

Key Takeaways From “The Alchemist” by Paulo Coelho

- Everyone seems to have a clear idea of how other people should lead their lives, but none about his or her own.
- At a certain point in our lives, we lose control of what’s happening to us, and our lives become controlled by fate.
- To realize one’s personal legend is a person’s only real obligation.
- When you want something, all the universe conspires in helping you to achieve it.
- When each day is the same as the next, it’s because people fail to recognize the good things that happen in their lives every day that the sun rises.
- The secret of happiness is to see all the marvels of the world, and never to forget the drops of oil on the spoon.
- I see the world in terms of what I would like to see happen, not what actually does.
- I have been told that beauty is the great seducer of men.
- People need not fear the unknown if they are capable of achieving what they need and want.
- We are afraid of losing what we have, whether it’s our life or our possessions and property. But this fear evaporates when we understand that our life stories and history of the world were written by the same hand.
- When you want something with all your heart, that’s when you are closest to the Soul of the World. It’s always a positive force.
- If you can concentrate always on the present, you’ll be a happy man.
- Courage is the quality most essential to understanding the language of the world.
- It’s not what enters men’s mouths that’s evil, it’s what comes out of their mouths that is.
- Life attracts life.
- You must understand that love never keeps a man from pursuing his personal legend. If he abandons that pursuit, it’s because it wasn’t true love...
- Wherever your heart is, that is where you’ll find your treasure.
- Most people see the world as a threatening place, and, because they do, the world turns out, indeed, to be a threatening place.
- There is only one thing that makes a dream impossible to achieve: the fear of failure.
- When we strive to become better than we are, everything around us becomes better, too.
- Because it’s not love to be static like the desert, nor is it love to roam the world like the wind. And it’s not love to see everything from a distance, like you do. Love is the force that transforms and improves the soul of the world.

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