FUTUREQUOTES: *ideas worth remembering*

from the collection (and speeches) of David Zach, futurist

1. The universe is full of magical things, patiently waiting for our wits to grow sharper. *Eden Philpotts*

2. All is flux, nothing stands still. *Hericlitus*

3. A computer lets you make more mistakes faster than any invention in human history–with the possible exceptions of handguns and tequila. *Mitch Ratliffe*

4. Education is your passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today. *Malcolm X*

5. Regret for things we did can be tempered by time; it is regret for things we did not do that is inconsolable. *Sydney Harris*

6. Do not wait for leaders; do it alone, person to person. *Mother Theresa*

7. To see what is in front of one's nose requires a constant struggle. *George Orwell*

8. No one really knows enough to be a pessimist. *Norman Cousins*

9. The library is the temple of learning that has liberated more people than all the wars in history. *Carl Rowan*

10. To select well among old things is almost equal to inventing new ones. *Nicolas Charles Trublet*

11. I'm not convinced that the world is in any worse shape than it ever was. It's just that in this age of almost instantaneous communication, we bear the weight of problems our forefathers only read about after they were solved. *Burton Hillis*

12. The feeling of being hurried is not usually the result of living a full life and having no time. It is rather, born of a vague fear that we are wasting our life. *Eric Hoffer*

13. Be glad of life because it gives you a chance to love and to work and to play and to look up at the stars. *Henry Van Dyke*

14. The trouble with the rat race is that even if you win, you're still a rat. *Lily Tomlin*

15. God gave us our memories so that we might have roses in December. *James Barrie*

16. History will have to record that the greatest tragedy of this period of social transition was not the strident clamor of the bad people, but the appalling silence of the good people. *Martin Luther King, Jr.*

17. The way to love anything is to realize that it may be lost. *G. K. Chesterton*

18. The excellent is new forever. *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

19. Only intuition can protect you from the most dangerous individual of all, the articulate incompetent. *Robert Bernstein*

20. You can never get enough of what you really don't need. *Eric Hoffer*

21. I have learned to use the word 'impossible' with the greatest of caution. *Wernher von Braun*

22. It is better to suffer wrong than to do it, and happier to be sometimes cheated than not to trust. *Samuel Johnson*

23. Civilizations begin with religion and stoicism; they end with skepticism and unbelief, and the undisciplined pursuit of individual pleasure. A civilization is born stoic and dies epicurean. *Will Durant*

24. Everybody has been young before, but not everybody has been old before. *African Proverb*

25. We live in a postmodern world where nearly everything is possible and nothing is certain. *Vaclav Havel*

26. Let us not look back in anger or forward in fear, but around in awareness. *James Thurber*

27. What the people want is very simple–they want an America as good as its promise. *Barbara Jordan*

28. The first lesson of philosophy is that we may all be mistaken. *Will Durant*

29. Don't be humble, you're not that great. *Golda Meir*

30. A cynic is not merely one who reads bitter lessons from the past; he is one who is prematurely disappointed in the future. *Sydney J. Harris*

31. We laugh at honor and are shocked to find traitors in our midst. *C. S. Lewis*

32. All my best thoughts were stolen by the ancients. *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

33. Without education, we are in a horrible and deadly danger of taking educated people seriously. *G. K. Chesterton*

34. Torture numbers, and they'll confess to anything. *Gregg Easterbrook*

35. An era can be said to have ended when its basic illusions are exhausted. *Arthur Miller*

36. The desire for safety stands against every great and noble enterprise. *Tacitus*

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