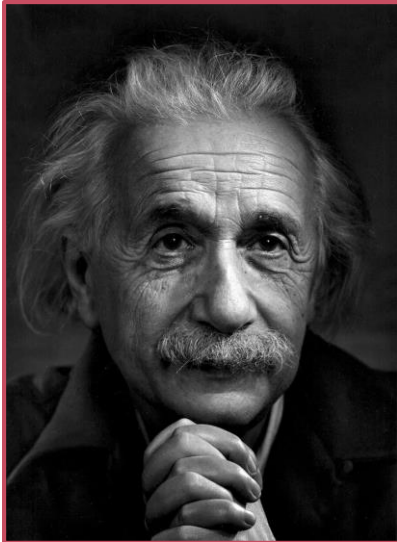


All of Us Are in Debt



Albert Einstein (1879 – 1955) was a German-born theoretical physicist. He developed the general theory of relativity, one of the two pillars of modern physics. His work is also known for its influence on the philosophy of science.

He achieved worldwide fame for his accomplishments and contributions to mankind. Among the honors bestowed on him was the 1921 Nobel Prize in Physics.

For all that he had achieved, Einstein said, “A hundred times every day, I remind myself that my inner and outer life are based on the labors of other men living and dead, and that I must exert myself in order to give in the same measure as I have received.”

Think about that statement. As you do, you will realize the completely unselfish wisdom of those words.

First, we are indebted to our parents because they were responsible for bringing us into this world. Next, we’re indebted to the doctors, nurses, aides, orderlies and other hospital personnel for the parts they played in making our arrival a safe and healthy one.

We’re indebted to the educational system in which we learned reading, writing and arithmetic that are critical to our lives. It is sobering to realize that, yes, somebody did have to teach Einstein that two plus two equals four.

We are in debt to all the pastors, priests and rabbis who taught us the essence of life by instructing us in the character qualities that are essential to us, regardless of our chosen field of endeavor – health care, athletics, medicine, education, business or government.



We certainly owe a debt to people whose messages have been encouraging and positive as well as informative and instructional. We are deeply in debt to those who commit their lives to public service through appointed or elected offices in this great land

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of ours, as well as to the postal workers who bring the mail, the press operators and reporters who are responsible for putting words into print, and the workers who build the highways upon which we move from one location to another.

And for those of us in health care and hospitality services for seniors, we owe a big debt to those we have the privilege of serving – the men and woman who have built our communities and made our nation better and stronger through their personal energy, creativity and contributions.

All of this brings us back to Einstein and his quote. We have a heavy debt, and one way to repay that debt is to regularly thank the men and women who make our lives worth living.

In every way and everywhere we accept this with all gratitude (Acts 24:3 ESV).

– Beecher Hunter