

# Zitate

Es gibt zwei Sorten von Freunden:  
die einen sind käuflich, die anderen unbezahlbar.

Es kommt nicht darauf an, wie alt man wird,  
sondern wie man alt wird.

You never get a second chance to make the first impression.

Was man mit Gewalt gewinnt,  
kann man nur mit Gewalt behalten.

Mahatma Ghandi

Und peitscht dich dann der Witz mit Ruten,  
Und hasst man dich — o lass, o lass!  
Mehr noch als Liebe aller Guten  
Gilt aller Bösen Hohn und Hass.

Theodor Fontane

Wie dumpfes Unkraut lass vermodern,  
Was in dir noch des Glaubens ist:  
Du hättest doppelt einzufordern  
Des Lebens Glück, weil *du* es bist.

Theodor Fontane

Das Glück, kein Reiter wirs erjagen,  
Es ist nicht dort, es ist nicht hier;  
Lern überwinden, lern entsagen,  
Und ungeahnt erblüht es dir.

Theodor Fontane

Und, Herze, willst du ganz genesen,  
Sei selber wahr, sei selber rein!  
Was wir in Welt und Menschen lesen,  
Ist nur der eigne Widerschein.

Theodor Fontane

Trag es, wenn seinen Schnee der Winter  
In unser Hoffen niederstiebt,  
Ein ganzer Frühling lacht dahinter:  
Gott züchtigt immer, wen Er liebt.

Theodor Fontane

Nicht Glückes bar sind deine Lenze,  
Du forderst nur des Glücks zu viel;  
Gib deinem Wunsche Maß und Grenze,  
Und dir entgegen kommt das Ziel.

Theodor Fontane

Beutst du dem Geiste seine Nahrung,  
So lass nicht darben dein Gemüt,  
Des Lebens höchste Offenbarung  
Doch immer aus dem Herzen blüht.

Theodor Fontane

Wohl Keime wecken mag der Regen,  
Der in die Scholle niederbricht,  
Doch golden Korn und Erntesegen  
*Reift* nur heran bei Sonnenlicht.

Theodor Fontane

Man wird nicht besser mit den Jahren,  
Wie sollt es auch, man wird bequem  
Und bringt, um sich die Reu zu sparen,  
Die Fehler all in ein System.

Das gibt dann eine glatte Fläche,  
Man gleitet unbehindert fort,  
Und „allgemeine Menschenschwäche“  
Wird unser Trost- und Losungswort.

Theodor Fontane

Wer einsam ist, der hat es gut,  
Weil keiner da, der ihm was tut.

Wilhelm Busch

Ein Jüngling liebt ein Mädchen,  
Die hat einen andern erwählt;  
Der andre liebt eine andre,  
Und hat sich mit dieser vermählt.

Das Mädchen heiratet aus Ärger  
Den ersten besten Mann,  
Der ihr in den Weg gelaufen;  
Der Jüngling ist übel dran.

Es ist eine alte Geschichte,  
Doch bleibt sie immer neu;  
Und wem sie just passieret,  
Dem bricht das Herz entzwei.

Heinrich Heine

Mit den Idealen ist es wie mit den Sternen:  
man kann sie nicht erreichen,  
aber man kann sich an ihnen orientieren.

Nicht wer viel besitzt, ist reich,  
sondern wer viel gibt.

Erich Fromm

Die meisten Menschen hinterlassen Spuren.  
Nur wenige Menschen hinterlassen Eindrücke.

Werner Mitsch

Carpe diem quam minimum credula postera.  
[Greif diesen Tag, nimmer traue dem nächsten.]

Horaz (römischer Dichter, 65–8 v.Chr.)

Cogito ergo sum.  
[Ich denke, also bin ich.]

Errare humanum est.  
[Irren ist menschlich.]

Wer keinen Sinn im Leben sieht, ist nicht nur unglücklich,  
sondern kaum lebensfähig.

Albert Einstein

Die kürzesten Worte, nämlich „ja“ und „nein“,  
erfordern das meiste Nachdenken.

Pythagoras

Seelenleiden zu heilen vermag der Verstand wenig, die Zeit viel,  
entschlossene Tätigkeit alle.

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

Die Welt wird nicht von den Menschen bedroht, die böse sind,  
sondern von denen, die das Böse zulassen.

Albert Einstein

Difficilia quae pulchra.  
[Das Schwierige ist schön.]

Erasmus von Rotterdam

Tempora mutantur, et nos mutamur in illis.  
[Die Zeiten ändern sich und wir ändern uns mit ihnen.]

Matthias Borbonius

# Collected Quotes from Albert Einstein

1. 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.
2. Imagination is more important than knowledge.
3. Gravitation is not responsible for people falling in love.
4. I want to know God's thoughts; the rest are details.
5. The hardest thing in the world to understand is the income tax.
6. Reality is merely an illusion, albeit a very persistent one.
7. The only real valuable thing is intuition.
8. A person starts to live when he can live outside himself.
9. I am convinced that He (God) does not play dice.
10. God is subtle but he is not malicious.
11. Weakness of attitude becomes weakness of character.
12. I never think of the future. It comes soon enough.
13. The eternal mystery of the world is its comprehensibility.
14. Sometimes one pays most for the things one gets for nothing.
15. Science without religion is lame. Religion without science is blind.
16. Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new.
17. Great spirits have often encountered violent opposition from weak minds.
18. Everything should be made as simple as possible, but not simpler.
19. Common sense is the collection of prejudices acquired by age eighteen.
20. Science is a wonderful thing if one does not have to earn one's living at it.
21. The secret to creativity is knowing how to hide your sources.
22. The only thing that interferes with my learning is my education.
23. God does not care about our mathematical difficulties. He integrates empirically.
24. The whole of science is nothing more than a refinement of everyday thinking.
25. Technological progress is like an axe in the hands of a pathological criminal.
26. Peace cannot be kept by force. It can only be achieved by understanding.
27. The most incomprehensible thing about the world is that it is comprehensible.
28. We can't solve problems by using the same kind of thinking we used when we created them.

29. Education is what remains after one has forgotten everything he learned in school.
30. The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing.
31. Do not worry about your difficulties in Mathematics. I can assure you mine are still greater.
32. Equations are more important to me, because politics is for the present, but an equation is something for eternity.
33. If  $A$  is a success in life, then  $A$  equals  $x$  plus  $y$  plus  $z$ . Work is  $x$ ;  $y$  is play; and  $z$  is keeping your mouth shut.
34. Two things are infinite: the universe and human stupidity; and I'm not sure about the universe.
35. As far as the laws of mathematics refer to reality, they are not certain, as far as they are certain, they do not refer to reality.
36. Whoever undertakes to set himself up as a judge of Truth and Knowledge is shipwrecked by the laughter of the gods.
37. I know not with what weapons World War III will be fought, but World War IV will be fought with sticks and stones.
38. In order to form an immaculate member of a flock of sheep one must, above all, be a sheep.
39. The fear of death is the most unjustified of all fears, for there's no risk of accident for someone who's dead.
40. Too many of us look upon Americans as dollar chasers. This is a cruel libel, even if it is reiterated thoughtlessly by the Americans themselves.
41. Heroism on command, senseless violence, and all the loathsome nonsense that goes by the name of patriotism — how passionately I hate them!
42. No, this trick won't work. . . How on earth are you ever going to explain in terms of chemistry and physics so important a biological phenomenon as first love?
43. My religion consists of a humble admiration of the illimitable superior spirit who reveals himself in the slight details we are able to perceive with our frail and feeble mind.
44. Yes, we have to divide up our time like that, between our politics and our equations. But to me our equations are far more important, for politics are only a matter of present concern. A mathematical equation stands forever.
45. The release of atom power has changed everything except our way of thinking. . . The solution to this problem lies in the heart of mankind. If only I had known, I should have become a watchmaker.
46. Great spirits have always found violent opposition from mediocrities. The latter cannot understand it when a man does not thoughtlessly submit to hereditary prejudices but honestly and courageously uses his intelligence.
47. The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious. It is the source of all true art and all science. He to whom this emotion is a stranger, who can no longer pause to wonder and stand rapt in awe, is as good as dead: his eyes are closed.

48. A man's ethical behavior should be based effectually on sympathy, education, and social ties; 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.
49. The further the spiritual evolution of mankind advances, the more certain it seems to me that the path to genuine religiosity does not lie through the fear of life, and the fear of death, and blind faith, but through striving after rational knowledge.
50. Now he has departed from this strange world a little ahead of me. That means nothing. People like us, who believe in physics, know that the distinction between past, present, and future is only a stubbornly persistent illusion.
51. You see, wire telegraph is a kind of a very, very long cat. You pull his tail in New York and his head is meowing in Los Angeles. Do you understand this? And radio operates exactly the same way: you send signals here, they receive them there. The only difference is that there is no cat.
52. One had to cram all this stuff into one's mind for the examinations, whether one liked it or not. This coercion had such a deterring effect on me that, after I had passed the final examination, I found the consideration of any scientific problems distasteful to me for an entire year.
53. . . . One of the strongest motives that lead men to art and science is escape from everyday life with its painful crudity and hopeless dreariness, from the fetters of one's own ever-shifting desires. A finely tempered nature longs to escape from the personal life into the world of objective perception and thought.
54. He who joyfully marches to music rank and file, has already earned my contempt. He has been given a large brain by mistake, since for him the spinal cord would surely suffice. This disgrace to civilization should be done away with at once. Heroism at command, how violently I hate all this, how despicable and ignoble war is; I would rather be torn to shreds than be a part of so base an action. It is my conviction that killing under the cloak of war is nothing but an act of murder.
55. A human being is a part of a whole, called by us "universe", a part limited in time and space. He experiences himself, his thoughts and feelings as something separated from the rest. . . A kind of optical delusion of his consciousness. This delusion is a kind of prison for us, restricting us to our personal desires and to affection for a few persons nearest to us. Our task must be to free ourselves from this prison by widening our circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature in its beauty.
56. Not everything that counts can be counted, and not everything that can be counted counts. (Sign hanging in Einstein's office at Princeton)

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