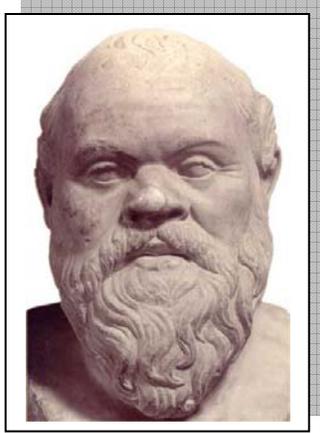


Seeings of the Ages



Socrates (469 BC - 399 BC)

- When someone is asking you a question you can become Socratic, and ask them a question, and have them answer their own question for them
- Always aim at complete harmony of thought, word and deed; always aim at purifying your thoughts and everything will be well
- *Know yourself!*
- *The unexamined life is not worth living*
- *I am not an Athenian or a Greek, but a citizen of the world*
- I hold that to need nothing is divine, and the less a man needs the nearer does he approach divinity
- The only true wisdom is in knowing you know nothing
- There is only one good, knowledge, and one evil, ignorance
- Contentment is natural wealth, luxury is artificial poverty
- By all means marry. If you get a good wife, you will become very happy; if you get a bad one, you will become a philosopher - and that is good for every man.
- False words are not only evil in themselves, but they infect the soul with evil
- Remember that there is nothing stable in human affairs; therefore avoid undue elation in prosperity, or undue depression in adversity

- The perfect human being is all human beings put together, it is a collective, it is all of us together that make perfection
- True knowledge exists in knowing that you know nothing. And in knowing that you know nothing, that makes you the smartest of all
- What you cannot enforce, do not command
- Death may be the greatest of all human blessings.
- If a man is proud of his wealth, he should not be praised until it is known how he employs it.
- Regard your good name as the richest jewel you can possibly be possessed of - for credit is like fire; when once you have kindled it you may easily preserve it, but if you once extinguish it, you will find it an arduous task to rekindle it again. The way to gain a good reputation is to endeavor to be what you desire to appear.
- Remember what is unbecoming to do is also unbecoming to speak of.
- The shortest and surest way to live with honor in the world, is to be in reality what we would appear to be; and if we observe, we shall find, that all human virtues increase and strengthen themselves by the practice of them.
- Think not those faithful who praise all thy words and actions; but those who kindly reprove thy faults.
- Thou should eat to live; not live to eat.
- I know nothing except the fact of my ignorance.
- Bad men live that they may eat and drink, whereas good men eat and drink that they may live.

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