Chocolate Quotations

“The divine drink which builds up resistance and fights fatigue. A cup of this precious drink permits man to walk for a whole day without food.”
- Hernando Cortés, 1519

“It’s strengthening, restorative, and apt to repair decayed strength and make people strong.”
- Louis Lemery, 1702

Oh, divine chocolate!
They grind thee kneeling,
Beat thee with hands praying,
And drink thee with eyes to heaven.
- Marco Antonio Orellana, 18th century

“Chocolate is a divine, celestial drink, the sweat of the stars, the vital seed, divine nectar, the drink of the gods, panacea and universal medicine.”
- Geronimo Piperni, quoted by Antonio Lavedán, surgeon in the Spanish army, 1796

“What use are cartridges in battle? I always carry chocolate instead.”
- George Bernard Shaw, 1894

“Las cosas claras y el chocolate espresso.” (Ideas should be clear and chocolate thick.)
- Spanish proverb

‘Twill make old women young and fresh,
Create new motions of the flesh.
And cause them long for you know what,
If they but taste of chocolate.
- James Wadworth (1768-1844; A History of the Nature and Quality of Chocolate)

“Mmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmm... chocolate....”
- Homer Simpson

And one dissenting view:

“Among the many disorders which the intemperance of mankind has introduced to shorten their lives, one of the greatest, in my opinion, is the use of chocolate.”
- Giovanni Batista Felici, physician to the Tuscan court, 1728