

Using Your Speech Power!

Thought for the Day

**A thousand mile journey
begins with a single step.**

Lao-tzu (c. 640-c. 531 B. C.)
Daoist philosopher and author

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Without friends
no one
would choose to live,
though s/he
had all other goods.

Aristotle (384-322 B. C)
Greek Philosopher

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**There is nothing
unchanging
except change.**

Heraclitus (fl. 480 B. C.)
Greek Philosopher

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The word
is half his/her
that speaks,
and half his/her
that hears it.

Michel de Montaigne (1533-1592)
French essayist

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Nothing
can be done
hastily
and prudently.

Publius Syrus (1st century B. C.)
Maxim 557

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Unless you understand
the power of words,
you will never
understand people.

Confucius (551-479 B. C.)
Analects paraphrased

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Never be satisfied with what you are,
if your goal is to attain what you are not;
for wherever you become
satisfied with yourself
is where you will stay.

If you say I've achieved enough,
you will wither.

Always add, always walk,
always move forward.

Don't stand still, don't go backwards,
don't deviate.

St. Augustine (354-430) (paraphrased)
Bishop of Hippo

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If it is not
the right thing to do,
never do it;
if it is not the truth,
never say it.
Keep your impulses
in hand.

Marcus Aurelius (121-180)
Roman Emperor ***Meditations*** 12. 17

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Sure as night
will follow day
most things
I worry about
never happen anyway.

Tom Petty, (1953-)
American songwriter

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The greatest
achievement
of the human spirit
is to live up to
one's opportunities
and make the most
of one's resources.

Luc de Clapiers, (1715-1747)
Marquis de Vauvenargues

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A stand
can be made against
invasion by an army;

no stand
can be made against
invasion by an idea.

Victor Hugo (1802-1885)
French writer

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The first blow
is
half the battle.

Anonymous Proverb

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I often quote myself.
It adds spice
to my conversation.

Bernard Shaw (1856-1950)
Irish author and playwright

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I quote others
in order
to better express
my own self.

Michel de Montaigne (1533-1592)
French essayist

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One of the greatest joys
known to (wo)man
is to take a flight
into ignorance
in search of knowledge.

Robert Lynd (1879-1949)
Irish journalist

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Even while they teach,
teachers learn.

Seneca (c. 4 BC-65 AD) paraphrased
Roman playwright, philosopher and educator

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Believe someone
who has proved it.
Believe an expert.

Virgil (70-19 B. C.)
Aeneid Book II, line 283

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One swallow
does not make a
spring,
nor does one fine day.

Aristotle (384-322 B. C)

Greek Philosopher

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Not a sentence
or a word
is independent
of the circumstances
under which it is uttered.

Alfred North Whitehead (1861-1947)
English mathematician and philosopher

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**There is nothing
as costly
as ignorance.**

**Horace Mann (1796-1859)
American educator**

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**Do what you can,
with what you have.
where you are.**

**Theodore Roosevelt (1858-1919)
American President**

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There is only one good,
knowledge,
and there is only one evil,
ignorance.

Socrates (469-399 B. C.)
Athenian philosopher

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All people
desire by nature
to know.

Aristotle (384-322 B. C.)
Greek philosopher

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Everybody is ignorant,
only on
different subjects.

Will Rogers (1879-1935)
American humorist

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Knowledge is power.

Francis Bacon (1561-1626)
English philosopher

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Three-fourths
of the miseries
and misunderstandings
in the world
will disappear
if we step into the shoes
of our adversaries
and understand
their standpoint.

Mahatma Gandhi (1869-1948)
Indian pacifist and political leader

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A fool says, “I can’t”;
a wise person says,
“I’ll try.”

Unknown

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**If you would
convince others,
seem open
to conviction yourself.**

**Lord Chesterfield
(Philip Dormer Stanhope) (1694-1773)
English statesman and author**

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The first principle of war is:
For God's sake
decide what you're
trying to achieve
before you go out
and start doing it.

Field Marshall Sir Richard Vincent (1931-)
Retired British army officer

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You see things;
and you say, 'Why?'
But I dream things
that never were;
and I say, 'Why not?'

Bernard Shaw (1856-1950)
Irish author and playwright
from his play ***Back to Methuselah***

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The significant problems we face can not be solved at the same level of thinking we were at when we created them.

Albert Einstein (1879-1955)
Physicist

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Light is the task
when many
share the toil.

Homer (9th century B. C.)
Greek epic poet
author of the ***Iliad*** and the ***Odyssey***

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**Ideas won't keep:
something must be done
about them.**

Alfred North Whitehead (1861-1947)
English mathematician and philosopher

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The art of living
is more like wrestling
than dancing,
in as much as it, too,
demands a firm and
watchful stance
against any
unexpected onset.

Marcus Aurelius (121-180) Roman Emperor
***Meditations* 7. 61**

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The shepherd
always tries
to persuade the sheep
that their interests
and his/her own
are the same.

Stendhal (1783-1842)
Pseudonym for Marie Henri Beyle French writer

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**There are two sides
to every question.**

**Protagoras (5th century B. C.)
Greek philosopher**

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**Don't be seduced
by the dark side
of the force.**

Star Wars

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Take time to deliberate,
but when
the time for action
has arrived,
stop thinking and go in.

Napoleon Bonaparte (1769-1821)
French Emperor

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**Two heads
are better than one.**

John Heywood (c. 1497-c. 1580)
English author

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Think it no shame to be helped.
Your business is to do
your appointed duty,
like a soldier in the breach.
How, then, if you are lame,
and unable to scale
the battlements yourself,
but could do it
if you had the aid of a comrade?

Marcus Aurelius (121-180) Roman Emperor
Meditations 7. 7

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**There is no terror
in a bang,
only in the
anticipation of it.**

Alfred Hitchcock (1899-1980)
British suspense film director

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Dost thou love Life?
Then do not
squander Time;
for that's the stuff
Life is made of.

Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790)

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**It is only the ignorant
who despise education.**

**Publilius Syrus (1st century B. C.)
Maxim 571**

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**Knowledge
is the only
instrument of production
that is not subject
to diminishing returns.**

**John Maurice Clark (1884-1963)
American Political Economist**

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Thought for the Day

**Education
is the best provision
for old age.**

Aristotle (384-322 B. C.)

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**Practice
is the best
of all instructors.**

**Publilius Syrus (1st century B. C.)
Maxim 439**

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As for the person
who lacks experience
and does not listen,
s/he can do
nothing good.

Ptah-Hotep (27th century B. C.)
Egyptian priest and author
from ***Prisse Papyrus*** (the world's oldest book)

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The Master said,
“As in the case of
making a mound,
if, before the very last basketful,
I stop, then I shall have stopped.

As in the case of
leveling the ground,
if, though tipping only
one basketful,
I am going forward,
then I shall be making progress.”

Confucius (551-479 B. C.)
Analects 9.19 translated by D. C. Lau

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Know yourself.

Inscription at the Oracle of Apollo at Delphi
A priestess at Delphi prophesied the future.

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The keenest sorrow
is recognizing
ourselves
as the sole cause
of all our problems.

Sophocles (c.496-406 BC)
Athenian playwright

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Thought for the Day

For all sad words
of tongue or pen,
The saddest are these:
“It might have been!”

John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)
American poet from his poem ***Maud Muller***

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Thought for the Day

Great wisdom
is generous;
petty wisdom
is contentious.
Great speech
is impassioned;
petty speech
is cantankerous.

Chuang-tzu (369-286 B. C.)
Chinese philosopher

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The will to succeed
is important,
but what's
more important
is the will to prepare.

Bobby Knight (1940-)
Basketball coach

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Thought for the Day

**Constant effort
and frequent mistakes
are the stepping stones
to genius.**

**Elbert Hubbard (1856-1915)
American writer**

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Thought for the Day

**Knowledge
advances by steps,
and not by leaps.**

**Lord Macaulay (1800-1859)
English historian**

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Thought for the Day

I once spent all day
thinking without eating
and all night
thinking without sleeping,
but I found I had
gained nothing from it.
It would have been better
for me to have
spent the time learning.

Confucius (551-479 B. C.)
Analects paraphrased

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Thought for the Day

The way in which
the man of genius rules
is by persuading
an efficient minority
to coerce
an indifferent and
self-indulgent majority.

Sir James Fitzjames Stephen (1829-1894)
From ***Liberty, Equality and Fraternity***
British lawyer and philosopher

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Thought for the Day

Live not as though
there were
a thousand years
ahead of you.
Fate is at your elbow;
make yourself good
while life and power
are still yours.

Marcus Aurelius (121-180)
Roman Emperor ***Meditations*** 4.17

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The direction
in which education
starts a person
will determine
his/her future life.

Plato (c. 427-347 B. C.)
Greek philosopher

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Thought for the Day

If you learn from others
but don't think,
you'll be bewildered.
If, on the other hand,
you think
but don't learn from others,
you'll be in peril.

Confucius (551-479 B. C.)
Analects translated by D. C. Lau paraphrased

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Thought for the Day

Whoever
neglects learning
in his/her youth,
loses the past
and is dead
for the future.

Euripides (c. 480-c. 406 B. C.)
Athenian playwright

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Thought for the Day

The world is moving
so fast these days
that the man who says
it can't be done
is generally interrupted
by someone doing it.

Harry Emerson Fodsick (1878-1969)
American clergyman and author

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Thought for the Day

People are always
blaming their circumstances
for what they are.
I don't believe in circumstances.
The people who get on
in this world are the people who
get up and look for
the circumstances they want,
and, if they can't find them,
make them.

Bernard Shaw (1856-1950)
Irish playwright and author

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Thought for the Day

**Courage is
the mastery of fear—
not the absence of fear.**

**Mark Twain (1835-1910)
American author**

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Thought for the Day

Finish every day
and be done with it.

You have done
what you could.

...This day is all
that is good and fair.

It is too dear,
with its hopes and invitations,
to waste a moment
on the yesterdays.

Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882)
American author and orator

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Thought for the Day

Because a thing
is difficult for you,
do not suppose it to be
beyond your mortal power.

On the contrary,
if anything is possible
for one person to do,
assume it must fall within
your own capacity.

Marcus Aurelius (121-180)
Roman Emperor ***Meditations*** 6. 19

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Thought for the Day

Nothing, not even
the most advanced technology
is as formidable as people
working together enthusiastically
toward a shared goal.

Whether as an army,
a nation, or a corporation—
people become unstoppable
when they are moved
by a common vision,
and have the power
and tools to achieve it.

United Technologies Corporation Brochure
As quoted in ***1001 Ways to Energize Employees***
by Bob Nelson

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Thought for the Day

The beginning is
the most important part
of the work.

Plato (427?-347 BC)
Greek Philosopher

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Thought for the Day

To extraordinary
circumstances
we must apply
extraordinary remedies.

Napoleon Bonaparte (1769-1821)
French Emperor

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What we have to
learn to do,
we learn by doing.

Aristotle (384-322 BC)
Greek Philosopher

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The best way
to have a good idea
is to have lots of ideas.

Linus Pauling (1901-1994)
American Nobel Prize Winner

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Thought for the Day

The best way
to send information
is to wrap it up
in a person.

Robert Oppenheimer (1904-1967)
American physicist

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To be persuasive,
we must be believable.

To be believable,
we must be credible.

To be credible,
we must be truthful.

Edward R. Murrow (1908-1965)
American journalist and commentator

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Thought for the Day

Honesty
is one part of eloquence.
We persuade others
by being
in earnest ourselves.

William Hazlitt (1778-1830)
English essayist

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Thought for the Day

He that complies
against his will
is of
his own opinion still.

Samuel Butler (1612-1680)
English Poet

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Thought for the Day

The whole
art of informing
is only the
art of awakening
the natural curiosity
of a mind
for the purpose of
satisfying it afterwards.

Anatole France (1844-1924)
French novelist

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What you **are**
stands over you...
and thunders so
that I cannot hear
what you **say**
to the contrary.

Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882)
American author and philosopher

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Thought for the Day

**A problem well stated
is a problem half
solved.**

**Charles Kettering (1876-1958)
Engineer and inventor**

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Thought for the Day

We don't know
who we are
until we see
what we can do.

Martha Grimes
Author

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Thought for the Day

No (wo)man, for any
considerable time
can wear one face
to himself and another
to the multitude
without finally
getting bewildered
as to which
may be the true.

Nathaniel Hawthorne (1804-1864)
American author

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**In the long run
(wo)men hit only
what they aim at.**

Henry David Thoreau (1817-1862)
American philosopher and author

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Thought for the Day

An idealist believes
the short run doesn't count.

A cynic believes
the long run doesn't matter.

A realist believes
that what is done or left
undone in the short run
determines the long run.

Sydney J. Harris (1917-1986)
American journalist

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Thought for the Day

Determine that the thing
can and shall be done,
and then
we shall find the way.

Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865)
American President

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Thought for the Day

When
something important
is going on,
silence is a lie.

Abraham M. Rosenthal (1922-)
Journalist

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Thought for the Day

Every (wo)man
has a right to be wrong
in her/his opinions.

But no (wo)man
has a right to be wrong
in her/his facts.

Bernard Baruch (1870-1965)
American businessman & statesman

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Thought for the Day

**Use soft words
and hard arguments.**

English Proverb

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Thought for the Day

When something can be
read without effort,
great effort
has gone into its writing.

Enrique Jardiel Poncela (1901-1952)
Spanish humorist

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Thought for the Day

Every problem
contains within itself
the seeds
of its own solution.

Sir Edward Somers (1928-)
Jurist

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Thought for the Day

There are two freedoms;
the false
where a (wo)man is free
to do what s/he likes;
the true
where a (wo)man is free
to do what s/he ought.

Charles Kingsley (1819-1875)
English clergyman and author

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Thought for the Day

The right
to do something
does not mean
that doing it is right.

William Safire (1929-)
American journalist

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Thought for the Day

The most valuable
of all talents
is that of
never using two words
when one will do.

Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826)
American President

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Thought for the Day

**Lost time
is never found again.**

**Benjamin Franklin
(1706-1790)**

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Thought for the Day

All that we are
is the result of
what we have thought.
The mind is everything.
What we think,
we become.

Gautama Buddha
(563?-?483 BC)

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Thought for the Day

The secret of getting ahead
is to get started.

The secret of getting started
is breaking your
complex, overwhelming tasks
into small manageable tasks,
and then starting
on the first one.

Mark Twain (1835-1910)
American author

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Thought for the Day

Like the body
that is made up
of different limbs
and organs,
all mortal creatures exist
depending upon
one another.

Hindu Proverb