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# Quotes about Belief

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The will to do springs from the knowledge that we can do.

- Allen, James

Our systems, perhaps, are nothing more than an unconscious apology for our faults --a gigantic scaffolding whose object is to hide from us our favorite sin.

- Amiel, Henri Frederic

It doesn't matter how many say it cannot be done or how many people have tried it before; it's important to realize that whatever you're doing, it's your first attempt at it.

- Amos, Wally

If you don't change your beliefs, your life will be like this forever. Is that good news?

- Anthony, Dr. Robert

If you believe what you like in the gospels, and reject what you don't like, it is not the gospel you believe, but yourself.

- Augustine, St.

Sooner or later, those who win are those who think they can.

- Bach, Richard

Strong beliefs win strong men, and then make them stronger.

- Bagehot, Walter

I started out by believing God for a newer car than the one I was driving. I started out believing God for a nicer apartment than I had. Then I moved up.

- Bakker, Jim

Confronted with the impossibility of remaining faithful to one's beliefs, and the equal impossibility of becoming free of them, one can be driven to the most inhuman excesses.

- Baldwin, James

We have all had the experience of finding that our reactions and perhaps even our deeds have denied beliefs we thought were ours.

- Baldwin, James

Those who say it can't be done are usually interrupted by others doing it.

- Barker, Joel A.

More persons, on the whole, are humbugged by believing in nothing than by believing in too much.

- Barnum, P.T.

Every time a child says, I don't believe in fairies, there is a fairy somewhere that falls down dead.

- Barrie, Sir James M.

Once you begin to believe there is help out there, you will know it to be true.

- Bartholomew, Saint

The essential element in personal magnetism is a consuming sincerity -- an overwhelming faith in the importance of the work one has to do.

- Barton, Bruce

Everything is possible for him who believes.

- Bible

I stopped believing in Santa Claus when I was six. Mother took me to see him in a department store and he asked for my autograph.

- Black, Shirley Temple

Getting rid of a delusion makes us wiser than getting hold of a truth.

- Borne, Ludwig

Every person is the creation of himself, the image of his own thinking and believing. As individuals think and believe, so they are.

- Bristol, Claude M.

Believe that you possess a basic goodness, which is the foundation for the greatness you can ultimately achieve.

- Brown, Les

Your level of belief in yourself will inevitably manifest itself in whatever you do.

- Brown, Les

If one age believes too much it is natural that another believes too little.

- Buckle, George Earle

Believe nothing merely because you have been told it. Do not believe what your teacher tells you merely out of respect for the teacher. But whatsoever, after due examination and analysis, you find to be kind, conducive to the good, the benefit, the welfare of all beings -- that doctrine believe and cling to, and take it as your guide.

- Buddha

I always knew I was going to be rich. I don't think I ever doubted it for a minute.

- Buffett, Warren

It is always easier to believe than to deny. Our minds are naturally affirmative.

- Burroughs, John

Belief like any other moving body follows the path of least resistance.

- Butler, Samuel

All are inclined to believe what they covet, from a lottery-ticket up to a passport to Paradise.

- Byron, Lord

Men freely believe that which they desire.

- Caesar, Julius

Men willingly believe what they wish.

- Caesar, Julius

What we wish, we readily believe, and what we ourselves think, we imagine others think also.

- Caesar, Julius

Left to themselves, things tend to go from bad to worse. Murphy's First Corollary If you tell the boss you were late for work because you had a flat tire, the next morning you will have a flat tire.

- Cannon's Law

We are what we believe we are

- Cardozo, Benjamin N.

You've got to be success minded. You've got to feel that things are coming your way when you're out selling; otherwise, you won't be able to sell anything.

- Carlson, Curtis

Conviction never so excellent, is worthless until it coverts itself into conduct.

- Carlyle, Thomas

No iron chain, or outward force of any kind, can ever compel the soul of a person to believe or to disbelieve.

- Carlyle, Thomas

The battle that never ends is the battle of belief against unbelief.

- Carlyle, Thomas

The most fearful unbelief is unbelief in your self.

- Carlyle, Thomas

Sometimes I've believed as many as six possible things before breakfast.

- Carroll, Lewis

One can't believe impossible things. I dare say you haven't had much practice, said the Queen. When I was your age, I always did it for half-an-hour a day. Why, sometimes I've believed as many as six impossible things before breakfast.

- Carroll, Lewis

As a first approximation, I define belief not as the object of believing (a dogma, a program, etc.) but as the subject's investment in a proposition, the act of saying it and considering it as true.

- Certeau, Michel De

We have only to believe. And the more threatening and irreducible reality appears, the more firmly and desperately we must believe. Then, little by little, we shall see the universal horror unbend, and then smile upon us, and then take us in its more than human arms.

- Chardin, Pierre Teilhard De

Men will not believe because they will not broaden their minds.

- Chesterfield, Lord

Acquire the courage to believe in yourself. Many of the things that you have been taught were at one time the radical ideas of individuals who had the courage to believe what their own hearts and minds told them was true, rather than accept the common beliefs of their day.

- Ching Ning Chu

He that will believe only what he can fully comprehend must have a long head or a very short creed.

- Colton, Charles Caleb

If a horse has four legs, and I'm riding it, I think I can win.

- Cordero Jr., Angel

Drugs are not always necessary, but belief in recovery always is.

- Cousins, Norman

Believe only half of what you see and nothing that you hear.

- Craik, Dinah Mulock

Nothing is easier than self-deceit. For what each man wishes, that he also believes to be true.

- Demosthenes

The only thing that stands between a man and what he wants from life is often merely the will to try it and the faith to believe that it is possible.

- DeVos, Richard M.

The abdication of belief makes the behavior small -- better an ignis fatuus than no illume

at all.

- Dickinson, Emily

I don't think anything is unrealistic if you believe you can do it.

- Ditka, Mike

You are always a valuable, worthwhile human being -- not because anybody says so, not because you're successful, not because you make a lot of money -- but because you decide to believe it and for no other reason.

- Dyer, Wayne

You'll see it when you believe it.

- Dyer, Wayne

Human beliefs, like all other natural growths, elude the barrier of systems.

- Eliot, George

Belief consists in accepting the affirmations of the soul; unbelief, in denying them.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

We are born believing. A man bears beliefs as a tree bears apples.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

All the great ages have been ages of belief.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

Men are disturbed not by things, but by the view which they take of them.

- Epictetus

Everybody keeps telling me how surprised they are with what I've done. But I'm telling you honestly that it doesn't surprise me. I knew I could do it.

- Ewing, Patrick

He can who thinks he can, and he can't who thinks he can't. This is an inexorable, indisputable law.

- Ford, Henry

I am a winner each and every time I go into the ring.

- Foreman, George

To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe.

- France, Anatole

Devout believers are safeguarded in a high degree against the risk of certain neurotic illnesses; their acceptance of the universal neurosis spares them the task of constructing

a personal one.

- Freud, Sigmund

The practical effect of a belief is the real test of its soundness.

- Froude, James A.

He does not believe that does not live according to his belief .

- Fuller, Thomas

A conservative believes nothing should be done for the first time.

- Giacomini, Lynwood L.

Belief in oneself is one of the most important bricks in building any successful venture.

- Gifford, Frank

He is dead in this world who has no belief in another.

- Goethe, Johann Wolfgang Von

Oh how sweet it is to hear one's own convictions from another's lips.

- Goethe, Johann Wolfgang Von

We are so constituted that we believe the most incredible things; and, once they are engraved upon the memory, woe to him who would endeavor to erase them.

- Goethe, Johann Wolfgang Von

If you must tell me your opinions, tell me what you believe in. I have plenty of doubts of my own.

- Goethe, Johann Wolfgang Von

Magic is believing in yourself, if you can do that, you can make anything happen.

- Gomez, Foka

Believing: it means believing in our own lies. And I can say that I am grateful that I got this lesson very early.

- Grass, Gunther

People give us credit only for what we ourselves believe.

- Gutzkow

The art of writing is the art of discovering what you believe.

- Hare, David

To a very large extent men and women are a product of how they define themselves. As a result of a combination of innate ideas and the intimate influences of the culture and environment we grow up in, we come to have beliefs about the nature of being human.

These beliefs penetrate to a very deep level of our psychosomatic systems, our minds

and brains, our nervous systems, our endocrine systems, and even our blood and sinews.

We act, speak, and think according to these deeply held beliefs and belief systems.

- Hayward, Jeremy W.

Belief gets in the way of learning.

- Heinlein, Robert

It's an indulgence to sit in a room and discuss your beliefs as if they were a juicy piece of gossip.

- Hellman, Lillian

What ever the mind of man can conceive and believe, it can achieve.

- Hill, Napoleon

Belief is a moral act for which the believer is to be held responsible.

- Hodges, H. A.

You must see first before you can believe.

- Holliwell, Raymond

Loving is half of believing.

- Hugo, Victor

Belief creates the actual fact.

- James, William

Believe that life is worth living, and your belief will help create the fact.

- James, William

As a rule we disbelieve all the facts and theories for which we have no use.

- James, William

The world we see that seems so insane is the result of a belief system that is not working.

To perceive the world differently, we must be willing to change our belief system, let the past slip away, expand our sense of now, and dissolve the fear in our minds.

- Jampolsky, Gerald G.

As I get older I seem to believe less and less and yet to believe what I do believe more and more.

- Jenkins, David

Every man who attacks my belief, diminishes in some degree my confidence in it, and therefore makes me uneasy; and I am angry with him who makes me uneasy.

- Johnson, Samuel

The word belief is a difficult thing for me. I don't believe. I must have a reason for a certain

hypothesis. Either I know a thing, and then I know it --I don't need to believe it.

- Jung, Carl

A belief is like a guillotine, just as heavy, just as light.

- Kafka, Franz

By believing passionately in something that still does not exist, we create it. The nonexistent is whatever we have not sufficiently desired.

- Kazantzakis, Nikos

It is so hard to believe because it is so hard to obey.

- Kierkegaard, Soren

In order to succeed, we must first believe that we can.

- Korda, Michael

There seems to be a great misunderstanding on the part of a great many people to the effect that when you cease to believe you may cease to behave.

- Kronenberger, Louis

Everyone believes very easily whatever they fear or desire.

- La Fontaine, Jean De

If you don't believe in yourself, then who will believe in you? The next man's way of getting there might not necessarily work for me, so I have to create my own ways of getting there.

- Lawrence, Martin

First we have to believe, and then we believe.

- Lichtenberg, Georg C.

With most people disbelief in a thing is founded on a blind belief in some other thing.

- Lichtenberg, Georg C.

With the majority of people unbelief in one thing is founded on the blind belief in another.

- Lichtenberg, Georg C.

Whatever one believes to be true either is true or becomes true in one's mind.

- Lilly, John C.

In the province of the mind, what one believes to be true either is true or becomes true.

- Lilly, John C.

If you think you can do it, you can.

- Lindros, Eric

We are all captives of the picture in our head -- our belief that the world we have

experienced is the world that really exists.

- Lippmann, Walter

Many a time I have wanted to stop talking and find out what I really believed.

- Lippmann, Walter

Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree.

- Luther, Martin

Someone who thinks the world is always cheating him is right. He is missing that wonderful feeling of trust in someone or something.

- Madson, Andrew V.

Any man worth his salt will stick up for what he believes right, but it takes a slightly better man to acknowledge instantly and without reservation that he is in error.

- March, General Peyton C.

Give to us clear vision that we may know where to stand and what to stand for -- because unless we stand for something, we shall fall for anything.

- Marshall, Peter

It is easier to believe than to doubt.

- Martin, Everett D.

When we argue for our limitations, we get to keep them.

- McWilliams, Peter

It is a sin to believe evil of others, but it is seldom a mistake.

- Mencken, H. L.

One person with a belief is equal to a force of ninety-nine who have only interests.

- Mill, John Stuart

What distinguishes the majority of men from the few is their inability to act according to their beliefs.

- Miller, Henry

To be absolutely certain about something, one must know everything or nothing about it.

- Miller, Olin

How many things served us but yesterday as articles of faith, which today we deem but fables?

- Montaigne, Michel Eyquem De

Nothing is so firmly believed as that which we least know.

- Montaigne, Michel Eyquem De

If you don't have solid beliefs you cannot build a stable life. Beliefs are like the foundation of a building, and they are the foundation to build your life upon.

- Montapert, Alfred A.

What you hear repeatedly you will eventually believe.

- Murdock, Mike

Some people will believe anything if you whisper it to them.

- Nizer, Louis

We are slow to believe that which if believed would hurt our feelings.

- Ovid

People are slow to believe that, which if believed would work them harm.

- Ovid

Belief in a cruel God makes a cruel man.

- Paine, Thomas

I never quit trying. I never felt that I didn't have a chance to win.

- Palmer, Arnold

Belief is a wise wager. Granted that faith cannot be proved, what harm will come to you if you gamble on its truth and it proves false? If you gain, you gain all; if you lose, you lose nothing. Wager, then, without hesitation, that He exists.

- Pascal, Blaise

If we let ourselves believe that man began with divine grace, that he forfeited this by sin, and that he can be redeemed only by divine grace through the crucified Christ, then we shall find peace of mind never granted to philosophers. He who cannot believe is cursed, for he reveals by his unbelief that God has not chosen to give him grace.

- Pascal, Blaise

Believe in yourself! Have faith in your abilities! Without a humble but reasonable confidence in your own powers you cannot be successful or happy.

- Peale, Norman Vincent

First thing every morning before you arise say out loud, I believe, three times.

- Peale, Norman Vincent

The Gateway to Christianity is not through an intricate labyrinth of dogma, but by a simple belief in the person of Christ.

- Phelps, William Lyon

All beliefs are bald ideas.

- Picabia, Francis

Men are most apt to believe what they least understand.

- Pliny The Elder

To believe a thing is impossible is to make it so.

- Proverb, French

Man makes holy what he believes.

- Renan, Ernest

What we can or cannot do, what we consider possible or impossible, is rarely a function of our true capability. It is more likely a function of our beliefs about who we are.

- Robbins, Anthony

All personal breakthroughs being with a change in beliefs. So how do we change? The most effective way is to get your brain to associate massive pain to the old belief. You must feel deep in your gut that not only has this belief cost you pain in the past, but it's costing you in the present and, ultimately, can only bring you pain in the future. Then you must associate tremendous pleasure to the idea of adopting a new, empowering belief.

- Robbins, Anthony

Beliefs have the power to create and the power to destroy. Human beings have the awesome ability to take any experience of their lives and create a meaning that disempowers them or one that can literally save their lives.

- Robbins, Anthony

If you develop the absolute sense of certainty that powerful beliefs provide, then you can get yourself to accomplish virtually anything, including those things that other people are certain are impossible.

- Robbins, Anthony

To be a champ, you have to believe in yourself when nobody else will.

- Robinson, Sugar Ray

It isn't enough to talk about peace. One must believe in it. And it isn't enough to believe in it. One must work at it.

- Roosevelt, Eleanor

The barrier between success is not something which exists in the real world: it is composed purely and simply of doubts about ability.

- Roosevelt, Franklin D.

We won't even attempt to achieve what we do not believe at a deep level we can have or deserve.

- Ross, Ruth

The nobility of a human being is strictly independent of that of his convictions.

- Rostand, Jean

I never cease being dumbfounded by the unbelievable things people believe.

- Rosten, Leo

Every dogma has its day.

- Rotstein, Abraham

My mother taught me very early to believe I could achieve any accomplishment I wanted to. The first was to walk without braces.

- Rudolph, Wilma

When the intensity of emotional conviction subsides, a man who is in the habit of reasoning will search for logical grounds in favor of the belief which he finds in himself.

- Russell, Bertrand

What we need is not the will to believe, but the wish to find out.

- Russell, Bertrand

Of what worth are convictions that bring not suffering?

- Saint-Exupery, Antoine De

I believe in using words, not fists... I believe in my outrage knowing people are living in boxes on the street. I believe in honesty. I believe in a good time. I believe in good food. I believe in sex.

- Sarandon, Susan

For those who believe, no proof is necessary. For those who don't believe, no proof is possible.

- Saying, Traditional

Remind yourself regularly that you are better than you think you are. Successful people are not superhuman. Success does not require a super-intellect. Nor is there anything mystical about success. And success doesn't based on luck. Successful people are just ordinary folks who have developed belief in themselves and what they do. Never -- yes, never -- sell yourself short.

- Schwartz, David J.

Believe Big. The size of your success is determined by the size of your belief. Think little goals and expect little achievements. Think big goals and win big success. Remember this, too! Big ideas and big plans are often easier -- certainly no more difficult -- than small ideas and small plans.

- Schwartz, David J.

Believe it can be done. When you believe something can be done, really believe, your

mind will find the ways to do it. Believing a solution paves the way to solution.

- Schwartz, David J.

The mind is the limit. As long as the mind can envision the fact that you can do something, you can do it, as long as you really believe 100 percent.

- Schwarzenegger, Arnold

Learned helplessness is the giving-up reaction, the quitting response that follows from the belief that whatever you do doesn't matter.

- Seligan, Martin

Seeing is not always believing.

- Serling, Rod

To believe in something not yet proved and to underwrite it with our lives: it is the only way we can leave the future open. Man, surrounded by facts, permitting himself no surmise, no intuitive flash, no great hypothesis, no risk, is in a locked cell. Ignorance cannot seal the mind and imagination more surely.

- Smith, Lillian

You can do what you think you can do and you cannot do what you think you cannot

- Stein, Ben

The lack of belief is a defect that ought to be concealed when it cannot be overcome.

- Swift, Jonathan

I believe because it is impossible.

- Terence

You believe easily that which you hope for earnestly.

- Terence

I've always believed no matter how many shots I miss, I'm going to make the next one.

- Thomas, Isiah

Whatever you believe with feeling becomes your reality.

- Tracy, Brian

And above all things, never think that you're not good enough yourself. A man should never think that. My belief is that in life people will take you at your own reckoning

- Trollope, Anthony

At eighteen our convictions are hills from which we look; at forty-five they are caves in which we hide.

- Unknown, Source

Beware of assumptions! Whatever you assume to be possible -- or impossible will have a tendency to become real for you.

- Unknown, Source

I knew my trainer believed in me and I couldn't let Him down.

- Unknown, Source

If you believe in an unseen Christ, you will believe in the unseen Christlike potential of others.

- Unknown, Source

If you do not believe in yourself... chances are nobody else will.

- Unknown, Source

If you think you are beaten, you are. If you think you dare not, you don't. If you'd like to win, but think you can't It's almost a cinch you won t. Life's battles don't always go To the stronger or faster man; But soon or late the man who wins is the one who thinks he can.

- Unknown, Source

The human mind must believe in something, so why not let it believe what it does believe.

- Unknown, Source

The very act of believing creates strength of its own.

- Unknown, Source

That which has been believed by everyone, always and everywhere, has every chance of being false.

- Valery, Paul

My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person, he believed in me.

- Valvano, Jim

Things that I felt absolutely sure of but a few years ago, I do not believe now. This thought makes me see more clearly how foolish it would be to expect all men to agree with me.

- Van Amburgh, F. D.

They can because they think they can.

- Virgil

What a person believes is not as important as how a person believes.

- Virkkala, Timothy

If you believe you can, you probably can. If you believe you won't, you most assuredly won't. Belief is the ignition switch that gets you off the launching pad.

- Waitley, Denis

You must understand that seeing is believing, but also know that believing is seeing.

- Waitley, Denis

Some believe all that parents, tutors, and kindred believe. They take their principles by inheritance, and defend them as they would their estates, because they are born heirs to them.

- Watts, Alan W.

You can change your beliefs so they empower your dreams and desires. Create a strong belief in yourself and what you want.

- Wieder, Marcia

The old believe everything; the middle aged suspect everything, and the young know everything.

- Wilde, Oscar

Belief is the death of intelligence. As soon as one believes a doctrine of any sort, or assumes certitude, one stops thinking about that aspect of existence.

- Wilson, Robert

The man who believes he can do something is probably right, and so is the man who believes he can't. Anonymous I don't think of myself as a poor deprived ghetto girl who made good. I think of myself as someone who from an early age knew I was responsible for myself, and I had to make good.

- Winfrey, Oprah

In an age of nothing, at a time when we stand at the brink of our own destruction?

Strengthen your belief in yourself, in the future of humanity, in the things of this world that cannot be easily perceived.

Awaken that which lies dormant now within your soul. Re-ignite the flame of your consciousness, and measure the strength of your conviction.

Reveal the lie.

Renounce your hatred.

Seek, find and embrace the truths you are fortunate enough to discover. Cherish them.

Use them to anchor you in the sea of chaos that is the world we live in.

When twilight draws near, when you are pushed to the very limits of your soul, When it seems that all you have left are the dead remnants of the fabric of your life?

Believe.

- Disturbed





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