

FRIENDSHIP

Friends

1. ESSENCE

- 1781 Friendship is composed of a single soul inhabiting two bodies.
Aristotle (B.C. 384-322)
- 1782 What is thine is mine, and all mine is thine.
Plautus (B.C. 254-184)
- 1783 A friend is, as it were, a second self.
Cicero (B.C. 106-43)
- 1784 Friendship is Love without his wings!
Byron (1788-1824)

2. OPPOSITES

- 1785 It is better to decide between our enemies than our friends;
for one of our friends will most likely become our enemy;
but on the other hand, one of your enemies
will probably become your friend.
Bias (fl B.C. 600)
- 1786 He who hath many friends, hath none.
Aristotle (B.C. 384-322)
- 1787 To give counsel as well as to take it
is a feature of true friendship.
Cicero (B.C. 106-43)
- 1788 It may be doubtful, at first,
Whether a person is an enemy or friend.
Meat, if not properly digested, becomes poison;
But poison, if used rightly, may turn medicinal.
Saskya Pandita (1182-1251)
- 1789 Words are easy, like the wind;
Faithful friends are hard to find.
Shakespeare (1564-1616)
- 1790 That friendship will not continue to the end
which is begun for an end.
Quarles (1592-1644)
- 1791 He who has not the weakness of friendship
has not the strength.
Joubert (1754-1824)

1792 Every friend is to the other a sun, and a sunflower also.
He attracts and follows.
Richter (1763-1825)

1793 Our most intimate friend is not he to whom we show the
worst, but the best of our nature.
Nathaniel Hawthorne (1804-1864)

3. INSIGHT

1794 The rule of friendship means there should be mutual
sympathy between them, each supplying what the other
lacks and trying to benefit the other, always using
friendly and sincere words.
Buddha (B.C. 568-488)

1795 Friendship is the only thing in the world concerning the
usefulness of which all mankind are agreed.
Cicero (B.C. 106-43)

1796 As the yellow gold is tried in fire, so the faith
of friendship must be seen in adversity.
Ovid (B.C. 43-18 A.D.)

1797 Friendship always benefits; love sometimes injures.
Seneca (B.C. 3-65 A.D.)

1798 The mind is lowered through association with inferiors.
With equals it attains equality; and with superiors,
superiority.
The Hitopadesa (600?-1100? A.D.)

1799 A friend who cannot at a pinch remember a thing or two that
never happened is as bad as one who does not know how to
forget.
Samuel Butler (1612-1680)

1800 Rare as is true love, true friendship is rarer.
La Fontaine (1621-1695)

1801 The more we love our friends, the less we flatter them;
it is by excusing nothing that pure love shows itself.
Moliere (1622-1673)

1802 Two persons cannot long be friends if they cannot
forgive each other's little failings.
La Bruyere (1645-1696)

- 1803 Friendship's the privilege of private men;
for wretched greatness knows no blessing so substantial.
Nahum Tate (1652-1715)
- 1804 True friendship is a plant of slow growth,
and must undergo and withstand the shocks of adversity,
before it is entitled to the appellation.
George Washington (1732-1799)
- 1805 The qualities of your friends will be those of your enemies,
cold friends, cold enemies; half friends, half enemies;
fervid enemies, warm friends.
Lavater (1741-1801)
- 1806 True friendship is like sound health,
the value of it is seldom known until it be lost.
Colton (1780-1832)
- 1807 The condition which high friendship demands is ability
to do without it.
Emerson (1803-1882)
- 1808 A true friend is somebody who can make us do what we can.
Emerson (1803-1882)
- 1809 The language of friendship is not words but meanings.
Thoreau (1817-1862)
- 1810 False friends are like our shadow, keeping close to us
while we walk in the sunshine, but leaving us the instant
we cross into the shade.
Bovee (1820-1904)
- 1811 Friendship is almost always the union of a part of one mind
with the part of another; people are friends in spots.
George Santayana (1863-1952)

4. POSITIVE

- 1812 Secret forces are bringing compatible spirits together.
If the man permits himself to be led by this ineffable
attraction, good fortune will come his way. When deep
friendships exist, formalities and elaborate preparations
are not necessary.
I Ching (B.C. 1150?)
- 1813 Life has no blessing like a prudent friend.
Euripides (B.C. 480-406)

- 1814 There is nought better than to be
With noble souls in company:
There is nought dearer than to wend
With good friends faithful to the end.
This is the love whose fruit is sweet;
Therefore to bide therein is meet.
Mahabharata (c. B.C. 400)
- 1815 It is not so much our friends' help that helps
as the confidence of their help.
Epicurus (B.C. 341-270)
- 1816 Friendship improves happiness and abates misery,
by the doubling of our joy and the dividing of our grief.
Cicero (B.C. 106-43)
- 1817 Friendship is the shadow of the evening,
which increases with the setting sun of life.
La Fontaine (1621-1695)
- 1818 Poor is the friendless master of a world;
a world in purchase of a friend is gain.
Young (1683-1765)
- 1819 Friendship, peculiar boon of Heaven,
The noble mind's delight and pride,
To men and angels only given,
To all the lower world denied.
Johnson (1709-1784)
- 1820 A friend may well be reckoned the masterpiece of nature.
Emerson (1803-1882)
- 1821 The ornament of a house is the friends who frequent it.
Emerson (1803-1882)
- 1822 Friendship is the only cement that will ever hold the
world together.
Woodrow Wilson (1856-1924)
- 1823 With true friends...even water drunk together is sweet
enough.
Chinese Proverb

5. NEGATIVE

- 1824 The joys that spring from external associations bring pain;
they have their beginnings and their endings. The wise man
does not rejoice in them.
Bhagavad Gita (c. B.C. 400)

- 1825 Every man can tell how many goats or sheep he possesses,
but not how many friends.
Cicero (B.C. 106-43) 5 of 9
- 1826 He who pursues people for what they can give,
And yet pays no heed to those who have offered much,
Is like the man who thinks only of the butter to come,
And pays no heed to what has already been churned.
Nagarjuna (c. 100-200 A.D.)
- 1827 Friends are thieves of time.
Bacon (1561-1626)
- 1828 He that wants money, means, and content
is without three good friends.
Shakespeare (1564-1616)
- 1829 Whenever Fortune sends Disasters to our Dearest Friends,
Although we outwardly may grieve,
We oft are laughing in our sleeve.
La Rochefoucauld (1613-1680)
- 1830 There have been fewer friends on earth than kings.
Abraham Cowley (1618-1667)
- 1831 Nothing more dangerous than a friend without discretion;
even a prudent enemy is preferable.
La Fontaine (1621-1695)
- 1832 If all men knew what each said of the other, there would
not be four friends in the world.
Pascal (1623-1662)
- 1833 An open foe may prove a curse,
But a pretended friend is worse.
Gay (1688-1732)
- 1834 The most fatal disease of friendship is gradual decay,
or dislike hourly increased by causes too slender for
complaint, and too numerous for removal.
Johnson (1709-1784)
- 1835 Give me the avowed, the erect, and manly foe,
Bold I can meet, perhaps may turn the blow;
But of all plagues, good Heaven, thy wrath can send,
Save, save, oh save me from the candid friend!
George Canning (1770-1827)
- 1836 The most violent friendships soonest wear themselves out.
Hazlitt (1778-1830)

- 1837 Our very best friends have a tincture of jealousy even in their friendship; and when they hear us praised by others will ascribe it to sinister and interested motives if they can.
Colton (1780-1832)
- 1838 Rely on your own Self, your own inner spiritual strength. Stand on your own feet. Do not depend on money, friends or any one. When the friends are put to test, they will desert you.
Sivananda (born 1887)
- 1839 People become friends and enemies from consideration of gain and loss. Self-interest plays a very prominent part. Self-interest is very powerful. It can turn a friend into an enemy in no time and an enemy also into a friend. There is no such thing in existence as a friend or an enemy.
Sivananda (born 1887)
- 1840 Friendship of officials...
Thin as their papers.
Chinese Proverb

6. ADVICE

- 1841 Expect not a friendship with him who hath injured thee: he who suffereth the wrong, may forgive it; but he who doth it never will it be well with him.
Akhenaton? (c. B.C. 1375)
- 1842 Friends are as companions on a journey, who ought to aid each other to persevere in the road to a happier life.
Pythagoras (B.C. 582-507)
- 1843 A good friend who points out mistakes and imperfections and rebukes evil is to be respected as if he reveals a secret of hidden treasure.
Buddha (B.C. 568-488)
- 1844 Be more prompt to go to a friend in adversity than in prosperity.
Chilo (fl. B.C. 560)
- 1845 Never contract friendship with a man that is not better than thyself.
Confucius (B.C. 551-479)
- 1846 Join the company of lions rather than assume the lead among foxes.
The Talmud (B.C. 500?-400? A.D.)

- 1847 Be slow to fall into friendship; but when thou art in,
continue firm and constant.
Socrates (B.C. 469-399) 7 of 9
- 1848 Do not have evil-doers for friends,
do not have low people for friends:
have virtuous people for friends,
have for friends the best of men.
The Dhammapada (c. B.C. 300)
- 1849 Foresake not an old friend, for the new is not comparable
unto him. A new friend is as new wine: when it is
old thou shalt drink it with pleasure.
Ecclesiasticus (B.C. 200?)
- 1850 Reprove your friends in secret, praise them openly.
Publilius Syrus (fl. B.C. 42)
- 1851 Purchase not friends by gifts; when thou ceasest to
give, such will cease to love.
Thomas Fuller (1608-1661)
- 1852 It is more shameful to distrust our friends than to be
deceived by them.
La Rochefoucauld (1613-1680)
- 1853 Be not the fourth friend of him who had three before
and lost them.
Lavater (1741-1801)
- 1854 Friendship requires deeds.
Richter (1763-1825)
- 1855 Go often to the house of thy friend,
weeds choke the unused path.
Emerson (1803-1882)
- 1856 The only way to have a friend is to be one.
Emerson (1803-1882)
- 1857 One of the surest evidences of friendship that one
individual can display to another is telling him gently of a
fault. If any other can excel it, it is listening to such a
disclosure with gratitude, and amending the error.
Bulwer-Lytton (1803-1873)
- 1858 Never do a wrong thing to make a friend or to keep one.
Robert E. Lee (1807-1870)

- 1859 A man cannot be said to succeed in this life
who does not satisfy one friend.
Thoreau (1817-1862)
- 1860 If a friend is in trouble, don't annoy him by asking if
there is anything you can do. Think up something
appropriate and do it.
Edgar W. Howe (1853-1937)
- 1861 Do not use a hatchet to remove a fly from your friend's
forehead.
Chinese Proverb

7. POTPOURRI

- 1862 Two friends, two bodies with one soul inspired.
Homer (c. B.C. 700)
- 1863 The amity that wisdom knits not, folly may easily untie.
Shakespeare (1564-1616)
- 1864 Then come the wild weather, come sleet or come snow,
We will stand by each other, however it blow.
Simon Dach (1605-1659)
- 1865 There are three faithful friends: an old wife, an old dog,
and ready money.
Franklin (1706-1790)
- 1866 Not until you become a stranger to yourself
Will you be able to make acquaintance with the Friend.
Nur 'Ali Shah (died 1797)
- 1867 Friendship is no plant of hasty growth;
Tho' planted in esteem's deep fixed soil,
The gradual culture of kind intercourse
Must bring it to perfection.
Joanna Baillie (1762-1851)
- 1868 Nothing so fortifies a friendship as a belief on the part
of one friend that he is superior to the other.
Balzac (1799-1850)
- 1869 A day for toil, an hour for sport,
but for a friend is life too short.
Emerson (1803-1882)

- 1870 Yes, we must ever be friends;
and of all who offer you friendship
Let me be ever the first, the truest,
the nearest and dearest!
Longfellow (1807-1882)
- 1871 The holy passion of Friendship is of so sweet and steady
and loyal and enduring a nature that it will last through
a whole lifetime, if not asked to lend money.
Mark Twain (1835-1910)
- 1872 Instead of loving your enemies,
treat your friends better.
Edgar W. Howe (1853-1937)
- 1873 He hasn't an enemy in the world,
and none of his friends like him.
Oscar Wilde (1854-1900)
- 1874 There are some people who are very resourceful
At being remorseful,
And who apparently feel the best way to make friends
Is to do something terrible and then make amends.
Ogden Nash (1902-1971)