

Ameen Rihani

Quotes

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Tolerance*

My first wish is to be simple in my actions, truthful in my speech, honest in my opinions, and natural in my behavior. In other words, I want to be clean in mind, heart, and body.

~Ameen Rihani

Truth breeds power, and truth never perishes.

~Ameen Rihani

Ignorance and fear are twins whose mother is slavery and whose father is oppression, and the mentality of the whole family is that of slaves.

~Ameen Rihani

I give priority to up-bringing over education because the ultimate goal of up-bringing is morals, and we have a more urgent need for morals than for knowledge.

~Ameen Rihani

The religious fanatic drew a small circle and left me, the infidel, outside it. However, I, with the help of love, won over him - I drew a large circle and included him.

~Ameen Rihani

The West for me means ambition, the East contentment. My heart is ever in one, my soul in the other.

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Our Phoenician ancestors never left anything they undertook unfinished. Consider what they accomplished in their days, and the degree of culture they attained.

~Ameen Rihani

Fire and light compete today in the East. But there is a lot of green firewood in this fire, and there is a lot of smoke in that light.

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Self-reliance leads to intellectual independence. Each man must think for himself, must train the mind to think, must habituate the soul to observe and analyze.

~Ameen Rihani

Breathless and unharmed, we emerge from the mazes of metaphysics and psychology where man and the soul are playing hide-and-seek.

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The heart yields spontaneity; the mind bends to understanding.

~Ameen Rihani

I am the East. I have philosophies, I have religions, who would exchange them for airplanes?

~Ameen Rihani

... And if Europe gives Arabia a railway, Arabia gives Europe an idea - which I think balances the account.

~Ameen Rihani

My American walking shoes are new, and my Oriental eyes are old.

~Ameen Rihani

I am for reformation by emigration. The emigration of the mind before the revolution of the state. The soul and mind must be free before one has a right to be a member of a free government.

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What is life without its angles of difficulty and defeat, and its tip of triumph and power?

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I want to accept all the difficulties that face me in life with perseverance and patience.

~Ameen Rihani

The footsteps of a pioneer become ultimately the highway of a nation.

~Ameen Rihani

Knowledge is one of our direst needs. But it is insufficient on its own. If knowledge was stripped from true up-bringing, it would increase man's strength, but not his morals.

~Ameen Rihani

Virtue, once bragged about, once you pride yourself upon it, ceases to be such.

~Ameen Rihani

If I were capable of assisting someone, I would do it in a manner that would cause the person seeking assistance to work, so he assists himself.

~Ameen Rihani

True knowledge is power; but in order to feel at home with it, we must be constitutionally qualified. And if we are not, it is likely to give the soul such a twist as to deform it forever.

~Ameen Rihani

The broader and higher aspects of life are international.... There is a goal towards which all nations gravitate, and there is a common ground upon which all nations meet.

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... However, there is another method, other than revolution, which is that of natural evolution, or rather the intellectual method with all its modes of education and up-bringing.

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We have to dissolve all the denominations in order to form from them the greater denomination of the homeland.

~Ameen Rihani

I proceeded in my national mission, seeking to pave the way for an understanding between His Majesty and the other ruling princes of Arabia.

~Ameen Rihani

We must strive to form a comprehensive sublime nationalism whose first principal is national geographic unity and must strengthen this unity with deeds not with words.

~Ameen Rihani

In the Lakes of Light, Love and Will, I would baptize all mankind.

~Ameen Rihani

I renounce falsehood, whatsoever be the guise it assumes, and I embrace truth, wheresoever I find it.

~Ameen Rihani

I deposit in many banks including the bank of wisdom. The more I draw on my accounts, no matter how big the sum, the bigger my balance becomes

~Ameen Rihani

Like the seasons of the year, like history, truth always repeats itself.

~Ameen Rihani

Training the will in trivial and grave matters increases its strength and flexibility, and enables man to constantly strive and persevere.

~Ameen Rihani

No boundaries exist in our breast: We are free .

~Ameen Rihani

The will is the spirit of perseverance, and perseverance holds clear success.

~Ameen Rihani

Yes, I am calling for an intellectual revolution that sweeps away the corruption, absurdity and error, which prevail in morals, customs, traditions, and doctrines.

~Ameen Rihani

At this moment, my soul is in Lebanon, my heart in Paris, and my body in New York.

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Freedom of the Spirit is the cornerstone of all freedom.

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Mutual tolerance is the stepping stone to mutual respect. A hospitable mind is the key to a neighboring or an alien spirit, looked by dogma and guarded by tradition.

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True up-bringing is restricted to two types of welfare; the welfare of the body and that of the mind.

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Foreign culture is as necessary to the spirit of a nation as is foreign commerce to its industries.

~Ameen Rihani

You teacher, teach your pupils freedom in thought and deed, honesty in thought and deed, and tolerance in thought and deed.

~Ameen Rihani

Had courage, wisdom, and reason always prevailed in people, there would not have been oppressions and oppressors.

~Ameen Rihani

Like matter itself, an ideal is mutable, but indestructible. It does not die; it only undergoes a change.

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