Albert Einstein Quotes

Albert Einstein

E = M C²

Albert Einstein

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.

Albert Einstein

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.

Albert Einstein

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.

Albert Einstein

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.

Albert Einstein

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.

Albert Einstein

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.

Albert Einstein

...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.

Albert Einstein

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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.

Albert Einstein

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.

Albert Einstein, Sign hanging in Einstein's office at Princeton

Not everything that counts can be counted, and not everything that can be counted counts.

Albert Einstein

Imagination is more important than knowledge.

Albert Einstein

Gravitation is not responsible for people falling in love.

Albert Einstein

I want to know God's thoughts; the rest are details.

Albert Einstein

The hardest thing in the world to understand is the income tax.

Albert Einstein

Reality is merely an illusion, albeit a very persistent one.

Albert Einstein

A person starts to live when he can live outside himself.

Albert Einstein

I am convinced that He (God) does not play dice.

Albert Einstein

God is subtle but he is not malicious.
Albert Einstein

Weakness of attitude becomes weakness of character.

Albert Einstein

I never think of the future. It comes soon enough.

Albert Einstein

The eternal mystery of the world is its comprehensibility.

Albert Einstein

Sometimes one pays most for the things one gets for nothing.

Albert Einstein

Science without religion is lame. Religion without science is blind.

Albert Einstein

Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new.

Albert Einstein

Great spirits have often encountered violent opposition from weak minds.

Albert Einstein

There are two ways to live your life - one is as though nothing is a miracle, the other is as though everything is a miracle.

Albert Einstein

Everything should be made as simple as possible, but not simpler.

Albert Einstein

Common sense is the collection of prejudices acquired by age eighteen.

Albert Einstein

Science is a wonderful thing if one does not have to earn one's living at it.

Albert Einstein

The secret to creativity is knowing how to hide your sources.
The only thing that interferes with my learning is my education.

God does not care about our mathematical difficulties. He integrates empirically.

The whole of science is nothing more than a refinement of everyday thinking.

Technological progress is like an axe in the hands of a pathological criminal.

Peace cannot be kept by force. It can only be achieved by understanding.

The most incomprehensible thing about the world is that it is comprehensible.

We can't solve problems by using the same kind of thinking we used when we created them.

Education is what remains after one has forgotten everything he learned in school.

The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing.

Do not worry about your difficulties in Mathematics. I can assure you mine are still greater.

Equations are more important to me, because politics is for the present, but an equation is something for eternity.

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.
Albert Einstein

Two things are infinite: the universe and human stupidity; and I'm not sure about the the universe.

Albert Einstein

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.

Albert Einstein

Whoever undertakes to set himself up as a judge of Truth and Knowledge is shipwrecked by the laughter of the gods.

Albert Einstein

I know not with what weapons World War III will be fought, but World War IV will be fought with sticks and stones.

Albert Einstein

In order to form an immaculate member of a flock of sheep one must, above all, be a sheep.

Albert Einstein

The fear of death is the most unjustified of all fears, for there's no risk of accident for someone who's dead.

Albert Einstein

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.

Albert Einstein

Heroism on command, senseless violence, and all the loathsome nonsense that goes by the name of patriotism -- how passionately I hate them!

Albert Einstein

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?

Albert Einstein

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.

Albert Einstein

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.
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.

Albert Einstein

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.

Albert Einstein Education Quotes

Albert Einstein

Most teachers waste their time by asking questions which are intended to discover what a pupil does not know, whereas the true art of questioning has for its purpose to discover what the pupil knows or is capable of knowing.

Albert Einstein

Never regard your study as a duty, but as the enviable opportunity to learn to know the liberating influence of beauty in the realm of the spirit for your own personal joy and to the profit of the community to which your later work belongs.

Albert Einstein

Humiliation and mental oppression by ignorant and selfish teachers wreak havoc in the youthful mind that can never be undone and often exert a baleful influence in later life.

Albert Einstein

The aim (of education) must be the training of independently acting and thinking individuals who, however, can see in the service to the community their highest life achievement.

Albert Einstein

Teaching should be such that what is offered is perceived as a valuable gift and not as a hard duty.

Albert Einstein

In the teaching of geography and history a sympathetic understanding (should) be fostered for the characteristics of the different peoples of the world, especially for those who we are in the habit of describing as "primitive.

Albert Einstein Intuition Quotes

Albert Einstein

It is better for people to be like the beasts...they should be more intuitive; they should not be too conscious of what they are doing while they are doing it.
Albert Einstein Life Quotes

Albert Einstein

Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile.

Albert Einstein

The life of the individual has meaning only insofar as it aids in making the life of every living thing nobler and more beautiful. Life is sacred, that is to say, it is the supreme value, to which all other values are subordinate.

Albert Einstein

The most precious things in life are not those one gets for money.

Albert Einstein Peace Quotes

Albert Einstein

He who cherishes the values of culture cannot fail to be a pacifist.

Albert Einstein

The conscientious objector is a revolutionary. On deciding to disobey the law he sacrifices his personal interests to the most important cause of working for the betterment of society.

Albert Einstein

My pacifism is an instinctive feeling, a feeling that possesses me because the murder of people is disgusting. My attitude is not derived from any intellectual theory but is based on my deepest antipathy to every kind of cruelty and hatred.

Albert Einstein

There are two ways of resisting war: the legal way and the revolutionary way. The legal way involves the offer of alternative service not as a privilege for a few but as a right for all. The revolutionary view involves an uncompromising resistance, with a view to breaking the power of militarism in time of peace or the resources of the state in time of war.

Albert Einstein

It is characteristic of the military mentality that nonhuman factors (atom bombs, strategic bases, weapons of all sorts, the possession of raw materials, etc) are held essential, while the human being, his desires, and thoughts - in short, the psychological factors - are considered as unimportant and secondary... The individual is degraded... to "human materiel."
Albert Einstein

To my mind, to kill in war is not a whit better than to commit ordinary murder.

Albert Einstein

Nationalism is an infantile disease. It is the measles of mankind.

Albert Einstein

Nationalism, on my opinion, is nothing more than an idealistic rationalization for militarism and aggression.

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Albert Einstein Philosophy Quotes

Albert Einstein

Everything is determined by forces over which we have no control. It is determined for the insect as well as for the star. Human beings, vegetables, or cosmic dust - we all dance to a mysterious tune, intoned in the distance by an invisible piper.

Albert Einstein Science Quotes

Albert Einstein

After a certain high level of technical skill is achieved, science and art tend to coalesce in esthetics, plasticity, and form. The greatest scientists are always artists as well.

Albert Einstein

You cannot love a car the way you love a horse. The horse brings out human feelings the way machines cannot do. Things like machines may develop or neglect certain things in people ... Machines make our life impersonal and stultify certain elements in us and create an impersonal environment.

Albert Einstein

I believe that the horrifying deterioration in the ethical conduct of people today stems from the mechanization and dehumanization of our lives - the disastrous by-product of the scientific and technical mentality. Nostra culpa. Man grows cold faster than the planet he inhabits.

Albert Einstein

Betterment of conditions the world over is not essentially dependent on scientific knowledge but on the fulfillment of human traditions and ideals.
Albert Einstein Youth Quotes

Albert Einstein

People do not grow old no matter how long we live. We never cease to stand like curious children before the great Mystery into which we were born.

Albert Einstein

I am content in my later years. I have kept my good humor and take neither myself nor the next person seriously.

Other Albert Einstein Quotes

Albert Einstein

Human beings can attain a worthy and harmonious life only if they are able to rid themselves, within the limits of human nature, of the striving for the wish fulfillment of material kinds. The goal is to raise the spiritual values of society.

Albert Einstein

I admit thoughts influence the body.

Albert Einstein

Nothing is more destructive of respect for the government and the law of the land than passing laws which cannot be enforced. It is an open secret that the dangerous increase of crime in this country is closely related with this.

Albert Einstein

I am absolutely convinced that no wealth in the world can help humanity forward, even in the hands of the most devoted worker in this cause. The example of great and pure personages is the only thing that can lead us to find ideas and noble deeds. Money only appeals to selfishness and always irresistibly tempts its owner to abuse it. Can anyone imagine Moses, Jesus or Gandhi with the moneybags of Carnegie?

Albert Einstein

Anger dwells only in the bosom of fools.

Albert Einstein

The tragedy of life is what dies inside a man while he lives.

Albert Einstein

A photograph never grows old. You and I change, people change all through the months and years but a photograph always remains the same. How nice to look at a photograph of mother or father taken many years ago. You see them as you remember them. But as people live on, they change completely. That is why I
think a photograph can be kind.

Albert Einstein

The gift of fantasy has meant more to me than my talent or absorbing positive knowledge.