

ANYWAY

*People are unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered,
love them anyway.*

*If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives,
do good anyway.*

*If you are successful, you win false friends and true enemies,
succeed anyway.*

*The good you do will be forgotten tomorrow,
do good anyway.*

*Honesty and frankness will make you vulnerable,
be honest and frank anyway.*

*What you spent years building may be destroyed overnight,
build anyway.*

*People really need help but may attack you if you help them,
help people anyway,*

*Give the world the best you have and you'll get kicked in the teeth,
give the world the best you've got anyway,*

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From a sign on the wall of Shishu Bhavan, the children's home in Calcutta.

(Footnote: Google says: Shishu Bhavan was indeed Mother Teresa's orphanage in Calcutta, but the words, while hanging there on a sign, were not her own. They are slightly modified but attributed as the "Paradoxical Commandments" to Kent M. Keith, who wrote them when he was 19, a sophomore at Harvard College. He wrote them as part of a book for student leaders entitled *The Silent Revolution: Dynamic Leadership in the Student Council*, published by Harvard Student Agencies in 1968. Mother Teresa, or one of her co-workers, put the Paradoxical Commandments up on the wall of Mother Teresa's children's home in Calcutta. That fact was reported in a book compiled by Lucinda Vardey, *Mother Teresa: A Simple Path*, which was published in 1995. As a result, some people have attributed the Paradoxical Commandments to Mother Teresa. Since his college days, Kent wrote a book, *Do It Anyway: The Handbook for Finding Personal Meaning and Deep Happiness in a Crazy World*.)

