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It gives me great pleasure indeed to see the stubbornness of an incorrigible nonconformist warmly acclaimed.

- Einstein, Albert

Eccentricity is not, as dull people would have us believe, a form of madness. It is often a kind of innocent pride, and the man of genius and the aristocrat are frequently regarded as eccentrics because genius and aristocrat are entirely unafraid of and uninfluenced by the opinions and vagaries of the crowd.

- Sitwell, Dame Edith

I am patient with stupidity, but not with those who are proud of it.

- Sitwell, Dame Edith

Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything.

- Shaw, George Bernard

The camera can represent flesh so superbly that, if I dared, I would never photograph a figure without asking that figure to take its clothes off.

- Shaw, George Bernard

In any moment of decision the best thing you can do is the right thing, the next best thing is the wrong thing, and the worst thing you can do is nothing.

- Roosevelt, Theodore

The pleasure of reading is doubled when one lives with another who shares the same books.

- Mansfield, Katherine

I never desired to please the rabble. What pleased them, I did not learn; and what I knew was far removed from their understanding.

- Epicurus

However much we guard ourselves against it, we tend to shape ourselves in the image others have of us. It is not so much the example of others we imitate, as the reflection of ourselves in their eyes and the echo of ourselves in their words.

- Hoffer, Eric

Alcohol is necessary for a man so that he can have a good opinion of himself, undisturbed by the facts.

- Dunne, Finley Peter

Most vegetarians I ever see looked enough like their food to be classed as cannibals.

- Dunne, Finley Peter

Reading makes a full man, meditation a profound man, discourse a clear man.

- Franklin, Benjamin

First ask yourself: What is the worst that can happen? Then prepare to accept it. Then proceed to improve on the worst.

- Carnegie, Dale

Sometimes the most important thing in a whole day is the rest we take between two deep breaths, or the turning inwards in prayer for five short minutes.

- Hillesum, Etty

I have no regrets, I wouldn't have lived my life the way I did if I was going to worry about what people were going to say.

- Bergman, Ingrid

Hell, there are no rules here, we are trying to accomplish something.

- Edison, Thomas A.



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