**Power - Ponderings**

**Your power and your righteousness,**

**O God, reach the high heavens.**

***(Psalm 71:18-19)*
The Lord on high is mightier than the noise of many waters;**

**yea, than the mighty waves of the sea.**

***(Psalm 93:4)***

**But he said to me,**

**"My grace is sufficient for you,**

**for my power is made perfect in weakness."**

***(2 Corinthians 12:9)***

**Power is a little like alcohol. The faster it is consumed, the more quickly it affects the brain. *(Lisa Hobbs, in Vancouver, B.C., Sun)***

**If I really dislike you, the last thing I want to do is to go through a period of unforgiveness. If I do this, you have power over me. I have allowed you to take away all my power. Through the choices I have made in my mind, I poison myself and become weaker and weaker. Eventually this comes out in some area of my body. *(Christopher Ian Chenoweth)***

**As we become a species that is aware of itself as immortal souls evolving within the domain of the five senses, we begin the process of developing authentic power -- aligning our personalities with our souls. How will this affect humankind? What type of species are we becoming? A Universal Human is a human that is beyond nation, beyond religion, beyond political structure. The allegiance of a Universal Human is to Life. A Universal Human walks and lives in a sacred world -- our learning environment of the five senses -- sacred. This is the next step in our evolution: the emergence of the Universal Human. *(Gary Zukav)***

**Knowledge is power. *(Francis Bacon)***

**The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us. *(Submitted by Ginger Stewart, of Tuscaloosa, Alabama)***

**What power this is I cannot say. All that I know is that it exists. *(Alexander Graham Bell)***

**Never stand begging for that which you have the power to earn. *(Miguel de Cervantes)***

**Power doesn't always corrupt. Power can cleanse. What I believe is always true about power is that power always reveals. *(Robert Caro)***

**You know this one: “Power corrupts, and absolute power corrupts absolutely. But do you know its corollary: “Powerlessness corrupts, and utter powerlessness corrupts utterly.” *(L. M. Boyd)***

**If power corrupts, being out of power corrupts absolutely. *(Douglass Cater, American author)***

**We do not deny that we have any pain, or that we are being mistreated, or that we have needs in a particular situation. Denial means denying the power in a situation--denial of any power in the universe other than God the good. *(Terry Lund, USRS newsletter)***

**In looking back over our lives, we often see that what seemed at the time the worst hours and the most hopeless were in reality the best of all. They developed powers within us that had heretofore slept, developed energies of which we had never dreamed. *(James Freeman Clarke)***

**The good you do and embody gives you the only power obtainable. *(Mary Baker Eddy, in Science and Health)***

**All power is given unto you in all the affairs of mind and body. Exercise your God-given power, authority and dominion and rise out of bondage. *(Myrtle Fillmore)***

**A friend in power is a friend lost. *(Henry Brooks Adams)***

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**The lust for power is not rooted in strength but in weakness. *(Erich Fromm)***

**There is no meaning to life except the meaning that man gives his life by the unfolding of his powers. *(Erich Fromm)***

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**Only an omnipotent God could have the power to make so many people question his existence. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**Give all power to the many and they will oppress the few. Give all power to the few, and they will oppress the many. Both therefore ought to have power, that each may defend itself against the other. *(Alexander Hamilton)***

**Heresy is what the minority believe; it is the name given by the powerful to the doctrines of the weak. *(Robert G. Ingersoll, American lawyer and statesman)***

**The reputation of power is power. *(Thomas Hobbes, English political philosopher)*
If nothing is as powerful as an idea whose time has come, then few things can be as tiresome as an idea whose time has gone. *(Rosalind Miles, writer)***

**The means by which we live have outdistanced the ends for which we live. Our scientific power has outrun our spiritual power. We have guided missiles and misguided men. *(Martin Luther King, Jr.)***

**I learned that it is the weak who are cruel, and that gentleness is to be expected only from the strong. *(Leo Rosten)***

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**No man is good enough to govern another man without that other's consent. *(Abraham Lincoln)***

**Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man’s character, give him power. *(Abraham Lincoln)***

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**All men having power ought to be distrusted to a certain degree. *(James Madison)***

**If all mankind minus one, were of one opinion, and only one person were of the contrary opinion, mankind would be no more justified in silencing that one person, than he, if he had the power, would be justified in silencing mankind. *(John Stuart Mill, English philosopher)***

**The power of the mind to think, to remember, to create, to visualize, to exist eternally, to guide and direct your life is the Power that is Perfect, and this Power is right within you. *(Jack & Cornelia Addington, in The Perfect Power Within You)***

**It is said that power corrupts, but actually it's more true that power attracts the corruptible. *(David Brin, author)***

**With all the vast technology of our space age, there’s still nothing more powerful than one human being reaching out to another. *(Clarke Covington, manager of the Space-Station Project at NASA’s Johnson Space Center)***

**The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don’t have any. *(Alice Walker)*Power is all perception. Its non-use is its most powerful use. The trick is to use the least amount of power to create the maximum amount of change. Someone who has elegance can apply power selectively, like a laser, and carefully, almost unobtrusively, so that you don’t feel you’re being overpowered. You feel you’re being motivated. *(Peter Guber)***

**Satire is traditionally the weapon of the powerless against the powerful. *(Molly Ivins)***

**Truth, love, love of peace, gentleness and goodness are powers which surpass all others. *(Albert Schweitzer)***

**Next to power without honor, the most dangerous thing in the world is power without humor. *(Eric Sevareid, CBS)***

**Power does not corrupt men; fools, however, if they get into a position of power, corrupt power. *(George Bernard Shaw)***

**Political power does not rest with those who cast votes; political power rests with those who count votes. *(Joseph Stalin)***

**When you are actually powerful, you don't need to be petty. *(Jon Stewart)***

**The struggle of man against power is the struggle of memory against forgetting. *(Milan Kundera)***

**You can’t take another’s power; they can only give it to you. *(Quoted by Loretta Ivory)***

**Being powerful is like being a lady. If you have to tell people you are, you aren’t. *(Margaret Thatcher)***

**Our commitment to juries was not made for efficiency, but out of a belief, based in part on faith, that we are all better protected from government by the good sense of our fellow citizens than by an institutional or intellectual elite – an astonishing transfer of power from the rich and few to the common man. *(Seymour Wishman, in Anatomy of a Jury)***

**True power is knowing that you can, but you don't. *(Juliet Alicia Jarvis)***

**If a man can accept a situation in a place of power with the thought that it’s only temporary, he comes out all right. But when he thinks he is the cause of the power, that can be his ruination. *(Harry Truman)***

**There's only one boss: the customer. He can fire everybody from the chairman on down simply by spending his money elsewhere. *(Sam Walton)***

**There is no power on earth that can neutralize the influence of a high, simple and useful life. (*Booker T. Washington)***

**Wealth gives you the power to be wasteful – but not the right. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**The most powerful weapon on earth is the human soul on fire. *(Ferdinand Foch)***

**The only power to which man should aspire is that which he exercises over himself. *(Elie Wiesel)***

**Our power doesn't lie in our resume or our connections. Our power doesn't lie in what we've done or even in what we are doing. Our power lies in our clarity about why we're on the earth. We'll be important players if we think that way. And the important players of the coming years will be the people who see themselves as here to contribute to the healing of the world. Everything else is trivial in comparison. *(Marianne Williamson)***

**We thought, because we had power, we had wisdom. *(Stephen Vincent Benet)***

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