

# Amos Bronson Alcott

## Quotes

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A candid spirit is mightier than the most persistent dogmatism.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

The less routine the more life.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

First find the man in yourself if you will inspire manliness in others.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

Success is sweet and sweeter if long delayed and gotten through many struggles and defeats.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

I consider it the best part of an education to have been born and brought up in the country.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

Books are the most mannerly of companions, accessible at all times, in all moods, frankly declaring the author's mind, without offense.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

A government, for protecting business only, is but a carcass, and soon falls by its own corruption and decay.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

Our ideals are our better selves.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

Our friends interpret the world and ourselves to us, if we take them tenderly and truly.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

Our bravest and best lessons are not learned through success, but through misadventure.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

The true teacher defends his pupils against his own personal influence. He inspires self-trust. He guides their eyes from himself to the spirit that quickens him. He will have no disciples.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

Ignorance is innocence - stupidity comes with experience

~Amos Bronson Alcott

Where there is a mother in the home, matters go well.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

Yet the deepest truths are best read between the lines, and, for the most part, refuse to be written.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

To be ignorant of one's ignorance is the malady of the ignorant.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

Heaven trims our lamps while we sleep.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

Our notion of the perfect society embraces the family as its center and ornament, and this paradise is not secure until children appear to animate and complete the picture.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

Who loves a garden, still his Eden keeps, Perennial pleasures plants, and wholesome harvests reaps.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

Prudence is the footprint of Wisdom.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

There is virtue in country houses, in gardens and orchards, in fields, streams and groves, in rustic recreations and plain manners, that neither cities nor universities enjoy.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

Fullness is always quiet; agitation will answer for empty vessels only.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

One must be a wise reader to quote wisely and well.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

Memory marks the horizon of our consciousness, imagination its zenith.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

I find my past in my present, and from these forecast my future.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

Debate is masculine, conversation is feminine.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

Our dreams drench us in senses, and senses steps us again in dreams.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

One does not see his thought distinctly till it is reflected in the image of another's.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

Who speaks to the instincts speaks to the deepest in mankind, and finds the readiest response.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

The wisest and best are repulsive, if they are characterized by repulsive

manners. Politeness is an easy virtue, costs little, and has great purchasing power.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

Strengthen me by sympathizing with my strength, not my weakness.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

Many can argue - not many converse.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

Time ripens the substance of a life as the seasons mellow and perfect its fruits. The best apples fall latest and keep longest.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

Equanimity is the gem in virtue's chaplet, and St. Sweetness the loveliest in her calendar.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

Enthusiasm imparts itself magnetically and fuses all into one happy and harmonious unity of feeling and sentiment.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

Wherever comes man comes tragedy and comedy also.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

Every noble life becomes a revelation of the spirit which the love and joy of mankind cannot let perish from remembrance.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

Cleanse the fountain if you would purify the streams.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

Hold fast, therefore, O circular philosopher, to thy centre, and drive the globe along its orbit by the momentum of thy thought.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

We climb to heaven most often on the ruins of our cherished plans, finding our failures were successes.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

That is a good book which is opened with expectation, and closed with delight and profit.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

Truth is sensitive and jealous of the least encroachment upon its sacredness.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

One's outlook is a part of his virtue.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

Modesty is bred of self-reverence. Fine manners are the mantle of fair minds.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

A work of real merit finds favor at last.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

Would Shakespeare and Raleigh have done their best, would that galaxy have shone so bright in the heavens had there been no Elizabeth on the throne?

~Amos Bronson Alcott

Love is the key to felicity, nor is there a heaven to any who love not. We enter Paradise through its gates only.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

Divination seems heightened and raised to its highest power in woman.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

No one is promiscuous in his way of dying. A man who has decided to hang himself will never jump in front of a train.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

As education becomes inclusive, introspective, cosmic, promoting whole populations to power and privilege, it enthrones a vast, invisible, personal rule over the common mind.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

Every sin provokes its punishment.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

A good style fits like a good costume.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

Experience converts us to ourselves when books fail us.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

Who knows, the mind has the key to all things besides.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

A man defines his standing at the court of chastity by his views of women.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

Civilization degrades the many to exalt the few.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

Your real influence is measured by your treatment of yourself.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

Ideas in the head set hands about their several tasks.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

While one finds company in himself and his pursuits, he cannot feel old, no matter what his years may be.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

Genius--the free and harmonious play of all the faculties of a human being.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

A sip is the most that mortals are permitted from any goblet of delight.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

The more one endeavors to sound the depths of his ignorance the deeper the chasm appears.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

The eyes have a property in things and territories not named in any title-deeds, and are the owners of our choicest possessions.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

The richest minds need not large libraries.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

When one becomes indifferent to women, to children, and young people., he may know that he is superannuated, and has withdrawn from whatsoever is sweetest and purest in human existence.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

Friends are the leaders of the bosom, being more ourselves than we are, and we complement our affections in theirs.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

Traveling is no fool's errand to him who carries his eyes and itinerary



along with him.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

If the ancients left us ideas, to our credit be it spoken that we moderns are building houses for them -- structures which neither Plato nor Archimedes had dreamed possible.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

Observation more than books and experience more than persons, are the prime educators.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

Health, longevity, beauty, are other names for personal purity; and temperance is the regimen for all.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

Dignity of manner always conveys a sense of reserved force.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

A true teacher defends his students against his own personal influences.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

Where women are, the better things are implied if not spoken.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

Enthusiasm is essential to the successful attainment of any high endeavor.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

Nor is a day lived if the dawn is left out of it, with the prospects it opens. Who speaks charmingly of nature or of mankind, like him who comes bibulous of sunrise and the fountains of waters?

~Amos Bronson Alcott

A birthday is a good time to begin a new; throwing away the old habits, as you would old clothes, and never putting them again.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

Devotees of grammatical studies have not been distinguished for any very remarkable felicities of expression

~Amos Bronson Alcott

Many are those who can argue; few are those who can converse

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Who loves a garden still his Eden keeps.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

Life is one, religion one, creeds are many and diverse.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

Despair snuffs the sun from the firmament.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

Every dogma embodies some shade of truth to give it seeming currency.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

Egotists cannot converse, they talk to themselves only.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

Nature is thought immersed in matter. . .

~Amos Bronson Alcott

Inspiration must find answering inspiration.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

Without a mythology, faith is impersonal and heartless.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

Debate is angular, conversation circular and radiant of the underlying unity.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

Time is one's best friend, teaching best of all the wisdom of silence.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

Right is the royal ruler alone; and he who rules with least restraint comes nearest to empire.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

Action and blood now get the game. Disdain treads on the peaceful name.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

The traveled mind is the catholic mind educated from exclusiveness and egotism.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

Cities with all their advantages have something hostile to liberal learning, the seductions are so subtle and accost the senses so openly on all sides.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

A happy childhood is the pledge of a ripe manhood.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

The best teachers don't allow their own personal views to influence their teaching.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

A check on itself, evil subserves the economies of good, as it were a

condiment to give relish to good.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

The mind is fast emancipating itself from the dominion of man and of matter. It has let loose fearful forces on the world.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

The books that charmed us in youth recall the delight ever afterwards; we are hardly persuaded there are any like them, any deserving our equal affections.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

One must be rich in thought and character to owe nothing to books.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

Man must have some recognized stake in society and affairs to knit him lovingly to his kind, or he is wont to revenge himself for wrongs real or imagined.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

Pleasure, that immortal essence, the beautiful bead sparkling in the cup, effervesces soon and subsides.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

Sympathy wanting, all is wanting; its personal magnetism is the conductor of the sacred spark that lights our atoms, puts us in human communion, and gives us to company, conversation, and ourselves.

~Amos Bronson Alcott

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