



APATHY

A LIFE CHOICE

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Introduction

According to Oscar Wilde, a cynic is 'A man who knows the price of everything and the value of nothing', which is a refreshing antidote to the feel-good, be calm, de-stress and motivational trends that have crept into our society in recent years.

It wasn't always like this. In past centuries people would look at the world through grey-tinted spectacles. So what better way to combat the nicey nicey nineties than with this treasure trove of the world's finest cynical and defeatest quotations?

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If you live long enough,
you'll see that
every victory turns
into a defeat.

Simone de Beavoir

Touts les hommes sont mortels

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I want to be bored to death,
as good a way to go as any.

Peter De Vries

Comfort me with Apples

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Other people are
quite dreadful.
The only possible
society is oneself.

Oscar Wilde

An Ideal Husband

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I get my exercise acting
as a pall bearer
to my friends who exercise.

Chauncey Depew

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Happy is the man with a
wife to tell him
what to do and a
secretary to do it.

Lord Mancroft

Observer, "Sayings of the Week" 18 Dec 1966

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Alas! The hours we
waste in work
and similar inconsequence,
Friends, I beg you
do not shirk
Your daily task of indolence.

Don Marquis

The Almost Perfect State