

Ann Radcliffe

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One act of beneficence, one act of real usefulness, is worth all the abstract sentiment in the world.

~Ann Radcliffe

I never trust people's assertions, I always judge of them by their actions.

~Ann Radcliffe

To a generous mind few circumstances are more afflicting than a discovery of perfidy in those whom we have trusted.

~Ann Radcliffe

How strange it is, that a fool or knave, with riches, should be treated with more respect by the world, than a good man, or a wise man in poverty!

~Ann Radcliffe

Such is the inconsistency of real love, that it is always awake to suspicion, however unreasonable; always requiring new assurances from the object of its interest.

~Ann Radcliffe

There is no accounting for tastes.

~Ann Radcliffe

When one can hear people moving, one does not so much mind, about one's fears.

~Ann Radcliffe

There is some comfort in dying surrounded by one's children.

~Ann Radcliffe

Never will I give my hand where my heart does not accompany it.

~Ann Radcliffe

Employment is the surest antidote to sorrow.

~Ann Radcliffe

The passions are the seeds of vices as well as of virtues, from which either may spring, accordingly as they are nurtured. Unhappy they who have never been taught the art to govern them!

~Ann Radcliffe

Happiness arises in a state of peace, not of tumult.

~Ann Radcliffe

Poverty cannot deprive us of many consolations. It cannot rob us of the affection we have for each other, or degrade us in our own opinion, of in that of any person, whose opinion we ought to value.

~Ann Radcliffe

What has a man's face to do with his character? Can a man of good character help having a disagreeable face?

~Ann Radcliffe

When the mind has once begun to yield to the weakness of superstition, trifles impress it with the force of conviction.

~Ann Radcliffe

When justice happens to oppose prejudice, we are apt to believe it virtuous to disobey her.

~Ann Radcliffe

Wisdom can boast no higher attainment than happiness.

~Ann Radcliffe

The refreshing pleasure from the first view of nature, after the pain of illness, and the confinement of a sick-chamber, is above the conceptions, as well as the descriptions, of those in health.

~Ann Radcliffe

To discover depravity in those whom we have loved, is one of the most exquisite tortures to a virtuous mind, and the conviction is often rejected before it is finally admitted.

~Ann Radcliffe

But St. Aubert had too much good sense to prefer a charm to a virtue.

~Ann Radcliffe

What is acquired without labor is seldom worth acquiring at all.

~Ann Radcliffe

Do you believe your heart to be, indeed, so hardened, that you can look without emotion on the suffering, to which you would condemn me?

~Ann Radcliffe

Ignorance of true pleasure more frequently than temptation to that which is false, leads to vice.

~Ann Radcliffe

Virtue and taste are nearly the same, for virtue is little more than active taste, and the most delicate affections of each combine in real love.

~Ann Radcliffe

Vanity often produces unreasonable alarm.

~Ann Radcliffe

Sentiment is a disgrace, instead of an ornament, unless it lead us to good actions.

~Ann Radcliffe

Fate sits on these dark battlements and frowns, And as the portal opens to receive me, A voice in hollow murmurs through the courts

Tells of a nameless deed.

~Ann Radcliffe

There is something in the ardour and ingenuousness of youth, which is particularly pleasing to the contemplation of an old man, if his feelings have not been entirely corroded by the world.

~Ann Radcliffe

How despicable is that humanity, which can be contented to pity, where it might assuage!

~Ann Radcliffe

I tasted too what was called the sweet of revenge - but it was transient, it expired even with the object, that provoked it.

~Ann Radcliffe

It is dismal coming home, when there is nobody to welcome one!

~Ann Radcliffe

There are some few instances in which it is virtuous to disobey.

~Ann Radcliffe

Happiness has this essential difference from what is commonly called pleasure, that virtue forms its basis, and virtue being the offspring of reason, may be expected to produce uniformity of effect.

~Ann Radcliffe

I wish that all those, who on this night are not merry enough to speak before they think, may ever after be grave enough to think before they speak!

~Ann Radcliffe

There is some magic in wealth, which can thus make persons pay their court to it, when it does not even benefit themselves.

~Ann Radcliffe

But no matter for that, you can be tolerably happy, perhaps, notwithstanding; but as for guessing how happy I am, or knowing anything about the matter,--- O! its quite beyond what you can understand.

~Ann Radcliffe

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