

## 'I've Got 21 & I'm Sticking - Give Yourself A Winning Hand With These 21 Quotes!'

**You know the deal** - Sometimes you just can't find the right words to sum up how you feel, or express what you want to say. To capture the moment in the moment with a pithy aphorism, or a bon mot.

One of the by-products of having written over **One Million** published words in the past couple of years on a range of subjects, including *leadership*, *change*, *navigating complexity*, *resilience*, *emotional intelligence*, *mental health*, *well being*, *well doing*, *well becoming* and *Mindfulness* is I've also done an awful lot of reading.

## Ma Tete Est Un Chou

So my head sometimes feels like a cabbage, or as the french say rather more elegantly, "Ma tete est un chou"

But probably **David Bowie** sums it up best in his song 'Five Years', "My Brain hurt like a warehouse, it had no room to spare"

**I'm a communicator, a story teller and connector of ideas**, insights and inspiration—And in my quest to seek first to understand and then be understood, I've accumulated an *elephant's sufficiency* of great quotes, inspiring words, pithy aphorisms and the odd *bon mot*. To reach across and illuminate, accentuate, frame and nail the moment.

So, in service to you, here are my Top 21, in no particular order and clearly attributed where I know the source.

Please enjoy, use if the mood and moment are right—And stay safe and well in these challenging COVID\_19 times:

- "Everything we hear is an opinion, not a fact. Everything we see is a perspective, not the truth"—Marcus Aurelius
- "Even in the midst of winter, I find within myself invincible summer"—Albert Camus
- "What is heaven for if a persons reach cannot exceed their grasp"—Robert Browning
- "Seek first to understand, then be understood"—Stephen R Covey
- "What you see and what you hear depends a great deal on where you are"—CS Lewis
- "No finite point has meaning without an infinite reference point"—Jean-Paul Sartre
- "Everything is foreseen, except naturally what is going to happen"—Rene Lardert de Lacharriere
- "The difficulty lies not in the new, but in escaping the old"—John Maynard Keynes
- "Everything must change in order to remain the same"—Giuseppe Tomasi di Lampedusa

- "The barrier to change is not too little caring, it's too much complexity"—Bill Gates
- "You can't solve an existing problem with the same mindset that created it"—Albert Einstein
- "When one door closes another can open, but we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which opened for us"—Helen Keller
- "Not everything you count, counts"—William Bruce Cameron
- "Any intelligent fool can make things bigger, more complex, and more violent. It takes a touch of genius—and a lot of courage—to move in the opposite direction"—E F Schumacher
- "Happiness doesn't lie in happiness, but in the achievement of it"—Fyodor Dostoevsky
- "An amateur borrows—A genius steals"—Pablo Ruiz Picasso
- "Monotony collapses time, novelty unfolds it"—Joshua Foer
- "Give me a place to stand and I will move the world"—Archimedes
- "E Pur Si Muove—The Earth is Moved"—Galileo
- "I found Rome built in clay, I leave it in marble"—Emperor Augustus of Rome
- "Ex Nihilo Nihil Fit—Nothing comes out of nothing"—Rene Descartes

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