Justice

**If we do not maintain justice, justice will not maintain us. *(Francis Bacon)***

**The bald man thinks life isn’t fair, because he gets trimmed twice: first when the barber cuts his hair, then when he pays full price. *(G. Sterling Leiby)***

**Ignorance allied with power is the most ferocious enemy justice can have. *(James Baldwin)***

When the oppressed take up arms in the name of justice, they take a step toward injustice. *(Albert Camus)*

**Parents are not interested in justice. They’re interested in peace and quiet. (Bill Cosby)**

**The evolution of justice: Chimpanzees, our closest relatives, turn a blind eye to crimes that don’t affect them directly, suggesting that third-party punishment – the foundation of complex societies governed by laws and courts – is a uniquely human development. German researchers trained chimpanzees to play one of three roles while facing one another in cages: One was given access to food within reach of his cage, another could pull a rope to steal the food for himself, and the third could push a button to “punish” the thief by preventing him from getting the treat. None of the chimps pushed the button to punish the thief – even when the victim was a close relative. But when chimps were given the chance to punish the thief for stealing from them, they did. That suggests that humans’ innate sense of justice, which “can allow for cooperation to move beyond simple tit-for-tat,” evolved after our species split from chimps some 5 million years ago, Keith Jensen, a developmental psychologist at Queen Mary University of London, tells DiscoverMagazine.com. Humans’ heightened cooperative capacity was likely key to their evolving bigger brains – and more successful societies – than those of their primate peers. *(The Week magazine, September 14, 2012)***

**I'm not saying justice is for sale, but if you have enough money, you can sometimes enjoy the benefits of a short-term lease. *(Sue Grafton, novelist)***

**Hopelessness is the enemy of justice. *(Bryan Stevenson, Civil rights lawyer)***

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**The arm of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice. *(Martin Luther King, Jr.)***

**Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. *(Martin Luther King, Jr.)***

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**Justice is like a train that is nearly always late. *(Yevgeny Yevtushenko)***

**Justice is what love looks like in public. *(Cornel West)***

Man’s capacity for justice makes democracy possible, but man’s inclination to injustice makes democracy necessary. *(Reinhold Niebuhr, in The Children of Light and the Children of Darkness)*

Injustice is relatively easy to bear; what stings is justice. *(H. L Mencken, in Prejudices)*

Never pray for justice, because you might get some. *(Margaret Atwood)*

**You can get justice if you can pay for it – but is that really justice? (Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot Shots)**

**Peace without justice is tyranny. *(William Allen White)***

**If this world can never have peace without justice, our prospects for peace are not very bright. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**The price of justice is eternal publicity. *(Arnold Bennett)***

**The fact that questions of justice seem an inconvenient line of speculation for so many adults cannot go unnoticed by children. *(Zadie Smith)***

Good week for: Retroactive justice, after a witchcraft trial held in Germany is 1627 was reopened so that city councilmen could clear defendant Katharina Henot, who was burned at the stake. *(The Week magazine, February 24, 2012)*

We will have a more just society as soon as we want one. *(George Packer, journalist)*

**A people’s generosity rarely extends to making the effort to uncover the injustices committed in their name. (Simone Weil)**

There may be times when we are powerless to prevent injustice, but there must never be a time when we fail to protest. *(Elie Wiesel)*

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