

Diversity Quotes on IADC Website

“There are only five notes in the musical scale, but their variations are so many that they cannot all be heard.. There are only five basic colors, but their variations are so many that they cannot all be seen. There are only five basic flavors, but their variations are so many that they cannot all be tasted.” — Sun Tzu (4th Century B.C.E.) (The Art of War, translated by Thomas Cleary)

“There were never in the world two opinions alike, any more than two hairs or two grains. Their most universal quality is diversity.” — Michel Eyquem de Montaigne (1533-1592) (Bartlett's Familiar Quotations)

“It is never too late to give up our prejudices.” — Henry David Thoreau (1817-1862), Walden 1, Economy (Bartlett's Familiar Quotations)

“It were not best that we should all think alike; it is difference of opinion that makes horse-races.” — Mark Twain (1835-1910), Pudd'nhead Wilson, Pudd'nhead Wilson's Calendar, 19 (Bartlett's Familiar Quotations)

“The geniuses of all ages and of all lands speak different languages, but the same flame burns in them all. Oh, if you only knew what unearthly happiness my soul feels now from being able to understand them!” — Anton Chekov (1860-1904), *The Bet* (*The Collected Works of Anton Chekhov: Plays, Short Stories, Diary & Letters (Unabridged)*) (Translated by Constance Garnett)

“Everything in Nature contains all the powers of Nature. Everything is made of one hidden stuff.” — Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882), *Essays: First Series. Compensation* (Bartlett's Familiar Quotations)

“All the variety, all the charm, all the beauty of life is made up of light and shadow.” — Leo Tolstoy (1828-1910), *Anna Karenina* (Translated by Constance Garnett)

"I am of ... every hue and caste am I, of every rank and religion,
A farmer, mechanic, artist, gentleman, sailor, quaker,
Prisoner, fancy-man, rowdy, lawyer, physician, priest." — Walt Whitman (1819-1892), *Song of Myself* (*Leaves of Grass The "Death-Bed" Edition*)

"[I]t is opposites that help each other." — Heraclitus (born c. 460 bc — died c. 375), Aristotle, *The Nicomachean Ethics* (Hippocrates G. Apostle, translator and commentator)

"[S]weetest tones from different harmonies arise." — Heraclitus (born c. 460 bc — died c. 375), Aristotle, *The Nicomachean Ethics* (Hippocrates G. Apostle, translator and commentator)

"At bottom every man knows well enough that he is a unique being, only once on this earth; and by no extraordinary chance will such a marvelously picturesque piece of diversity in unity as he is, ever be put together a second time." — Friedrich Nietzsche (1844-1900), *Nietzschean Psychology and Psychotherapy: The New Doctors of the Soul* (Uri Wernik)

"Ubuntu," African word and concept meaning "I am because you are" —
http://www.ted.com/talks/boyd_varty_what_i_learned_from_nelson_mandela;
<http://blog.ted.com/further-reading-on-ubuntu/>; <http://walkoutwalkon.net/south-africa/ubuntu-i-am-because-you-are/>

"I can see myself in all things and all people around me." — *Sanskrit Phrase*,
<http://canadacouncil.ca/council/news-room/events/2015/world-theatre-day/canadian-message-world-theatre-day>

"Could a greater miracle take place than for us to look through each other's eyes for an instant?"
— Henry David Thoreau (1817-1862), *Walden 1, Economy*,
<http://thoreau.eserver.org/walden1a.html>

"Difference of opinion is helpful in religion." — Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826) (*240 Ways to Close the Achievement Gap* by M. Donnell Tenner)

<https://books.google.com/books?id=OtwFBAAAQBAJ&pg=PA55&lpg=PA55&dq=%22Difference+of+opinion+is+helpful+in+religion.%22&source=bl&ots=DnZc4Ntb6i&sig=PNcK4TJSszvRkAoZTQa9Vfqk2fQ&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwj6z5Kcw-XOAhWDHx4KHZO9BF44ChDoAQgpMAQ#v=onepage&q=%22Difference%20of%20opinion%20is%20helpful%20in%20religion.%22&f=false>

“A lot of different flowers make a bouquet.” — Muslim origin,
http://www.civilitycenter.org/Diversity_Apps.pdf

“United we stand, divided we fall.” – Aesop (620 -560 B.C.),
<http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/a/aesop132357.html>

“In all people I see myself, none more and not one a barley-corn less, And the good or bad I say of myself I say of them.” — Walt Whitman (1819-1892), *Song of Myself* (1892 version),
<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems-and-poets/poems/detail/45477>

In the matter of religion,
people eagerly fasten their eyes
on the difference between their own creed and yours;
whilst the charm of the study is in finding the agreements
and identities in all the religions of humanity.

— Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882), “The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Inter-Religious Dialogue,”

<https://books.google.com/books?id=UHdgFhRKCOsC&pg=PT155&lpg=PT155&dq=In+the+matter+of+religion,people+eagerly+fasten+their+eyes&source=bl&ots=cuZoMrONHL&sig=lay4gA-1xwsTJsYPEftxSRdRMlc&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwin78WM1afRAhVBfiYKHaEwAkQQ6AEIPjAI#v=onepage&q=In%20the%20matter%20of%20religion%2Cpeople%20eagerly%20fasten%20their%20eyes&f=false>

I am the poet of the woman the same as the man,
And I say it is as great to be a woman as to be a man,
And I say there is nothing greater than the mother of men.

Walt Whitman (1819-1892), *Song of Myself* (1892 version),

<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems-and-poets/poems/detail/45477>

“The wise man belongs to all countries, for the home of a great soul is the whole world.”

— Democritus (Born: 460 - 370 BC), <http://www.azquotes.com/author/3861-Democritus>

"We are all full of weakness and errors; let us mutually pardon each other our follies." Voltaire
(1694 - 1778), *Sources of the Western Tradition*, Marvin Perry,

<https://books.google.com/books?id=OdkWAAAAQBAJ&pg=PA66&lpg=PA66&dq=We+are+all+full+of+weakness+source+voltaire&source=bl&ots=Semh-NSNF8&sig=OzyWtGBgGzbbLQSR0c71Gq8bb58&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwjg8trtjLTUUhUn34MKHQfCDI8Q6AEIOzAF#v=onepage&q=We%20are%20all%20full%20of%20weakness%20source%20voltaire&f=false>

"Mitakuye Oyasin," Lakota meaning "We are all related."

<http://scholar.valpo.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1092&context=jvbl&sei-redir=1&referer=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.bing.com%2Fsearch%3Fq%3Dwhat%2Bdoes%2Bmitakuye%2Bboyasin%2Bmean%2Blakota%26qs%3Dn%26sp%3D-1%26pq%3Dwhat%2Bdoes%2Bmitakuye%2Bboyasin%2Bmean%2Bl%26sc%3D0-32%26sk%3D%26cvid%3D5F1610A4642A4271B5F9E80AEEAD6D95%26first%3D109%26FORM%3DPERE4#search=%22what%20does%20mitakuye%20oyasin%20mean%20lakota%22;>
[http://www.grandmotherscouncil.org/mitakuye-oyasin-all-my-relations.](http://www.grandmotherscouncil.org/mitakuye-oyasin-all-my-relations)

“Wide differences of opinion in matters of religious, political, and social belief must exist if conscience and intellect alike are not to be stunted, if there is to be room for healthy growth.” Theodore Roosevelt (1858 – 1919), *Selections from the Writings of Theodore Roosevelt*, by Maurice Garland Fulton.

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“[T]he only way in which a human being can make some approach to knowing the whole of a subject, is by hearing what can be said about it by persons of every variety of opinion, and studying all modes in which it can be looked at by every character of mind. No wise man ever acquired his wisdom in any mode but this; nor is it in the nature of human intellect to become wise in any other manner.” John Stuart Mill (1806-1873), *On Liberty*, <http://www.econlib.org/library/Mill/mlLbty2.html>