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Ancient Philosophers, Statemen and Leaders

Demosthenes - 76

A - Nothing is easier than self-deceit. For what each person wishes, that he also believes to be true

Heraclitus = 77

A - The only thing that is constant is change.

B - Character is destiny.

C - A person's character is their fate.

D - Much learning does not teach understanding.

E - Abundance of knowledge does not teach you to be wise.

Cicero -78

A - A friend is, as it were, a second self.

B - There is no quality I would rather have, and be thought to have, than gratitude.

C - What is more agreeable than one's own home?

D - Leisure with dignity.

E - The people's good is the highest law.

F - We were born to unite with our fellowmen, and to join in community with the human race.

G - More law, less justice.

H - The safety of the people shall be the highest law.

Julius Caesar -79

A - People willingly believe what they wish.

B - Cowards die many times before their actual deaths.

C - It is better to create than to learn.

D - The die is cast.

E - Experience is the teacher of all things..

Hippocrates - 80

A - There are only two things: science and opinion; the former begets knowledge, the latter ignorance.

Socrates - 81

A - Be as you wish to be seen.

B - Beware the barrenness of a busy life.

C - The person is the richest who is content with the least.

D - It is a shame for a person to grow old without seeing the beauty and strength of which their body is capable.

E - The only true wisdom is in knowing you know nothing.

Genghis Khan - 82

- A - If you're afraid – don't do it, if you're doing it – don't be afraid.
- B - There is no good in anything until it is finished.
- C - No friend is better than your own wise heart.
- D - If you can't swallow your pride, you can't lead.

Augustus - 83

- A - Well done is quickly done.

Confucius - 84

- A - Real knowledge is to know the extent of one's ignorance.
- B - Everything has beauty, but not everyone sees it.
- C - Never impose on others what you would not choose for yourself.
- D - The superior person is aware of righteousness; the inferior person is aware of advantage.
- E - I hear and I forget. I see and I remember. I do and I understand.

Plato -85

- A - The beginning is the most important part of the work.
- B - You cannot conceive the many without the one.
- C - Friends have all things in common.
- D - No human thing is of serious importance.
- E - The life which is unexamined is not worth living.
- F - Wise people speak to have something to say; Fools because they have to say something.
- G - Justice in the life and conduct of the state is possible only as it first resides in the hearts and souls of the citizens.

Agesilaus II - 86

- A - It isn't positions which lend distinction, but men who enhance positions.

Herodotus - 87

- A - It is better by noble boldness to run the risk of being subject to half of the evils we anticipate than to remain in cowardly listlessness for fear of what may happen.

Pericles - 88

- A - Wait for the wisest of counselors: Time.
- B - It is from the greatest danger that the greatest glory will be won.

Horace -89

- A - Seize the day, put no faith in tomorrow.
- B - That person is free who is self-reliant, who masters their passions; who fears neither poverty nor death nor prison; who resists their appetite and despises worldly ambition.

Virgil -90

- A - If I cannot bend Heaven, I will move Hell.

- B - We are not capable of everything.
- C - Love conquers all things.
- D - Death twitches my ear. "Live", he says: "I am coming".
- E - Each of us bears their own hell.
- F - Fortune favors the brave.

Diogenes -91

- A - I am looking for an honest person.
- B - Stand a little out of my sun. [When asked by Alexander the Great if he wanted anything]

Homer - 92

- A - To be both a speaker of words and a doer of deeds.
- B - People flourish only for a moment.
- C - Victory shifts from person to person.

Alexander the Great - 93

- A - Remember upon the conduct of each depends the fate of all.
- B - There is nothing impossible to those who will try.
- C - I am not afraid of an army of lions led by a sheep; I am afraid of an army of sheep led by a lion.

Marcus Aurelius -94

- A - If it is not right do not do it; If it is not true do not say it.
- B - A person's worth is no greater than their ambitions.
- C - Confine yourself to the present.
- D - You have power over your mind – not outside events. Realize this, and you will find strength.

Aristotle - 95

- A - At their best a human is the noblest of all animals; separated from law and justice, he is the worst.
- B - We are what we repeatedly do; excellence, then, is not an act but a habit.
- C - The high minded person does not bear grudges, for it is not the mark of a great soul to remember injuries, but to forget them.
- D - Hope is a waking dream.
- E - The ideal person bears the accidents of life with dignity and grace, making the best of circumstances.
- F - It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it.

Euclid - 86

- A - The laws of nature are but the mathematical thoughts of God.