1 General Pool

- Not to live, but good life is to be chiefly valued — Socrates
- Thucydides (ca. 410 BC)
- Pericles the Orator over the Consequences of Peace (360 BC)
- As the times are new, so must we act anew — M. Lincoln

2 Experimental Wisdom

- Democracy is founded on education — AP
- Planning has value only if it is done right — AP
- To see the valley, one needs to climb the hill — AP
- If you want to kill the fox, try to measure it — AP
- Quality bids holistic intuitions, not measurement — AP
- Never do business with someone you cannot see — AP
- Because of fears, for they usually harm the others — AP
- The only way to gain lift is to go against the wind — AP
- Care is far too restricting, aim for a full life instead — AP
- As one matures, success draws nearer to ‘good quality’ — AP
- Never judge your judge; if possible, select your judge; and never be judged by a fool — AP

3 Confucius Selection

- If you hate a person, you are defeated by them — Confucius
- Never form a friendship with a man who is not better than you — Confucius
- It does not matter how slowly you go, as long as you do not stop — Confucius
- If they spit at you behind your back, it means you are ahead of them — Confucius
- Looking at small advantages prevents great affairs from being accomplished — Confucius
- When anger arises, think of the consequences — Confucius
- Wherever you go, go with all your heart — Confucius
- As the times are new, so we must act anew — A. Kierkegaard
- Imagination is more important than knowledge — A. Einstein
- The proof of the pudding is in the eating — A. Lincoln
- Chance only favours the prepared mind — A. Pasteur
- It is not in the stars to hold our destiny, but in ourselves — W. Shakespeare
- ‘distilled knowledge’, resembling single-line poems. This is a compendium of selected anecdotal and also published quotes related to the spirit of Systems Planning

4 Longer Quotes

[On participation in public affairs]

"An Athenian citizen does not neglect the state because he takes care of his own household; and even those of us who are engaged in business have a very fair idea of politics. We alone regard a man who takes no interest in public affairs, not as a harmless, but as a useless character; and if few of us are originators, we are all sound judges of a policy."

"The great ineptitude to act is, in our opinion, not discussion, but the want of that knowledge which is gained by discussion preparatory to action."

[On the importance of education]

"If you want to kill the fox, try to measure it — AP"

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