

Seeings of the Ages



Confucius (551 BC - 479 BC)

- Everything has its beauty but not everyone sees it
- Before you embark on a journey of revenge, dig two graves
- He who will not economize will have to agonize
- I hear and I forget. I see and I remember. I do and I understand
- It does not matter how slowly you go so long as you do not stop
- Men's natures are alike, it is their habits that carry them far apart
- Respect yourself and others will respect you
- Study the past if you would define the future
- The superior man, when resting in safety, does not forget that danger may come. When in a state of security he does not forget the possibility of ruin. When all is orderly, he does not forget that disorder may come.
- What the superior man seeks is in himself; the small man seeks is in others
- By nature, men are nearly alike; by practice, they get to be wide apart
- I am not one who was born in the possession of knowledge; I am one who is fond of antiquity, and earnest in seeking it there
- If a man takes no thought about what is distant, he will find sorrow near at hand
- Learning without thought is labor lost; thought without learning is perilous
- The wise man does not set his mind either for anything, or against anything; what is right he will follow
- Things that are done, it is needless to speak about; things that are past, it is needless to blame
- What you do not want done to yourself, do not do to others
- When we see men of worth, we should think of equaling them; when we see men of a contrary character, we should turn inwards and examine ourselves