

GROWTH

Evolution, Gain, Increase, Morning, Progress, Spring and Youth

1. ESSENCE

- 2043 All men's gains are the fruit of venturing.
Herodotus (B.C. 484-425)
- 2044 Growth is the only evidence of life.
John Henry Newman (1801-1890)
- 2045 Spring - An experience in immortality.
Thoreau (1817-1862)
- 2046 Youth is a quality, not a matter of circumstances.
Frank Lloyd Wright (1869-1959)

2. OPPOSITES

- 2047 The way of heaven is to diminish the prosperous and
augment the needy. The superior man gains without boasting.
I Ching (B.C. 1150?)
- 2048 Youth is the best time to be rich,
and the best time to be poor.
Euripides (B.C. 480-406)
- 2049 He who seeks for gain, must be at some expense.
Plautus (B.C. 254-184)
- 2050 Sometimes the best gain is to lose.
Herbert (1593-1632)
- 2051 Youth, what man's age is like to be, doth show;
We may our ends by our beginnings know.
John Denham (1615-1668)
- 2052 An old young man, will be a young old man.
Franklin (1706-1790)
- 2053 Progress has not followed a straight ascending line,
but a spiral with rhythms of progress and retrogression,
of evolution and dissolution.
Goethe (1749-1832)
- 2054 Every street has two sides, the shady side and the sunny.
When two men shake hands and part, mark which of the two
takes the sunny side; he will be the younger man of the two.
Bulwer-Lytton (1803-1873)

- 2055 The art of progress is to preserve order amid change
and to preserve change amid order.
Alfred North Whitehead (1861-1947)
- 2056 Climb mountains to see lowlands.
Chinese Proverb

3. INSIGHT

- 2057 Every phase of evolution commences by being in a state of unstable force and proceeds through organization to equilibrium. Equilibrium having been achieved, no further development is possible without once more oversetting the stability and passing through a phase of contending forces.
Kabbalah (B.C. 1200?-700? A.D.)
- 2058 A tree trunk the size of a man
grows from a blade as thin as a hair.
A tower nine stories high
is built from a small heap of earth.
A journey of a thousand miles
starts in front of your feet.
Whosoever acts spoils it.
Whosoever keeps loses it.
Lao-Tzu (fl. B.C. 600)
- 2059 Youth holds no society with grief.
Euripides (B.C. 480-406)
- 2060 Childhood shows the man, as morning shows the day.
Milton (1608-1674)
- 2061 Just as the twig is bent the tree is inclined.
Pope (1688-1744)
- 2062 At 20 years of age the will reigns;
At 30 the wit;
At 40 the judgment.
Franklin (1706-1790)
- 2063 Everyone believes in his youth that the world really began
with him, and that all merely exists for his sake.
Goethe (1749-1832)
- 2064 Youth is to all the glad season of life; but often only by
what it hopes, not by what it attains, or what it escapes.
Carlyle (1795-1881)

- 2065 If spring came but once in a century, instead of once a year, or burst forth with the sound of an earthquake, and not in silence, what wonder and expectation there would be in all hearts to behold the miraculous change!
Longfellow (1807-1882)
- 2066 All growth depends upon activity. There is no development physically or intellectually without effort, and effort means work.
Calvin Coolidge (1872-1933)
- 2067 The evolution of man is the evolution of his consciousness, and 'consciousness' cannot evolve unconsciously. The evolution of man is the evolution of his will, and 'will' cannot evolve involuntarily. The evolution of man is the evolution of his power of doing, and 'doing' cannot be the result of things which 'happen.'
Gurdjieff (1873-1949)
- 2068 All progress has resulted from people who took unpopular positions.
Adlai E. Stevenson (1900-1965)
- 2069 The purpose of learning is growth, and our minds, unlike our bodies, can continue growing as we continue to live.
Mortimer Adler (born 1902)
- 2070 Enough shovels of earth.....a mountain.
Enough pails of water.....a river.
Chinese Proverb

4. POSITIVE

- 2071 Those who have high thoughts are ever striving; they are not happy to remain in the same place. Like swans that leave their lake and rise into the air, they leave their home and fly for a higher home.
The Dhammapada (c. B.C. 300)
- 2072 That age is best which is the first
When youth and blood are warmer.
Robert Herrick (1591-1674)
- 2073 Sweet spring, full of sweet days and roses,
a box where sweets compacted lie.
Herbert (1593-1632)
- 2074 The morning hour has gold in its mouth.
Franklin (1706-1790)

- 2075 The morning of life is like the dawn of day,
full of purity, of imagery, and harmony.
Chateaubriand (1768-1848)
- 2076 Youth, with swift feet, walks onward in the way;
the land of joy lies all before his eyes.
Bulwer-Lytton (1803-1873)
- 2077 Youth is the trustee of prosperity.
Disraeli (1804-1881)
- 2078 The morning pouring everywhere, its golden glory on the air.
Longfellow (1807-1882)
- 2079 How beautiful is youth! how bright it gleams
with its illusions, aspirations, dreams!
Book of Beginnings, Story without End,
Each maid a heroine, and each man a friend!
Longfellow (1807-1882)
- 2080 The grandest of all laws is the law of progressive
development. Under it, in the wide sweep of things, men
grow wiser as they grow older, and societies better.
Bovee (1820-1904)
- 2081 The need of expansion is as genuine an instinct in man as
the need in a plant for the light, or the need in man
himself for going upright...The love of liberty is simply
the instinct in man for expansion.
Matthew Arnold (1822-1888)

5. NEGATIVE

- 2082 An evil gain equals a loss.
Publilius Syrus (fl. B.C. 42)
- 2083 It is the failing of youth not to be able to restrain its
own violence.
Seneca (B.C. 3-65 A.D.)
- 2084 Youthful rashness skips like a hare over the meshes of
good counsel.
Shakespeare (1564-1616)
- 2085 The greatest part of mankind employ their first years
to make their last miserable.
La Bruyere (1645-1696)
- 2086 No gain without pains.
Franklin (1706-1790)

- 2087 The self-conceit of the young is the great source of those dangers to which they are exposed.
Hugh Blair (1718-1800)
- 2088 Everybody wants to be somebody; nobody wants to grow.
Goethe (1749-1832)
- 2089 Spring makes everything young again except man.
Richter (1763-1825)
- 2090 Consider what heavy responsibility lies upon you in your youth, to determine, among realities, by what you will be delighted, and, among imaginations, by whose you will be led.
John Ruskin (1819-1900)
- 2091 Unless a tree has borne blossoms in spring,
you will vainly look for fruit on it in autumn.
Hare & Charles (c. 1830)
- 2092 Growing is not easy, plain sailing business that it is commonly supposed to be: it is hard work - harder than any but a growing boy can understand; it requires attention, and you are not strong enough to attend to your bodily growth and to your lessons too.
Samuel Butler (1835-1902)

6. ADVICE

- 2093 Within the earth, wood grows:
The image of Pushing Upward.
Thus the superior man of devoted character
Heaps up small things
In order to achieve something high and great.
I Ching (B.C. 1150?)
- 2094 The perfecting of one's self is the fundamental base of all progress and all moral development.
Confucius (B.C. 551-479)
- 2095 As I approve of a youth that has something of the old man in him, so I am no less pleased with an old man that has something of the youth. He that follows this rule may be old in body, but can never be so in mind.
Cicero (B.C. 106-43)
- 2096 Let this be an example for the acquisition of all knowledge, virtue, and riches. By the fall of drops of water, by degrees, a pot is filled.
The Hitopadesa (600?-1100? A.D.)

- 2097 By depending on the great,
The small may rise high.
See: the little plant ascending the tall tree
Has climbed to the top.
Saskya Pandita (1182-1251)
- 2098 The true way to gain much, is never to desire to gain too
much. He is not rich that possesses much, but he that
covets no more; and he is not poor that enjoys little, but
he that wants too much.
Francis Beaumont (1584-1616)
- 2099 Everywhere in life, the true question is not what we gain,
but what we do.
Carlyle (1795-1881)
- 2100 The heights by great men reached and kept
Were not attained by sudden flight,
But they, while their companions slept,
Were toiling upward in the night.
Longfellow (1807-1882)
- 2101 ...all good growth is slow growth.
William J. Gaynor (1849-1913)
- 2102 A change of being cannot be brought about by any rites.
Rites can only mark an accomplished transition. And it is
only in pseudo-esoteric systems in which there is nothing
else except these rites, that they begin to attribute to
the rites an independent meaning...Inner growth, a change
of being, depends entirely upon the work which a man must do
on himself.
Gurdjieff (1873-1949)
- 2103 The key to growth is the introduction of higher dimensions
of consciousness into our awareness.
Pir Vilayat Inayat Khan (born 1916)

7. POTPOURRI

- 2104 The spark hangs from the flame by the finest thread of
eternal vital power. It journeys through the Seven Worlds
of illusion. It stops in the first, and is a metal and a
stone; it passes into the second and behold - a plant;
the plant whirls through seven changes and becomes a sacred
animal. From the combined attributes of these, the thinker
is formed...
Book of Dzyan (B.C. 3000?)

- 2105 The Breath becomes a stone; the stone, a plant; the plant,
an animal; the animal, a man; the man, a spirit; and the
spirit, a god.
Kabbalah (B.C. 1200?-700? A.D.)
- 2106 In saffron-colored mantle, from the tides of ocean rose
the morning to bring light to gods and men.
Homer (c. B.C. 700)
- 2107 For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;
the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing
of birds is come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard
in our land.
Song of Solomon (B.C. 500?-200?)
- 2108 Yet Ah, that Spring should vanish with the Rose.
That Youth's sweet-scented manuscript should close!
The Nightingale that in the branches sang
Ah whence and whither flown again, who knows?
Omar Khayyam (fl. 1100)
- 2109 As when the golden sun salutes the morn,
And, having gilt the ocean with his beams,
Gallops the zodiac in his glistening coach,
And overlooks the highest-peering hills.
Shakespeare (1564-1616)
- 2110 See! led by Morn, with dewy feet,
Apollo mounts his golden seat,
Replete with seven-fold fire;
While, dazzled by his conquering light,
Heaven's glittering host and awful night
Submissively retire.
Thomas Taylor (1758-1835)
- 2111 The morn is up again, the dewy morn,
with breath all incense, and with cheek all bloom,
laughing the clouds away with playful scorn,
and glowing into day.
Byron (1788-1824)
- 2112 I was always an early riser. Happy the man who is! Every
morning day comes to him with a virgin's love, full of
bloom and freshness. The youth of nature is contagious,
like the gladness of a happy child.
Bulwer-Lytton (1803-1873)
- 2113 An acorn is not an oak tree when it is sprouted. It must go
through long summers and fierce winters; it has to endure
all that frost and snow and side-striking winds can bring
before it is a full grown oak. These are rough teachers;
but rugged schoolmasters make rugged pupils. So a man is
not a man when he is created; he is only begun. His manhood
must come with years.
Beecher (1813-1878)

- 2114 All common things, each day's events,
That with the hour begin and end,
Our pleasures and our discontents,
Are rounds by which we may ascend.
Longfellow (1807-1882)
- 2115 There is no time like Spring,
When life's alive in everything,
Before new nestlings sing,
Before cleft swallows speed their journey back
Along the trackless track.
Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)
- 2116 When the hounds of spring are on winter's traces,
The mother of months in meadow or plain
Fill the shadows and windy places
With lisp of leaves and ripple of rain.
Swinburne (1837-1909)
- 2117 Slow buds the pink dawn like a rose
From out night's gray and cloudy sheath;
Softly and still it grows and grows,
Petal by petal, leaf by leaf.
Susan Coolidge (1845-1905)
- 2118 When I am grown to man's estate
I shall be very proud and great.
And tell the other girls and boys
Not to meddle with my toys.
Robert Louis Stevenson (1850-1895)
- 2119 Why build these cities glorious
If man unbuilted goes?
In vain we build the world unless
The builder also grows.
Edwin Markham (1852-1940)
- 2120 The splendid discontent of God
With chaos, made the world...
And from the discontent of man
The world's best progress springs.
Ella Wheeler Wilcox (1855-1919)
- 2121 I sing the first green leaf upon the bough,
The tiny kindling flame of emerald fire,
The stir amid the roots of reeds, and how
The sap will flush the briar.
Clinton Scollard (1860-1932)