**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 as much as 20 years*. (Bits & Pieces)***

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

**All that you touch you change. All that you change changes you. The only lasting truth is change. *(Octavia Butler)***

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**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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**Today, Antarctica is the coldest region on Earth, but 90 million years ago, during the age of the dinosaurs, Antarctica was a temperate rainforest, even during its four-month-long darkness of winter. Scientists went to Antarctica and drilled 100 feet underground. The roots, pollen, and spores found in this deep sediment revealed vegetation similar to that found in the swampy forests of modern-day New Zealand. The mid-Cretaceous period of 90 million years ago was one of the Earth's warmest due to massive levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere -- so warm that forests could survive the South Pole's darkness. (The Daily Chronicle)**

**Last year Qantas publicly challenged Boeing and Airbus "to design a plane capable of making a viable direct flight from Sydney to London or New York," said Angus Whitley in Bloomberg.com. It appears they have succeeded. Australia's flagship airline confirmed last week that its long-held goal of non-stop 20-hour routes is becoming a reality. The airplane makers met Qantas' challenge, with long-haul versions of the Airbus A350 and Boeing 777 that can fly "farther than any regular service to date." Looking forward to flights by 2022, "manufacturers are dreaming up cabin interiors geared toward surviving such marathon flights." Think bunk beds, child-care facilities, "and even somewhere to work out." The 20-hour flights are in stark contrast to the early days of the Sydney-to-London route. In 1935, it took 12 1/2 days to make the journey, requiring as many as 30 stops. (The Week magazine, September 14, 2018)**

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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)**

**You need someone who believes in this country, again, to begin to change it. (James Baldwin)**

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

**Microsoft's Internet Explorer, to be officially retired in 2022, had 95 percent of the global browser market in 2003. Today, it's down to less than 1 percent. Google's Chrome holds the biggest share (65 percent), followed by Apple's Safari (19 percent). *(TheHustle.co, as it appeared in The Week magazine, June 4, 2021)***

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

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

**If you can't change your fate, change your attitude. (Amy Tan, American writer)**

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**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 the 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 meaning of the Constitution they helped draft and ratify. Madison, among other Framers, specifically said that 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. You might call that an originalist's opinion. (William Falk, in The Week magazine)**

**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)**

**A magnetic catastrophe: About 42,000 years ago, Earth's magnetic poles flipped. Previous research has suggested that this event -- which happens every now and then, cosmically speaking -- had little impact. But a new study suggests that this switch in fact caused drastic environmental and climactic changes around the planet, reports The Guardian (U.K.). Earth's magnetic field acts as a shield against damaging solar radiation. When the poles switch or wobble, that protection weakens, leaving the planet more exposed to high-energy particles. Using radiocarbon analysis on the fossilized remains of kauri trees -- which can live for thousands of years -- from New Zealand, researchers were able to pinpoint the specific 800-year period when the magnetic field occurred. The researchers then looked at archeological and climate records from that period and found that numerous environmental changes took place around the world: tropical rain belts shifted dramatically; an ice sheet started to stretch across North America; and a severe drought in Australia led to a die-off of megafauna. Co-author Chris Turney, from the University of New South Wales, says that the rise in the use of caves by our ancestors around this time may be down to the fact that they offered shelter from the harsh conditions outside. "It probably would have seemed like the end of days." (The Week magazine, March 12, 2021)**

**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, playwright, 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)**

**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) \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*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)**

**My 20-year-old self is so disgusted with my current self. I was sure I would never fly anything but coach and, you know, now I have a plane. (Bill Gates, 63, former CEO of Microsoft)**

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

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**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)***

During the 1920s, Harlem became the top destination for African-Americans and by 1920, 200,000 were living in Upper Manhattan. Only 15 years earlier the area had been almost totally inhabited by white people. *(Charlotte Lowe, in Useless History Fact-O-Pedia, p. 123)*

**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)**

**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)**

**Change does happen, and even the most dire circumstances can be overcome. (Ketanji Brown Jackson, Supreme Court Justice)**

**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)**

Between 1846 and 1850, the population of Ireland dropped by two million, or 25 percent. One million died of starvation after the potato crop failed, or the diseases associated with the potato famine, and one million emigrated to North America or parts of Britain. The journey to the United States at the time of the potato blight in Ireland cost the equivalent of $10. *(Charlotte Lowe, in Useless History Fact-O-Pedia, p. 121)*

**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)**

**You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending. *(C. S. Lewis)***

**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)**

**The main dangers in this life are the people who want to change everything -- or nothing*. (Nancy Astor, British-American lawmaker)***

**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)**

**On November 3, 1900, the first major automobile show, sponsored by the Automobile Club of America, opened in Madison Square Garden in New York City. More than 65 manufacturers were represented at the exhibition. (The Daily Chronicle)**

**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)**

**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)**

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**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)**

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**On February 11, 1960, with four minutes left, Jack Paar walked off the stage of The Tonight Show to protest NBC's censorship of one of his jokes from the night before. He had tears in his eyes. The joke was about a "water closet." (He didn't even say toilet.) Paar returned a few weeks later, told the joke, and hosted the show until 1962. (The Daily Chronicle)**

**Poodles originated in Germany rather than France. They were originally used as hunting dogs. The dog's thick coat was a hindrance in water and thick brush, so hunters sheared the hindquarters, leaving cuffs around the ankles and hips to protect against rheumatism. (The Daily Chronicle)**

**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)**

**People’s minds are changed through observation and not through argument. *(Will Rogers)***

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

**The only man who behaves sensibly is my tailor; he takes my measure anew every time he sees me, whilst all the rest go on with their old measurements, and expect them to fit me. *(George Bernard Shaw, in Man and Superman)***

**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)**

**The world seems to be changing so fast nowadays you couldn’t stay wrong all the time even if you tried. (Bits & Pieces)**

**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)***

**I heard something of mine from 1975 on a record the other day, and I said, "That was about seven or eight lives ago." *(Bruce Springsteen, in AARP - THE MAGAZINE)***

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

**The great do not stay great, nor do the small stay small. (Bertolt Brecht)**

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

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**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)**

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

**Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one 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)**

**In youth we want to change the world. In old age we want to change youth. *(Garth Henrichs)***

**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)***

**When you’re through changing, you’re through. *(Bruce Barton)***

**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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