

Perfection – Quotations Compiled by Ron Partin

Perfection consists not in doing extraordinary things, but in doing ordinary things extraordinarily well. Neglect nothing; the most trivial action may be performed to God.

Angelique Arnauld

This is the very perfection of a man, to find out his own imperfection.

Saint Augustine

We are what we are; we cannot be truly other than ourselves. We reach perfection not by copying, much less by aiming at originality, by constantly and steadily working out the life which is common to all, according to the character which God has given us.

Baxter

The perfection of any matter, the highest or the lowest, touches on the divine.

Martin Buber

Bachelor's wives and old maid's children are always perfect.

Sebasien Roch Nicolas de Chamfort

Aim at perfection in everything, though in most things it is unattainable. However, they who aim at it, and persevere, will come much nearer to it than those whose laziness and despondency make them give it up as unattainable.

Philip Dormer Chesterfield

The perfection preached in the Gospels never yet built up an empire. Every man of action has a strong dose of egotism, pride, hardness, and cunning. But all those things will be forgiven him; indeed, they will be regarded as high qualities, if he can make of them the means to achieve great ends.

Charles De Gaulle

A good garden may have some weeds.

Thomas Fuller

Among the older excellencies of man, this is one, that he can form the image of perfection much beyond what he has experience of in himself, and is not limited in his conception of wisdom and virtue.

David Hume

Everything in the world is perfect except our judgment of what perfection is.

Sidney Madwed

Trifles go to make perfection,
And perfection is no trifle.

Michelangelo

The acorn does not become an oak in a day; the ripened scholar is not made by a single lesson; the well-trained soldier was not the raw recruit of yesterday; there are always months between the seed time and harvest. So the path of the just is like the shining light, which shines more and more unto the perfect day.

B. Nichol

Perfection: Everything in the universe is perfect. This law may be hard to believe for many people. However, if it is true, it is true whether the whole world chooses to believe it or not. The only reason it may not seem to be true is due to thought processes, which are out of alignment with reality. That is to say, the only thing not perfect in the world is our awareness and judgment of what is or is not perfect. Every atom and sub particle of matter is a perfect atom or sub particle and since anything is made up of perfect things, it follows that everything must be perfect. Michelangelo, the great artist, was quoted to say: "Trifles go to make perfection, and perfection is no trifle." That's like saying you take a question test and if you get every answer correct you have a perfect paper. What is the advantage of viewing everything as being perfect? If you could realize that perfection is a natural law and the universal state of everything, it would save you a lot of stress and worry, which comes from trying to improve on perfection. When you look out into the skies at night and behold the vastness of the universe, ask yourself this question. At what point does the perfection of the universe change to imperfection as one approaches the earth? The quickest way to raise our consciousness to view the perfection of everything is to suspend our conditioned habit of value judging and with practice we will ultimately realize that only our limited awareness and our conditioned habit of value judging is less than perfect.

Sidney Madwed

Perhaps he sometimes slipped a bit
Well, so have you.
Perhaps something he ought to quit,
Well, so should you.
Perhaps he might have falters, why,
Why, all men do, and so have I.
You must admit it, (Unless you lie)
That so have you.
Perhaps, if we should stop and think,
When painting someone black as ink.
As some folks do.
Perhaps if we would recollect,
Perfection we would not expect
But just a man half-way correct,
Like me and you.

Author Unknown

Faultlessness has been aimed at by all people in every age, though no bull's-eyes have been made; but there is plenty of fun in the bent bow and flying arrow, and in meditating on eternity (wherein faultlessness has been achieved) as the champion bore.

Author Unknown

A gem is not polished without rubbing, nor a man made perfect without trials.

Author Unknown

Perfection is attained by slow degrees; it requires the hand of time.

Voltaire

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