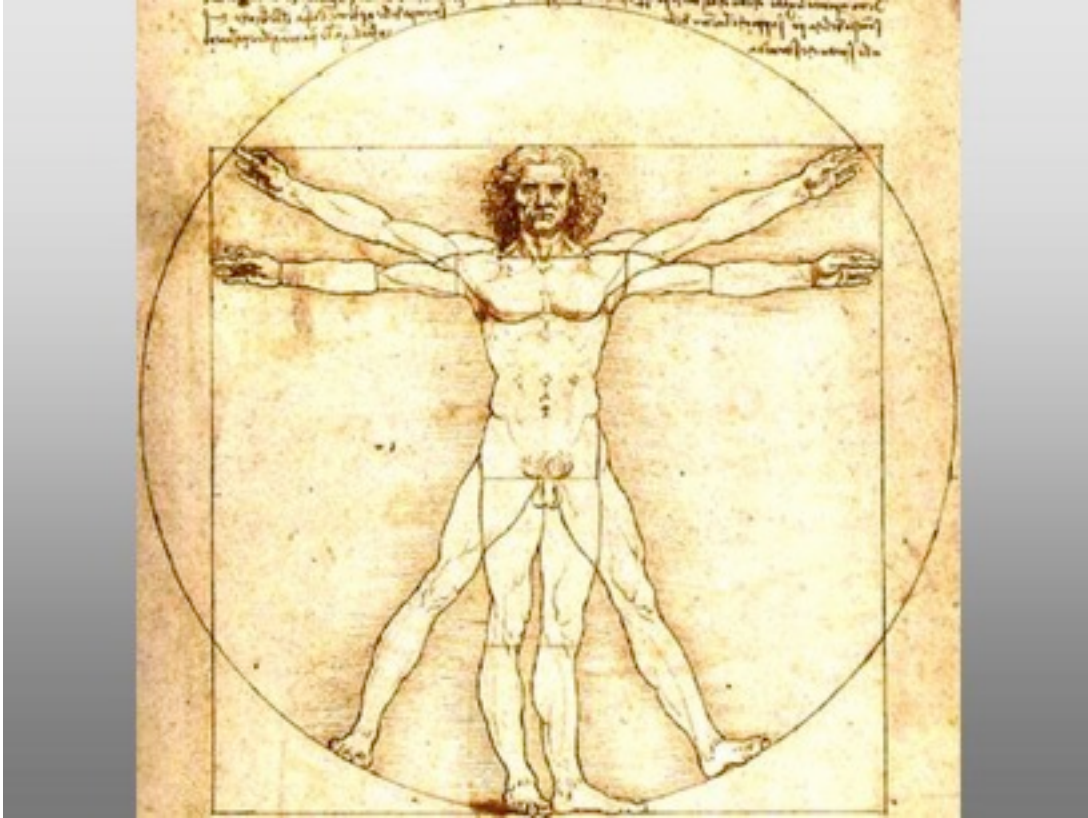


My favourite da Vinci quotes



A well-spent day brings happy sleep.

All our knowledge has its origins in our perceptions.

Although nature commences with reason and ends in experience it is necessary for us to do the opposite, that is to commence with experience and from this to proceed to investigate the reason.

Anyone who conducts an argument by appealing to authority is not using his intelligence; he is just using his memory.

Iron rusts from disuse; water loses its purity from stagnation... even so does inaction sap the vigor of the mind.

It had long since come to my attention that people of accomplishment rarely sat back and let things happen to them. They went out and happened to things.

Just as courage imperils life, fear protects it.

Learning never exhausts the mind.

Life is pretty simple: You do some stuff. Most fails. Some works. You do more of what works. If it works big, others quickly copy it. Then you do something else. The trick is the doing something else.

Marriage is like putting your hand into a bag of snakes in the hope of pulling out an eel.

Simplicity is the ultimate sophistication.

The greatest deception men suffer is from their own opinions.

There are three classes of people: those who see, those who see when they are shown, those who do not see.

Where there is shouting, there is no true knowledge.

While I thought that I was learning how to live, I have been learning how to die.

You can have no dominion greater or less than that over yourself.

You do ill if you praise, but worse if you censure, what you do not understand.

(With thanks to <http://www.brainyquote.com> - a great resource for such things.)