**Change**

**Behold, I tell you a mystery:  
We shall not all die, but we shall all be changed.  
(1 Corinthians 15:51)**

**When I was young, I admired clever people. Now that I am old, I admire kind people. *(Abraham Joshua Heschel)***

**All appears to change when we change. *(Henri-Frederic Amiel, Swiss philosopher)***

**The reason Americans have turned against health-care reform, after electing President Obama in part for promising it, is simple: Despite protestations to the contrary, Americans don't like change. You would think that while we might disagree about what kind of change we want, Americans are in total agreement that the current situation is intolerable in all areas and that change -- big, immediate change -- is essential. Americans do agree about this -- in the abstract. But as soon as it seems that change might actually happen -- as soon as we leave the abstract for the particular -- we panic. We suddenly develop nostalgia for the comforts of the status quo. Sure, we want change -- as long as everything can stay just as it is. *(Michael Kinsley, in The Washington Post)***

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**The need for change bulldozed a road down the center of my mind. (Maya Angelou)**

**I can be changed by what happens to me, but I refuse to be reduced by it. (Maya Angelou)**

**If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude. (Maya Angelou)**

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**Not everything that is faced can be changed. But nothing can be changed until it is faced. *(James Baldwin, writer)***

**The world is before you, and you need not take it or leave it as it was when you came in. (James Baldwin, in Nobody Knows My Name)**

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**We’re all in favor of progress, providing we can have it without changing. (Morrie Brinkman)**

**The butterfly said to the caterpillar: “Sorry, I'm late, I had to change.”  
(Walter Fiscus)**

**You can't change where you are in time, but don't worry -- it's constantly changing itself. (Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)**

**In a massive act of social engineering, China plans to relocate 250 million of its citizens from farms and tiny villages to newly constructed small cities over the next 12 years. The urbanization project – designed to modernize China and boost its economy – is equivalent to moving the entire population of the world’s 12 largest metropolitan areas. (The New York Times, as it appeared in The Week magazine, June 28, 2013)**

**We must take change by the hand or rest assuredly, change will take us by the throat. (Winston Churchill)**

“You haven't changed a bit!” an old friend exclaimed after a good, long visit. My immediate, inadvertent blurted response surprised me as much as it did him. “Oh, really?” I said. “That's very disappointing!” We both laughed. I hadn't seen the man in years. What he said had been intended as a compliment. He had wanted to affirm certain beliefs which he had observed to be intact. Then, in response to my reaction, he went on to say something I will cherish as long as I live. “The thing that hasn't changed a bit,” he said, “is your commitment to change.” I really like that. The motto of my life is: “I am not what I used to be and, thank God, I'm not what I'm going to be!” (Lloyd J. Ogilvie)

**When the Founders wrote that a "well-regulated militia" must have the right to bear arms, did they mean every citizen has a right to own an AR-15 capable of killing 50 schoolchildren in a minute? Early in our history, Alexander Hamilton, Thomas Jefferson, and James Madison fought bitterly over the Constitution they helped draft and ratify. Madison, among other Framers, specifically said future generations would need to adapt the Constitution's general principles to their own times. "In framing a system which we wish to last for the ages," Madison said, "we should not lose sight of the changes which ages will produce." (William Falk, in The Week magazine, October 23, 2020)**

**The mark of a good book is it changes every time you read it. *(Anderson Cooper, in O magazine)***

**Only a crisis -- actual or perceived -- produces real change. When that crisis occurs, the actions that are taken depend on the ideas that are lying around. (Milton Friedman)**

**Changes are not only possible and predictable, but to deny them is to be an accomplice to one's own unnecessary vegetation. (Gai, journalist)**

**Our dilemma is that we hate change and love it at the same time; what we really want is for things to remain the same but get better. (Sydney J. Harris, Publishers-Hall Syndicate)**

**Disconnecting from change doesn’t recapture the past. It loses the future. (Kathleen Norris, writer)**

**The best way to cope with change is to help create it. (Senator Robert Dole)**

**If you don't like something change it; if you can't change it, change the way you think about it. (Mary Engelbreit)**

**What I like most about change is that it’s a synonym for “hope.” If you are taking a risk, what you are really saying is, “I believe in tomorrow and I will be part of it.” (Linda Ellerbee, TV journalist and breast cancer survivor)**

**I'm changed by everything I experience, but the more I experience, the less I change. (Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)**

**At 18 our convictions are hills from which we look; at 45 they are caves in which we hide. (F. Scott Fitzgerald)**

**People change and forget to tell each other. *(Lillian Hellman, in Toys in the Attic)***

**When we are no longer able to change a situation, we are challenged to change ourselves. *(Viktor Frankl, neurologist and psychiatrist)***

**When you are done changing, you're done. (Benjamin Franklin)**

**Most of the change we think we see in life is due to truths being in and out of favor. (The Poetry of Robert Frost)**

**The future isn't what it used to be. (Paul Valery)**

**We always overestimate the change that will occur in the next two years and underestimate the change that will occur in the next 10. (Bill Gates)**

**Even God cannot change the past. (Agathon)**

**God loves us the way we are . . . loves us too much to leave us that way.  
(Unity of Springfield newsletter)**

**Change happens by listening and then starting a dialogue with the people who are doing something you don’t believe is right. (Jane Goodall)**

**In a time of drastic change, it is the learners who inherit the future. The learned usually find themselves equipped to live in a world that no longer exists. (Eric Hoffer, in Between the Devil and the Dragon)**

**The one unchangeable certainty is that nothing is unchangeable or certain. (John F. Kennedy)**

**A legislator told his constituents that he had changed his position on an important matter only after a long struggle with his conscience. Shouted someone in the crowd, "That was a fixed fight if ever there was one!" (James Dent, in Charleston, West Virginia, Gazette)**

**The only sure thing about luck is that it will change. (Bret Harte, American author and journalist)**

**There is rarely any way to make people like change. You can only make them feel less threatened by it. (Bits & Pieces)**

**The talk you hear about adapting to change is not only stupid, it's dangerous. The only way you can manage change is to create it. *(Peter Drucker)***

**There is nothing like returning to a place that remains unchanged to find the ways in which you yourself have altered. (Nelson Mandela)**

**All meaningful change comes from within. *(Eric Allenbaugh, in Wake Up Calls)***

**It takes an act of will for us to make a turn. It means breaking with old habits. It means admitting that we have been wrong; and this is never easy. It means losing face; it means starting all over again; and this is always painful. It means saying: "I am sorry," it means admitting that we have the ability to change; and this is always embarrassing. These things are terribly hard to do. But unless we turn, we will be trapped forever in yesterday's ways. *(Samuel Stone)***

**Change is a measure of time and, in the autumn, time seems speeded up. What was is not and never again will be; what is is change. (Edwin Way Teale, in Circle of the Seasons)**

**I hope that we never meet again in this state of consciousness. (J. Sig Paulson)**

**All changes, even the most longed for, have their melancholy; for what we leave behind us is a part of ourselves; we must die to one life before we can enter another. (Anatole France)**

**Change is occurring so rapidly today that we do not have time to react -- we must anticipate the future. (John Naisbitt)**

**Often we change jobs, friends and spouses instead of ourselves. (Akbarali H. Jetha, in Reflections)**

**Change has a considerable psychological impact on the human mind. To the fearful, it is threatening because it means that things may get worse. To the hopeful, it is encouraging because things may get better. To the confident, it is inspiring because the challenge exists to make things better. (King Whitney, Jr.)**

**All great change in America begins at the dinner table. *(Ronald Reagan)***

**The word “repent” is translated from a Greek word meaning “to think differently, to reconsider.” In our modern terminology we might say “to change the mind, to get a new point of view.” So “to repent” is to have a new idea about something. Every time we change our minds or have a new idea about something, we are actually repenting. (Carl Moran, in New Thought magazine)**

**People will resist change when the purpose has not been made clear. Always tell them why? People need to feel a part of change, then they will understand. Get them into the planning stage. Respect their habit patterns because they are volunteers; learn to adjust to their work patterns. (Dr. Jack Holland)**

**Do you wish to save the changes you have made in your life? (Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)**

**Change starts when someone sees the next step. (William Drayton, in Esquire)**

**Change, like sunshine, can be a friend or a foe, a blessing or a curse, a dawn or a dusk. (William Arthur Ward)**

**Because things are the way they are, things will not stay the way they are. (Bertolt Brecht)**

**To exist is to change, to change is to mature, to mature is to go on creating oneself endlessly. (Henri Bergson, philosopher)**

**Everybody thinks of changing humanity and nobody thinks of changing himself. (Leo Tolstoy)**

**If you want truly to understand something, try to change it. (The Friday Letter)**

**Welcome Change: One reason that people get old and bored is that change baffles them: they feel they can't cope with it. So they retire from the confusion and sit back with their horse-and-buggy memories, losing momentum, gathering years and little else. But welcome change as a friend; try to visualize new possibilities and the blessings change is bound to bring you. Let it excite you, arouse your curiosity and transfuse you with its own vitality and you'll never grow old, even if you live to be 100. If you stay interested in everything around you, in new ways of life, in new people, in new places and ideas, you'll stay young, no matter what your age. Never stop learning and never stop growing: that's the key to a rich and fascinating life. *(Alexander P. De Seversky, in Quote magazine)***

**The longer I live the more keenly I feel that whatever was good enough for our fathers is not good enough for us. (Oscar Wilde)**

**If you want to make enemies, try to change something. (President Woodrow Wilson)**

**"The world hates change," a famous inventor once said, adding, "yet it is the only thing that has brought progress." (Bits & Pieces)**

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