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The two qualities which chiefly inspire regard and affection [Are] that a thing is your own and that it is your only one.

- Aristotle

The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet.

- Aristotle

Those who educate children well are more to be honored than they who produce them; for these only gave them life, those the art of living well.

- Aristotle

No notice is taken of a little evil, but when it increases it strikes the eye.

- Aristotle

It is easy to perform a good action, but not easy to acquire a settled habit of performing such actions.

- Aristotle

The secret to humor is surprise.

- Aristotle

The end of labor is to gain leisure.

- Aristotle

We give up leisure in order that we may have leisure, just as we go to war in order that we may have peace.

- Aristotle

This is the reason why mothers are more devoted to their children than fathers: it is that they suffer more in giving them birth and are more certain that they are their own.

- Aristotle

Poetry is finer and more philosophical than history; for poetry expresses the universal, and history only the particular.

- Aristotle

Probable impossibilities are to be preferred to improbable possibilities.

- Aristotle

I count him braver who overcomes his desires than him who conquers his enemies; for the hardest victory is over self.

- Aristotle

Suffering becomes beautiful when anyone bears great calamities with cheerfulness, not through insensibility but through greatness of mind.

- Aristotle

The one exclusive sign of thorough knowledge is the power of teaching.

- Aristotle

The ideal man bears the accidents of life with dignity and grace, making the best of circumstances.

- Aristotle

The beauty of the soul shines out when a man bears with composure one heavy mischance after another, not because he does not feel them, but because he is a man of high and heroic temper.

- Aristotle

Aim above morality. Be not simply good, be good for something.

- Thoreau, Henry David

If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost; that is where they should be. Now put the foundations under them.

- Thoreau, Henry David

Our truest life is when we are in our dreams awake.

- Thoreau, Henry David

The heart is forever inexperienced.

- Thoreau, Henry David

I should not talk so much about myself if there were anybody else whom I knew as well.

- Thoreau, Henry David

The smallest seed of faith is better than the largest fruit of happiness.

- Thoreau, Henry David

Water is the only drink for a wise man.

- Thoreau, Henry David

In the long run you hit only what you aim at. Therefore, though you should fail immediately, you had better aim at something high.

- Thoreau, Henry David

We perceive and are affected by changes too subtle to be described.

- Thoreau, Henry David

Write while the heat is in you. The writer who postpones the recording of his thoughts

uses an iron which has cooled to burn a hole with. He cannot inflame the minds of his audience.

- Thoreau, Henry David

Knowledge does not come to us in details, but in flashes of light from heaven.

- Thoreau, Henry David

To know that we know what we know, and that we do not know what we do not know, that is true knowledge.

- Thoreau, Henry David

I have received no more than one or two letters in my life that were worth the postage.

- Thoreau, Henry David

There is no remedy for love than to love more.

- Thoreau, Henry David

The boy gathers materials for a temple, and then when he is thirty, concludes to build a woodshed.

- Thoreau, Henry David

Our moments of inspiration are not lost though we have no particular poem to show for them; for those experiences have left an indelible impression, and we are ever and anon

reminded of them.

- Thoreau, Henry David

Do not be too moral. You may cheat yourself out of much life. So aim above morality. Be not simply good; be good for something.

- Thoreau, Henry David

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