

Alexandra David-Neel

Quotes

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Profound, Movement, Gratitude, Strong, Song, Dog, Stupid, Life Is, Asia,
Nature, Injury*

To the one who knows how to look and feel, every moment of this free wandering life is an enchantment.

~Alexandra David-Neel

Who knows the flower best? - the one who reads about it in a book, or the one who finds it wild on the mountainside?

~Alexandra David-Neel

Suffering raises up those souls that are truly great; it is only small souls that are made mean-spirited by it.

~Alexandra David-Neel

Neglecting small things under the pretext of wanting to accomplish large ones is the excuse of a coward.

~Alexandra David-Neel

The wise expect nothing, hope for nothing, thus avoiding all disappointment and anxiety.

~Alexandra David-Neel

Nature has a language of its own, or maybe those who have lived long in solitude read in it their own unconscious inner feelings and mysterious foreknowledge.

~Alexandra David-Neel

One must be very strong, or very stupid, or completely exhausted to face life with indifference.

~Alexandra David-Neel

The unsuspected is the daily fare of the traveler in Thibet.

~Alexandra David-Neel

As a stoic I must despise injury or, rather, I must not feel it, must not be affected by it so that it cannot violate the freedom of my soul.

~Alexandra David-Neel

Very few of us are capable of being Free Thinkers, needing neither to adore nor to insult God, the insult often being an act of faith more profound than adoration.

~Alexandra David-Neel

Guard against idols -- yes, guard against all idols, of which surely the greatest is oneself.

~Alexandra David-Neel

There is nothing truly serious in life. All words sound hollow when one listens to them carefully.

~Alexandra David-Neel

"To fashion stars out of dog dung, that is the Great Work. To take a negative experience and, by comparing it to something worse, make it feel good, is the great skill."

~Alexandra David-Neel

Why do you pray if you doubt you are heard?

~Alexandra David-Neel

Work cannot convey the almost voluptuous sweetness of the feelings experienced ... in solitude.

~Alexandra David-Neel

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