

There may be times when we are powerless to prevent injustice, but there must never be a time when we fail to protest. –Elie Wiesel

Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all. –Aristotle

Until he extends the circle of his compassion to all living things, man will not himself find peace. –Albert Schweitzer

This is my simple religion. There is no need for temples; no need for complicated philosophy. Our own brain, our own heart is our temple; the philosophy is kindness. –Dalai Lama XIV

A person may cause evil to others not only by his actions but by his inaction, and in either case, he is justly accountable to them for the injury. –John Stuart Mill

When morality comes up against profit, it is seldom that profit loses. –Shirley Chisholm

It is a self-deception of philosophers and moralists to imagine that they escape decadence by opposing it. That is beyond their will; and, however little they acknowledge it, one later discovers that they were among the most powerful promoters of decadence. –Friedrich Nietzsche

A man's ethical behavior should be based effectually on sympathy, education, and social ties and needs; no religious basis is necessary. Man would indeed be in a poor way if he had to be restrained by fear of punishment and hope of reward after death. –Albert Einstein

The function of education, therefore, is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. But education which stops with efficiency may prove the greatest menace to society. The most dangerous criminal may be the man gifted with reason, but with no morals. –Martin Luther King Jr.

The thinking man must oppose all cruel customs, no matter how deeply rooted in tradition and surrounded by a halo. When we have a choice, we must avoid bringing torment and injury into the life of another, even the lowliest creature; but to do so is to renounce our manhood and shoulder a guilt which nothing justifies. –Albert Schweitzer

We live in a system that espouses merit, equality, and a level playing field, but exalts those with wealth, power, and celebrity, however gained. –Derrick Bell

Where justice is denied, where poverty is enforced, where ignorance prevails, and where any one class is made to feel that society is an organized conspiracy to oppress, rob and degrade them, neither persons nor property will be safe. –Frederick Douglass

We educated, privileged lawyers have a professional and moral duty to represent the underrepresented in our society, to ensure that justice exists for all, both legal and economic justice. –Sonia Sotomayor

We need to keep making our streets safer and our criminal justice system fairer - our homeland more secure, our world more peaceful and sustainable for the next generation. –Barack Obama

Until the great mass of the people shall be filled with the sense of responsibility for each other's welfare, social justice can never be attained. –Helen Keller

Washing one's hands of the conflict between the powerful and the powerless means to side with the powerful, not to be neutral. –Paulo Freire

If the structure does not permit dialogue the structure must be changed. –Paulo Freire

Any situation in which some men prevent others from engaging in the process of inquiry is one of violence; to alienate humans from their own decision-making is to change them into objects. –Paulo Freire

My contention is, first, that we should want more from our educational efforts than adequate academic achievement and, second, that we will not achieve even that meager success unless our children believe that they themselves are cared for and learn to care for others. –Nel Noddings

What is crucial is the provision of opportunities for telling all the diverse stories, for interpreting membership as well as ethnicity, for making inescapable the braids of experience woven into the fabric of America's plurality. –Maxine Greene

Most unhappiness is caused because people listen to themselves... instead of talking to themselves. –William James

Fundamentally, therefore, any man can, even under such circumstances, decide what shall become of him—mentally and spiritually. He may retain his human dignity even in a concentration camp. –Viktor E. Frankl

Our culture is at a critical cusp—a time that requires that we define what it means to be a citizen in a democracy. Within our nation we need to foster a greater sense of collective responsibility. – Robert Neelly Bellah