

Chai – Eighteen Quotations for TBF

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Thomas B. Fitzpatrick inspired a generation of researchers in the field of skin and its relation to and interaction with light. A learned and experienced scientist and teacher, his influence, especially his landmark textbook *Fitzpatrick's Dermatology in General Medicine*, will remain a living testimony to his dedication to skin science. This memorial issue is comprised of invited remembrance articles as well as original articles selected from author-initiated submissions accepted for publication after standard submission and peer review. We selected papers reporting studies in Dr Fitzpatrick's fields of particular interest – melanoma, light, and lasers – as well as articles by researchers who trained under him at Harvard. We are grateful to those authors who agreed to delay publication of their work in order for their article to appear in this special issue, as well as to those who contributed tribute articles remembering Dr. Fitzpatrick.

Known to be ready with a quotation for all occasions, it is fitting to open this issue with a collection of 18 quotations that honor the many aspects of Dr Fitzpatrick's professional life. "Chai" – the Hebrew number 18 – is also the word for "life".

Light

And God said, *Let there be light*: and there was light.
And God saw the light, that it *was* good: and God divided the light from the darkness.
Genesis 1:3

Where the Statue stood
Of Newton, with his Prism and silent Face
The marble index of a Mind for ever
Voyaging through strange seas of Thought, alone.
William Wordsworth (1771–1850)

A learned parson, rusting in his cell at Oxford or Cambridge, will reason admirably well on the nature of man, will profoundly analyze the head, the heart, the reason, the will, the passions, the sentiments, and all those subdivisions of we know not what; and yet, unfortunately, he knows nothing of man...He views man as he does colors in Sir Isaac Newton's prism, where only the capital ones are seen; but an experienced dyer knows all their various shades and gradations, together with the result of their several mixtures.
Philip Dormer Stanhope, 4th Earl Chesterfield (1694–1773)

Skin

...it is not the color of the skin that makes the man or the woman, but the principle formed in the soul. Brilliant wit will

shine, come from whence it will; and genius and talent will not hide the brightness of its luster.
Maria Stewart (1803–1879)

A tanned skin is something more than respectable, and perhaps olive is a fitter color than white for a man, – a denizen of the woods. "The pale white man!" I do not wonder that the African pitied him.
Henry David Thoreau (1817–1862)

Surely the day will come when color means nothing more than skin tone, when religion is seen uniquely as a way to speak one's soul; when birth places have the weight of a throw of the dice and all men are born free, when understanding breeds love and brotherhood.
Josephine Baker (1906–1975)

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.
Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929–1968)

And the priest shall look on the plague in the skin of the flesh: and *when* the hair in the plague is turned white, and the plague in sight *be* deeper than the skin of his flesh, it *is* a plague of leprosy: and the priest shall look on him, and pronounce him unclean. If the bright spot *be* white in the skin of his flesh, and in sight *be* not deeper than the skin, and the hair thereof *be* not turned white; then the priest shall shut up *him that hath* the plague seven days.
Leviticus XIII:3

Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots?
Then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil.
Jeremiah XIII:23

Science

Whatever universe a professor believes in must at any rate be a universe that lends itself to lengthy discourse. A universe definable in two sentences is something for which the professorial intellect has no use. No faith in anything of that cheap kind!
William James (1842–1910)

The discovery of truth is prevented more effectively, not by the false appearance things present and which mislead into

error, not directly by weakness of the reasoning powers, but by preconceived opinion, by prejudice.

Arthur Schopenhauer (1788–1860)

Seeing then that the truth consisteth in the right ordering of names in our affirmations, a man that seeketh precise truth had need to remember what every name he uses stands for, and to place it accordingly, or else he will find himself entangled in words, as a bird in lime twigs, the more he struggles, the more belimed.

Thomas Hobbes (1588–1679)

Teaching

Teaching is an instinctual art, mindful of potential, craving of realizations, a pausing, seamless process.

A. Bartlett Giamatti (1938–1989)

A teacher for a day is a father for a lifetime.

Chinese proverb

I'm not a teacher: only a fellow-traveler of whom you asked the way. I pointed ahead – ahead of myself as well as you.

George Bernard Shaw (1856–1950)

Writing

Reading maketh a full man, conference a ready man, and writing an exact man.

Francis Bacon (1561–1626)

A Poet, Naturalist, and Historian,
Who left scarcely any style of writing untouched,
And touched nothing that he did not adorn.

Samuel Johnson (1709–1784)

And moreover, because the preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge; yea, he gave good heed, and sought out, and set in order many proverbs. The preacher sought to find out acceptable words: and that which was written was upright even words of truth. And further, by these, my son, be admonished; of making many books there is no end: and much study is a weariness of the flesh.

Ecclesiastes XII:9

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