to live under the rule of fools.

~Plato

A wise man speaks because he has something to say; a fool because he has to say something.

~Plato

No one is more hated than he who speaks the truth.

~Plato

Don't force your children into your ways, for they were created for a time different from your own.

~Plato

Good people do not need laws to tell them to act responsibly, while bad people will find a way around the laws.

~Plato

Reality is created by the mind, we can change our reality by changing our mind.

~Plato

Enjoy life. There's plenty of time to be dead. Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a harder battle.

~Plato

One of the penalties for refusing to participate in politics is that you end up being governed by your inferiors.

~Plato

Those who are too smart to engage in politics are punished by being governed by those who are dumber.

~Plato

The one who learns and learns and doesn't practice is like the one who plows and plows and never plants.

~Plato

Excellence" is not a gift, but a skill that takes practice. We do not act "rightly" because we are "excellent", in fact we achieve "excellence" by acting "rightly".

~Plato

Be kind. Every person you meet is fighting a difficult battle.

~Plato

The first and the best victory is to conquer self.

~Plato

Human behavior flows from three main sources: desire, emotion, and knowledge.

~Plato

When you feel grateful, you become great, and eventually attract great things.

~Plato

Those who are able to see beyond the shadows and lies of their culture will never be understood let alone believed by the masses.

~Plato

The right question is usually more important than the right answer.

~Plato

Every heart sings a song, incomplete, until another heart whispers back.

~Plato

I am the wisest man alive, for I know one thing, and that is that I know nothing.

~Plato

He who is of a calm and happy nature, will hardly feel the pressure of age

~Plato

Only the dead have seen the end of war.

~Plato

If we are to have any hope for the future, those who have lanterns must pass them on to others.

~Plato

Do not train children to learning by force and harshness, but direct them to it by what amuses their minds.

~Plato

Music and rhythm find their way into the secret places of the soul

~Plato

The greatest privilege of a human life is to become a midwife to the awakening of the Soul in another person.

~Plato

Mankind will never see an end of trouble until lovers of wisdom come to hold political power, or the holders of power become lovers of wisdom

~Plato

The worst form of injustice is pretended justice.

~Plato

Opinion is the medium between knowledge and ignorance.

~Plato

The greatest mistake physicians make is that they attempt to cure the body without attempting to cure the mind, yet the mind and the body are one and should not be treated separately!

~Plato

Atheism is a disease of the soul before it becomes an error of understanding.

~Plato

The greatest wealth is to live content with little.

~Plato

When man is not properly trained, he is the most savage animal on the face of the globe.

~Plato

False words are not only evil in themselves, but they infect the soul with evil.

~Plato

Lack of activity destroys the good condition of every human being

~Plato

The wise man will want to be ever with him who is better than himself.

~Plato

Poverty doesn't come because of the decrease of wealth but because of the increase of desires.

~Plato

Astronomy compels the soul to look upwards and leads us from this world to another.

~Plato

The laws of democracy remain a dead letter, its freedom is anarchy, its equality the equality of unequals

~Plato

Thinking is the soul talking to itself.

~Plato

Music has the capacity to touch the innermost reaches of the soul and music gives flight to the imagination.

~Plato

I know not how I may seem to others, but to myself I am but a small child wandering upon the vast shores of knowledge, every now and then finding a small bright pebble to content myself with

~Plato

A true artist is someone who gives birth to a new reality.

~Plato

The true lover of knowledge naturally strives for truth, and is not content with common opinion, but soars with undimmed and unwearied passion till he grasps the essential nature of things.

~Plato

Justice means minding one's own business and not meddling with other men's concerns.

~Plato

To begin is the most important part of any quest and by far the most courageous.

~Plato

Welcome out of the cave, my friend. It's a bit colder out here, but the stars are just beautiful.

~Plato

Thinking: the talking of the soul with itself.

~Plato

Ignorance, the root and the stem of every evil.

~Plato

The measure of a man is what he does with power.

~Plato

There should exist among the citizens neither extreme poverty nor again excessive wealth, for both are productive of great evil.

~Plato

A good decision is based on knowledge, and not on numbers.

~Plato

In politics we presume that everyone who knows how to get votes knows how to administer a city or a state. When we are ill... we do not ask for the handsomest physician, or the most eloquent one.

~Plato

The people always have some champion whom they set over them and nurse into greatness. ... This and no other is the root from which a tyrant springs; when he first appears he is a protector.

~Plato

The worst of all deceptions is self-deception.

~Plato

The penalty that good men pay for not being interested in politics is to

be governed by men worse than themselves.

~Plato

The excessive increase of anything causes a reaction in the opposite direction.

~Plato

There are three classes of men; lovers of wisdom, lovers of honor, and lovers of gain.

~Plato

No one ever dies an atheist.

~Plato

Never discourage anyone who continually makes progress, no matter how slow... even if that someone is yourself!

~Plato

He is unworthy of the name of man who is ignorant of the fact that the diagonal of a square is incommensurable with its side.

~Plato

The three wishes of every man: to be healthy, to be rich by honest means, and to be beautiful.

~Plato

Money-makers are tiresome company, as they have no standard but cash value.

~Plato

The essence of knowledge is self-knowledge.

~Plato

Apply yourself both now and in the next life. Without effort, you cannot

be prosperous. Though the land be good, you cannot have an abundant crop without cultivation.

~Plato

Of all the animals, the boy is the most unmanageable.

~Plato

The gods created certain kinds of beings to replenish our bodies... they are the trees and the plants and the seeds.

~Plato

Man is a being in search of meaning.

~Plato

Twice and thrice over, as they say, good is it to repeat and review what is good.

~Plato

No man should bring children into the world who is unwilling to persevere to the end in their nature and education.

~Plato

Every heart sings a song, incomplete, until another heart whispers back. Those who wish to sing always find a song. At the touch of a lover, everyone becomes a poet.

~Plato

And isn't it a bad thing to be deceived about the truth, and a good thing to know what the truth is? For I assume that by knowing the truth you mean knowing things as they really are.

~Plato

The highest form of pure thought is in mathematics.

~Plato

No man should be angry with what is true.

~Plato

The purpose of education is to give to the body and to the soul all the beauty and all the perfection of which they are capable.

~Plato

Just as bees make honey from thyme, the strongest and driest of herbs, so do the wise profit from the most difficult of experiences.

~Plato

The real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light.

~Plato

Love is a serious mental disease.

~Plato

Watch a man at play for an hour and you can learn more about him than in talking to him for a year.

~Plato

The price of apathy towards public affairs is to be ruled by evil men.

~Plato

Beauty of style and harmony and grace and good rhythm depend on Simplicity.

~Plato

How can you prove whether at this moment we are sleeping, and all our thoughts are a dream; or whether we are awake, and talking to one another in the waking state?

~Plato

If a man neglects education, he walks lame to the end of his life.

~Plato

A house that has a library in it has a soul.

~Plato

Physical excellence does not of itself produce a good mind and character: on the other hand, excellence of mind and character will make the best of the physique it is given.

~Plato

We obtain better knowledge of a person during one hour's play and games than by conversing with him for a whole year

~Plato

I prefer nothing, unless it is true.

~Plato

The qualities which a man seeks in his beloved are those characteristics of his own soul, whether he knows it or not.

~Plato

When the mind is thinking it is talking to itself.

~Plato

People are like dirt. They can either nourish you and help you grow as a person or they can stunt your growth and make you wilt and die.

~Plato

At the touch of love, everyone is a poet.

~Plato

Knowledge which is acquired under compulsion obtains no hold on the mind.

~Plato

Better a little which is well done, than a great deal imperfectly.

~Plato

The noblest of all studies is the study of what man is and of what life he should live.

~Plato

Better to be unborn than untaught, for ignorance is the root of all misfortune.

~Plato

It is better to be wise, and not to seem so, than to seem wise, and not be so; yet men, for the most part, desire the contrary.

~Plato

A grateful mind is a great mind which eventually attracts to itself great things.

~Plato

Tyranny naturally arises out of democracy.

~Plato

The most effective kind of education is that a child should play amongst lovely things.

~Plato

Education and admonition commence in the first years of childhood, and last to the very end of life.

~Plato

There is far greater peril in buying knowledge than in buying meat and drink.

~Plato

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