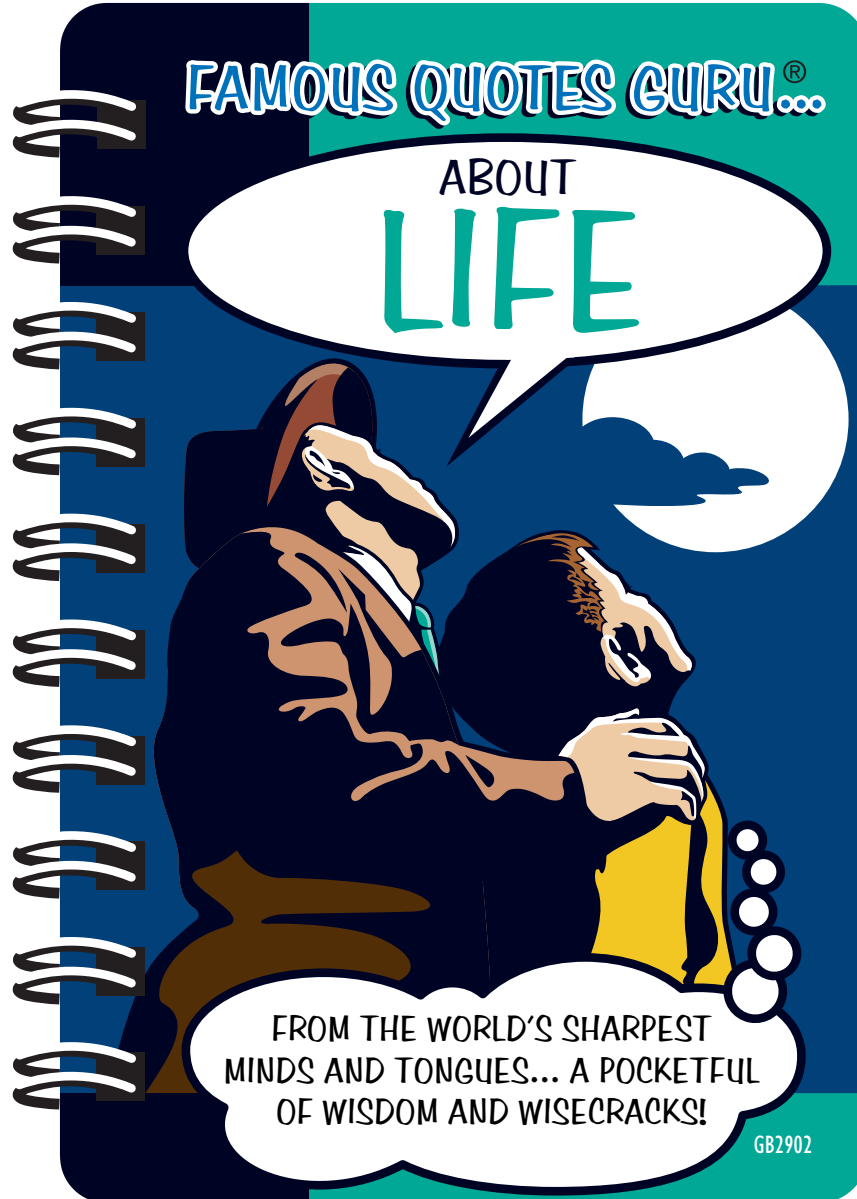




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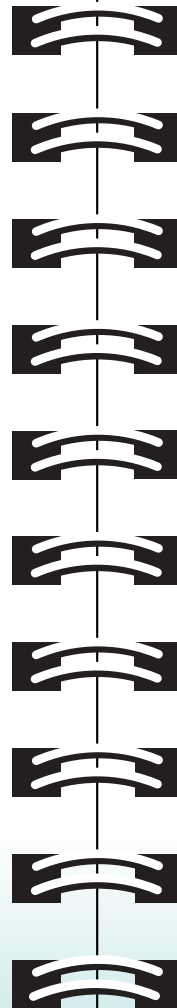
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One lives in the hope of becoming a memory.
Antonio Porchia (1886-1968), Italian-born Argentine writer

Mama always said life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're gonna get.

Forrest Gump (Tom Hanks),
Forrest Gump (1994)

French proverb

LIFE IS HALF SPENT
BEFORE ONE KNOWS WHAT LIFE IS.

Life is too short for men to take it seriously.
George Bernard Shaw (1856-1950), Irish playwright

The web of our life is of a mingled yarn, good and ill together.

William Shakespeare (1564-1616), British playwright and poet
All's Well That Ends Well (1602)

Life is a maze in which we take the wrong turning before we have learnt to walk.

Cyril Connolly (1903-1974), British writer

You only have one life! If you value it, go home
Connor MacLeod (Christopher Lambert), *Highlander* (1986)



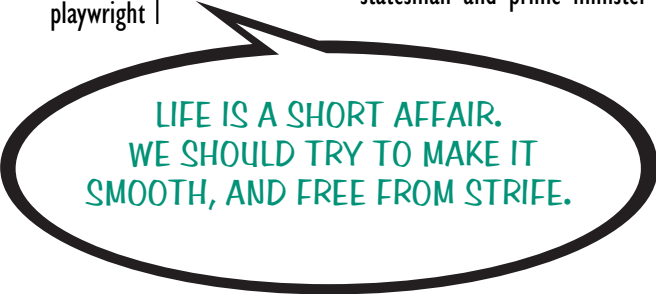
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We are who we are, people don't change.
Estella (Gwyneth Paltrow), *Great Expectations* (1998)

Euripides
(480-405 BC),
Greek
playwright

*Youth is a blunder; manhood a
struggle; old age a regret.*
Benjamin Disraeli (1804-1881), British
statesman and prime minister

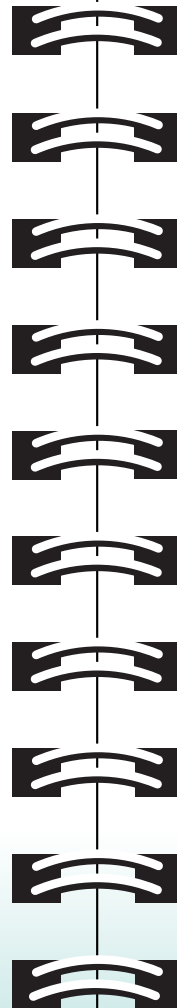


LIFE IS A SHORT AFFAIR.
WE SHOULD TRY TO MAKE IT
SMOOTH, AND FREE FROM STRIFE.

*Old age is not so bad,
when you consider the alternatives.*
Maurice Chevalier (1888-1972), French singer

*Sometimes you've got to lose yourself before you
can find anything.*
Lewis Medlock (Burt Reynolds), *Deliverance* (1972)

*The life of every man is a diary in which he
means to write one story, and writes another;
and his humblest hour is when he compares the
volume as it is with what he vowed to make it.*
J.M. Barrie (1860-1937), Scottish playwright and novelist



*There is only one meaning of life:
the act of living itself.*
Erich Fromm (1900-1980), German-born US philosopher

Dare to strike out and find new ground.
Mr. Keating (Robin Williams), *Dead Poet's Society* (1989)

*Of all human foibles, love of living
is the most powerful.*
Molière (1622-1673), French playwright

*As we grow older, it becomes difficult to just
believe. It's not that we don't want to, but too
much has happened that we just can't.*
Samantha (Demi Moore), *Now and Then* (1995)

Life is made up of marble and mud.
Nathaniel Hawthorne (1804-1864), US writer

*I don't know the key to success, but the key to
failure is to try to please everyone.*
Bill Cosby (1937-), US comedian

*One of life's quiet excitements is to stand
somewhat apart from yourself and watch
yourself softly becoming the author of some-
thing beautiful, even if it is only falling ash.*
Norman Maclean (1902-1990), US writer
A River Runs Through It (1976)



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The art of living is more like wrestling than dancing.

Marcus Aurelius (121-180), Roman emperor and philosopher

I like to mash snow, it gives me a tremendous sense of self-satisfaction.

Marty (Natalie Portman), *Beautiful Girls* (1996)

There is no security on this earth; there is only opportunity.

Douglas MacArthur (1880-1964), US general

In living and in seeing other men, the heart must break or become as bronze.

Sébastien Roch Nicolas Chamfort (1741-1794), French writer

"I wish life was not so short," he thought. "Languages take such a time, and so do all the things one wants to know about."

J.R.R. Tolkien (1892-1973), South African writer

Life is an end in itself, and the only question as to whether it is worth living is whether you have enough of it.

Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. (1841-1935), US Supreme Court judge

Guilt is just a bag of...bricks. All ya gotta do is set it down.

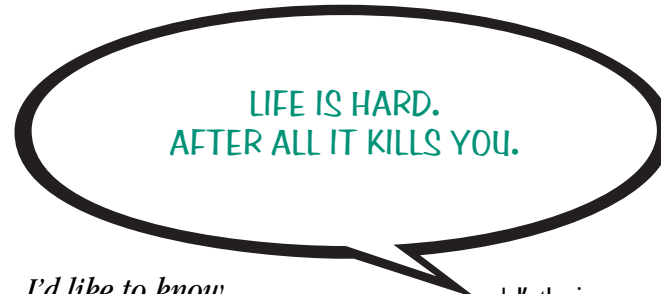
John Milton (Al Pacino), *The Devil's Advocate* (1997)

Now I see this clearly. My whole life is pointed in one direction. There never has been a choice for me.

Travis Bickle (Robert de Niro), *Taxi Driver* (1976)

The man who views the world at 50 the same as he did at 20 has wasted 30 years of his life.

Muhammad Ali (1942 -), US boxer



I'd like to know what this whole show is all about before it's out.

Katharine Hepburn (1907-), US actress

Piet Hein (1905-1996), Dutch inventor and poet

Time is a companion that goes with us on a journey. It reminds us to cherish each moment, because it will never come again. What we leave behind is not as important as how we have lived.

Captain Jean-Luc Picard (Patrick Stewart) *Star Trek: Generations* (1994)



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All lives are interesting; no one life is more interesting than another. Its fascination depends on how much is revealed, and in what manner.

Mavis Gallant (1922-), Canadian writer

Life is fleeting -- and therefore enduring.

Alexander Chase (1926-), US journalist

A living dog is better than a dead lion.

The Bible



I LIVE THROUGH MY HEART.

Goldie Hawn (1945-), US actress

The details of my life are inconsequential.

Austin/Dr. Evil (Mike Myers), Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery (1997)

Life is not governed by will or intention.

Life is a question of nerves, and fibers, and slowly built-up cells in which thought hides itself and passion has its dreams.

Oscar Wilde (1854-1900), Irish writer, poet and playwright

Life is not having been told that the man has just waxed the floor.

Ogden Nash (1902-1971), US writer

There's more to life than a little money, ya know.

Don't you know that?

Marge Gunderson (Frances MacDormand), Fargo (1996)

When you were born, you cried and the world rejoiced...

Live your life so that when you die, the world cries and you rejoice.

Cherokee saying

The secret of staying young is to live honestly, eat slowly, and lie about your age.

Lucille Ball (1911-1989), US actress and comedienne

For the complete life, the perfect pattern includes old age as well as youth and maturity.

W. Somerset Maugham (1874-1965), British writer and playwright

Within, I do not find wrinkles and used heart, but unspent youth.

Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882), US poet and writer

Life is a tragedy when seen in close-up, but a comedy in long-shot.

Charlie Chaplin (1889-1977), British actor and movie director



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Old age is not a total misery. Experience helps.

Euripides (480-405 BC), Greek playwright

Life is a great surprise. I do not see why death should not be an even greater one.

Vladimir Nabokov (1899-1977), Russian writer and poet

The earth belongs to the living, not to the dead.

Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826), 3rd US President

We love life, not because we are used to living but because we are used to loving.

Friedrich Nietzsche (1844-1900), German philosopher

Never being happy isn't the same as being unhappy. Is it?

Montgomery McNeil (Paul McCrane), *Fame* (1980)

What is called a reason for living is also an excellent reason for dying.

Albert Camus (1913-1960), French philosopher and playwright

On my way, came up with the answers. I scratched my head and the answers were gone.

Dave Matthews Band, US rock band

Spoon, from *Before These Crowded Streets* (1998)

Be not afraid of life. Believe that life is worth living, and your belief will help create the fact.

Henry James (1843-1916), US writer and philosopher



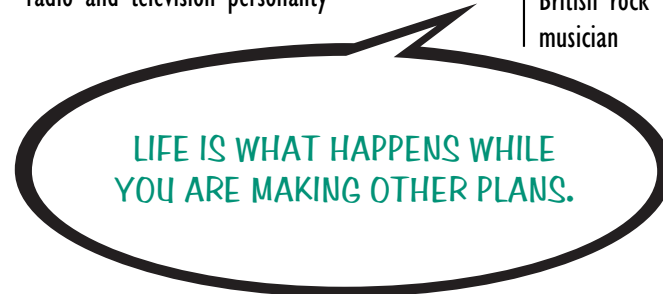
To keep the heart unwrinkled, to be hopeful, kindly, cheerful, reverent -- that is to triumph over old age.

Thomas Bailey Aldrich (1836-1907), US poet and playwright

The four stages of man are infancy, childhood, adolescence and obsolescence.

Art Linkletter (1912-), Canadian-born radio and television personality

John Lennon (1940-1980), British rock musician



LIFE IS WHAT HAPPENS WHILE YOU ARE MAKING OTHER PLANS.

It matters not how a man dies but how he lives. The act of dying is not of importance, it lasts so short a time.

Samuel Johnson (1709-1784), British writer

I guess it comes down to a simple choice really: get busy living or get busy dying.

Andy (Tim Robbins), *The Shawshank Redemption* (1994)

Life's a pudding full of plums.

W.S. Gilbert (1836-1911), British writer



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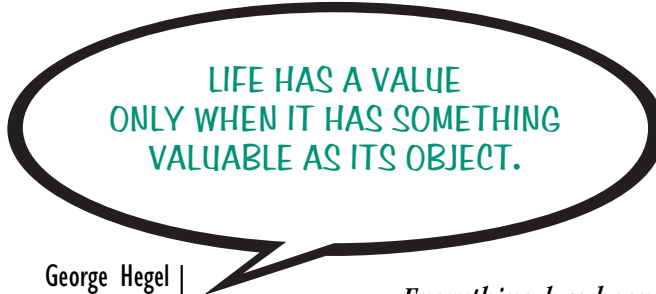


Work as though you would live forever, and live as though you would die today. Go another mile!

Og Mandino (1923-1996), writer

In the midst of life we are in death.

The Book of Common Prayer



George Hegel (1770-1831), German philosopher

Everything has been figured out, except how to live.

Jean Paul Sartre (1905-1980), French writer and philosopher

What we do in life echoes in eternity.

Maximus (Russell Crowe), *Gladiator* (2000)

Don't feel guilty if you don't know what you want to do with your life. The most interesting people I know didn't know at 22 what they wanted to do with their lives. Some of the most interesting 40 year olds I know still don't.

Baz Luhrmann, *Everybody's Free to Wear Sunscreen* (1998)



We ought not to heap reproaches on old age, seeing that we all hope to reach it.

Bion (2nd Century BC), Greek poet



I do not cut my life up into days but my days into lives, each day, each hour, an entire life.

Juan Ramón Jiménez (1881-1958), Spanish poet



Life is like a beautiful melody; only the lyrics are messed up.

Anonymous



Life is a pain Highness! Anyone who says otherwise is selling something.

Westley (Cary Elwes), *Princess Bride* (1987)



The good die young, because they see it's no use living if you have got to be good.

John Barrymore (1882-1942), US Actor



Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in awhile, you might miss it.

Ferris (Matthew Broderick), *Ferris Bueller's Day Off* (1986)



I don't know why he saved my life; maybe in those last moments he loved life more than he had ever before. Not just his life; anybody's life; my life.

Deckard (Harrison Ford), *Blade Runner* (1982)





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A good life fears not life nor death.
Thomas Fuller, M.D. (1654-1734), British physician and writer

*How good is man's life, the mere living!
How fit to employ all the heart and the soul
and the senses forever in joy!*
Robert Browning (1812-1889), British poet

*We're all angels... and devils.
It's just what you choose to see.*
Jezzie (Elizabeth Pena), *Jacob's Ladder* (1990)

*The bitch about getting older, you know, you don't
fling yourself into love and friendships the way
you did before you got hurt. That's a damn shame.*
Jack (Ben Affleck), *Glory Daze* (1996)

You have to live the life you were born to live.
Maria (Julie Andrews), *The Sound of Music* (1965)

*Life is like a movie -- write your own ending,
keep believing, keep pretending we've done just
what we've set out to do, thanks to the Lovers,
the Dreamers, and You.*
Kermit the Frog, *The Muppet Show*

*It's only after you've lost everything that you're
free to do anything.*
Tyler Durden (Brad Pitt), *Fight Club* (1999)



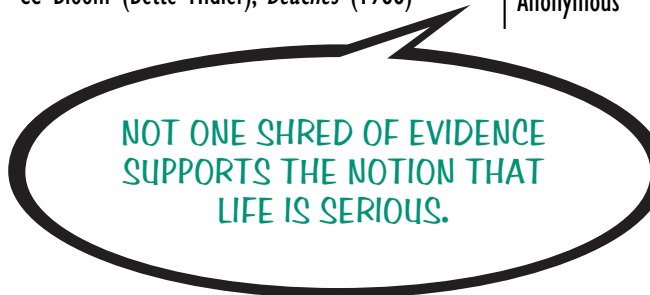
Kathy Whiting: *I was kind of happy, in a miserable kind of way.*

Peter Whiting: *Is that worse than being miserable in a happy kind of way?*

Kathy Whiting (Harley Jane Kozak), *The Favor* (1994)

You're not dead yet, so stop living as if you are!
CC Bloom (Bette Midler), *Beaches* (1988)

| Anonymous



Did you know that "if" is the middle of the word "life"?

Photographer (Dennis Hopper), *Apocalypse Now* (1979)

*Fear less, hope more; Whine less, breathe more;
Talk less, say more; Hate less, love more;
And all good things are yours.*

Swedish Proverb

In looking back, I see nothing to regret and little to correct.

John C. Calhoun (1782-1850), US Vice President (1825-1832)



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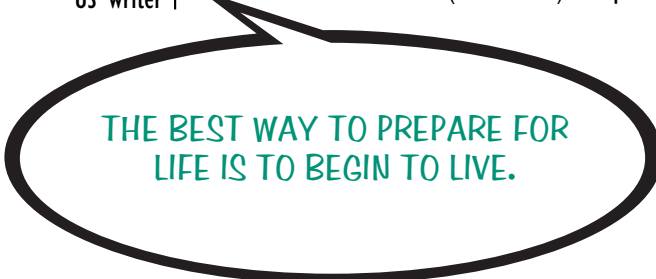
Each person is born to one possession which outvalues all his others -- his last breath.

Mark Twain (1835-1910), US novelist

Life is a frail moth flying Caught in the web of the years that pass.

Sara Teasdale (1884-1933), US poet

Elbert Hubbard (1856-1915), US writer



Life is like an onion, which one peels crying.

French proverb

Man cannot discover new oceans until he summons the courage to lose sight of the shore.

Ancient Eastern proverb

The aim of life is to live, and to live means to be aware, joyously, drunkenly, serenely, divinely aware.

Henry Miller (1891-1980), US novelist



Every man dies, not every man really lives.

William Wallace (Mel Gibson), *Braveheart* (1995)



I'm not interested in age. People who tell me their age are silly. You're as old as you feel.

Elizabeth Arden (1884-1966), US cosmetics company owner



The art of life is to know how to enjoy a little and to endure much.

William Hazlitt (1778-1830), British writer



This is the strangest life I've ever known.

Jim Morrison (Val Kilmer), *The Doors* (1991)



What is a great life if not a youthful idea executed by the man of mature years?

Alfred De Vigny (1797-1863), French poet and playwright



I'm not afraid of death. It's the stake one puts up in order to play the game of life.

Jean Giraudoux (1882-1944), French playwright and writer



We do not live an equal life, but one of contrasts and patchwork; now a little joy, then a sorrow, now a sin, then a generous or brave action.

Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882), US poet and writer



I will never give in to old age until I become old. And I'm not old yet!

Tina Turner (1938-), US singer





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*Irony and pity are two good counselors:
one, in smiling, makes life pleasurable;
the other, who cries, makes it sacred.*
Anatole France (1844-1924), French writer and poet

*Nor love thy life, nor hate;
but what thou liv'st Live well;
how long or short permit to Heaven.*
John Milton (1608-1674), British poet, Paradise Lost (1667)

*There is a saying that no man has tasted
the full flavor of life until he has
known poverty, love, and war.*
O. Henry (William Sidney Porter, 1862-1910), US writer

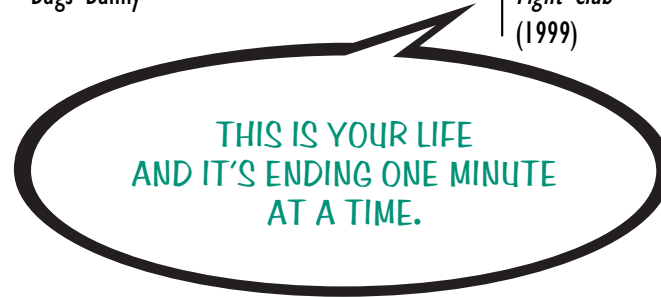
*Shakespeare once said: "Life is pretty stupid,
with lots of hubbub to keep you busy, but
really not amounting to much"...
I'm paraphrasing of course.*
Harris K. Telemacher (Steve Martin), L.A. Story (1991)

*My life is like a stroll upon the beach,
As near the ocean's edge as I can go.*
Henry David Thoreau (1817-1862), US writer
The Fisher's Boy

*One life,
a little gleam of time between two Eternities*
Thomas Carlyle (1795-1881), Scottish writer

*Don't take life too seriously.
You'll never get out alive.*
Bugs Bunny

Narrator
(Ed Norton),
Fight Club
(1999)



*Healthy children will not fear life if their elders
have integrity enough not to fear death.*
Erik H. Erikson (1902-1994), German-born US psychoanalyst

*Years steal Fire from the mind
as vigour from the limb
And Life's enchanted cup but sparkles
near the brim.*

Lord (George) Byron (1788-1824), British poet

*Somebody should tell us, right at the start of our
lives, that we are dying. Then we might live life to
the limit, every minute of every day.
Do it! I say. Whatever you want to do, do it now.
There are only so many tomorrows.*
Michael Landon (1936-1991), US actor

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