

Scholars and shield of wisdom and conscience

Cyrus the Great:

He was a vegetarian since childhood and a great humanitarian. Even his soldiers, followed his vegetarian diet and his army was unique in courage, chivalry, and valiance. Cyrus the great favored compassion and freedom for all living creatures, and his saying "Freedom for all" includes other animals also, but people don't pay attention to that.

Pythagoras:

He was a Famous Greek Philosopher who lived until the end of the 6th century B.C. He was against killing animals and eating meat and his thoughts had so many followers that his ethics knowledge turned into an ethics philosophy and the hope was that one day there will be a universal law to ban killing animals and meat eating.

Some are slaves of ambition or money, but others are interested in understanding life itself. Concern should drive us into action and not into depression. No man is free who cannot command himself.

As long as man continues to be the ruthless destroyer of lower living beings, he will never know health or peace. For as long as men massacre animals, they will kill each other.

He who sows the seed of murder and pain cannot reap joy and love.

Socrates:

In order to reach a higher range of thought first we need to reach an understanding of sympathy.

Edison:

Until we stop harming all other living beings, we are still savages.

Einstein:

I have always eaten animal flesh with a somewhat guilty conscience. So I am living without fats, without meat, without fish, but am feeling quite well this way.

Our task must be to free us from this prison by widening our circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature in its beauty.

If the whole world adopts *vegetarianism*, it can change the destiny of humankind.

It has become appallingly obvious that our technology has exceeded our humanity.

Remember your humanity and forget every thing else.

Abraham Lincoln:

I am in favor of animal rights as well as human rights. That is the way of a whole human being.

Gandhi:

The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated.

I hold that the more helpless a creature, the more entitled it is to protection by man from the cruelty

of man.

To my mind, the life of a lamb is not less precious than that of a human being. I should be unwilling to take the life of a lamb for the sake of the human body.

If the price of living is the torture of sentient beings, we should refuse to live.

It is very important that many great minds and cultured people have adopted a pure vegetarian diet.

The roots of violence: wealth without work, pleasure without conscience, knowledge without character, commerce without morality, science without humanity, worship without sacrifice, politics without principles.

You must be the change you wish to see in the world.

Plutarch:

How a man can have desire to eat an animal carcass by looking at it, or feed on animal meat when he was a witness to it eating, sleeping and playing.

Leonardo da Vinci:

The time will come when men such as I will look upon the murder of animals as they now look on the murder of men.

Jeremy Bentham:

The question is not, "Can they reason?" nor, "Can they talk?" but rather, "Can they suffer?"

Leo Tolstoy:

"Thou shalt not kill" does not apply to murder of one's own kind only, but to all living beings.

A man can live and be healthy without killing animals for food; therefore, if he eats meat, he participates in taking animal life merely for the sake of his appetite. And to act so is immoral.

Voltaire:

I envy the animals for two things: their ignorance of evil to come and their ignorance of what are said about them.

It is dangerous to be right in matters on which the established authorities are wrong.

Every man is guilty of all the good he didn't do.

Prejudices are what fools use for reason.

The road to the heart is through the ear.

Jacques Deval: (playwright and director):

God loved the birds and invented trees. Man loved the birds and invented cages.

Ferdowsi (Iranian poet):

Do not harass the ant that's dragging a seed, because it has life and sweet life is dear. Do not hit the weak over the head, for one day you may fall at their feet like an ant.

An Ancient Chinese saying:

For hundreds of thousands of years the stew in the pot has brewed hatred and resentment that are difficult to stop. If you wish to know why there are disasters of armies and weapons in the world, just listen to the piteous cries from the slaughterhouse in the midnight.

An Indian saying:

Every animal knows more than you (humans) do.