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1. SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND REVOLUTION

“The history of mankind is the history of the struggle of the working masses for independence.”

“The process of social progress is, in essence, the process of man’s development and the level of social progress is, in the long run, determined by the level of man’s development.”

“It is an established rule that the wheel of history rolls forward all the time.”

“The tide of history will never be turned back due to an obstacle in its way.”

“It is an inexorable law confirmed by history that human society should advance towards socialism from capitalism. And it is only when it advances along the road of socialism that the human desire to live independently and peacefully can be achieved.”

“Socialism is the greatest achievement of mankind; it is the ideal of mankind that gives them

vivacity and hopes.”

“Socialism is, in effect, the life and soul of our people.”

“If people become idle and debased, socialist society could degenerate and turn back to capitalism.”

“The capitalist society is a ‘heaven’ for the landlords and capitalists, whereas it is a ‘hell’ for the workers and farmers and other working people who make up the overwhelming majority of the population.”

“Where there are exploitation and oppression, there will be resistance, and where there is resistance, there will be a revolutionary struggle.”

“Revolution does not mean merely overthrowing the old social system and establishing a new one, but replacing the old with the new in the fields of ideology, technology and culture is also a revolution.”

“Revolution is a cause for living a life worthy of human beings; it is a just cause for which one would lay down one’s life in order to remain immortal.”

“Social revolution cannot be achieved as easily as

going down a royal road in broad daylight or as smoothly as a boat sailing before the wind.”

“A revolution can be said to be an endless journey of forging ahead towards victory through success and failure, through advance and retreat and through upsurge and setback, which may repeat or which may come in the wake of the other.”

“Revolution is a process of fusing struggle and life and creating a beautiful life through struggle, thus achieving social progress and prosperity.”

“It can be said that the acute pain experienced at a revolutionary turning point is always much easier to endure than the chronic pain caused by the cancer of the old society.”

“Revolution can be neither exported nor imported, and foreigners are unable to carry out the revolution for us.”

“Revolution is work for the benefit of the masses of the people, work which they must undertake on their own responsibility.”

“The masses of the people are the masters of the revolution and construction and they are also the

motive force of the revolution and construction.”

“There can be no society without the masses, and history cannot develop unless the masses play their proper role.”

“Only when they unite and cooperate can the masses be powerful enough to reform and change the world.”

“The working class is the creator, the master of a new world.”

“In company with workers and farmers, intellectuals are a major force in the building of a new society.”

“The revolution is something which a man cannot be made to do by coercion or threat.”

“The revolution can be advanced and brought to maturity only through proactive and hard struggle by revolutionaries.”

“A revolution, however great it may be, is first started by a small number of pioneers, and then gradually, in such a way as the number of people rallying around them multiplies from one to ten, from

ten to a hundred, the broad masses are roused to action, with the eventual result that the revolution emerges victorious.”

“As long as there are people, territory and weapons, one is fully able to defend revolution, expand and develop it.”

“The counterrevolutionary offensive and the flight of some cowardly groups do not immediately mean that the revolution is at an ebb.”

“The strength of the driving force is precisely the strength of its unity.”

“The united force of the people is unconquerable, both in a single country and on a worldwide scale.”

“Single-hearted unity and self-reliance are the imperishable, glorious traditions of our revolution and our banner of victory.”

“Only unity and cohesion which centre on one pivot with one ideology and are based on a sense of revolutionary obligation and faith will last for ever and surmount all tribulations and ordeals.”

“If unity is not based on morality and obligation,

but only on the pure community of ideology and will, it cannot be strong.”

“Unity and cooperation are a way of human existence.”

“If people with different political views and religious beliefs are solidly united, they can produce great strength just as five fingers with different lengths join to make a fist.”

“The revolutionary traditions are revolutionary treasures for the accomplishment of the revolutionary cause of the working class and the lifeline which provides a link between different generations of the party and the revolution.”

“Only when the younger generations know all about the distinguished service rendered by their forerunners and its value, can they inherit the revolutionary cause begun by their grandfathers’ and fathers’ generations.”

2. LEADER, PARTY AND MASSES

“Just as worker bees form a group and live in a disciplined way, centring on a queen bee, so the collective must have a centre and discipline.”

“The masses, no matter how powerful they might be, cannot demonstrate their might unless guided by a competent leader.”

“If the revolution is the locomotive of history, the party can be called the locomotive of the revolution.”

“Only when the party is great, the leader is great, and the country is prosperous, will the people acquire a high sense of dignity and self-confidence.”

“A working-class party is not a bureaucratic body which dominates the masses, but a motherly party which serves the people and takes responsible care of their destiny.”

“The party is not a power organ ruling the people but a political educator and organizer.”

“Figuratively speaking, party policy may be compared to a light that illuminates a road at night.”

“Work with people is the basic mode of government of the working-class party.”

“Political work is precisely work with people.”

“A man’s parents give him his body, but his political integrity is given him by the party.”

“Just as a man sustains his physical life by eating, so a party member sustains his political integrity by being active in party affairs.”

“The organization is a house and a university which gives birth to heroes.”

“The relationship between the Party committee chairman and the administrative official can be compared to that of the helmsman and the oarsman of a boat.”

“Just as a human body must only have one type of blood, so a working-class party must have only one guiding ideology.”

“Individual heroism engenders nepotism, and

nepotism forms a faction as it grows.”

“A party divorced from the masses is like oil floating on the surface of the water.”

“Only a party which is deeply rooted amongst the masses and enjoys their unreserved support and trust can be invincible, and continue to strengthen and develop.”

“The ties between the party and the masses are formed on the basis of the trust which the masses have for the party, and this trust is based on the party’s people-oriented policy.”

“‘The people are my God’ is my constant view and philosophy.”

“To believe in people and rely on them always leads to victory; to distrust the people and incur their displeasure leads to defeat all the time—this should be a motto for revolutionaries.”

“The people are one’s strength, wisdom, and life and soul.”

“Books are silent teachers; the people are the most resourceful and best-informed teachers. The people

embody a mix of philosophy, economics and literature.”

“The brains of the people are a fount of wisdom which could discover a solution for any difficulty in the world.”

“The masses are the great teachers of the revolution.”

“All problems are decided not by ‘God’ or a hero, but by the working masses.”

“In the thousands of years of Korean history the masses of the people have never been bad.”

“The people are the state, the people are the home front and the people are the regular army.”

3. IDEOLOGY

“The guiding ideology plays the role of a compass in the socio-historical movement.”

“The Juche idea is a man-centred world outlook and a revolutionary theory for realizing the independence of the masses of the people.”

“The basis of the Juche idea is that man is the master of everything and decides everything.”

“That man is master of his own destiny is the pith of the Juche idea and herein lies its revolutionary essence.”

“Viewing everything with people at the centre and serving them—this is precisely the requirement of the Juche idea.”

“The Juche idea is the most powerful ideology that enables the people to display their independence and creativity to the full.”

“A person’s thinking determines his value and

quality and regulates all his activities.”

“The ideological revolution comes first in the revolution.”

“Without holding fast to an idea it is impossible to maintain a sense of duty as a friend and friendly relations.”

“A man sound in ideology does not become corrupt even in unhealthy surroundings.”

“Once your ideology crumbles, your personality will also crumble.”

“A noble ideal and soul cannot be bartered, even for a colossal sum of gold.”

“Capitalists move people with money, but they cannot buy their minds.”

“By progressive ideology I mean no less than love for humanity, love for the people, love for one’s nation and love for one’s country.”

“The face of a man, who has abandoned his ideology, looks like the face of one who has lost his sight.”

4. POLITICS

“Only when the masses become masters of politics can they become the true masters of society.”

“If politics is not comprehensive, it cannot embrace all the people. If statesmen are not broad-minded, the people turn away from them.”

“Democracy precisely means formulating policies in compliance with the will of the broad sections of the working masses, carrying them out according to their interests and providing them in practice with genuine freedom and rights and a happy life.”

“The world knows only one genuine democracy and that is democracy for the working masses, socialist democracy.”

“Government by the working-class party integrates the will of the masses, and its basic requirement is that people should be provided with their rights to independence and interests, that they should be educated and united, and that they should be encouraged to participate willingly in the

revolutionary struggle and construction work.”

“A line and strategy that are not accepted by the masses are useless.”

“To move among the depths of the masses, listen to their opinions, allow full play to their creative ability, and rouse them to solve the problems ahead—this is precisely the art of leadership.”

“If a country has a government that has no independence and is a tool in the hands of others, such a country cannot truly be called an independent, sovereign state.”

“The revolution and construction must be carried out in one’s own way to fit in with the reality of one’s country with faith in the strength of one’s own people.”

“The man who lacks political independence will practise revisionism if others do it, accept dogmatism if others fall into it, or follow capitulationism if others do so.”

“Establishing Juche means considering all problems arising in practice by using one’s own intelligence and solving them by one’s own efforts and

in the interests of the revolution of one's own country.”

“There are formulas in mathematics, but not in making revolution. If there is any formula that must be observed in revolution, it is that one should think everything with one's own brains and deal with it by one's own efforts.”

“There cannot be any ready-made solution which suits any era and can be applied in any country.”

“It is impossible to build socialism successfully by copying ready-made formulae or the methods used by other countries, without one's own correct guiding ideology.”

“Dependence on foreign forces is the path to national ruin; national self-reliance alone is the road to independence and prosperity.”

“If one loses independence and autonomy and follows in the steps of others, one cannot maintain principle and consistency in one's lines and policies.”

“Independence is the lifeblood of not only a man, but also a country and a nation. Furthermore, it is the

common lifeblood of humanity.”

“The firmer a revolutionary’s independent stand is, the higher his prestige is. When his independence is unshakable, the revolution is ever-victorious.”

“Self-reliance is a revolutionary spirit and fighting principle of independent people who shape their own destiny themselves.”

“A dogma means a foolish suicide of binding oneself hand and foot.”

“Dogmatism is a cousin of national nihilism. National nihilism will inevitably lead to dogmatism.”

“If there is something to learn from other countries, one can learn, but one should not swallow it whole; one should chew it first and if it suits one’s taste, one can swallow it, but if not, one should spit it out.”

“Disbelief in one’s own or the people’s strength would end in servility, which in turn would lead to treachery to the nation.”

“If one is affected by flunkeyism, one will become a fool, if a nation falls into flunkeyism, the

country will be ruined and if a party follows flunkeyism, it will make a mess of the revolution and construction.”

“Big-power chauvinism is the national egoism of great powers and flunkeyism is the expression of national nihilism on the part of small nations.”

“‘Cooperation’ between countries which is not based on independence leads to inequality and subordination.”

“The people’s government represents the working people’s right to independence.”

“The people’s government organizes the creativity of the working masses.”

“The people’s government is the master responsible for the livelihood of the people.”

“The people’s government looks after the independent and creative life of the working people.”

“A state and government, which are established by the people themselves and which enjoy their unreserved support and work for their benefit, are always victorious.”

“A nation with no country and state power of their own, will not escape maltreatment and slavery.”

“Human rights are the people’s rights to independence as social beings, while a civilized society fully ensures the people their rights to independence.”

5. MILITARY AFFAIRS

“National self-defence is the military guarantee for the country’s political independence and economic self-sufficiency.”

“A state which does not have the power to defend itself cannot be called a fully independent state.”

“Independence is inconceivable apart from arms. If arms get rusty, the people become slaves.”

“The power of a nation and its pride rest on arms. A strong army ensures a prospering nation and country.”

“It is a law that victory is inevitably won when a man overpowers the enemy mentally.”

“Weapons and technical know-how of soldiers, who lack confidence in victory and fighting spirit, are powerless.”

“Soldiers’ success in battle is always determined in advance in their everyday life, not on the battlefield.”

“A battle is, after all, a duel between two opposing forms of wisdom, confidence, will and courage.”

“We can say that the staff in an army unit plays the role of the human brain and its political organ, the role of the heart.”

“If the commander is courageous, his men will be courageous; if the commander’s belief is unshakable, so will be his men’s.”

“As fish cannot live without water, so guerrillas cannot live without the people.”

“The army in relation to the people is what the needle is to the thread; they must always exist in inseparable unity.”

“Unity between the army and people or the officers and men comprises identity of thoughts and feelings, which cannot be achieved merely with regulations and principles.”

“If we make the whole country a fortress like a hedgehog, nobody dares to provoke us.”

“War is not only a contest of strength, but also a test of morality and ethics.”

“The decisive factor in the outcome of a war lies not in the weapons or numerical strength of an army but in the spiritual and moral calibre of the soldiers and people participating in the war.”

“People fighting for justice always win, while aggressors engaged in an unjust war are bound to lose.”

“Peace can be ensured only when we are a powerful force.”

“Peace must be won only through a resolute fight against the imperialists.”

“Peace secured by slavish submission is not peace.”

“A country with all its people well prepared both ideologically and physically is strong, and, therefore, aggressors dare not provoke it.”

6. THE ECONOMY

“The struggle for economic independence is a second liberation struggle to remove economic backwardness and poverty and achieve complete national sovereignty.”

“Building an independent national economy means building an economy which stands on its own feet and serves the interests of one’s own people.”

“Economic dependence leads to political subordination, and economic inequality leads to political inequality.”

“If one lacks the revolutionary spirit of self-reliance, one tends to lose faith in one’s own strength and does not attempt to tap one’s own national resources, with the result that the national economy cannot be developed quickly.”

“Without a powerful independent national economy a nation cannot exercise its sovereign rights, nor can it have its say, nor can it do as it likes.”

“As long as there exist frontiers and each country has its own revolutionary tasks and manages its own economic life, each must have its own resources.”

“The greatest reserve in socialist society is in the minds of the working people, the masters of production and management.”

“The socialist economy is a planned economy, a balanced economy.”

“Socialism is, so to speak, statistics and planning. Without statistics, planning is impossible and, in turn, without planning it is impossible to build socialism.”

“Finance in a socialist country implies a function of using the money earned by the people for their benefit.”

“If a family is to manage its household affairs well only one member of the family should control its finances. Likewise, if a nation is to manage its economic life properly it must use its finances on the principle of a single management system.”

“However excellent a social system, we cannot live in affluence if we do not manage the nation’s economic life with care.”

“Labour is the source of creating the wealth of society and providing the people with happy lives; it is a means of transforming people on revolutionary lines, assimilating them to the working class and uniting them.”

“The power industry and railways are the vanguard of the national economy.”

“Coal can be called a foodstuff for the industry, black gold.”

“Heavy industry should not be built as an end in itself, but to serve the development of light industry and agriculture and the improvement of the people’s living standards more effectively.”

“The rural question is, in essence, the peasant question and agricultural question, and it can be solved ultimately only when the distinctions between town and country and the class distinctions between the working class and the peasantry are eliminated.”

“In the days of the individual peasant economy, each peasant was responsible for his own husbandry and living, but after cooperativization, the party and the state should assume responsibility for looking after

the development of the cooperative farms and the peasants' life.”

“The grain problem is as important as the political problem.”

“Maize is the king of non-paddy-field crops.”

“The people in mountainous regions must make the most of mountains, and those in coastal areas must make the best use of the sea.”

“Obtain meat from grazing animals.”

“In a socialist society the function of commerce is to ensure supplies and services for the people.”

7. CULTURE

“Education involves training people to be social beings who are fully prepared mentally, morally and physically.”

“Socialist education must become an all-round, continuous process that educates all the members of society throughout their lives, from the cradle to the grave.”

“Educational work is the most worthwhile and honourable undertaking for the happiness of the younger generation and the prosperity of the country.”

“A teacher can be referred to as the mirror of his students.”

“Political problems can be decided by a majority, but scientific and technical problems must not be decided in this way.”

“Science which is accessible only to one person serves no purpose; it is not science but magic.”

“Technology seems difficult and mysterious when one does not know it, but it is easy once one has learned it.”

“Technicians who know only technology and are ignorant of politics are not genuine technicians and are of no use.”

“Contemporary literature must be a torchlight to encourage the people in the cause of justice and as a sledgehammer to punish the war maniacs.”

“Literature must serve as a textbook in the people’s life and as the banner of their struggle.”

“The genuine mission of art and literature is to guide the masses to a beautiful and noble world by reflecting the truth.”

“The basic mission of today’s arts is to accord people true thoughts, true morality and the true culture needed for their independent, worthwhile lives.”

“However full of frills, a work which fails to reflect the needs of the time and the people is useless.”

“An excellent poem, play or story can stir up

thousands of hearts, and a revolutionary song can pierce the enemy's heart which is beyond the reach of a bayonet."

"Art comes from life and it reflects life."

"Skill is important in art but truth is more important."

"The people not only enjoy art; they also create it in the true sense of the word."

"A song is the symbol of revolutionary optimism and victory."

"Loud songs make the revolutionary ranks optimistic and strong. Where the singing is hearty, victory in the revolution is assured."

"Only the strong can sing a song in the field of heavy battle."

"It is only when a song has an easy tune and truthfully reflects the life and feelings of the people that they will like it and enjoy singing it."

"Only film art that correctly reflects the life of an independent person and the demands of the times, will

accomplish its mission as a guide to life and a weapon of struggle and contribute to enriching the treasure house of the culture of mankind.”

“The cinema should have great appeal and move ahead of the realities.”

“A Juche culture is a culture which is in keeping with the characteristics of one’s nation and the interests of the revolution in one’s own country, a culture which is created and enjoyed by the masses of the people.”

“Combining national form with the socialist content in the creation of culture and art means expressing the revolutionary content in the form of culture and art which is liked by the Korean people and is congenial to their sentiments and tastes.”

“A writer is the mouthpiece of social life and the cultivator of human minds.”

“The pen of justice held by writers can be a more powerful weapon than the oppressors’ chains, guns or shells.”

“The press is an important link between the party and the masses. It is a powerful weapon for organizing

and mobilizing the working masses to implement the tasks of political, economic and cultural construction set by the party.”

“A newspaper should regard it as its important mission to rise before others and ring an alarm bell when the masses are sleeping and herald the dawn before daybreak.”

“A newspaper is a pioneer of the times and a true organizer of public opinion.”

“A newspaper must have sensitive tentacles to grasp quickly the requirements of the times and serve as the real eyes and ears of society.”

“In the hands of progressive people of the press the pen should be a mighty weapon wielded against the imperialists, and their writings should serve as denunciations of the enemies of peace.”

“News services are the eyes and ears of society and the spokesmen of public opinion.”

“A piece of writing can only be considered good when it is understood by everyone.”

“A publication is a powerful weapon in the

revolutionary struggle. The range of this weapon is infinite.”

“The strength and health of the working people are vital to the revolutionary struggle and the building of a rich and powerful society.”

“Living optimistically is the key to good health.”

“Mass heroism is a sure guarantee for victory in sports games.”

8. COUNTRY AND NATION

“A mother gives birth to a child and brings it up in her benevolent embrace; the motherland is a cradle that provides people with a genuine life of happiness.”

“No feeling in the world is greater, more ennobling and more sacred than patriotism.”

“He who does not love his motherland and nation cannot be enthusiastic about the revolution in his country nor can he devote himself to the struggle for its victory.”

“Only those who have devoted themselves body and soul to the country, weeping, laughing and bleeding, can truly realize how dear their homeland is to them.”

“The broadest criterion for judging people is how much or how little they love their country, love their nation and love their fellow human beings.”

“One who values human beings also loves one’s

nation, and one who loves one's nation also loves one's country."

"The greatest of sorrows is the sorrow of losing one's motherland and leaving the country as a stateless person."

"Under the roofs of houses in a ruined country even the traitors who live in luxury as a reward for betraying their country will not be able to sleep in peace."

"The knowledge of science and technology is the common wealth of humanity, but the intellectuals cannot exist or lead a genuine life separately from their country and nation."

"The destiny of one's motherland is immediately the destiny of one's nation, as well as the destiny of all other compatriots at home and abroad."

"In order not to end up as slaves they must make the country more prosperous and collect even one more piece of rubble to build the defences higher."

"To contribute positively to the work of building the state, those with strength should give their strength; those with knowledge give their

knowledge; and those with money give their money.”

“A nation without a sense of national dignity and confidence may be ruined, but a nation with national pride and confidence in victory is invincible.”

“Patriotism stems only from a good knowledge of the past of one’s country and of the fine traditions, culture and customs of one’s nation.”

“A man who does not love his home, parents, wife and children cannot love his country and people.”

“Earnest devotion to the revolution represents the supreme love for one’s family.”

“Only a man who loves both his country and his family can be called a truly dutiful son.”

“One’s family is the original source of one’s patriotism and revolutionary spirit.”

“When his love for his family cools, a man’s enthusiasm for the revolutionary struggle will cool also.”

“When the country is in distress, families cannot

remain in peace, and when the families are overshadowed by misfortunes, the country will also be afflicted.”

“Love for his family constitutes a motive force which prompts a revolutionary to the struggle.”

“Everything will be all right only when one’s family is harmonious.”

“A man who loves his birthplace warmly loves his country ardently, and such a man is enthusiastic about making revolution.”

“The question of a nation essentially means the question of achieving and defending its independence.”

“Both the revolution and the armed struggle are carried out for the nation.”

“A common language is the soul of a nation.”

“A nation that has lost its language ceases to exist.”

“History cannot be tarred with a brush, burnt up or slashed away with a sword.”

“Historical remains and relics are national treasures; they are the heritage which must be handed down through the generations.”

“It is the basic task of Koreans to carry out the Korean revolution. To do this successfully means being faithful to their internationalist duty.”

“The only way to national reunification is the great unity of the entire nation.”

“The destiny of a nation can be saved only through the unity and struggle of all the forces that love their country and treasure their nation.”

“Confrontation and competition lead straight to division; unity and collaboration, to reunification.”

“The concert and unity of the whole nation means the national reunification we desire.”

“The spirit of national unity can be called the lifeblood and essence of patriotism.”

“Arguing about ideologies and doctrines is no way to national unity.”

“Reunification stands for the independence of the

nation and a love for the country and nation, whereas division stands for dependence on foreign forces and treachery to the country and nation.”

9. GLOBAL INDEPENDENCE

“It is the main trend of our times which no force can check that the peoples of the world demand independence and that many countries are taking the road of independence.”

“An independent world which is free from aggression and war, domination and subjugation, and in which the people of every land develop and prosper equally, is the world which accords with man’s reason and with his nature.”

“Independence, peace and friendship are the noble, common ideals of humanity and these serve as the basis for the unity of the world’s people in their struggle for making the whole world independent.”

“The struggle for global independence is, in essence, a struggle to establish an international relationship based on independence and make the international community democratic.”

“The victory of world revolution will be achieved through the victory of the revolution in each country.”

“There cannot be a father party and a son party, a grandfather party and a grandson party, or an eldest brother party and a younger brother party.”

“There may be large and small countries and parties in the world, but in no way must there be higher or lower countries and parties.”

“All those countries which seek to control other countries represent the dominationist forces, irrespective of their size and social system, and it is all dominationism to control others overtly or covertly.”

“Aggression and plunder are inherent in the nature of imperialism, and war is the means of its existence.”

“The old forces become more cunning and wicked with the approach of their doom.”

“The fatter it is and the fuller its stomach is, the more ambitious and greedy imperialism grows and the more persistent and violent its acts of aggression and plunder become.”

“Shaking hands with others when they face them but surprising them behind their backs are the true colours of the imperialists.”

“Racial discrimination and misanthropy are ideas inherent to the imperialists.”

“The real nature of imperialists is to turn people into brutes and cripples and to deform them.”

“The imperialists are subservient to the strong and violent toward the weak.”

10. FUTURE AND YOUNGER GENERATION

“A revolution which does not love and care for the children has no future.”

“Men without ideals, men who do not love the future, cannot become revolutionaries.”

“A happy future does not come automatically; it must be created and won through struggle.”

“Love for the younger generation is the most devoted and dynamic kind of human love; it is the purest and most beautiful of all paeans dedicated to humanity.”

“Only when the new, rising generation takes over the revolution can it be carried forward and our sacred revolutionary cause be accomplished.”

“It is only natural for an excellent new generation to emerge from the embrace of excellent forebears.”

“The younger generation are our future. The future

of the country and the progress of society depend on them.”

“The children are the flowers of the revolution, the nation and mankind.”

“In one’s youth one must have a noble ideal and fight stubbornly to realize it whatever the difficulties.”

“Dreams and ideals are the mothers of invention.”

“A youth who has no dream, no courage, no ardour, no aspiration, no fighting spirit and no romance is not a youth.”

“It is the greatest honour for young people to bear the brunt of difficult work and make breakthroughs in the forward movement.”

“The great worth of the lives of young people lies in the devoted struggle for the people’s happiness, not in seeking personal pleasure.”

“Young people must not just wish to enjoy happiness; they must be standard-bearers in the sacred struggle to win it.”

“As their lives become happier, young people

should not forget the past when the people were exploited and oppressed.”

“In our society the child is king of the country.”

“With tenderness one cannot train children to be fighters.”

“One does remember all one’s life the hardships and loving care one experienced in one’s childhood.”

11. FAITH AND CONSCIENCE

“Faith is the lifeblood of revolutionaries.”

“It may be said that revolutionary belief, will and optimism constitute the three special qualities of a revolutionary, or the three major elements of his ideological and moral qualities.”

“A faith based on solid foundations is absolute confidence in the ideal a man cherishes, the ideal for which he is determined to die from cold or hunger or from a beating.”

“A party of vigorous faith does not become degenerate; a state with a steady faith does not fall; and a people with unshakable faith does not disintegrate.”

“Only a nation that advances steadily, firm in its beliefs, can successfully scale the peak of the age of independence.”

“Revolution and the cause of socialism cannot be promoted only with desire. Only when one cherishes a

strong faith can one defend oneself and safeguard socialism.”

“The more tenaciously a man sticks to his thought and faith, the clearer will be the aim of his life and the more sincere his efforts to attain it.”

“The stronger a man’s faith and will, the longer he maintains his political integrity.”

“One’s eyes see the present reality, whereas one’s belief looks into the future.”

“With an unshakable determination one will be able to develop one’s strength, and if one develops one’s strength one will be fully able to defeat even a strong enemy.”

“Optimistic people fighting for the revolution with unshakable faith will never be swayed, no matter what wind blows.”

“Self-destruction is the fate in store for those who lack the guts to stick to their own conviction and try to run with the hare and hunt with the hounds.”

“If one’s belief breaks up, one’s spirit will die; and

if one's spirit dies, one will lose all value as a human being.”

“If an ideological mood and faith change, the sense of friendship and of humanity changes.”

“Knowledge and literary talent, devoid of faith, are useless.”

“Faith and will, not tempered through the life in the revolutionary organization, practical activities and constant education and self-cultivation, are castles built on sand.”

“Faith tempered lackadaisically will soon degenerate.”

“In addition to ideas, will and moral obligation, romantic emotions are those required for a revolution.”

“A revolutionary should be an optimistic man who overcomes difficulties with laughter, changes misfortunes into blessings, and firmly believes that there would be a way out even if the whole world crumbles.”

“Just as soldiers' optimism is affected by their

commander's faith, so the people's optimism depends on their leader's faith and determination.”

“One who lives all one's life with expectations and hopes will enjoy longevity.”

“Human conscience follows the truth and sings the praises of love.”

“Only a man with conscience can become a revolutionary. If his conscience becomes stained, his faith also becomes stained; a crack in his conscience means a crack in his faith and the paralysis of his fighting spirit.”

“A man without conscience is devoid of morality, loyalty, self-sacrificing spirit, sense of justice and sincerity.”

“Revolution is also a struggle to defend human conscience and preserve it.”

12. MORAL OBLIGATION AND COMRADESHIP

“Man’s social nature is not based on antagonism, enmity and bellicosity, but on the desire to lead an independent life as the master of the world, as the master of his own destiny, through mutual cooperation.”

“A human being is the most developed being in the world because he has reason, conscience, moral sense and sense of duty.”

“A revolutionary is a fighter who struggles to change and transform the world with the weapon of human love, love for his comrades, love for his people.”

“Cold-hearted officials without humanity cannot benefit from the genuine love of the people or really mingle with them or faithfully serve them.”

“Our revolution is aimed at loving and protecting people, as well as at upholding human nature and allowing it maximum expression.”

“No matter how much money a man may have, he will be forsaken by the world if he has no compassion.”

“Even though one lives in a hut, one can have many friendly neighbours, be held in high esteem by everyone and be morally rich, if one is kind to one’s fellows.”

“True virtue is found in a hut in which ordinary people live, not in a grandiose house.”

“Because of loyalty man becomes a noble being, and because of faithfulness human life becomes as beautiful as a flower garden.”

“Obligation and morality do what cannot be done by laws.”

“It can be said that a lack of belief in others is a manifestation of exclusivism, while belief in others is the greatest manifestation of humanitarianism.”

“A faint distrust can cause lifelong grievances to people or destroy 10 years of friendship in an instant.”

“Everybody who believes that his organization and comrades trust him can display unfathomable energy

in the struggle for the party and country.”

“Inspection is not conducted because someone does not believe in his comrades; it is done in order to trust them even more.”

“Love is one of the mainsprings of enthusiasm, the driving force of creative work, and an element in making life beautiful.”

“Only when the spirit underlying the love is sound and noble can the love be eternal and sacred.”

“According to the revolutionary ethics, entrusting a man with many assignments is an expression of the greatest love and the greatest possible confidence in him.”

“Even if a mother scolds or beats her children, she does not hurt them; she loves them. Her love can bring down a star from the sky if it is for her children.”

“Where there is true affection and trust, punishment can be regarded as a sign of confidence.”

“A revolution begins with the recruiting of comrades.”

“The word *comrade* is an honourable and priceless title used between revolutionaries and an expression of trust in and affection for one’s revolutionary comrade-in-arms.”

“Comradeship is the touchstone of whether one is a real revolutionary or not.”

“Love between revolutionary comrades is the most valuable of human relations. Of these, the most valuable, the most priceless is love between revolutionary comrades.”

“If one gains comrades, one can win the world, and if one is forsaken by one’s comrades, one will lose the world.”

“For a capitalist money is capital; for a revolutionary the people are the source of his strength.”

“The greatest pleasure for a revolutionary is to gain comrades, his greatest misery to lose them.”

“No friendship in the world can be more sincere, more ardent and more durable than friendship formed under the hail of fire.”

“The relationship of comrades based on ideology

and will is eternal; even bullets or the gallows cannot break it.”

“Friendship that is hard to obtain with a mountain of money can be acquired with only a glass of hot water or a slice of potato.”

“A faithful comrade can be said to be one’s alter ego.”

“True friendship and true love neither grow weaker with age or stale.”

“Money cannot buy friendship, but friendship can produce money and everything else.”

“A man who fails to do good for his country and collective, for his comrades and neighbours, will fail to have good friends.”

13. LIFE AND HAPPINESS

“The preciousness of a man’s life is in dedicating it to the worthwhile cause of his fellow people and of humanity.”

“A man who has started his career for his country, for his fellow people, and for humanity must end his life for his country, for his fellow people, and for humanity.”

“The worth of life of a man is in doing many things for his country and fellow people.”

“Nothing in a man’s life is more honourable and dignifying to him than to be loyal to his homeland and people, to his party and leader.”

“A man who enjoys the love of the people is happy, and a man who does not is unhappy.”

“A genuine life is in loving one’s country and nation.”

“Truly happy are the people who create a life by

their own efforts in their own motherland.”

“A man who, though in an alien land, lives always cherishing a spirit dedicated to his homeland, is one who lives a genuine life.”

“Only a person who loves others will enjoy the love of others and get along harmoniously in collective life.”

“He who lives only for himself unhesitatingly sells out his friends, his comrades, his neighbours, his nation and his country.”

“For a man, his physical life is precious, but his political integrity is far more precious.”

“A man without social and political integrity is a miserable being. For a man, who knows nothing about political affairs, nor about his country and society but kills the time just eating rice, life is not worth living.”

“Only those who are possessed of such a view of life that they would live an honourable life, not a mean life, if they are to live and die an honourable death if they are to die, can make a revolution.”

“It is not that a man is living simply because he is

alive; his genuine life is found in fighting for justice cherishing national conscience.”

“Even if his life is to be short, a man must live a worthy and proud life.”

“Nothing is more worthwhile and honourable for man than dying on the road of the revolution.”

“It is the joy of life for a revolutionary to feel its worth in gladly accepting and enduring today’s hardships for the sake of tomorrow’s happiness.”

“The greatest pleasure in the life of any human being is in helping others.”

“People’s pride and worth do not lie in their jobs, but depend on how much they have contributed to their country’s prosperity and development at their workplaces.”

“A revolutionary should be free from selfishness, and find the worth of his life and happiness in devoting his life solely for his country and fellow people without any complaints.”

“Nothing is more precious than the interests of the masses of the people, and nothing is more worthwhile

than fighting with devotion for their freedom and happiness.”

“Officials should find the value and worth of their life in the realization of the people’s happiness and ideals without claiming any honour or acknowledgement.”

“One should create happiness and a beautiful life by one’s own efforts.”

14. STUDYING AND PRACTICE

“Studying is the first and foremost task for revolutionaries.”

“How to study is important; more important than it is to know why one should study.”

“Books are silent teachers that give people knowledge and teach them truths.”

“People, who do not meditate, have no creative spirit and there will be no creation and innovation without creativity.”

“People who imbibe a wealth of mental nourishment will perform great exploits for the revolution no matter what they do and no matter what the circumstances.”

“Nothing is more shameful for a revolutionary than to put on a knowing air when he is ignorant and not to strive to know what he is ignorant of.”

“Knowledge is a guarantee for progress.”

“Knowledge produces a brilliant idea.”

“The more the talent is cultivated, the more it shines.”

“A man can do a great job only when he has a wide-ranging knowledge.”

“Intellectual knowledge can serve as a genuine tool for creating that which is new only when it is supported by revolutionary belief.”

“The acquisition of scientific knowledge is vital to the all-round development of a man and is the basis for establishing his scientific world outlook.”

“Knowledge of something, which is devoid of its essence, cannot serve as a guide to action; it only hinders the action.”

“Theories can prove their validity only when they are combined with concrete practical activities, and concrete activities can prove successful only when they are guided by revolutionary theories without fail.”

“Practice is the starting point of understanding, the criterion of truth and the motive power for the development of theory.”

“Practice will always give people more tangible and stronger belief than a theory.”

“A man who has knowledge but does not know how to apply it in practice, is none other than a ‘bookworm.’”

“The knowledge acquired from books becomes practical and useful knowledge only when it is applied to reality.”

“Knowledge and expertise have their worth and can produce a tangible effect when used in the interests of developing the country and promoting the welfare of the people.”

“Brilliant solutions to any problems are always produced in practical activities.”

“People learn the valuable truth of the way of living only in the struggle.”

“Ideas are tempered only in the struggle.”

“Hardships and trials are the mother of all blessings.”

“A failure is also an experience. A good method comes out of failures.”

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