

# Theodor Herzl

## Quotes

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Giving, Law, Trying, Hatred, Attitude, Father, Long, Beautiful, Ifs, Want,  
Thinking*

If you will it, it is no dream; and if you do not will it, a dream it is and a dream it will stay

~Theodor Herzl

If whole branches of Jews must be destroyed, it is worth it, as long as a Jewish state in Palestine is created.

~Theodor Herzl

It is true that we aspire to our ancient land. But what we want in that ancient land is a new blossoming of the Jewish spirit.

~Theodor Herzl

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~Theodor Herzl

Dream and deed are not as different as many think. All the deeds of men are dreams at first, and become dreams in the end.

~Theodor Herzl

Zionism demands a publicly recognized and legally secured homeland in Palestine for the Jewish people. This platform is unchangeable.

~Theodor Herzl

The wealth of a country is its working people.

~Theodor Herzl

Four years ago in speaking of a Jewish nation one ran the risk of being regarded ridiculous. Today he makes himself ridiculous who denies the existence of a Jewish nation.

~Theodor Herzl

But we wish to give the Jews a Homeland. Not by dragging them ruthlessly out of their sustaining soil, but rather by removing them carefully, roots and all, to a better terrain.

~Theodor Herzl

Whoever would change men must change the conditions of their lives.

~Theodor Herzl

Universal brotherhood is not even a beautiful dream. Antagonism is essential to man's greatest efforts.

~Theodor Herzl

Our first object is... the obtaining of sovereignty, assured by international law, over a portion of the globe sufficiently large to satisfy our just requirements.

~Theodor Herzl

I prefer being penetrated by iron to seeing Palestine is loose.

~Theodor Herzl

Realists are, as a rule, only men in the rut of routine who are incapable of transcending a narrow circle of antiquated notions.

~Theodor Herzl

The body is a marvelous machine...a chemical laboratory, a power-house. Every movement, voluntary or involuntary, full of secrets and marvels

~Theodor Herzl

The Jews had, as a matter of fact, long been all along the most ingenious entrepreneurs. It was only our own future that we had never built upon a business basis.

~Theodor Herzl

Philanthropic colonization is a failure. National colonization will succeed.

~Theodor Herzl

Dreams and actions are not so different as usually thought, as all actions of men are founded upon dreams, and their end - is a dream too.

~Theodor Herzl

Economic distress, political pressure, and social obloquy already drive us from our homes and from our graves. The Jews are already constantly shifting from place to place.

~Theodor Herzl

When we sink, we become a revolutionary proletariat, the subordinate officers of all revolutionary parties; at the same time, when we rise, there rises also our terrible power of the purse.

~Theodor Herzl

Let sovereignty be granted us over a portion of the earth's surface large enough to satisfy our rightful requirements as a nation. The rest we shall manage for ourselves.

~Theodor Herzl

But I am convinced that those Jews who stand aside today with a malicious smile and with their hands in their trousers' pockets will also want to dwell in our beautiful home.

~Theodor Herzl

The land which the Society of Jews will have secured by international law must naturally be privately owned.

~Theodor Herzl

The character of a people may be ruined by charity.

~Theodor Herzl

We are organizing Jewry for its coming destiny.

~Theodor Herzl

Do you know out of what the German Empire arose? Out of dreams, songs, fantasies and black-red-gold ribbons? Bismarck merely shook the tree that fantasies had planted.

~Theodor Herzl

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