

LEARNING

Education, Experience, Study and Teaching

1. ESSENCE

- 2615 Learning is a kind of natural food for the mind.
Cicero (B.C. 106-43)
- 2616 From one learn all.
Vergil (B.C. 70-19)
- 2617 Each day is the scholar of yesterday.
Publilius Syrus (fl. B.C. 42)
- 2618 Education: A debt due from present to future generations.
George Peabody (1795-1869)
- 2619 Education is the instruction of the intellect in the laws
of Nature.
Thomas Huxley (1825-1895)
- 2620 Teaching is the art of awakening the natural curiosity of
young minds for the purpose of satisfying it afterwards.
Anatole France (1844-1924)
- 2621 Education is the transmission of civilization.
Will Durant (1885-1981)
- 2622 Experience is not what happens to a man.
It is what a man does with what happens to him.
Aldous Huxley (1894-1963)

2. OPPOSITES

- 2623 The good man is the teacher of the bad,
And the bad is the material from which the good may learn.
He who does not value the teacher,
Or greatly care for the material,
Is greatly deluded although he may be learned.
Such is the essential mystery.
Lao-Tzu (fl. B.C. 600)
- 2624 Learning without thought is labor lost;
thought without learning is perilous.
Confucius (B.C. 551-479)
- 2625 The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet.
Aristotle (B.C. 384-322)

- 2626 It is impossible for a man to learn what he thinks he already knows.
Epictetus (50-138 A.D.)
- 2627 If you desire ease, forsake learning.
If you desire learning, forsake ease.
How can a man at ease acquire knowledge,
And how can an earnest student enjoy ease?
Nagarjuna (c. 100-200 A.D.)
- 2628 Learning makes the wise wiser and the fool more foolish.
John Ray (1627-1705)
- 2629 Learning is like mercury, one of the most powerful and excellent things in the world in skillful hands; in unskillful, the most mischievous.
Pope (1688-1744)
- 2630 He that studies only men, will get the body of knowledge without the soul; and he that studies only books, the soul without the body. He that to what he sees, adds observation, and to what he reads, reflection, is on the right road to knowledge, provided that in scrutinizing the hearts of others, he neglects not his own.
Colton (1780-1832)
- 2631 It is only when we forget all our learning that we begin to know.
Thoreau (1817-1862)
- 2632 The chief object of education is not to learn things but to unlearn things.
G. K. Chesterton (1874-1936)
- 2633 Sixty years ago I knew everything; now I know nothing; education is a progressive discovery of our own ignorance.
Will Durant (1885-1981)
- 2634 Lessons are not given, they are taken.
Cesare Pavese (1908-1950)

3. INSIGHT

- 2635 The great teacher who skillfully waits to be questioned may be compared to a bell when it is struck. Struck with a small hammer, it gives a small sound; struck with a great one, it gives a great sound. But let it be struck leisurely and properly, and it gives out all the sound of which it is capable.
Confucius (B.C. 551-479)

- 2636 Iron sharpens iron; scholar, the scholar.
The Talmud (B.C. 500?-400? A.D.)
- 2637 The most effective kind of education is that a child
should play amongst lovely things.
Plato (B.C. 427?-347?)
- 2638 We have need of very little learning to have a good mind.
Montaigne (1533-1592)
- 2639 Reading maketh a full man; conference a ready man;
and writing an exact man.
Bacon (1561-1626)
- 2640 Crafty men condemn studies, simple men admire them,
and wise men use them.
Bacon (1561-1626)
- 2641 You cannot teach a man anything; you can only help him to
find it within himself.
Galileo (1564-1642)
- 2642 Some men grow mad by studying much to know,
But who grows mad by studying good to grow.
Franklin (1706-1790)
- 2643 The supreme end of education is expert discernment in all
things - the power to tell the good from the bad, the
genuine from the counterfeit, and to prefer the good and the
genuine to the bad and the counterfeit.
Johnson (1709-1784)
- 2644 The aim of education should be to teach us rather how to
think, than what to think - rather to improve our minds, so
as to enable us to think for ourselves, than to load the
memory with the thoughts of other men.
James Beattie (1735-1803)
- 2645 A college education shows a man how little other people
know.
Haliburton (1796-1865)
- 2646 The secret of education is respecting the pupil.
Emerson (1803-1882)
- 2647 Seeing much, suffering much, and studying much, are the
three pillars of learning.
Disraeli (1804-1881)

- 2648 The best education in the world is that got by struggling to get a living.
Wendell Phillips (1811-1884) 4 of 11
- 2649 There are three schoolmasters for everybody that will employ them - the senses, intelligent companions, and books.
Beecher (1813-1878)
- 2650 To know how to suggest is the great art of teaching.
Henri Frederic Amiel (1821-1881)
- 2651 Reading and writing, arithmetic and grammar do not constitute education, any more than a knife, fork and spoon constitute a dinner.
Lubbock (1834-1913)
- 2652 Education does not consist merely in studying languages and learning a number of facts. It is something very different from, and higher than, mere instruction. Instruction shores up for future use, but education sows seed which will bear fruit, some thirty, sixty, some one hundred fold.
Lubbock (1834-1913)
- 2653 Education is what survives when what has been learnt has been forgotten.
B. F. Skinner (born 1904)
- 4. POSITIVE**
- 2654 The noblest employment of the mind of man, is the study of the works of his Creator.
Akhenaton? (c. B.C. 1375)
- 2655 To live a single day and hear a good teaching is better than to live a hundred years without knowing such teaching.
Buddha (B.C. 568-488)
- 2656 The rules aimed at in the Great College were:
the prevention of evil before it was manifested;
the timeliness of instruction when it was required; the suitability of the lessons in adaptation to circumstances;
and the good influence of example to all those concerned.
From these four things the Great Teaching flourishes.
Confucius (B.C. 551-479)
- 2657 There are more men ennobled by study than by nature.
Cicero (B.C. 106-43)
- 2658 Instruction enlarges the natural powers of the mind.
Horace (B.C. 65-8)

- 2659 Only the educated are free.
Epictetus (50-138 A.D.)
- 2660 The teachings of elegant sayings
Should be collected when one can.
For the supreme gift of words of wisdom,
Any price will be paid.
Nagarjuna (c. 100-200 A.D.)
- 2661 Histories make men wise; poets, witty; the mathematics,
subtle; natural philosophy, deep; morals, grave; logic
and rhetoric, able to contend.
Bacon (1561-1626)
- 2662 Learning makes a man fit company for himself.
Young (1683-1765)
- 2663 There is an unspeakable pleasure attending the life of
a voluntary student.
Goldsmith (1728-1774)
- 2664 Education is the cheap defence of nations.
Burke (1729-1797)
- 2665 The true purpose of education is to cherish and unfold
the seed of immortality already sown within us; to develop,
to their fullest extent, the capacities of every kind
with which the God who made us has endowed us.
Anna Jameson (1794-1860)
- 2666 Education alone can conduct us to that enjoyment which is,
at once, best in quality and infinite in quantity.
Horace Mann (1796-1859)
- 2667 The true teacher defends his pupils against his own
personal influence.
Amos B. Alcott (1799-1888)
- 2668 The teacher is like the candle which lights others in
consuming itself.
Giovanni Ruffini (1807-1881)
- 2669 Education is leading human souls to what is best, and
making what is best out of them; and these two objects are
always attainable together, and by the same means; the
training which makes men happiest in themselves also makes
them most serviceable to others.
John Ruskin (1819-1900)

2670 Knowledge increases in proportion to its use -
that is, the more we teach the more we learn.
H. P. Blavatsky (1831-1891) 6 of 11

2671 Learning is weightless...
Treasure you always carry easily.
Chinese Proverb

5. NEGATIVE

2672 There is the love of knowing without the love of learning;
the beclouding here leads to dissipation of mind.
Confucius (B.C. 551-479)

2673 The learning and knowledge that we have, is, at the most,
but little compared with that of which we are ignorant.
Plato (B.C. 427?-347?)

2674 As a man can drink water from any side of a full tank,
so the skilled theologian can wrest from any scripture
that which will serve his purpose.
Bhagavad Gita (c. B.C. 400)

2675 Much study is a weariness of the flesh.
Ecclesiastes (B.C. 300?)

2676 Suffering is but another name for the teaching of
experience, which is the parent of instruction and the
schoolmaster of life.
Horace (B.C. 65-8)

2677 Since learned men have appeared, good men have become rare.
Seneca (B.C. 3-65 A.D.)

2678 All wish to be learned, but no one is willing to pay the
price.
Juvenal (40-125 A.D.)

2679 He who learns, and makes no use of his learning, is a beast
of burden with a load of books. - Does the ass comprehend
whether he carries on his back a library or a bundle of
faggots?
Saadi (1184-1291)

2680 I perceive all the professors of exoteric knowledge
to be full of learning with no application -
Day and night wasting their lives, pursuing
discussion, chatter, and empty disputation.
Ni'matullah Wali (1331-1431?)

- 2681 It is the worst of madness to learn what has to be unpleasant.
Erasmus (1466-1536)
- 2682 As plants are suffocated and drowned with too much moisture, and lamps with too much oil, so is the active part of the understanding with too much study.
Montaigne (1533-1592)
- 2683 Studies teach not their own use; that is a wisdom without them and above them, won by observation.
Bacon (1561-1626)
- 2684 He that was only taught by himself had a fool for his master.
Ben Jonson (1572-1637)
- 2685 Learning, that cobweb of the brain, Profane, erroneous, and vain.
Samuel Butler (1612-1680)
- 2686 To be proud of learning, is the greatest ignorance.
Jeremy Taylor (1613-1667)
- 2687 Much reading is an oppression of the mind, and extinguishes the natural candle, which is the reason there are so many senseless scholars in the world.
William Penn (1614-1718)
- 2688 Words are but wind; and learning is nothing but words; ergo, learning is nothing but wind.
Swift (1667-1745)
- 2689 He not only overflowed with learning, but stood in the slop.
Sydney Smith (1771-1845)
- 2690 One of the benefits of a college education is to show the boy its little avail.
Emerson (1803-1882)
- 2691 It is a thousand times better to have common sense without education than to have education without common sense.
Robert G. Ingersoll (1833-1899)
- 2692 Never learn to do anything: if you don't learn, you'll always find someone else to do it for you.
Mark Twain (1835-1910)

- 2693 The surest way to corrupt a young man is to teach him to esteem more highly those who think alike than those who think differently.
Nietzsche (1844-1900)
- 2694 Education is an admirable thing, but it is well to remember from time to time that nothing that is worth knowing can be taught.
Oscar Wilde (1854-1900)
- 2695 A learned man is an idler who kills time by study.
G. B. Shaw (1856-1950)
- 2696 He who can does. He who can't, teaches.
G. B. Shaw (1856-1950)
- 2697 There is nothing so stupid as an educated man, if you get off the thing he was educated in.
Will Rogers (1879-1935)

6. ADVICE

- 2698 Learn that the advantage lieth not in possessing good things, but in the knowing the use of them.
Akhenaton? (c. B.C. 1375)
- 2699 If I am walking with two other men, each of them will serve as my teacher. I will pick out the good points of the one and imitate them, and the bad points of the other and correct them in myself.
Confucius (B.C. 551-479)
- 2700 The elements of instruction should be presented to the mind in childhood, but not with any compulsion.
Plato (B.C. 427?-347?)
- 2701 What we have to learn to do, we learn by doing.
Aristotle (B.C. 384-322)
- 2702 Study what thou art
Whereof thou art a part
What thou knowest of this art
This is really what thou art.
All that is without thee also is within.
Solomon Trismosin (fl. 1580)
- 2703 Men must be taught as if you taught them not,
And things unknown propos'd as things forgot.
Pope (1688-1744)

- 2704 Wear your learning like your watch, in a private pocket; and do not pull it out and strike it merely to show that you have one.
Chesterfield (1694-1773)
- 2705 Let the great book of the world be your principle study.
Chesterfield (1694-1773)
- 2706 Learn that the present hour alone is man's.
Johnson (1709-1784)
- 2707 Life teaches us to be less severe with ourselves and others.
Goethe (1749-1832)
- 2708 There is no easy method of learning difficult things. The method is to close the door, give out that you are not at home, and work.
De Maistre (1754-1821)
- 2709 To waken interest and kindle enthusiasm is the sure way to teach easily and successfully.
Tryon Edwards (1809-1894)
- 2710 As turning the logs will make a dull fire burn, so changes of studies a dull brain.
Longfellow (1807-1882)
- 2711 Perhaps the most valuable result of all education is the ability to make yourself do the thing you have to do, when it ought to be done, whether you like it or not.
Thomas Huxley (1825-1895)
- 2712 Those who have not distinguished themselves at school need not on that account be discouraged. The greatest minds do not necessarily ripen the quickest.
Lubbock (1834-1913)
- 2713 The study of oneself must go side by side with the study of the fundamental laws of the universe. The laws are the same everywhere and on all planes. But the very same laws manifesting themselves in different worlds, that is, under different conditions, produce different phenomena.
Gurdjieff (1873-1949)
- 2714 Never regard study as a duty but as an enviable opportunity to learn to know the liberating influence of beauty in the realm of the spirit for your own personal joy and to the profit of the community to which your later works belong.
Einstein (1879-1955)

2715 ...Be for ever a student. He and he alone is an old man who feels that he has learnt enough and has need for no more knowledge. 10 of 11

Sivananda (born 1887)

2716 Teachers open the door...
You enter by yourself.

Chinese Proverb

7. POTPOURRI

2717 He who knoweth not what he ought to know, is a brute beast among men; he that knoweth no more than he hath need of, is a man among brute beasts; and he that knoweth all that may be known, is as a God among men.

Pythagoras (B.C. 582-507)

2718 The monuments of wit and learning are more durable than the monuments of power, or of the hands. For have not the verses of Homer continued twenty-five hundred years, or more, without the loss of a syllable or letter; during which time infinite palaces, temples, castles, cities have been decayed and demolished?

Bacon (1561-1626)

2719 I can easier teach twenty what were good to be done,
than be one of the twenty to follow my own teaching.

Shakespeare (1564-1616)

2720 The bookful blockhead, ignorantly read,
With loads of learned lumber in his head,
With his own tongue still edifies his ears,
And always list'ning to himself appears.

Pope (1688-1744)

2721 Delightful task! to rear the tender Thought,
To teach the young Idea how to shoot,
To pour the fresh Instruction o'er the Mind,
To breathe the enlivening Spirit, and to fix
The generous Purpose in the glowing breast.

James Thomson (1700-1748)

2722 And still they gazed, and still the wonder grew,
That one small head should carry all it knew.

Goldsmith (1728-1774)

- 2723 I've studied new Philosophy
And Jurisprudence, Medicine
And even, alas, Theology
From end to end with labor keen;
And here, poor fool; with all my lore
I stand no wiser than before.
Goethe (1749-1832)
- 2724 He might have been a very clever man by nature, but he had
laid so many books on his head that his brain could not
move.
Robert Hall (1764-1831)
- 2725 One impulse from a vernal wood
May teach you more of man,
Of moral evil and of good,
Than all the sages can.
Wordsworth (1770-1850)
- 2726 The languages, especially the dead,
The sciences, and most of all the abstruse,
The arts, at least all such as could be said
To be the most remote from common use,
In all these he was much and deeply read.
Byron (1788-1824)
- 2727 Unknown to her the rigid rule,
The dull restraint, the chiding frown
The weary torture of the school,
The taming of wild nature down.
John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)
- 2728 Learn to live, and live to learn,
Ignorance like a fire doth burn,
Little tasks make large return.
Bayard Taylor (1825-1878)