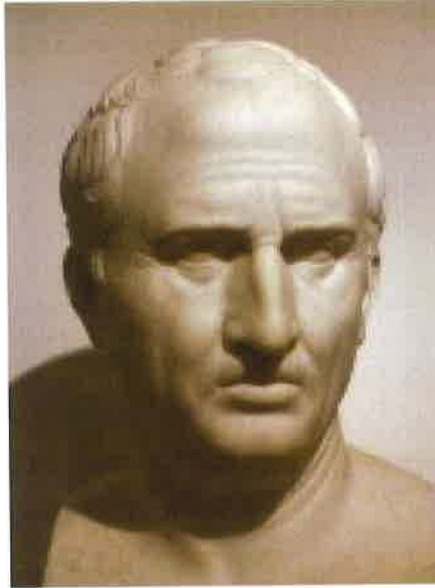


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Forgotten Thinkers: Cicero

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106 M. Tullius Cicero born at Arpinum (Jan. 3).

Social War (revolt of Italian allies) (91-88). Civil wars of Marius and Sulla (88-82).
Dictatorship of Sulla - Senate restored to power.

79-77 Cicero studies rhetoric in Athens and Rhodes

75 Cicero serves as quaestor in western Sicily (Lilybaeum).

First consulship of Pompey and Crassus.

69 Cicero aedile

66 Cicero praetor

63 Cicero's consulship. Conspiracy of Catiline

60 1st Triumvirate (Pompey, Crassus, Caesar) - Cicero does not join. First consulship of Caesar.

58 Cicero exiled (goes to northern Greece). Caesar conquers Gaul (58-50)

57 Cicero recalled from exile. Second Consulship of Pompey and Crassus.

51 Cicero proconsul of Cilicia (until middle of following year).

50 Cicero returns to Rome - rumors of civil war. 49 Civil War between Caesar and

48 Caesar defeats Pompey at Pharsalus, Cicero returns to Italy. Caesar pardons Cicero. Cicero withdraws from politics.

44 Cicero rallies Senate after assassination of Caesar, opposes Antony.

43 Civil Wars break out again. Cicero's delivers Philippics against Antony. Octavian occupies Rome, joins with Antony and Lepidus to form Second Triumvirate. Cicero proscribed and killed (December 7, 43).

27 Caesar Augustus take full control

A Few Quotes

The wise are instructed by reason, average minds by experience, the stupid by necessity and the brute by instinct.

It is not by muscle, speed, or physical dexterity that great things are achieved, but by reflection, force of character, and judgment.

The enemy is within the gates; it is with our own luxury, our own folly, our own criminality that we have to contend.

If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need.

Six mistakes mankind keeps making century after century: Believing that personal gain is made by crushing others; Worrying about things that cannot be changed or corrected; Insisting that a thing is impossible because we cannot accomplish it; Refusing to set aside trivial preferences; Neglecting development and refinement of the mind; Attempting to compel others to believe and live as we do

For there is but one essential justice which cements society, and one law which establishes this justice. This law is right reason, which is the true rule of all commandments and prohibitions. Whoever neglects this law, whether written or unwritten, is necessarily unjust and wicked.

Declaration of Independence:

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, --That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.

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