Brandon's Favorite Quotations

"Yesterday I was clever, so I wanted to change the world. Today I am wise, so I am changing myself."
—Rumi

"Anyone can count the seeds in an apple, but who can count the apples in every seed."
—Reverend Robert Schuller

"If you think you're too small to make a difference, you haven't spent a night in a tent with a mosquito."
—African Proverb

"Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, but today is a gift. That is why it is called the *present."*
—popularized by Eleanor Roosevelt

"Any idiot can write a bad ad, but it takes a real genius to keep his or her hands off of a good one."
—Leo Burnett, famed advertising executive

"The best thing to do with advice is pass it on. It is never of use to oneself."
—Oscar Wilde

"Experience is a good teacher, but she sends in terrific bills."
—Minna Antrim

"People are like stained-glass windows. They sparkle and shine when the sun is out, but when the darkness sets in, their true beauty is revealed only if there is a light from within."
—Elizabeth Kubler-Ross

"I would never join any club that would have me as a member."
—Groucho Marx

"The mind is not a vessel to be filled, but a fire to be kindled."
—Plutarch

"I have never let my schooling interfere with my education."
—Mark Twain

"No diet will remove all the fat from your body because the brain is mostly fat. Without a brain, you might look good, but all you could do is run for public office."
—George Bernard Shaw

"A physicist is just an atom's way of looking at itself."
—Niels Bohr

"Smile, breathe, and go slowly."
—Thich Nhat Hanh

"To know and not to do, is not yet to know."
—Zen Buddhism

"Somebody once said that in looking for people to hire, you look for three qualities: integrity, intelligence, and energy. And if you don't have the first, the other two will kill you. You think about it; it's true. If you hire somebody without integrity, you really want them to be dumb and lazy."
—Warren Buffet

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"If you're lonely when you're alone,
you're in bad company."
—John-Paul Sartre

"Buy once, cry once."
—Shopper's slogan

"We've heard that a million monkeys at a million keyboards could produce the complete works of Shakespeare; now, thanks to the Internet, we know that is not true."
—Robert Wilensky

"Never ask a barber if you need a haircut."
—English proverb

"Things should be made as simple as possible, but never simpler."
—Einstein

"We live on a blue planet that circles around a ball of fire next to a moon that moves the sea, and you don't believe in miracles?"
—Davina Bell

"Life is like a puzzle in which every year you find a missing piece to your puzzle. But each year a piece of your puzzle that you already had goes missing."
—Unknown

"Watch your thoughts; they become words.
Watch your words; they become actions.
Watch your actions; they become habits.
Watch your habits; they become character.
Watch your character; it becomes your destiny."
—Lao Tzu

"A deaf husband and a blind wife always make a happy couple."
—Danish proverb

"We can complain because rose bushes have thorns, or rejoice because thorn bushes have roses."
—Abraham Lincoln

"If you're going to do a job, do a job. And if you're not going to do a job, don't do a job."
—popularized by Steve Ballmer

"Autumn is a second spring
when every leaf is a flower."
—Albert Camus

"What have we learned? We've learned that if you take hydrogen and wait 13.8 billion years, you get opera singing."
—Brian Swimme

"The chains of habit are too light to be felt until they are too heavy to be broken."
—Samuel Johnson

"Let the beauty of what you love be what you do."
—Rumi

"Without books the development of civilization would have been impossible. They are the engines of change, windows on the world, 'lighthouses,' as the poet said, 'erected in the sea of time.' They are companions, teachers, magicians, bankers of the treasures of the mind, books are humanity in print."
—Arthur Schopenhauer, German philosopher

Brandon's Favorite Quotations (3 of 4)

"I took a speed-reading course and read *War and Peace* in twenty minutes. It involves Russia."
—Woody Allen

"Use your talents. The woods would be silent if only the best birds sang."
—Henry Van Dyke

"There's never time to do it right, but always time to do it over."
—John W. Bergman

"I always wonder why birds stay in the same place when they can fly anywhere on the earth. Then I ask myself the same question."
—Harun Yahya

"The universe is under no obligation to make sense to you."
—Neil deGrasse Tyson

"He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire."
—Winston Churchill

"The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away."
—Pablo Picasso

"A person who won't read has no advantage over one who can't read."
—Mark Twain

"Many complain about their memory, few about their judgment."
—La Rochefoucauld

"What reason weaves, by passion is undone."
—Alexander Pope

"Sweep in front of your own house and the whole world would be clean."
—Dutch proverb

"A ship in harbor is safe; but that is not what ships were built for."
—John Augustus Shedd

"Do you love life? Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of."
—Benjamin Franklin

"Only four things really count when making an investment—a business you understand, favorable long-term economics, able and trustworthy management, and a sensible price tag. That's investment. Everything else is speculation."
—Warren Buffett

"Science gives us the means to live. Art gives us the reason to live."
—Art lover's aphorism

"In the beginner's mind there are many possibilities, but in the expert's there are few."
—Shunryu Suzuki

"To teach is to learn twice."
—Joseph Joubert

"Yard by yard, it's hard. Inch by inch, it's a cinch."
—John Bytheway

Brandon's Favorite Quotations (4 of 4)

"No one knows what goes on in another person's marriage including the two people who are actually in it."
—Barbara Walters

"I was married by a judge. I should have asked for a jury."
—George Burns

"If a man is talking in the forest, and there is no woman there to hear him, is he still wrong?"
—Jenny Weber

"If voting changed anything, they would make it illegal."
—Emma Goldman

"In theory, there is no difference between theory and practice; in practice, there is."
—Yogi Berra

"You should sit in meditation for 20 minutes every day—unless you're too busy. Then you should sit for an hour."
—Zen proverb

"Sometimes religion gets in the way of God."
—Bono

"Either God wants to abolish evil, and cannot;
Or he can, but does not want to;
Or he cannot and does not want to.
If he wants to, but cannot, he is impotent.
If he can, but does not want to, he is wicked.
But, if God both can and wants to abolish evil,
Then how come there is evil in the world?"
—Epicurus, 350–270 BCE

"A false friend and a shadow attend only when the sun shines."
—Benjamin Franklin

"Don't just do something, sit there."
—Meditator's maxim

"Martini. Because no great story ever began with someone eating a salad."
—Tipsy writer's witticism

"The creative mind is like a parachute; it has to be opened to be of any use."
—Frank Zappa

"A person is whatever room they are in."
—Japanese proverb

Note: The meaning behind the above quote is that a person should be judged by who they are right now rather than by who they might have been.

"A horse that can count to ten is a remarkable horse—not a remarkable mathematician."
—Samuel Johnson

Note: One meaning is that talent or achievement is relative. Another meaning is that lucky streaks do not equal a proven track record.

"Happiness writes in white ink on a white page."
—Henry de Montherlant

Note: The implicit meaning is that feelings of real happiness or true love cannot be expressed by words. Relatedly, words do not show up when writing with white ink on white paper.