

Einstein Quotes

To punish me for my contempt for authority, fate made me an authority myself.

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Reading, after a certain age, diverts the mind too much from its creative pursuits. Any man who reads too much and uses his own brain too little falls into lazy habits of thinking.

Everything should be made as simple as possible, but not one bit simpler.

Try not to become a man of success but rather to become a man of value.

If you are out to describe the truth, leave elegance to the tailor.

Everything that is really great and inspiring is created by the individual who can labor in freedom.

The secret to creativity is knowing how to hide your sources.

You cannot simultaneously prevent and prepare for war.

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It is the duty of every citizen according to his best capacities to give validity to his convictions in political affairs.

Every day I remind myself that my inner and outer life are based on the labors of other men, living and dead, and that I must exert myself in order to give in the same measure as I have received and am still receiving.

The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing. One cannot help but be in awe when he contemplates the mysteries of eternity, of life, of the marvelous structure of reality. It is enough if one tries merely to comprehend a little of this mystery every day. Never lose a holy curiosity.

If A is success in life, then A equals x plus y plus z. Work is x; y is play; and z is keeping your mouth shut.

Science without religion is lame, religion without science is blind.

The unleashed power of the atom has changed everything save our modes of thinking and we thus drift toward unparalleled catastrophe.

I am convinced that He [God] does not play dice.

Truth is what stands the test of experience.

The ideals which have lighted my way, and time after time have given me new courage to face life cheerfully, have been Kindness, Beauty, and Truth. The trite subjects of human efforts, possessions, outward success, luxury have always seemed to me contemptible.

I am enough of an artist to draw freely upon my imagination. Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world.

We believe that an informed citizenry will act for life and not for death.

If the facts don't fit the theory, change the facts.

I never think of the future. It comes soon enough.

I know not with what weapons World War III will be fought, but World War IV will be fought with sticks and stones.

The individual must not merely wait and criticize, he must defend the cause the best he can. The fate of the world will be such as the world deserves.

In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity.

It is the theory that decides what we can observe.

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Science is a wonderful thing if one does not have to earn one's living at it.

He who joyfully marches to music rank and file, has already earned my contempt. He has been given a large brain by mistake, since for him the spinal cord would surely suffice. This disgrace to civilization should be done away with at once. Heroism at command, how violently I hate all this, how despicable and ignoble war is; I would rather be torn to shreds than be a part of so base an action. It is my conviction that killing under the cloak of war is nothing but an act of murder.

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Technological progress is like an axe in the hands of a pathological criminal.

God does not care about our mathematical difficulties. He integrates empirically.

The grand aim of all science is to cover the greatest number of empirical facts by logical deduction from the smallest number of hypotheses or axioms.

To my mind to kill in war is not a whit better than to commit ordinary murder.

The most incomprehensible thing about the world is that it is comprehensible.

Let every man be respected as an individual and no man idolized.

Concern for man himself and his fate must always form the chief interest of all technical endeavor. Never forget this in the midst of your diagrams and equations.

No amount of experimentation can ever prove me right; a single experiment can prove me wrong.

I believe that whoever tries to think things through honestly will soon recognize how unworthy and even fatal is the traditional bias against Negroes. What can the man of good will do to combat this deeply rooted prejudice? He must have the courage to set an example by words and deed, and must watch lest his children become influenced by racial bias.

Every kind of peaceful cooperation among men is primarily based on mutual trust and only secondarily on institutions such as courts of justice and police.

My religion consists of a humble admiration of the unlimitable superior who reveals Himself in the slight details we are able to perceive with our frail and feeble minds. That deeply emotional conviction of the presence of a superior reasoning power, which is revealed in the incomprehensible universe, forms my idea of God

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True art is characterized by an irresistible urge in the creative artist

Intellectual growth should commence at birth and cease only at death

Whoever undertakes to set himself up as a judge of Truth & Knowledge is shipwrecked by laughter of the gods.

There are two ways to live: you can live as if nothing is a miracle; you can live as if everything is a miracle.

Logic will get you from A to B. Imagination will take you everywhere.

Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile. The only real valuable thing is intuition

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It has become appallingly obvious that our technology has exceeded our humanity.

If we knew what it was we were doing, it would not be called research, would it?

Sometimes one pays most for the things one gets for nothing

Everything that can be counted does not necessarily count; everything that counts cannot necessarily be counted.

The world is not dangerous because of those who do harm but because of those who look at it without doing anything

Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. Once we accept our limits, we go beyond them

The only reason for time is so that everything doesn't happen at once.

I have no particular talent. I am merely inquisitive. Force always attracts men of low morality.

Common sense is the collection of prejudices acquired by age eighteen.

The only thing that interferes with my learning is my education.

You have to learn the rules of the game. And then you have to play better than anyone else.

I am a deeply religious nonbeliever - This is a somewhat new kind of religion

We still do not know one thousandth of one percent of what nature has revealed to us.

Anyone who doesn't take truth seriously in small matters cannot be trusted in large ones either.

Imagination is everything. It is the preview of life's coming attractions.

The value of a man should be seen in what he gives and not in what he is able to receive.

Imagination is more important than knowledge. For knowledge is limited to all we now know and understand, while imagination embraces the entire world, and all there ever will be to know and understand.

A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new.

Everyone is a genius. But if you judge a fish on its ability to climb a tree it will live its whole life believing it is stupid.

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I fear the day that technology will surpass our human interaction. The world will have a generation of idiots.

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The intuitive mind is a sacred gift and the rational mind is a faithful servant. We have created a society that honors the servant and has forgotten the gift.

Education is not the learning of facts but the training of the mind to think.

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Reality is merely an illusion, all be it a very persistent one.

I live in that solitude which is painful in youth but delicious in the years of maturity.

American ethical behavior should be based effectually on sympathy, education, and social ties.

Play is the highest form of research.

Only one who devotes himself to a cause with his whole strength and soul can be a true master. For this reason mastery demands all of a person.

I never said half the crap people said I did.

The difference between genius and stupidity is genius has its limits.