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# CALENDAR

— 2017 —

**Simple Solutions**

**Quotations for Better Living  
and Better Working**

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For more quotations and suggestions: <http://diplolearn.wordpress.com>

# About the Calendar

We are often faced with what look like major problems in our work and in our personal life. We are not the only ones who are in such a situation and some wisdom coming from the past, sometime difficult to attribute to a single author, can be very helpful for support.

I have tried to select for this monthly calendar some simple quotations that are more meaningful than others for our daily life. Basic concepts that everybody should keep in mind and use it as a small handle when walking in the slippery slopes of professional and personal life.

Stefano Baldi

The image shows the Leaning Tower of Pisa on the left, which is a tall, cylindrical stone tower with multiple tiers of arches, leaning to the right. To its right is the Pisa Cathedral, a large, ornate building with a prominent dome and several smaller domes. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds. In the foreground, a group of people is gathered on a green lawn, some looking towards the tower and others towards the cathedral. The text "The BETTER is the enemy of the GOOD" is overlaid in large, bold, red letters on the right side of the image.

**The BETTER  
is the enemy  
of the GOOD**

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# January 2017

December '16						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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February '17						
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29	30	31				
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# **NOTICE**

**WE DO THREE TYPES OF JOBS**

**1)CHEAP 2)QUICK 3)GOOD**

**YOU CAN HAVE ANY TWO**

**A) A GOOD QUICK JOB (WON'T BE CHEAP)**

**B) A CHEAP GOOD JOB (WON'T BE QUICK)**

**C) A QUICK JOB CHEAP (WON'T BE GOOD)**

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# February 2017

January '17						
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March '17						
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April '17						
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ALL THINGS ARE  
**DIFFICULT**  
BEFORE THEY ARE  
**EASY**

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# March 2017

February '17						
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April '17						
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May '17						
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28	29	30	31			

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			1	2	3 Bulgarian National Day	4
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26	27	28	29	30	31	
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THE ONLY THING  
WE HAVE TO FEAR

IS FEAR ITSELF

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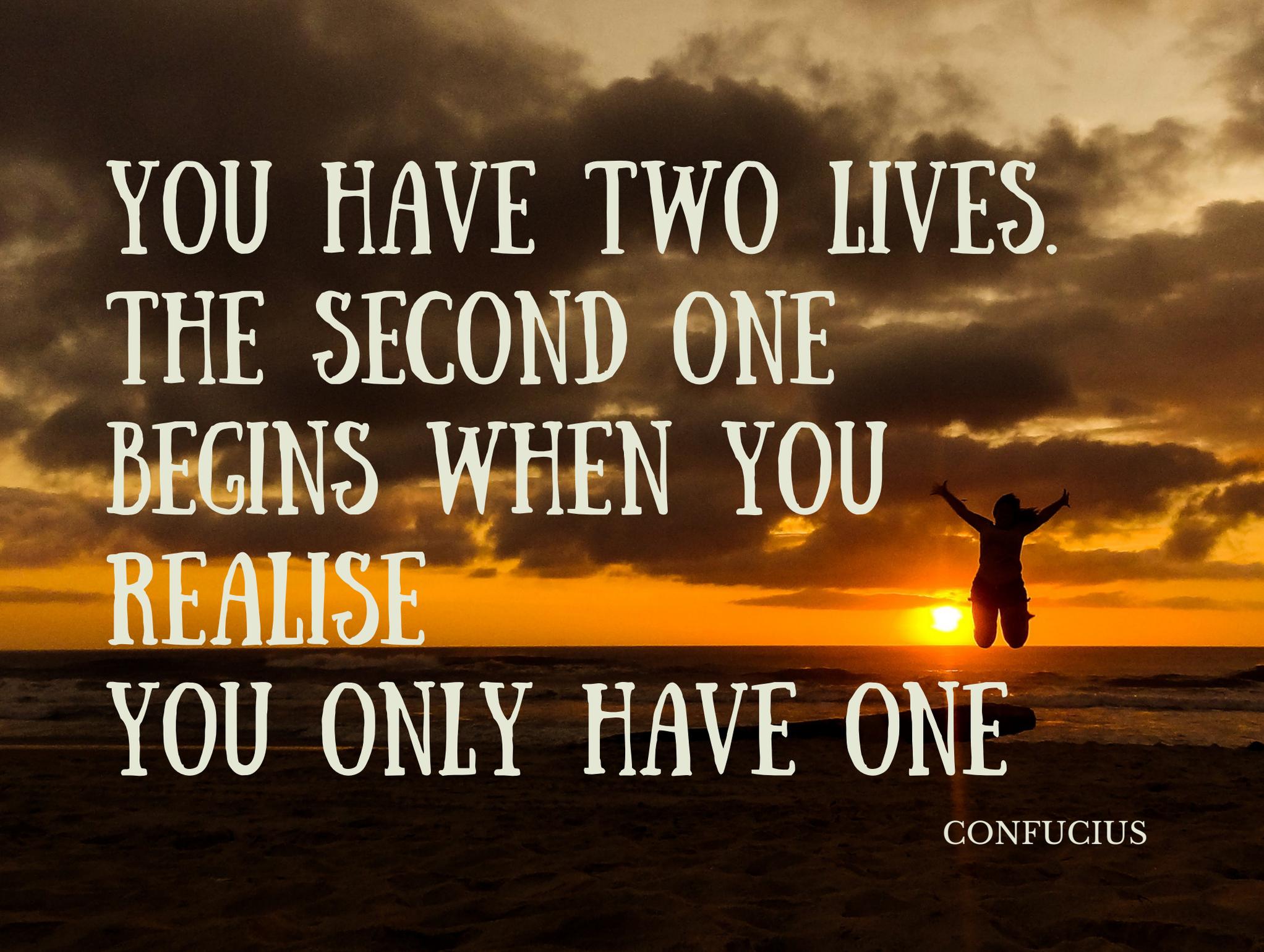
# April 2017

March '17						
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May '17						
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June '17						
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16 Easter	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30		Notes			 Ambasciata d'Italia Sofia	

A person is silhouetted against a bright sunset over the ocean, jumping with arms raised in a gesture of joy or triumph. The sky is filled with dramatic, dark clouds, and the sun is a bright orb on the horizon. The overall mood is one of hope and positivity.

YOU HAVE TWO LIVES.  
THE SECOND ONE  
BEGINS WHEN YOU  
REALISE  
YOU ONLY HAVE ONE

CONFUCIUS

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# May 2017

April '17						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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June '17						
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July '17						
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			
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**Success is**  
**a JOURNEY**

**not a**  
**DESTINATION**

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# June 2017

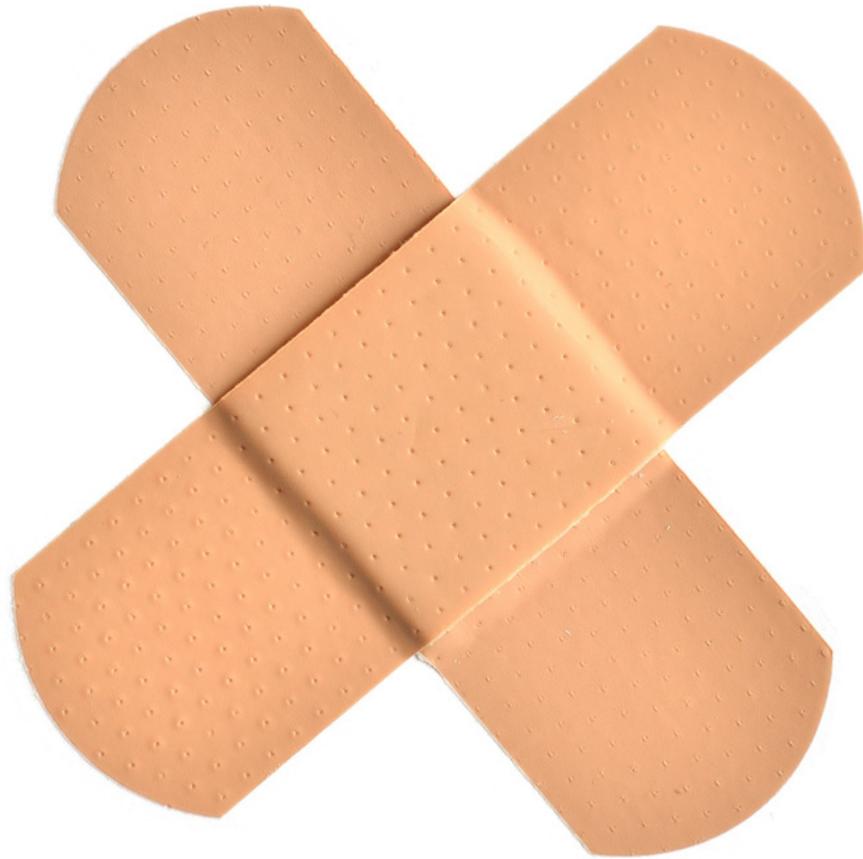
May '17						
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July '17						
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August '17						
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27	28	29	30	31		

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25	26	27	28	29	30	
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**IF IT AIN'T BROKE**



**DON'T FIX IT**

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# July 2017

June '17						
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August '17						
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September '17						
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	Notes			 Ambasciata d'Italia Sofia	

better **Safe**

than **Sorry**



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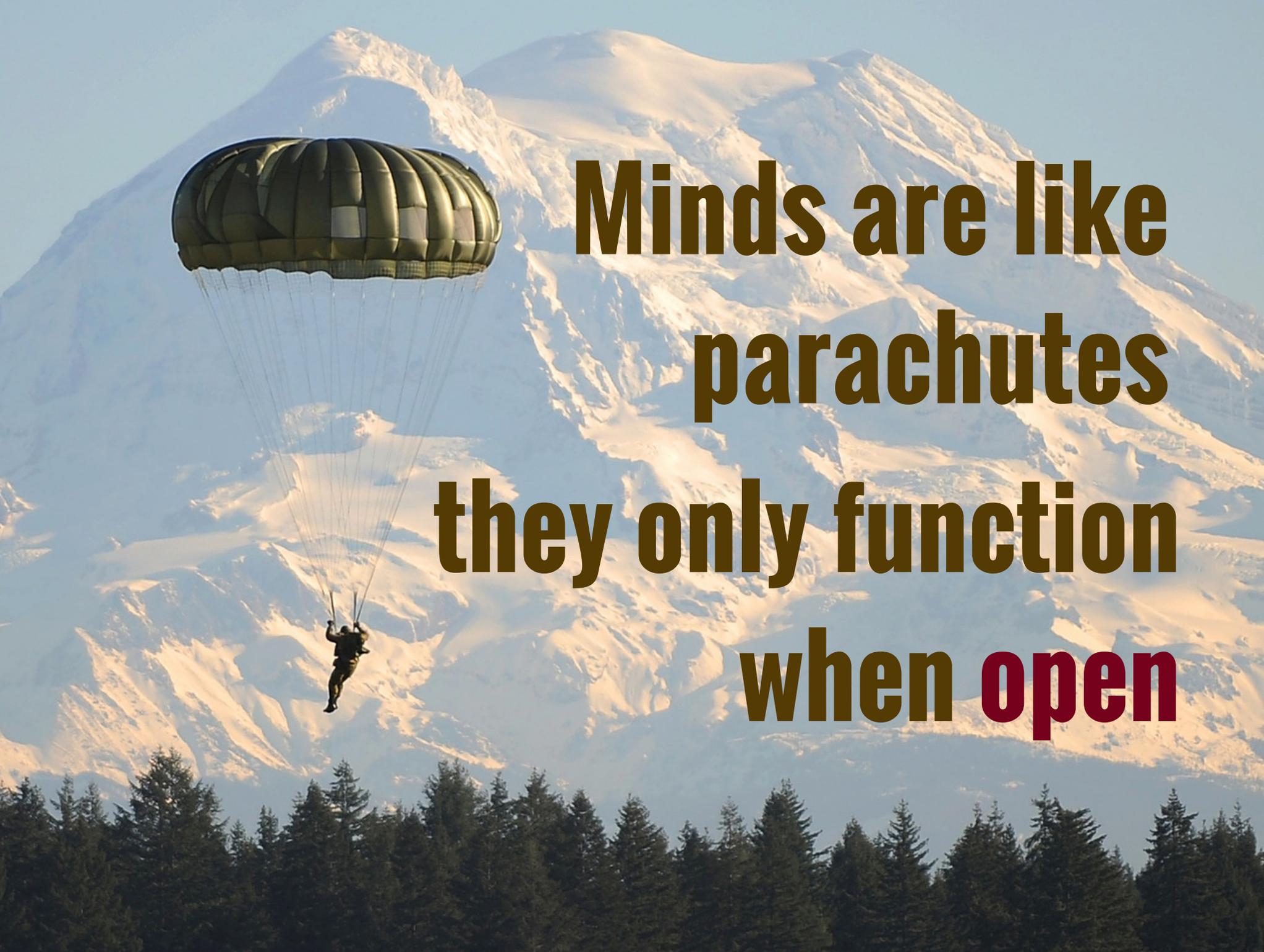
# August 2017

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September '17						
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October '17						
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		Notes				



**Minds are like  
parachutes  
they only function  
when open**

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# September 2017

August '17						
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October '17						
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November '17						
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A silhouette of a tightrope walker is positioned on a thin wire that stretches across the frame from the bottom left towards the top right. The walker is holding a long, thin pole to maintain balance. The background is a bright blue sky filled with soft, white, fluffy clouds. The overall scene conveys a sense of balance, precision, and the pursuit of perfection through practice.

*Practice*  
**Makes**  
**Perfect**

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# October 2017

September '17						
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November '17						
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December '17						
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31						

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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22	23	24 United Nations Day	25	26	27	28
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**For every problem  
there is an  
opportunity**



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# November 2017

October '17						
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December '17						
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January '18						
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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**I HEAR and I forget**

**I SEE and I remember**

**I DO and I understand**

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# December 2017

November '17						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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January '18						
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27	28	29	30	31		

February '18						
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25	26	27	28			

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29	30
31 New Year's Eve		Notes			 Ambasciata d'Italia Sofia	



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