

Ralph Waldo Emerson

A friend may well be reckoned the masterpiece of nature.

A man is what he thinks about all day long.

Adopt the pace of nature: her secret is patience.

All I have seen teaches me to trust the creator for all I have not seen.

An ounce of action is worth a ton of theory.

As a cure for worrying, work is better than whiskey.

As long as a man stands in his own way, everything seems to be in his way.

As soon as there is life there is danger.

As we grow old, the beauty steals inward.

Bad times have a scientific value. These are occasions a good learner would not miss.

Beauty without expression is boring.

To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else is the greatest accomplishment.

What you are comes to you.

Solitude is impractical and yet society is fatal.

Finish each day and be done with it. You have done what you could.

Some blunders and absurdities no doubt crept in, forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day, you shall begin it well and serenely...

Once you make a decision, the universe conspires to make it happen.

People do not seem to realize that their opinion of the world is also a confession of character.

We are always getting ready to live, but never living.

Unless you try to do something beyond what you have already mastered, you will never grow.

Every artist was first an amateur.

The only way to have a friend is to be one.

Never lose an opportunity of seeing anything beautiful, for beauty is God's handwriting.

What lies behind you and what lies in front of you, pales in comparison to what lies inside of you.

Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm.

We are wiser than we know.

If the stars should appear but one night every thousand years how man would marvel and stare.

All life is an experiment. The more experiments you make the better.

The highest revelation is that God is in every man.

Nothing external to you has any power over you.

This time, like all times, is a very good one, if we but know what to do with it.

The age of a woman doesn't mean a thing. The best tunes are played on the oldest fiddles.

Don't say things. What you are stands over you the while, and thunders so that I cannot hear what you say to the contrary.

Who you are speaks so loudly I can't hear what you're saying.

All I have seen teaches me to trust the creator for all I have not seen.

The years teach much which the days never know.

Sorrow makes us children again.

It is easy in the world to live after the world's opinions; it is easy in solitude to live after your own; but the great man is he who in the midst of the crowd keeps with perfect sweetness the independence of solitude.

Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year.

Adopt the pace of nature; her secret is patience.

We gain the strength of the temptation we resist.

Life wastes itself while we are preparing to live

Insist on yourself; never imitate.

Always do what you are afraid to do.

No one can cheat you out of ultimate success but yourself.

The only person you are destined to become is the person you decide to be.

I find that the Americans have no passions, they have appetites.

Real action is in silent moments.

The people are to be taken in very small doses.

A man is usually more careful of his money than he is of his principles.

Our greatest glory is not in never failing, but in rising up every time we fail.

People only see what they are prepared to see.

Religion is to do right. It is to love, it is to serve, it is to think, it is to be humble.

In art the hand can never execute anything higher than the heart can inspire.

Nothing can bring you happiness but yourself.

Nature always wears the colors of the spirit.

When Nature has work to be done, she creates a genius to do it.

Not in his goals but in his transitions is man great.

The greatest gift is a portion of thyself.