



FUN POKER QUOTATIONS*

“Patience, and shuffle the cards.”

- Miguel de Cervantes, Don Quixote

“There are no atheists at a poker game; someone is always praying”

- Unknown

“Poker is... a fascinating, wonderful, intricate adventure on the high seas of human nature.”

- David A Daniel, Poker: How to Win at the Great American Game

“Poker: The art of civilized bushwhacking.”

- Attributed to Nick “the Greek” Dandalos, legendary high-roller.

“If, after the first twenty minutes, you don’t know who the sucker at the table is, it’s you.”

- Actor Matt Damon, from the movie, “Rounders”

“The game [of poker] represents the worst aspects of capitalism that have made our country so great.”

- Actor Walter Matthau

“I must complain the cards are ill shuffled till I have a good hand.”

- Jonathan Swift, “Thoughts on Various Subjects” (1728)

“Last night I stayed up late playing poker with Tarot cards. I got a full house and four people died.”

- Comedian Steven Wright

“POKER, n. A game said to be played with cards for some purpose to this lexicographer unknown.”

- Ambrose Bierce, The Devil’s Dictionary (1906)

“Poker is the game closest to the western conception of life, where life and thought are recognized as intimately combined, where free will prevails over philosophies of fate or of chance, where men are considered moral agents and where- at least in the short run- the important thing is not what happens but what people think happens.”

- John Luckacs, Poker and the American Character (1963)

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“Poker is a fighting game, a game in which each player tries to get the better of every other player and does so by fair means or foul so long as he obeys the rules of the game..... It probably began as a war game; that is, the representation of a miniature battle between the forces of two kingdoms.”

Karl Menninger, Psychologist and Author, *Love Against Hate* (1942)

“I’ve always had confidence, but I never let my ego get to the point that I think I’m the superstar, because I know that ego has destroyed many a poker career.”

- Jim Boyd, World Series of Poker tournament player

“Poker is a microcosm of all we admire and disdain about capitalism and democracy. It can be rough-hewn or polished, warm or cold, charitable and caring, or hard and impersonal, fickle and elusive, but ultimately it is fair, and right, and just.”

- Lou Krieger, Author and Poker columnist

“Whether he likes it or not, a man’s character is stripped at the poker table; if the other players read him better than he does, he has only himself to blame. Unless he is both able and prepared to see himself as others do, flaws and all, he will be a loser in cards, as in life.”

- Anthony Holden, Royal biographer and author of *Big Deal* (1990)

*as found online at <http://www.poker101.net/great-poker-quotes.php>, among other online sources.