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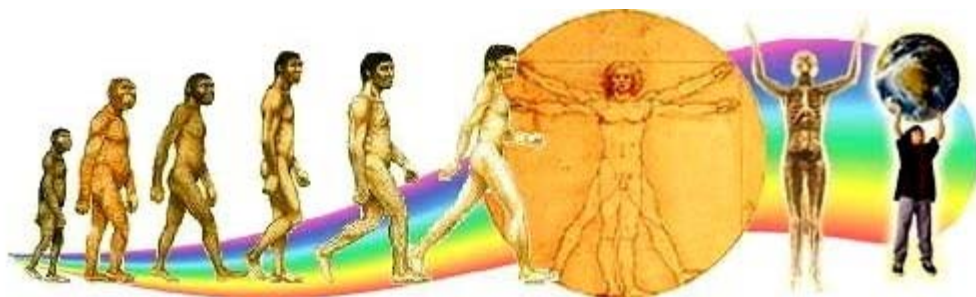
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## ***Why Do Personal Development?***

Part of the nature of humans is to be constantly developing, growing and moving toward a balanced and mature way of being. Our present personality is determined by both who and what we have been and by the person we strive to become. The goal of personal development is to learn and apply that which enables us to attain emotional wellbeing, understanding and effectiveness, and to share this knowledge with others.

Personal development is the conscious evolution of human nature, and yet throughout history it has been sorely lacking! Although it is in our nature to learn and grow, we are held back by our culture, which is predominantly focused on survival needs, each of us in competition with others, and our spiritual inner nature is repressed. The animal rules. We make no room for unconditional love.

Even though the culture may have evolved with technological advancement and administrative complexity, human nature has not moved forward as it might. We are now paying the price for human selfishness and inconsideration. Going forward, the quality of our lives on this planet - even our survival - now depends on each of us taking responsibility for our personal growth.

The human being needs to awaken to the soul that inhabits each body and is our true self and source of inner knowing. Awaken through a process of self-discovery, leading to one's own, self-directed spirituality. We need to become mindfully conscious instead of ruled by the dictates of instincts, past habits and fixed beliefs. We need to throw away dogma, open our minds and reconsider. Instead of fear about our survival and competitive angst, we will then be motivated by compassionate understanding and creative love.

For those that do move forward, the next epoch - that is almost upon us as we move into 2012 - will be a celebration of human cooperation and shared love. It's our best hope for the future - and it's in our hands.

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You cannot plough a field by turning it over in your mind.

*Author Unknown*

Do not wait to strike till the iron is hot; but make it hot by striking.

*William B. Sprague*

It is hard to fail, but it is worse never to have tried to succeed.

*Theodore Roosevelt*

Fortune favors the brave.

*Publius Terence*

He who hesitates is lost.

*Proverb*

Great spirits have always encountered violent opposition from mediocre minds.

*Albert Einstein*

Constant dripping hollows out a stone.

*Lucretius*

Nothing can stop the man with the right mental attitude from achieving his goal;  
nothing on earth can help the man with the wrong mental attitude.

*W.W. Ziege*

There is only one success--to be able to spend your life in your own way.

*Christopher Morley*

To climb steep hills requires a slow pace at first.

*Shakespeare*

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People often say that motivation doesn't last.  
Well, neither does bathing - that's why we recommend it daily.  
*Zig Ziglar*

That some achieve great success, is proof to all that others can achieve it as well.  
*Abraham Lincoln*

People seldom see the halting and painful steps by which  
the most insignificant success is achieved.  
*Anne Sullivan*

One's best success comes after their greatest disappointments.  
*Henry Ward Beecher*

What would you attempt to do if you knew you would not fail?  
*Robert Schuller*

Real difficulties can be overcome;  
it is only the imaginary ones that are unconquerable.  
*Theodore N. Vail*

Our greatest battles are that with our own minds.  
*Jameson Frank*

Triumphs without difficulties are empty. Indeed, it is difficulties  
that make the triumph. It is no feat to travel the smooth road.  
*Source Unknown*

For every mountain there is a miracle.  
*Robert H. Schuller*

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The true measure of a man is not how he behaves in moments of comfort and convenience but how he stands at times of controversy and challenges.

*Martin Luther King Jr.*

Smooth seas do not make skilful sailors.

*African Proverb*

We will either find a way, or make one!

*Hannibal*

In order to discover new lands, one must be willing to lose sight of the shore for a very long time.

*Anonymous*

He who is not courageous enough to take risks will accomplish nothing in life.

*Muhammad Ali*

Do not look where you fell, but where you slipped.

*African Proverb*

If you can't make a mistake, you can't make anything.

*Marva Collins*

Far better it is to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs even though checkered by failure, than to rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy nor suffer much because they live in that gray twilight that knows neither victory nor defeat.

*Theodore Roosevelt*

So go ahead and make mistakes. Make all you can. Because that's where you will find success. On the far side of failure.

*Thomas J. Watson, Sr.*

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We learn wisdom from failure much more than from success; we often discover what will do, by finding out what will not do; and probably he who never make a mistake never made a discovery.

*Samuel Smiles*

A life spent in making mistakes is not only more honourable but more useful than a life spent doing nothing.

*George Bernard Shaw*

There are two mistakes one can make along the road to truth - not going all the way, and not starting.

*Buddha*

If you want to increase your success rate, double your failure rate.

*Thomas Watson, Sr*

Success is going from failure to failure without losing your enthusiasm.

*Winston Churchill*

I honestly think it is better to be a failure at something you love than to be a success at something you hate.

*George Burns*

Who has never tasted what is bitter does not know what is sweet.

*German Proverb*

Remember: Success is nothing but luck. Just ask any failure.

*Anonymous*

What ever the mind of man can conceive and believe, it can achieve.

*Napolean Hill*

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In the confrontation between the stream and the rock,  
the stream always wins - not through strength, but through persistence.

*Buddha*

Who dares wins  
*Winston Churchill*

Leap and the net will appear.

*Julia Cameron*

If you learn only methods, you'll be tied to your methods,  
but if you learn principles you can devise your own methods

*Ralph Waldo Emerson*

He who wishes to be rich in a day will be hanged in a year.

*Leonardo da Vinci*

You see things and say, "Why?", but I dream things and say, "Why not?"

*George Bernard Shaw*

If you are in a hurry you will never get there.

*Chines Proverb*

The smoothest way is full of stones.

*Yiddish Proverb*

Better a diamond with a flaw than a pebble without one.

*Chinese Proverb*

Men trip not on mountains they trip on molehills.

*Chinese Proverb*

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Motivation is like food for the brain. You cannot get enough  
in one sitting. It needs continual and regular top ups.

*Peter Davies*

The harder you fall, the higher you bounce.

*Unknown*

Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you'll land among the stars.

*Les Brown*

The greater the obstacle, the more glory in overcoming it.

*Moliere*

May you live all the days of your life.

*Jonathan Swift*

Surround yourself with only people who are going to lift you higher.

*Oprah Winfrey*

There are no short cuts to any place worth going.

*Source Unknown*

Snowflakes are one of nature's most fragile things,  
but just look what they can do when they stick together.

*Vista M. Kelly*

Don't be afraid your life will end; be afraid that it will never begin.

*Grace Hansen*

Take heed: you do not find what you do not seek.

*English Proverb*

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One who makes no mistakes never makes anything.  
*Source Unknown*

Behold the turtle. He only makes progress when he sticks his neck out.  
*James Bryant Conant*

Ask yourself this question: "Will this matter a year from now?"  
*Richard Carlson Ph.D.*

Seldom does an individual exceed his own expectations.  
*Unknown*

One hundred percent of the shots you don't take don't go in.  
*Wayne Gretzky*

It takes as much stress to be a success as it does to be a failure.  
*Emilio James Trujillo*

Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can become great.  
*Mark Twain*

A man's dreams are an index to his greatness.  
*Zadok Rabinwitz*

Do not go where the path may lead,  
go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.  
*Ralph Waldo Emerson*

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It is not because things are difficult that we do not dare,  
it is because we do not dare that they are difficult.  
*Seneca*

Pay no attention to what the critics say;  
no statue has ever been erected to a critic.  
*Jean Sibelius*

The men who try to do something and fail are infinitely  
better than those who try to do nothing and succeed.  
*Lloyd Jones*

Kites rise highest against the wind – not with it.  
*Winston Churchill*

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