



Talents

*We will discover the nature of our particular genius
when we stop trying to conform to our own or
to other people's models, learn to be ourselves,
and allow our natural channel to open.*

Shakti Gawain, born 9/30/1948

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Peace

Give peace a chance.

Refrain of John Lennon, born 10/9/1940

Libra hates conflict. The Balance serves as the peacekeeper seeking equilibrium. You take the time to review all aspects of an issue, and then negotiate to keep participants as satisfied



as possible. Libra Mohandas Gandhi (10/2/1869) achieved political change through peaceful resistance. Other Libra leaders pursuing world peace both in and out of office include Eleanor Roosevelt (10/11/1884), Dwight Eisenhower (10/14/1890) and Jimmy Carter (10/1/1924).

*In the battle now Mars evenly dealt out
To both sides heavy grief and mutual death,
Both killing, both going down in equal numbers,
Winners and losers, neither any longer
Knowing the meaning of retreat.*

The gods

*In Jove's long hall pitied the empty rage
Of these two armies, and the painful toil
Mankind must bear.*

Virgil, born 10/15/70 BC

*It is for war that horses are caparisoned.
These herds mean war for us. Yet the same beasts
Are sometimes trained to take the chariot pole
In harmony, to bear the yoke and bit.
There is, then, hope of peace.*

Virgil, born 10/15/70 BC
The Aeneid

*The world is wide, and I will not waste my life in
friction when it could be turned into momentum.*

Frances Willard, born 9/28/1839

*A nonviolent revolution is not a program of "seizure
of power." It is a program of transformation of
relationships ending in a peaceful transfer of power.*

Mohandas Gandhi, born 10/2/1869



It isn't enough to talk about peace. One must believe in it. And it isn't enough to believe in it. One must work at it.

Eleanor Roosevelt, born 10/11/1884

We seek peace, knowing that peace is the climate of freedom. And now, as in no other age, we seek it because we have been warned, by the power of modern weapons, that peace may be the only climate possible for human life itself. Yet this peace we seek cannot be born of fear alone: it must be rooted in the lives of nations. There must be justice, sensed and shared by all peoples, for, without justice the world can know only a tense and unstable truce.

Dwight Eisenhower, born 10/14/1890
Second Inaugural Address

The people I chose to write about are all essentially powerless. They use nonviolent Gandhian methods; they do by not doing. What I was trying to show was that the gentle people wear out the hard ones.

Ursula Le Guin, born 10/21/1929

What we're really doing is sending out a message to the world, mainly to the youth, to anybody who is interested in protesting for peace or protesting any form of violence. Give peace a chance.

John Lennon, born 10/9/1940



Libra Specialty: Recent Peace Prize Winners

*To the person who shall have done the best work for
fraternity among nations, for the abolition or reduction
of standing armies and promotion of peace congresses.*

Final will of Alfred Nobel, born 10/21/1833

Industrialist Alfred Nobel instituted the annual Nobel Peace Prize to recognize individual contributions to world peace. Collaborative Libra ties nurturing Cancer for the most Nobel Peace Prize winners in the last 30 years.

Peace Prize Recipient	Birthdate	Known for:
Jimmy Carter	10/1/1924	Human rights advocacy
Desmond Tutu	10/7/1931	Opposition to apartheid
Lech Walesa	9/29/1943	Polish Solidarity union
David Trimble	10/15/1944	Belfast peace agreement
Jody Williams	10/9/1950	Campaign to ban landmines

Justice

*Be warned and study justice, not to scorn
The immortal gods.*

Virgil, born 10/15/70 BC
The Aeneid

At first glance, the Libran Balance is the only inanimate zodiac sign. But the ancient Egyptians turned the Scales into Maat, goddess of truth and justice. This personification continued with the Roman image of Justice as a woman holding a pair of Scales and Christian depictions of Michael the Archangel with Scales and a sword. Karma brings life of its own. Personal honesty accompanies your strong sense of justice.



*Who can give judgment, who grasp arguments,
Ere from both sides he clearly learn their pleas?*

Euripides, born 9/23/480 BC
Heracleidai

*Know that our Latins
Come of Saturn's race, that we are just—
Not by constraint or laws, but by our choice
And habit of our ancient god.*

Virgil, born 10/15/70 BC
The Aeneid

An honest man's word is as good as his bond.

Cervantes, born 10/9/1547
Don Quixote

*Justice is justly represented as blind, because she
sees no difference in the parties concerned.*

William Penn, born 10/14/1644

*Great as is the virtue of mercy, justice is greater
still. Justice holds its place among those
cardinal virtues which include all the lesser.*

Elizabeth Inchbald, born 10/15/1753
Every One Has His Fault

Peace and justice are two sides of the same coin.

Dwight Eisenhower, born 10/14/1890

*Everyone suspects himself of at least one of the
cardinal virtues, and this is mine: I am one of the
few honest people that I have ever known.*

F. Scott Fitzgerald, born 9/24/1896
The Great Gatsby



*who had tried to teach us that deceit was such
that, in a world where it was, nothing else could
be very bad or very important, not even poverty.*

William Faulkner, born 9/25/1897
As I Lay Dying

Because it speaks deceit, and I am honest!

Arthur Miller, born 10/17/1915
The Crucible

*If I'm elected, at the end of four years or eight years
I hope the people will say, "You know, Jimmy Carter
made a lot of mistakes, but he never told a lie."*

Jimmy Carter, born 10/1/1924

*We at Chrysler borrow money the old-
fashioned way. We pay it back.*

CEO Lee Iacocca, born 10/15/1924

*Once I say I'm going to do something, I do it.
If I lose, I lose. If I win, I win. I've lost plenty
of times, but I've won a lot more times.*

Jerry Weintraub, born 9/26/1937
about the key to his success

*I've always had a really developed sense of justice. As a child,
I would rotate my dolls' dresses for fear that they might come
alive at midnight and one of them would always have the best
dress on. Whatever it was that made me worry about my dolls I
suppose has paid off in my career because, really, an actor is all
about empathy and imagination. And those are the cornerstones
of activism.*

Susan Sarandon, born 10/4/1946



I developed a problem with authority. Any time that authority was what I interpreted as being unjust, I stood up to it, and that became my personality.

Musician Tom Petty, born 10/20/1950

I've got a reputation for fairness with the other players. I cannot stand sloppy officiating, whether it helps me or hurts me. I knew the officials were doing their best, but sometimes I would drive them wild when I first came up by complaining when a point was mistakenly called in my favor. Sometimes I'd deliberately double-fault if I got a blatant call in my favor.

Martina Navratilova, born 10/18/1956

All the time I was growing up, I had a sense of things not being quite right, like staring out my window at a grove of trees that used to belong to my family, knowing they had been given to someone else. That violated my sense of justice.

Martina Navratilova, born 10/18/1956

Libra Specialty: Famous Judges

From U.S. Chief Justices to television mainstay Judge Judy, the Libra Scales contribute famous judges. Libra ties Virgo and Aquarius for the most U.S. Chief Justices, each sign claiming three of the 17 Chief Justices since the U.S. Supreme Court began.

Judge	Birthdate	Known as:
John Marshall	9/24/1755	Longest-serving Chief Justice
Harlan Stone	10/11/1872	Chief Justice
William Orville Douglas	10/16/1898	Longest Supreme Court tenure
William Rehnquist	10/1/1924	Conservative Chief Justice
Judy Sheindlin	10/21/1942	Judge Judy TV show



Partnership

I'm the guy who studies relationships.

Will Smith, born 9/25/1968

As the Sun fades with the Fall Equinox, Libra arrives as the least self-centered astrological sign. You are attentive, considerate and genuinely interested in your partner. Because you focus on relationship, there are very few solitary Librans. With a higher incidence than other signs, the public lives of famous Librans include noteworthy one-on-one relationships.

Those two fatal words, Mine and Thine.

Cervantes, born 10/9/1547
Don Quixote

*. . . the luminous companion, the hand,
the fortifying arm, the profound
response, the completely answering voice. . .*

Wallace Stevens, born 10/12/1879
The Soul of Ulysses

*The pleasure of all reading is doubled when one
lives with another who shares the same books.*

Katherine Mansfield, born 10/14/1888

*I mean . . . a person to whom everything can
be said. Am I an idiot to want such a thing?*

Truman Capote, born 9/30/1924
The Grass Harp



It was a treat to have someone in the studio creating at the same time I was. I think it's beautiful to hear the man's side of the situation, then the woman's side of the situation. It's almost like getting two philosophies on one record, like a double dip of ice cream.

Johnny Mathis, born 9/30/1935

The secret isn't to surrender to another person, or even to each other. You surrender to the path. It is a path you share. Your commitment is not to what you want or to what your partner wants. Individual desire is secondary. You commit to wherever the path is taking you. In this way you give up your ego-centered perspective. Your focus shifts to the space between you and the one you love.

Deepak Chopra, born 10/22/1946
The Ultimate Happiness Prescription

*What kind of man would I be if I wasn't
there for my wife when she needed me?*

Chris Spielman, born 10/11/1965,
leaving pro football to help his wife fight cancer

*I love it when I'm Mrs. Martin and
not Tisha the actress.*

Tisha Campbell-Martin, born 10/13/1968

Sometimes if you're lucky, someone comes into your life who'll take up a place in your heart that no one else can fill, someone who's tighter than a twin, more with you than your own shadow, who gets deeper under your skin than your own blood and bones.

Snoop Dogg, born 10/20/1971

I like being with just one person.

Mario Lopez, born 10/10/1973



*The best present a man can give a
woman is his undivided attention.*

Usher, born 10/14/1978

Charm

You want to please others, so Libra practices good manners. You want to be liked, so Libra responds constantly to input from the other side of the Scales. Your immediate and sensitive interaction make Libra a pleasant companion. You think first about the other person, putting others at ease with your charm and graciousness. Hollywood stars consistently described by their peers as pleasant and easy to work with include Librans Julie Andrews (10/1/1935), Michael Douglas (9/25/1944), Heather Locklear (9/25/1961), Will Smith (9/25/1968) and Hugh Jackman (10/12/1968).

*If you will please people, you must
please them in their own way.*

Lord Chesterfield, born 10/2/1694

I have mild notes accompanied by smiles, an infinite variety of faces expressing agreement. In these, nose, mouth, brows, and eyes participate. I have a flexibility of spine, a way of twisting it, of shrugging or sagging, of stretching out my fingers, of nodding and shutting my eyes, of being thunderstruck as if I heard a divine angel's voice come down from heaven—this it is to flatter.

Denis Diderot, born 10/5/1713
Rameau's Nephew

The great duty of conversation is to follow suit as you do at whist; if the eldest hand plays the deuce of diamonds let not his neighbor cast down the King of Hearts because his hand is full of honors. I do not love to see a man of wit win all the tricks in conversation nor yet to see him sullenly pass.

Elizabeth Montagu, born 10/2/1720



A little credulity helps one on through life very smoothly.

Elizabeth Gaskell, born 9/29/1810
Cranford

*Charm: the quality in others that makes
us more satisfied with ourselves.*

Henri Amiel, born 9/27/1821

*Good manners will often take people where
neither money nor education will take them.*

Fanny Jackson Coppin, born 10/15/1837

*You must have this charm to reach the pinnacle. It is made of
everything and of nothing, the striving will, the look, the walk,
the proportions of the body, the sound of the voice, the ease of
the gestures. It is not at all necessary to be handsome or to be
pretty; all that is needful is charm.*

Sarah Bernhardt, born 10/23/1844
The Art of the Theatre

*People were not charmed with Eglantine because she
herself was charming, but because she was charmed.*

Ada Levenson, born 10/10/1862
Love at Second Sight

*The basic thing which contributes to charm is the ability
to forget oneself and be engrossed in other people.*

Eleanor Roosevelt, born 10/11/1884

*Most people thought her “such a romantic person.” As her
friends said, she was “so beautiful,” she was “such a child,” she
was “so good.” Yes, she was all these things. For she had early
learned the advantages of possessing a rosy jolly little face and
a manner of slightly bewildered surprise and naive innocence.
When she smiled doubtfully yet good-naturedly at her friends,*



it was as if to say: "Now I know you're laughing at me, aren't you? I don't know what it is. I don't know what I've done or said now. Of course I'm not clever the way you are—all of you are so frightfully smart—but anyway I have a good time, and I like you all." To many people that was the essential Mrs. Jack.

Thomas Wolfe, born 10/3/1900
You Can't Go Home Again

*What is charm then? The free giving of a grace,
the spending of something given by nature in her
role of spendthrift—something extra, superfluous,
unnecessary, essentially a power thrown away.*

Doris Lessing, born 10/22/1919
Particularly Cats

I'm good at making people feel comfortable.

Will Smith, born 9/25/1968

Smiles and Laughter

Many Librans laugh brightly and loudly. Your warm smile transforms your face and lights up your surroundings.

Ready to split his sides with laughing.

Cervantes, born 10/9/1547
Don Quixote

*He will see the law through honest eyes. I love
his laugh; it is too hearty for an intriguer.*

Judge Joseph Story about John Marshall, born 9/24/1755

*And we should consider every day lost on which we have
not danced at least once. And we should call every truth
false which was not accompanied by at least one laugh.*

Friedrich Nietzsche, born 10/15/1844



His laughter tinkled among the teacups.

T.S. Eliot, born 9/26/1888
Mr. Apollinax

The most wasted of all days is one without laughter.

e.e. cummings, born 10/14/1894

It faced—or seemed to face—the whole external world for an instant, and then concentrated on you with an irresistible prejudice in your favor. It understood you just as far as you wanted to be understood, believed in you as you would like to believe in yourself, and assured you that it had precisely the impression of you that, at your best, you hoped to convey.

F. Scott Fitzgerald, born 9/24/1896,
about Gatsby's smile

At that instant their three pairs of eyes suddenly met, and with one accord they leaned back in their chairs and roared with laughter. It was the mutual and spontaneous kind of laughter that one almost never hears. It was a booming, bellowing, solid, and ungovernable “haw-haw-haw” that exploded out of them in a rib-splitting paroxysm and bounded and reverberated all around the walls until the very glasses on the sideboard started jingling. Once begun, it swelled and rose and mounted till it left them exhausted and aching, reduced to wheezing gasps of almost inaudible mirth, and then, when it seemed that they didn't have another gasp left in them and that their weary ribs could stand no more, it would begin again, roaring and rolling and reverberating around the room with renewed force.

Thomas Wolfe, born 10/3/1900
You Can't Go Home Again

Laughter is by definition healthy.

Doris Lessing, born 10/22/1919
The Summer Before the Dark



Hey, I've got nothing to do today but smile.

Paul Simon, born 10/13/1941
Only Living Boy in New York

*When you walk into a room, a healthy,
beautiful smile is incredibly important.*

Susan Anton, born 10/12/1950

*Being funny is one of my greatest strengths. I can
make girls smile when they're down, and when
they're having a good time, I can carry on the joke.*

John Krasinski, born 10/20/1979

Living in the Moment

Libra is the most present of zodiac signs, always ready for interaction and response. You give your full attention to the here and now. Librans enthusiastically appreciate the moment.

*The happiness of life is made up of minute fractions—
the little soon forgotten charities of a kiss or smile, a
kind look, a heartfelt compliment, and the countless
infinitesimals of pleasurable and genial feeling.*

Samuel Coleridge, born 10/21/1772
The Improvisatore

*I have not a thought on any subject separated
from the immediate object of my command.*

Horatio Nelson, born 9/29/1758

*Right action is freedom
From past and future also.*

T.S. Eliot, born 9/26/1888
The Dry Salvages



*I thank you God for this most amazing day; for
the leaping greenly spirits of trees and a blue
true dream of sky; and for everything which
is natural which is infinite which is yes.*

e.e. cummings, born 10/14/1894

*If the sight of the blue skies fills you with joy, if a blade of grass
springing up in the fields has power to move you, if the simple
things of nature have a message that you understand, rejoice,
for your soul is alive; and then aspire to learn that other truth,
that the least of what you receive can be divided. To help, to
continually help and share, that is the sum of all knowledge;
that is the meaning of art.*

Actress Eleanora Duse, born 10/3/1858

*What is actual is actual only for one time,
And only for one place.*

T.S. Eliot, born 9/26/1888
The Waste Land

*Today's today. Tomorrow, we may be
Ourselves gone down the drain of Eternity.*

Euripides, born 9/23/480 BC
Alcestis

*I recommend you to take care of the minutes:
for hours will take care of themselves.*

Lord Chesterfield, born 10/2/1694

*Only passions, great passions, can
elevate the soul to great things.*

Denis Diderot, born 10/5/1713

Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.

Samuel Coleridge, born 10/21/1772



Without passion man is a mere latent force and possibility, like the flint which awaits the shock of the iron before it can give forth its spark.

Henri Amiel, born 9/27/1821

*Time past and time future
What might have been and what has been
Point to one end, which is always present.*

T. S. Eliot, born 9/26/1888
Burnt Norton

I have made it a rule of my life never to regret and never to look back. Regret is an appalling waste of energy . . . You can't build on it; it's only good for wallowing in.

Katherine Mansfield, born 10/14/1888

When it's all over and the ON THE AIR signs go off there isn't a more lost feeling in the world. The wonderful, exciting, even glamorous, studio is now just a room dirty with coffee cartons and cigarette butts.

Gertrude Berg, born 10/3/1899
Molly and Me

I believe in my work and the joy of it. You have to be with the work and the work has to be with you. It absorbs you totally and you absorb it totally. Everything must fall by the wayside by comparison.

Louise Nevelson, born 9/23/1900
Dawns + Dusks

When we realized that the seas had got hold of us, the anchor rope was cut and we were off. A sea rose straight up under us, and we felt the Kon-Tiki being lifted up in the air. The great moment



had come; we were riding on the wave back at breathless speed, our ramshackle craft creaking and groaning as she quivered under us. The excitement made one's blood boil. I remember that, having no other inspiration, I waved my arm and bellowed "Hurrah!" at the top of my lungs; it afforded a certain relief and could do no harm anyway. The others certainly thought I had gone mad, but they all beamed and grinned enthusiastically. On we ran with the seas rushing in behind us; this was the Kon-Tiki's baptism of fire. All must and would go well.

Thor Heyerdahl, born 10/6/1914
Kon-Tiki

*The word "now" is like a bomb thrown
through the window, and it ticks.*

Arthur Miller, born 10/17/1915

*Whether it's the best of times or the worst
of times, it's the only time we've got.*

Art Buchwald, born 10/20/1925

*Yesterday's history, tomorrow's a
mystery, today's the day.*

Golfer Chi Chi Rodriguez, born 10/23/1935

*I'm someone who likes making commitments
because I want to, not because I have to. I live
in the moment, constant commitment.*

Susan Sarandon, born 10/4/1946

If you focus on the present, your life will be constantly renewed. The present moment is the only time that is eternal. It never dies, nor can it be forgotten. Therefore, happiness in the present can never be taken away from you. It will free you from the snare of



time, which brings about suffering through thought, evaluation, and analysis. Being fully in the present, you experience the timeless. In the timeless you find your true self.

Deepak Chopra, born 10/22/1946
The Ultimate Happiness Prescription

Don't even make a list. Do everything right now.

Sigourney Weaver, born 10/8/1949

I know how to do it now: I have to take the key to acting and apply it to my life. There is no other way to survive except to be in the moment.

Christopher Reeve, born 9/25/1952

Invest yourself in everything you do.

There's fun in being serious.

Wynton Marsalis, born 10/18/1961

Her back from behind looks like an hourglass. We got hourglasses on graves here with wings on 'em. Time flies, our pa says they mean. You think you got long in this world but you don't.

Tracy Chevalier, born 10/19/1962
Falling Angels

I love living. I think that's infectious. It's something that you can't fake.

Will Smith, born 9/25/1968

I am much better at living in the moment. I found myself worrying so much less about what I haven't done. Life is here, in this moment, now.

Gwyneth Paltrow, born 9/27/1972



Idealism

Libra expects equilibrium and harmony. You choose to look on the bright side of things. Libran idealism is exemplified by the Don Quixote character from novelist Cervantes (10/9/1547). As a knight errant pledged by honor and tradition to make the world a better place, Don Quixote roams the Spanish countryside in search of wrongs to make right. Quixote turns windmills into opportunities for glory and idolizes a serving wench as the pure Dulcinea. The additional Libra qualities of Cervantes' hero include enthusiasm, moodiness and his close association with down-to-earth Sancho Panza.

*The idealist is incorrigible: if he is thrown out
of his heaven he makes an ideal of his hell.*

Friedrich Nietzsche, born 10/15/1844

I am not a visionary. I claim to be a practical idealist.

Mohandas Gandhi, born 10/2/1869

*I believe that with a bucket of sand and a wishing
lamp I could create a world in half a second that
would make this one look like a lump of mud.*

Wallace Stevens, born 10/12/1879

Human kind

Cannot bear very much reality.

T.S. Eliot, born 9/26/1888

Burnt Norton

*listen: there's a hell
of a good universe next door; let's go.*

e.e. cummings, born 10/14/1894

pity this busy monster, manunkind

