**Education**

**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)**

**The greatest aid to adult education is children. (Charlie T. Jones & Bob Phillips, in Wit & Wisdom)**

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

**Educating the mind without educating the heart is not education at all. (Aristotle)**

**If you know your Bible and your Shakespeare and can shoot craps, you have a liberal education. (Tallulah Bankhead, actress)**

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

**School is a building that has four walls – with tomorrow inside. (Lon Watters)**

**Education is the carpentry of the mind. It is an edifice of information and logic. An educator once said, “Raising a child is very much like building a skyscraper. If the first few stories are out of line, no one will notice. But when the building is 18 or 20 stories high, everyone will see that it tilts.” (Jim Bishop, King Features Syndicate)**

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

**Without education we are in a horrible and deadly danger of taking educated people seriously. (G. K. Chesterton)**

**\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*A college education should equip one to entertain three things: a friend, an idea and oneself. (Thomas Ehrlich, in The Courage to Inquire)**

**If the cost of education continues to rise, education will become as expensive as ignorance. (Iowa State Travelers Mutual Assurance Company newsletter)**

**Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself. (John Dewey)**

**An education isn’t how much you have committed to memory, or even how much you know. It’s being able to differentiate between what you do know and what you don’t. (Anatole France)**

**The more education an American receives, the less likely he or she is to get divorced. Almost 60 percent of high school dropouts divorce by age 46, compared with 48.5 percent of people with some college education and 30 percent of those with bachelor’s degrees. (TheAtlantic.com, as it appeared in The Week magazine, November 15, 2013)**

**When a suburban father arrived home one evening, he was told by his 16-year-old daughter that she was taking driver education at school. “Good,” said he. “Just don’t your mother help you with your homework.” (Robert Sylvester, Chicago Tribune – New York News Syndicate)**

**Education is a progressive discovery of our own ignorance. (Will Durant, writer)**

**The secret of education lies in respecting the pupil. (Ralph Waldo Emerson)**

**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)**

**Education’s purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open mind. (Malcolm S. Forbes, in Forbes)**

**Education is the ability to listen to almost anything without losing your temper or your self-confidence. *(Robert Frost)***

**In Holland 400 years ago, it took four years to train a hatmaker and three to train a surgeon. (L. M. Boyd)**

**Billy says to his friend: “I wouldn’t wanna be home-schooled. You wouldn’t get any days off when the weather was bad.” (Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)**

**The best educated men are those who get their brain development out of their daily work. Quitting work in order to get an education was the idea of a monk who fled from the world because he thought it was bad; a fallacy we have partially outgrown. It takes work to get an education, it takes work to use it, and it takes work to keep it.** (**Elbert Hubbard**)

**The more educated the citizen, the more ice cream that worthy buys. Or so say market researchers. (L. M. Boyd)**

**If you educate a man you educate an individual, but if you educate a woman you educate a whole family. (Jawaharlal Nehru, First Prime Minister of India)**

**Median education level of most inmates on death row is the 11th grade. Three out of five prison inmates can’t read or write. (L. M. Boyd)**

**Student says to teacher: “At home I have The History Channel, Discovery Channel, Smithsonian Channel, Science Channel, Biography Channel, Animal Planet, and PBS. School is interfering with my education!” (Glasbergen cartoon, in The Saturday Evening Post)**

**The Internet is just a world passing around notes in a classroom. (Jon Stewart)**

**You get some idea about what the Japanese think of education when you learn Japan has 291 universities. (L. M. Boyd)**

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**The highest result of education is tolerance. (Helen Keller, in Good Housekeeping)**

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**In 1985, Texas became the first U.S. state to enact a “no pass, no play” law intended to prevent failing high school students from participating in extracurricular activities. It was one of many new regulations put into place based on recommendations from a commission tasked with helping the state’s educational system. The chair of that commission? Dallas businessman H. Ross Perot. (Tidbits)**

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**The task of the modern education is not to cut down jungles, but to irrigate deserts. (C. S. Lewis)**

**Education without values, as useful as it is, seems rather to make a man a more clever devil. (C. S. Lewis)**

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**Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire. (William Butler Yeats)**

**Education is about the only thing lying around loose in the world, and it’s about the only thing a fellow can have as much of as he’s willing to haul away. (George Horace Lorimer, in Letters From a Self-Made Merchant to His Son)**

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

**Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world. (Nelson Mandela)**

**I find television very educating. Every time somebody turns on the set, I go into the other room and read a book. (Groucho Marx)**

**To educate (from educare, to lead forth) never means to force into from the outside, but always means to draw forth from within something already existing there. God as infinite wisdom lies within every human being, only waiting to be led forth into manifestation. This is true education. (H. Emilie Cady, in Lessons in Truth , p. 19)**

**Education should not be intended to make people comfortable, it is meant to make them think. (Hanna Holborn Gray, historian, in RealClearPolitics)**

**Advocating "You know there's a problem when you realize that out of the three Rs, only one begins with an R." (Dennis Miller)**

**Education is more than filling a child with facts. It starts with posing questions. (D. T. Max, in New York Times)**

**Natural ability without education has oftener raised man to glory and virtue, than education without natural ability. (Bits & Pieces)**

**The object of education is to prepare the young to educate themselves throughout their lives. (Robert Maynard Hutchins)**

**In a talk at Middlebury College, Alistair Cooke said, “There’s a very odd tradition in this country which dictates, especially around commencement time, that someone who’s tottering downhill will be able to tell people walking uphill what is over the top of the hill.” (Reader’s Digest)**

**The most important outcome of education is to help students become independent of formal education. (Paul E. Gray, in Technology Review)**

**One man says to another: "I owe a lot to my education. Specifically, $30,000 in student loans." (The Saturday Evening Post cartoon)**

**A parable told by William Cunningham, education adviser to Gov. George Deukmejian of California: A man was out walking in the desert when a voice said to him, “Pick up some pebbles and put them in your pocket, and tomorrow you will be both sorry and glad.” The man obeyed. He stooped down and picked up a handful of pebbles and put them in his pocket. The next morning he reached into his pocket and found diamonds and rubies and emeralds. And he was both glad and sorry. Glad that he had taken some -- sorry that he hadn't taken more. And so it is with education. (Reader's Digest)**

**Never tell people how to do things. Tell them what to do and they will surprise you with their ingenuity. (Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., in War as I Knew It)**

**Medical researchers at the University of Michigan have come up with statistics that indicate people without much education are less likely to catch colds. (L. M. Boyd)**

**\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*Education is not training but rather the process that equips you to entertain yourself, a friend and an idea. (Wallace Sterling)**

**For every man, education should be a process which continues all his life. We have to abandon, as quickly as possible, the idea that schooling is something restricted to youth. How can it be, in a world where half the things a man knows at 20 are no longer true at 40 – and half the things he knows at 40 hadn’t been discovered when he was 20? (Arthur C. Clarke, in The View From Serendip)**

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**Put it before them briefly so they will read it, clearly so they will appreciate it and accurately so they will be guided by its light. (Joseph Pulitzer)**

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**The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows. (Sydney J. Harris, journalist)**

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**There are three great questions which in life we have over and over again to answer: Is it right or wrong? Is it true or false? Is it beautiful or ugly? Our education ought to help us to answer these questions. (John Lubbock)**

**A friend once asked Isidor I. Rabi, a Nobel prize winner in science, how he became a scientist. Rabi replied that every day after school his mother would talk to him about his school day. She wasn't so much interested in what he had learned that day, but she always inquired, “Did you ask a good question today?” “Asking good questions,” Rabi said, “made me become a scientist.” (Bits & Pieces)\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\***

**Education requires that we answer many questions. Continuing education requires that we question many of our answers. (William Arthur Ward)**

**We set standards for drugs, because bad drugs cross state lines. Well, badly educated children cross state lines, too. (Admiral Hyman G. Rickover)**

**Education does not mean teaching people what they do not know. It means teaching them to behave as they do not behave. (John Ruskin)**

**In 14th century England, each student graduating to be a schoolmaster received in solemn ceremony his diploma and a birch rod to cane his future pupils. (L. M. Boyd)**

**Sending kids to college keeps getting more educational for parents. It teaches them how to do without a lot of things. (Bits & Pieces)  
  
Public education shed the most jobs of any sector in 2010, with payrolls falling from 8,054,100 to 7,910,400, a loss of 143,700 jobs. Many school systems around the country are near insolvency because property-tax receipts, their main funding source, have plummeted. (BusinessInsider.com, as it appeared in The Week magazine, December 24, 2010-January 7, 2011)**

**If all the college students who slept in class were placed end to end, they would be much more comfortable. (The Friday Letter)**

**“I’m beginning to understand exactly how the state lottery helps education,” a guy told his neighbor. “Every time I buy a losing ticket, I get a little smarter.” (One to One)**

**I constantly tell my nine-year-old twins how important it is to stay in school, and yet every day, they come home. (@andylassner))**

**Our schools are still set up as though every mother were at home all day and the whole family needed the summer to get the crops in. (Sidney Callahan, in National Catholic Reporter)**

**A young mother examined a toy rather dubiously, then asked the salesman, “Isn’t this rather complicated for a small child?” “It’s an educational toy,” replied the clerk. “It’s designed to adjust a child to live in the world today. Any way he puts it together, it’s wrong.” (Bits & Pieces)**

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**Education is that which reveals to the wise, and conceals from the stupid, the vast limits of their knowledge. (Mark Twain)**

**Soap and education are not as sudden as a massacre, but they are more deadly in the long run. (Mark Twain)**

**I have never let my schooling interfere with my education. (Mark Twain)**

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**One mother to another: “I never realized the value of an education until the children went back to school. (Jan Phillips, in The Saturday Evening Post)**

**Education is what survives when what has been learned has been forgotten. (B. F. Skinner)**

**Most people are willing to pay more to be amused than to be educated. (Robert C. Savage, in Life Lessons)**

**The word “school” came from the Greek word for “leisure.” (L. M. Boyd)**

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