

APPENDIX C

QUOTES ABOUT CHESS

Could we look into the head of a chess player, we should see there a whole world of feelings, images, ideas, emotion and passion.

Alfred Binet (1857 – 1911), French psychologist

There's not the mystery in ten murders that there is in one game of chess.

Arthur Conan Doyle (1859 – 1930), British writer and physician

Chess holds its master in its own bonds, shackling the mind and brain so that the inner freedom of the very strongest must suffer.

Albert Einstein (1879 – 1955), German physicist and Nobel prize winner

Chess is the fastest game in the world, because in every second you have to organise thousands of thoughts.

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The game of Chess is not merely an idle amusement; several very valuable qualities of the mind are to be acquired and strengthened by it, so as to become habits ready on all occasions, for life is a kind of chess.

Benjamin Franklin (1706 1790), American writer, scientist and statesman

Chess is the touchstone of intellect.

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe (1749 – 1832), German poet and scientist

Nature has given us the chessboard beyond which we cannot and would not wish to operate; nature has carved the counters whose value, moves and potentiality gradually become known to us: it is our part now to make moves which hold a promise of gain for us; everyone tries to do this in his own way and doesn't relish interference.

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe (1749 – 1832), German poet and scientist

The chess board is the world, the pieces the phenomena of the universe, the rules of the game are what we call the laws of nature. The player on the other side is hidden from us. All we know is that his play is always fair, just and patient. But, also, that he never overlooks a mistake or makes the smallest allowance for ignorance.

Thomas Henry Huxley (1825 – 1895), English biologist

Chess truly uncovers whether or not someone has imagination and takes initiative.

Christian Morgenstern (1871 – 1914), German writer

But for my present purpose, the most suitable simile would be that of a game of chess, where the plan we determined to follow is conditioned by the play of our rival,—in life, by the caprice of fate. We are compelled to modify our tactics, often to such an extent that, as we carry them out, hardly a single feature of the original plan can be recognized.

Arthur Schopenhauer (1788 – 1860), German philosopher

A good player who loses at chess is genuinely convinced that he has lost because of a mistake, and he looks for this mistake in the beginning of his game, but forgets that there were also mistakes at every step in the course of the game, that none of his moves was perfect. The mistake he pays attention to is conspicuous only because his opponent took advantage of it.

Lew Tolstoi (1828 – 1910), Russian writer

Chess is like love - it's less fun alone.

Stefan Zweig (1881 – 1942), Austrian writer