

# CHANGE

## *Cycles and Mutability*

### 1. ESSENCE

- 230 Everything changes, nothing remains without change.  
Buddha (B.C. 568-488)
- 231 All things change, nothing perishes.  
Ovid (B.C. 43-18 A.D.)
- 232 In all things there is a law of cycles.  
Tacitus (55-117 A.D.)
- 233 We must all obey the great law of change.  
It is the most powerful law of nature.  
Burke (1729-1797)

### 2. OPPOSITES

- 234 We are negative in our relationships with that which is of a higher potential than we are; and we are positive in our relationships with that which has a lower potential. This is a relationship which is in a perpetual state of flux, and which varies at every separate point at which we make our innumerable contracts with our environment.  
Kabbalah (B.C. 1200?-700? A.D.)
- 235 There is nothing permanent except change.  
Heraclitus (B.C. 535-475)
- 236 The seen is the changing,  
the unseen is the unchanging.  
Plato (B.C. 427?-347?)
- 237 As the blessings of health and fortune have a beginning,  
so they must also find an end. Everything rises but to fall, and increases but to decay.  
Sallust (B.C. 86-34)
- 238 The misery which follows pleasure  
Is the pleasure which follows misery.  
The pleasure and misery of mankind  
Revolve like a wheel.  
Nagarjuna (c. 100-200 A.D.)

- 239 The end of all motion is its beginning; for it terminates at no other end save its own beginning from which it begins to be moved and to which it tends ever to return, in order to cease and rest in it.  
Joannes Scotus Erigena (815?-877? A.D.)
- 240 Still ending, and beginning still.  
Cowper (1731-1800)
- 241 In this world of change, nothing which comes stays, and nothing which goes is lost.  
Anne Swetchine (1782-1857)
- 242 Change is inevitable...Change is constant.  
Disraeli (1804-1881)
- 243 The appearance and disappearance of the Universe are pictured as an outbreathing and inbreathing of "the Great Breath," which is eternal, and which, being Motion, is one of the three aspects of the Absolute - Abstract Space and Duration being the other two.  
H. P. Blavatsky (1831-1891)

### 3. INSIGHT

- 244 The atom, being for all practical purposes the stable unit of the physical plane, is a constantly changing vortex of reactions.  
Kabbalah (B.C. 1200?-700? A.D.)
- 245 The universe is moved by a power which cycles endlessly from day to day. Such greatness endures for all time. As in heaven, so on earth.  
I Ching (B.C. 1150?)
- 246 As when rivers flowing towards the ocean find there final peace, their name and form disappear, and people speak only of the ocean, even so the different forms of the seer of all flows towards the Spirit and find there final peace, their name and form disappear and people speak only of Spirit.  
Upanishads (c. B.C. 800)
- 247 At the dawning of that day all objects in manifestation stream forth from the Unmanifest, and when evening falls they are dissolved into It again. The same multitude of beings, which have lived on earth so often, all are dissolved as the night of the universe approaches, to issue forth anew when morning breaks. Thus is it ordained.  
Bhagavad Gita (c. B.C. 400)

- 248 In human life there is constant change of fortune;  
and it is unreasonable to expect an exemption from the  
common fate. Life itself decays, and all things are  
daily changing.  
Plutarch (46-120 A.D.)
- 249 The customs and fashions of men change like leaves on the  
bough, some of which go and others come.  
Dante (1265-1321)
- 250 It is not strange that even our loves should change  
with our fortunes.  
Shakespeare (1564-1616)
- 251 There is such a thing as a general revolution which changes  
the taste of men as it changes the fortunes of the world.  
La Rochefoucauld (1613-1680)
- 252 The world goes up and the world goes down,  
And the sunshine follows the rain;  
And yesterday's sneer and yesterday's frown  
Can never come over again.  
Charles Kingsley (1819-1875)
- 253 All things must change to something new,  
to something strange.  
Longfellow (1807-1882)
- 254 It is the greatest mistake to think that man is always one  
and the same. A man is never the same for long. He is  
continually changing. He seldom remains the same even for  
half an hour.  
Gurdjieff (1873-1949)
- 255 To change and change for the better are two different things  
German Proverb

#### 4. POSITIVE

- 256 The way of the Creative works through change and trans-  
formation, so that each thing receives its true nature  
and destiny and comes into permanent accord with the  
Great Harmony: this is what furthers and what perseveres.  
I Ching (B.C. 1150?)
- 257 A rolling stone can gather no moss.  
Publilius Syrus (fl. B.C. 42)
- 258 Since 'tis Nature's law to change,  
Constancy alone is strange.  
John Wilmot (1647-1680)

- 259 To-day is not yesterday: we ourselves change; how can our Works and Thoughts, if they are always to be the fittest, continue always the same? Change, indeed is painful; yet ever needful; and if Memory have its force and worth, so also has Hope.  
Carlyle (1795-1881)
- 260 The true past departs not, no truth or goodness realized by man ever dies, or can die; but all is still here, and, recognized or not, lives and works through endless change.  
Carlyle (1795-1881)
- 261 To live is to change,  
and to be perfect is to have changed often.  
John Henry Newman (1801-1890)
- 262 When to the Permanent is sacrificed the Mutable, the prize is thine: the drop returneth whence it came. The Open Path leads to the changeless change - Non-Being, the glorious state of Absoluteness, the Bliss past human thought.  
H. P. Blavatsky (1831-1891)
- 263 The search for static security - in the law and elsewhere - is misguided. The fact is security can only be achieved through constant change, adapting old ideas that have outlived their usefulness to current facts.  
William O. Douglas (1898-1980)

## 5. NEGATIVE

- 264 Keep what you have; the known evil is best.  
Plautus (B.C. 254-184)
- 265 He despises what he sought; and he seeks that which he lately threw away.  
Horace (B.C. 65-8)
- 266 Believe, if thou wilt, that mountains change their place, but believe not that man changes his nature.  
Mohammed (570-632 A.D.)
- 267 He that will not apply new remedies must expect new evils.  
Bacon (1561-1626)
- 268 Then rose the seed of Chaos, and of Night,  
To blot out order and extinguish light.  
Pope (1688-1744)

- 269 What I possess I would gladly retain. Change amuses the mind, yet scarcely profits.  
Goethe (1749-1832)
- 270 They are the weakest-minded and the hardest-hearted men that most love change.  
John Ruskin (1819-1900)
- 271 Humanity is moving in a circle. In one century it destroys everything it creates in another, and the progress in mechanical things of the past hundred years has proceeded at the cost of losing many other things which perhaps were much more important for it.  
Gurdjieff (1873-1949)

## 6. ADVICE

- 272 Change is certain. Peace is followed by disturbances; departure of evil men by their return. Such recurrences should not constitute occasions for sadness but realities for awareness, so that one may be happy in the interim.  
I Ching (B.C. 1150?)
- 273 Man must be prepared for every event of life, for there is nothing that is durable.  
Menander (B.C. 342-291)
- 274 No sensible man ever imputes inconsistency to another for changing his mind.  
Cicero (B.C. 106-43)
- 275 Observe constantly that all things take place by change, and accustom thyself to consider that the nature of the Universe loves nothing so much as to change the things which are, and to make new things like them.  
Marcus Aurelius (121-180 A.D.)
- 276 Perfection is immutable. But for things imperfect, change is the way to perfect them.  
Owen Feltham (1602-1668)
- 277 Weep not that the world changes - did it keep a stable, changeless state, it were cause indeed to weep.  
William Cullen Bryant (1794-1878)
- 278 Slumber not in the tents of your fathers. The world is advancing.  
Giuseppe Mazzini (1805-1872)

279 To act and act wisely when the time for action comes, to wait and wait patiently when it is time for repose, put man in accord with the rising and falling tides (of affairs), so that with nature and law at his back, and truth and beneficence as his beacon light, he may accomplish wonders. Ignorance of this law results in periods of unreasoning enthusiasm on the one hand, and depression on the other. Man thus becomes the victim of the tides when he should be their Master.

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## 7. POTPOURRI

280 Force never moves in a straight line, but always in a curve vast as the universe, and therefore eventually returns whence it issued forth, but upon a higher arc, for the universe has progressed since it started.

Kabbalah (B.C. 1200?-700? A.D.)

281 So many great nobles, things, administrations,  
So many high chieftains, so many brave nations,  
So many proud princes, and power so splendid,  
In a moment, a twinkling, all utterly ended.

Jacopone (c. 1230-1306)

282 The ever-whirling wheele  
Of Change, to which all mortal things doth sway.

Edmund Spenser (1552-1599)

283 See dying vegetables life sustain,  
See life dissolving vegetate again;  
All forms that perish other forms supply;  
By turns we catch the vital breath and die.

Pope (1688-1744)

284 Ships, wealth, general confidence,-  
All were his;  
He counted them at break of day,  
And when the sun set! where were they.

Byron (1788-1824)

285 Life may change, but it may fly not;  
Hope may vanish, but can die not;  
Truth be veiled, but still it burneth;  
Love repulsed, - but it returneth.

Shelley (1792-1822)

- 286 Nature gives to every time and season some beauties of its own; and from morning to night, as from the cradle to the grave, it is but a succession of changes so gentle and easy that we can scarcely mark their progress.  
Charles Dickens (1812-1870)
- 287 But the nearer the dawn the darker the night,  
And by going wrong all things come right;  
Things have been mended that were worse,  
And the worse, the nearer they are to mend.  
Longfellow (1807-1882)
- 288 That rivers flow into the sea  
Is loss and waste, the foolish say,  
Nor know that back they find their way  
Unseen, to where they want to be.  
Arthur Clough (1819-1861)
- 289 Time fleeth on, Youth soon is gone,  
Naught earthly may abide; Life seemeth fast,  
But may not last - It runs as runs the tide.  
Leland (1824-1903)
- 290 The old believe everything;  
the middle-aged suspect everything;  
the young know everything.  
Oscar Wilde (1854-1900)