**Learning**

**Give an opportunity to a wise man,  
and he will be yet wiser; teach a just man,  
and he will increase in learning.  
(Proverbs 9:9)**

**Someone with a gift for creativity once sent this note to a teacher to explain the absence of a pupil: Dear Miss Marlow: School is many things. It is learning not to throw toys. It is learning to share. It is putting your seat belt on in the school bus. It is putting things back where they belong. It is not pushing when someone is taking a drink from the water fountain. It is swings and skipping rope and bikes and hopscotch. It is crayons and scissors and paste pots. It is peanut butter sandwiches and apples and milk. School is where you learn all these things and get an education. But you can get part of your education outside of school too. You can listen to music from a big brass band. You can see amazing things -- like a man getting shot out of a cannon and trapeze artists somersaulting through the air. You can see elephants dance and poodles ride on the backs of ponies. You can laugh at clowns. You can eat hot dogs and cotton candy. Education is everything new and exciting. It's a circus! And that's why Mary wasn't in school yesterday. She was catching up on her education outside class. Please excuse her. (Bits & Pieces)**

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**Learning is what most adults will do for a living in the 21st century. (Perelman)**

***\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\**Harold Macmillan, former British prime minister, recalling a professor’s advice: “Nothing you learn here at Oxford,” he told us in his opening remarks, “will be of the slightest possible use to you later, save only this: that if you work hard and intelligently, you should be able to detect when a man is talking rot. And that, in my view, is the main, if not the sole, purpose of education.” (Reader’s Digest)**

**The Afro-American experience is an American experience. Duke Ellington listened to George Gershwin and Paul Whiteman, Jelly Roll Morton to John Philip Sousa. Michael Jordan was taught by Dean Smith. Bix Beiderbecke learned from Louis Armstrong. These exchanges go on all the time in American life. We like to look at stuff as black and white, but most people's experience is not that way. *(Wynton Marsalis, interviewed by Tony Scherman, in American Heritage magazine)***

**The aim of learning is not knowledge but action. *(Bits & Pieces) 39021***

**My father once looked through one of my information-crammed books and asked, "How did you learn all this, Isaac?" "From you, Pappa." "From me? I don't know any of this." "You didn't have to, Pappa. You valued learning and you taught me to value it. Al the rest came without trouble. *(Isaac Asimov, in Memory Yet Green, on the power of fatherly advice)***

**Man can learn a lot from fishing -- when the fish are biting no problem in the world is big enough to be remembered. *(O. A. Battista)***

**Ten years after being falsely linked to the bombing at the Atlanta Olympics, security guard Richard Jewell has been honored for saving lives on that day. On July 27, 1996, Jewell motioned people away from a suspicious backpack in Centennial Park, just before it exploded, killing one person and injuring 111. Though never arrested or charged, Jewell was considered the top suspect for a time and was widely tarred with the crime in thousands of news reports around the globe. The real killer, Eric Rudolph, was caught in 2003. “No one can rewrite history,” said Jewell upon receiving his award from Georgia Governor Sonny Perdue. “We can only learn from it.” *(The Week magazine, August 18, 2006)***

**We need to learn to set our course by the stars, not by the lights of every passing ship. (Omar Bradley)**

**It’s only when the tide goes out that you learn who’s been swimming naked. *(Warren Buffett, in The Financial Times)***

**The chief object of education is not to learn things but to unlearn things.  
(G. K. Chesterton)**

**Almost every child would learn to write sooner if allowed to do his homework on wet cement. (Franklin P. Jones, in The Saturday Evening Post)**

**I am always ready to learn, but I do not always like to be taught. (Sir Winston Churchill)**

**Curiosity is the wick in the candle of learning. (William A. Ward, in San Diego Tribune)**

**If we truly wish to learn, we should consider our enemies to be our best teachers. (The Dalai Lama)**

**Free education is abundant, all over the Internet. It’s the desire to learn that’s scarce. (Naval Ravikant, entrepreneur)**

**Education is learning what you didn't even know you didn't know.  
(Daniel J. Boorstin, in Democracy & Its Discontents)**

**Children don’t heed the life experiences of their parents, and nations ignore history. Bad lessons always have to be learned anew. (Albert Einstein)**

**As I was leaving church one Sunday, an elderly couple slowly moved down the narrow walk that led to the parking area. I tried to make my way around them, but they stopped to admire some flowers. When I tried to slip past, the woman bent over to smell a red rose, blocking my passage. Then the man smelled the rose, I waited patiently, along with others. As the man straightened up, he turned to me. “It took us almost a lifetime to learn to do that,” he said, and then moved on. (John Matus, in Reader's Digest)**

**In a business class at the University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, we had to interview a variety of local people and write a report. I thought the assignment was a waste of time until I spoke with a 78-year-old farmer. “How much education do you have?” I asked. “Six years of schoolin’,” he replied. “And 72 years of learnin”. (S. G. H., in Reader's Digest)**

**Billy says to Jeffy: “This is my favorite learning place – Schoolhouse Earth.” (Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)**

**The finest fruit of serious learning should be the ability to speak the word God without reserve or embarrassment. (Nathan M. Pusey)**

**At the height of his career, Henry Fonda was asked what he considered the most important thing a young actor could learn. “How to become an old actor,” Fonda replied. (Bits & Pieces)**

**The more we learn the more we realize how little we know. (R. Buckminster Fuller)**

**At the beach, the first thing a girl learns is that fellows with deep, rich, golden tans are unemployed. (Robert Orben)**

**Everywhere, we learn only from those we love. (Johann Wolfgang von Goethe)**

**From your parents you learn love and laughter and how to put one foot before the other. But when books are opened you discover that you have wings. (Helen Hayes with Sandford Dody, in On Reflection)**

**The one thing you finally learn from history is that people don’t learn from history. (Bits & Pieces)**

**It is the malady of our age that the young are so busy teaching us that they have no time left to learn. (Eric Hoffer, in Reflections on the Human Condition)**

**I never learn anything talking. I only learn things when I ask questions. (Lou Holtz)**

**I learned more about economics from one South Dakota dust storm than I did in all my years in college. (Hubert H. Humphrey)**

**That men do not learn very much from the lessons of history is the most important of all the lessons that history has to teach. (Aldous Huxley)**

**The illiterate of the future will not be the person who cannot read. It will be the person who does not know how to learn. (Alvin Toffler)**

**In the pursuit of learning, everyday something is acquired. In the pursuit of Tao, every day something is dropped. (Lao Tsu, in The Tao)**

**Isn’t it amazing how fast the teenager who can’t learn to run a vacuum cleaner or lawnmower learns to drive the family car? (Bits & Pieces)**

**I learned that it is possible for us to create light and sound and order within us no matter what calamity may befall us in the outer world. *(Helen Keller)***

**The beautiful thing about learning is nobody can take it away from you. (B. B. King)**

**The best of all things is to learn. Money can be lost or stolen, health and strength may fail, but what you have committed to your mind is yours forever. (Louis L’Amour, in The Walking Drum)**

**The trouble is that most of us learn our lessons too late. If we could only visualize the full meaning and full consequences of our acts, we could make a better life and a better world. *(Alden Palmer, in Fraternal Monitor)***

**Everything you teach you are learning. Teach only love, and learn that love is yours and you are love. (A Course In Miracles)**

**Learning makes the wise wiser and the fool more foolish. (John Ray, English naturalist)**

**Take the attitude of a student, never be too big to ask questions, never know too much to learn something new. (Og Mandino)**

**We learn only when it is too late that the marvel -- is the passing moment. *(Francois Mitterand)***

**The things you learn in maturity aren't simple things such as acquiring information and skills. You learn not to engage in self-destructive behavior. You learn not to burn up energy in anxiety. You discover how to manage your tensions. You learn that self-pity and resentment are among the most toxic of drugs. You find that the world loves talent but pays off on character. You come to understand that most people are neither for you nor against you; they are thinking about themselves. You learn that no matter how hard you try to please, some people in this world are not going to love you -- a lesson that is at first troubling and then really quite relaxing. (John W. Gardner, from a speech)**

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**The more you learn, the less you fear. (Julian Bames, author)**

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**I have never in my life learned anything from any man who agreed with me. (Dudley Field Malone, attorney and activist)**

**One of the hardest things in life to learn are which bridges to cross and which bridges to burn. (Oprah Winfrey)**

**Learning music by reading about it is like making love by mail. (Luciano Pavarotti)**

**People cannot learn by having information pressed into their brains. Knowledge has to be sucked into the brain, not pushed in. First, one must create a state of mind that craves knowledge, interest and wonder. You can teach only by creating an urge to know. (Victor Weisskopf, in The Privilege of Being a Physicist)**

**Eighty-five percent of what we learn and remember comes to us through our eyes. Eleven percent comes through our ears, and three to four percent through our other senses. (Bits & Pieces)**

**The ancient Greeks knew that learning comes from playing. Their concept for education (paideia) is almost identical to their concept for play (paidia). (Roger von Oech, in A Whack on the Side of the Head , p. 97)**

**What we learn with pleasure we never forget. (Alfred Mercier)**

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**A little learning is a dangerous thing. (Alexander Pope)**

**Some people never learn anything because they understand everything too soon. (Alexander Pope)**

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**We have quit learning if we don’t feel a little more ignorant every day.**

***(William D. Tammeus, in Kansas City Star)***

**Renewal is an idea that my friend John Gardner, founder of Common Cause, turns to again and again. As John says, "It's what you learn after you know it all that counts." (Liz Carpenter)**

**Americans learn only from catastrophe, and not from experience. (Theodore Roosevelt)**

**My husband was driving home from work when he was pulled over for not wearing a seat belt. Two days later – same ticket, same cop. “So,” the officer said, “have you learned anything?” “Yes, I have,” said my husband. “I’ve learned I need to take a different way home from work.” *(Kimberly Owen, in Reader’s Digest)***

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**I can learn something from everybody, although it's often something I really didn't want to know. (Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)**

**To learn something new, take the path that you took yesterday. (John Burroughs)**

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**I have learned, though late, this rule: to hate an enemy as one who may become a friend, and serve a friend as knowing that his friendship may not last. (Sophocles)**

**THE MEANS JUSTIFY THE END: Summer camp is where kids go to learn how to start a fire without matches -- how to find their way without a compass -- how to avoid poison ivy -- what to do if they come face-to-face with a bear, a wolf, or a rattlesnake -- and all the other things they wouldn't have to know if they hadn't gone to summer camp. (The Monadnock Shopper News)**

**What I've learned is not to change who you are, because eventually you're going to run out of new things to become. (Taylor Swift)**

**To teach is to learn twice. (Joseph Joubert)**

**Try to learn something about everything and everything about something. (Thomas Henry Huxley)**

**I always tell students that it is what you learn after you know it all that counts. (Harry S. Truman)**

**We must be ready to learn from one another, not claiming that we alone possess all truth and that somehow we have a corner on God. (Archbishop Desmond Tutu)**

**There is nothing to be learned from the second kick of a mule. (Mark Twain)**

**We have to learn to be our own best friends because we fall too easily into the trap of being our worst enemies. (Roderick Thorp, in Rainbow Drive)**

**It’s what you learn after you know it all that counts. (Earl Weaver, baseball manager)**

**Mom: “Zoe, you don’t have time to find a show-and-tell item! We have to go!” Zoe: “I’ll hurry.” Mom: “How?” Zoe: “I’ll just pretend that I’m you when people are coming over and you still have to clean the house.” Mom: “Why do they do most of their learning when we’re not teaching them?” (Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott, in Baby Blues comic strip)**

**There is divine beauty in learning. To learn means to accept the postulate that life did not begin at my birth. Others have been here before me, and I walk in their footsteps. The books I have read were composed by generations of fathers and sons, mothers and daughters, teachers and disciples. I am the sum total of their experiences, and so are you. (Elie Wiesel, in Parade)**

**Nothing that is worth learning can be taught. (Oscar Wilde)**

**We are not what we know but what we are willing to learn. (Mary Catherine Bateson, anthropologist, in The Financial Times)**

**You can always learn something when you study – if only that the subject is hopelessly difficult. (Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)**

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