



Quotations on Change and Resistance

Directions: Read the quotations and select 2–3 quotations to engage with using the questions.

- Dripping water hollows out stone, not through force but through persistence – Ovid
- It's the action, not the fruit of the action, that's important. You have to do the right thing. It may not be in your power, may not be in your time, that there'll be any fruit. But that doesn't mean you stop doing the right thing. You may never know what results come from your action. But if you do nothing, there will be no result – Mahatma Gandhi
- The world is a dangerous place to live; not because of the people who are evil, but because of the people who don't do anything about it – Albert Einstein
- It is important to take action and to realise that we can make a difference, and this will encourage others to take action and then we realise we are not alone and our cumulative actions truly make an even greater difference. This is how we spread the Light. And this, of course, makes us all even more hopeful – Jane Goodall
- When people ask me how do I draw hope, how do I stay encouraged, how do I continue to show up? The answer is that I look back. I look back and I look at how my existence here today is owed entirely to the courage of people who came before me. And so, what do I owe myself in that moment and to those who come after me? To exercise courage in this moment – Bree Newsome Bass
- I am no longer accepting the things I cannot change. I am changing the things I cannot accept – Angela Davis
- Waiting until everything looks feasible is too long to wait – Rebecca Solnit
- Every crisis, actual or impending, needs to be viewed as an opportunity to bring about profound changes in our society. Going beyond protest organizing, visionary organizing begins by creating images and stories of the future that help us imagine and create alternatives to the existing system – Grace Lee Boggs
- I'm convinced of this: Good done anywhere is good done everywhere. ... As long as you're breathing, it's never too late to do some good – Dr. Maya Angelou
- I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples – Mother Teresa
- The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don't have any – Alice Walker
- In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends – Dr Martin Luther King Jr
- If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor. If an elephant has its foot on the tail of a mouse and you say that you are neutral, the mouse will not appreciate your neutrality – Archbishop Desmond Tutu
- Each time a man stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope – Robert F Kennedy

Connection Questions

1. What is this quotation saying about change and/or resistance against oppression?
2. How far do you agree with it?