**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)***

**Adolescence is a period of rapid change. While a child is between the ages of 12 and 17, a parent may age 20 years. (Bits & Pieces)**

**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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**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)**

**Recently I spoke to a large gathering of business and professional women, all of whom are capable, alert and talented persons. I commented that I had recently read the book entitled Ten Tall Texans, and that all of the biographies, with only one exception, were of famous men. Then I gave the challenge: “Why doesn't someone in this audience write a book entitled Ten Terrific Texans, a volume of biographies of outstanding women?” A few days later one of the executives called and told me that she had accepted my challenge and had begun writing such a book with a slightly different title: Women Who Change Things . . . Besides Diapers! (William Arthur Ward, in Abundant Living magazine)**

**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)**

**A country philosopher said, “Whenever I meet a fellow who says he hasn't changed his views in the last twenty-five years, I'm always glad that he is more liberal about his socks.” (Jim Ockley)**

**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)**

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

**When our farm required an extra truck driver for harvest, we hired Dave despite his lack of experience. We advised him to pick a landmark so he could remember the turnoff to the field. On his first day, things ran smoothly until his third trip to the field. Dave got lost. “Didn't you pick something to help you remember where to turn?” I asked. “I did,” Dave replied. “But the cows moved.” (Clinton Farstveet, in Reader's Digest)**

**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)**

**Little boy to friend: “I hate that Current Events class. Every day it's something new.” (Mel Yauk, in Family Circle)**

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

**For years the No. 1 excuse was “The check is in the mail.” This has given way to “The Computer is down.” (Les Bostic)**

**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)**

**Grandpa: “You might not believe this, but I used to be very fleet of foot. I used to be able to run and jump like a gazelle.” Nelson: “Really, Grampa?” Grandpa: “Yup. Not anymore, though. Now I mostly sit and graze like a water buffalo.” (Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)**

**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)**

**Heart's Desire? A friend, who manages a menswear shop. sold a corduroy jacket to a young man who went off delighted with his purchase. Next day, though, he returned the jacket. "My girl doesn't like it," he explained, crestfallen. A week later, to my friend's surprise, the young man breezed in and bought the same jacket again. "Has your girl changed her mind?" my friend asked him. "No," he smiled. "I've changed the girl." (P. R. A. Berkeley, in Reader's Digest)**

**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)**

**As the years go by, I find that I am definitely growing stronger. A few decades ago I could not easily carry ten dollars’ worth of groceries. Today it’s a snap! *(J. D. Eppinga)***

**Helga tells her friend: “When we were dating, just the sight of Hagar made my heart beat faster! Now I get the same result when I carry a basket of clothes up the stars!” (Chris Browne, in Hagar comic strip)**

**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)**

**Change is inevitable -- except from a vending machine. (Dr. Delia Sellers, in Abundant Living magazine)**

**Blue jeans now come from the store looking the way they used to when they were ready for the ragbag. (Doug Larson, United Feature Syndicate)**

**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)**

**How many psychiatrists does it take to change a light bulb? Only one, but the light bulb has to really want to change. *(National Federation of the Blind, in Wit & Witticism, p. 19)***

**The only person who likes change is a wet baby. (Roy Blitzer)**

**At our Thanksgiving gathering, our 4-year-old granddaughter, Abbie, updated the aunts, uncles and cousins on our farm’s livestock inventory. “We have calves, chickens, and we used to have pigs,” she said. “But now we have bacon.” *(Lois Kline, in Country magazine)***

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

**Overheard: “What a frustrating day. I put three dollars in the change machine this morning -- and I'm still me.” (Jay Trachman, in One to One)**

**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)**

**The phrase “melting pot” used to mean the United States of America. Now it means you put the wrong container in the microwave. (Robert Orben, in The Wall Street Journal)**

**About three o'clock one morning the telephone rang in Dr. Gallup's house. Sleepily the king of public opinion polls got out of bed and lifted the receiver. “Is that Dr. Gallup?” said the voice at the other end of the line. “Yes, yes. What do you want?” “I've just rung up to tell you I've changed my mind.” (Tit-Bits)**

**The morning after our 20-year-old daughter, Coleen, got home from college for a holiday break, she came into the living room, all sleepy-eyed and bundled in her robe. Walking over to the couch, she cuddled up next to me and put her head on my shoulder. “Coleen,” I said nostalgically as I stroked her hair, “when you were a little girl, you would crawl up on my lap at the breakfast table and say, ‘Cheerios, Mommy. Cheerios.’” After the briefest moment of silence, Coleen whispered, “MasterCard, Mommy. MasterCard!” (Kathleen Hayden, in Reader’s Digest)**

**In a mere half-century, movies have gone from silent to unspeakable.
(Doug Larson, United Feature Syndicaste)**

**One of the greatest mysteries of life is how the idiot that your daughter married can be the father of the smartest grandchildren in the whole wide world. (Bits & Pieces)**

**A generation ago most people who finished a day's work needed rest -- now they need exercise. (Los Angeles Times Syndicate)**

**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)**

**Billy mentions to his Dad: “Grandma said when she was little the only things on the web were spiders.” (Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)**

**At a street corner: “It seems like only yesterday my kid was cutting his teeth – and his hair.” (Gibbon, Nebraska, Reporter)**

**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)**

**You used to put your kids to sleep at night with bedtime stories. Now they come in at bedtime and tell you stories that keep you awake all night. (Pipe Lines)**

**If you think old soldiers just fade away, try getting into your old Army uniform. (Dr. Delia Sellers, in Abundant Living magazine)**

**Spring was once the time for taking the young virgins into the fields, there in dalliance to set an example in fertility for nature to follow. Now we just set the clocks an hour ahead and change the oil in the crankcase. *(E. B. White)***

**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)**

**We spend the first part of our human experience avidly accumulating things and the other half wondering what in the world we're going to do with all the stuff. (Margret E. Keatts)**

**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)**

**I never thought I'd see the day when TV dinners had more taste than TV. *(Angie Papadakis)***

**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 only time a woman really succeeds in changing a man is when he's a baby. (Natalie Wood)**

**"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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