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Arthur James Balfour, 1st Earl of Balfour, KG, OM, PC (25 July 1848 - 19 March 1930) was a British statesman and Prime Minister of the United Kingdom from 1902 until 1905. He was one of the more intellectual prime ministers of the 20th century, and is perhaps best remembered as author of the Balfour Declaration of 1917, promising a homeland for the Jewish people.

Enthusiasm moves the world.

- Balfour, Arthur James

The best thing to give to your enemy is forgiveness; to an opponent, tolerance; to a friend, your heart; to your child, a good example; to a father, deference; to your mother, conduct that will make her proud of you; to yourself, respect; to all men, charity.

- Balfour, Arthur James

I never forgive, but I always forget.

- Balfour, Arthur James

I thought he was a young man of promise, but it appears he is a young man of promises.

[Speaking Of Winston Churchill]

- Balfour, Arthur James

Ask with urgency and passion.

- Balfour, Arthur James

The General Strike has taught the working class more in four days than years of talking could have done.

- Balfour, Arthur James

Biography should be written by an acute enemy.

- Balfour, Arthur James

He has only half learned the art of reading who has not added to it the more refined art of skipping and skimming.

- Balfour, Arthur James

It is unfortunate, considering that enthusiasm moves the world, that so few enthusiasts can be trusted to speak the truth.

- Balfour, Arthur James

Nothing matters very much, and few things matter at all.

- Balfour, Arthur James



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