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I am as My servants think I am

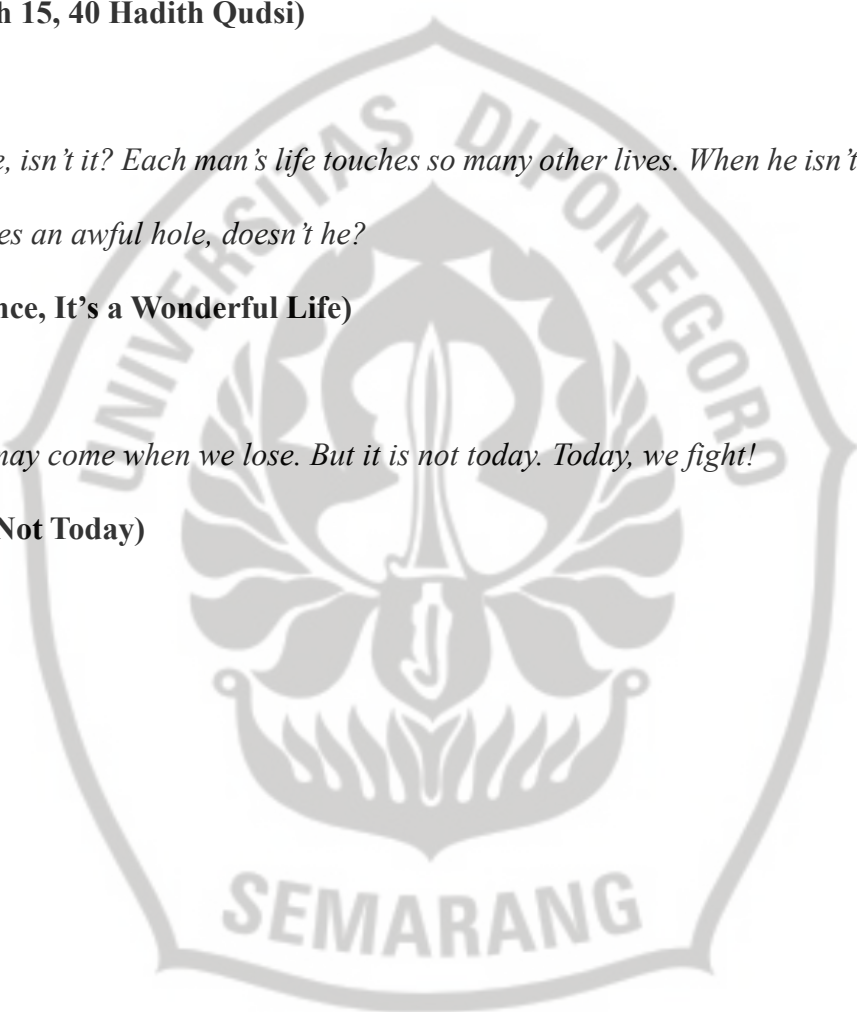
(Hadith 15, 40 Hadith Qudsi)

Strange, isn't it? Each man's life touches so many other lives. When he isn't around, he leaves an awful hole, doesn't he?

(Clarence, It's a Wonderful Life)

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(BTS, Not Today)



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