

Arnold Bennett Quotes

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Your own mind is a sacred enclosure into which nothing harmful can enter except by your permission.

~Arnold Bennett

Any change, even a change for the better, is always accompanied by drawbacks and discomforts.

~Arnold Bennett

There can be no knowledge without emotion. We may be aware of a truth, yet until we have felt its force, it is not ours. To the cognition of the brain must be added the experience of the soul.

~Arnold Bennett

Its language is a language which the soul alone understands, but which the soul can never translate.

~Arnold Bennett

The best cure for worry, depression, melancholy, brooding, is to go deliberately forth and try to lift with one's sympathy the gloom of somebody else.

~Arnold Bennett

Worry is evidence of an ill-controlled brain; it is merely a stupid waste of time in unpleasantness.

~Arnold Bennett

It is easier to go down a hill than up, but the view is from the top.

~Arnold Bennett

The real Tragedy is the tragedy of the man who never in his life braces himself for his one supreme effort-he never stretches to his full capacity, never stands up to his full stature.

~Arnold Bennett

Of all the inhabitants of the inferno, none but Lucifer knows that hell is hell, and the secret function of purgatory is to make of heaven an effective reality.

~Arnold Bennett

Falsehood often lurks upon the tongue of him, who, by self-praise, seeks to enhance his value in the eyes of others.

~Arnold Bennett

Every scene, even the commonest, is wonderful, if only one can detach oneself, casting off all memory of use and custom and behold it, as it were, for the first time.

~Arnold Bennett

Ninety percent of the friction of daily life is caused by tone of voice.

~Arnold Bennett

We need a sense of the value of time - that is, of the best way to divide one's time into one's various activities.

~Arnold Bennett

The proper, wise balancing of one's whole life may depend upon the feasibility of a cup of tea at an unusual hour.

~Arnold Bennett

A first-rate organizer is never in a hurry. He is never late. He always keeps up his sleeve a margin for the unexpected.

~Arnold Bennett

The gain in self-confidence of having accomplished a tiresome labour is immense.

~Arnold Bennett

Much ingenuity with a little money is vastly more profitable and amusing

than much money without ingenuity.

~Arnold Bennett

The saxophone is the embodied spirit of beer.

~Arnold Bennett

A true friend is one who likes you despite your achievements.

~Arnold Bennett

Concentrate on something useful. Having decided to achieve a task, achieve it at all costs.

~Arnold Bennett

Well, my deliberate opinion is - it's a jolly strange world.

~Arnold Bennett

We shall never have more time. We have, and always had, all the time there is. No object is served in waiting until next week or even until tomorrow. Keep going... Concentrate on something useful.

~Arnold Bennett

A cause may be inconvenient, but it's magnificent. It's like champagne or high heels, and one must be prepared to suffer for it.

~Arnold Bennett

Procrastination is suicide on the installment plan.

~Arnold Bennett

You are not in charge of the universe; you are in charge of yourself.

~Arnold Bennett

The price of Justice is eternal publicity.

~Arnold Bennett

If you've ever really been poor, you remain poor at heart all your life.

~Arnold Bennett

Mother is far too clever to understand anything she does not like.

~Arnold Bennett

Good taste is better than bad taste, but bad taste is better than no taste.

~Arnold Bennett

Beware of undertaking too much at the start. Be content with quite a little. Allow for accidents. Allow for human nature, especially your own.

~Arnold Bennett

Being a husband is a whole time job. That is why so many husbands fail. They cannot give their entire attention to it.

~Arnold Bennett

Saw Washington Monument. Phallic. Appalling. A national catastrophe.

~Arnold Bennett

A man of sixty has spent twenty years in bed and over three years in eating.

~Arnold Bennett

Time is the inexplicable raw material of everything. With it, all is possible, without it nothing. The supply of time is truly a daily miracle, an affair genuinely astonishing when one examines it.

~Arnold Bennett

Always behave as if nothing had happened, no matter what has happened.

~Arnold Bennett

I do want an expensive honeymoon. Not because I'm extravagant, but because a honeymoon is a solemn, important thing ... a symbol. And it ought to be done -- well, adequately.

~Arnold Bennett

Pessimism, when you get used to it, is just as agreeable as optimism.

~Arnold Bennett

If egotism means a terrific interest in one's self, egotism is absolutely essential to efficient living.

~Arnold Bennett

The moment you're born you're done for.

~Arnold Bennett

All wrong doing is done in the sincere belief that it is the best thing to do.

~Arnold Bennett

It is within the experience of everyone that when pleasure and pain reach a certain intensity they are indistinguishable.

~Arnold Bennett

You can turn over a new leaf every hour if you choose.

~Arnold Bennett

The parents exist to teach the child, but also they must learn what the child has to teach them; and the child has a very great deal to teach them

~Arnold Bennett

It is well, when judging a friend, to remember that he is judging you with the same godlike and superior impartiality.

~Arnold Bennett

The great advantage of being in a rut is that when one is in a rut, one knows exactly where one is.

~Arnold Bennett

The pleasure of doing a thing in the same way at the same time every day, and savoring it, should be noted.

~Arnold Bennett

It is difficult to make a reputation, but is even more difficult seriously to mar a reputation once properly made --- so faithful is the public.

~Arnold Bennett

Being a husband is a whole-time job.

~Arnold Bennett

Journalists say a thing that they know isn't true, in the hope that if they keep on saying it long enough it will be true.

~Arnold Bennett

No mind, however loving, could bear to see plainly into all the recess of another mind.

~Arnold Bennett

The test of a first-rate work, and a test of your sincerity in calling it a first-rate work, is that you finish it.

~Arnold Bennett

A sense of the value of time... is an essential preliminary to efficient work; it is the only method of avoiding hurry.

~Arnold Bennett

Only a very gifted mind could cope singly with all the problems which present themselves in the perfecting of a home.

~Arnold Bennett

To write is to make oneself the echo of what cannot cease speaking.

~Arnold Bennett

To my mind the most poignant mystical exhortation ever written is "Be still and know that I am God."

~Arnold Bennett

Most people sleep themselves stupid.

~Arnold Bennett

Time is the explicable raw material of everything.

~Arnold Bennett

The only way to write a great book is to write it with the eyes of a child who sees things for the first time.

~Arnold Bennett

Essential characteristic of the really great novelist: a Christ-like, all-embracing compassion.

~Arnold Bennett

The people who live in the past must yield to the people who live in the future. Otherwise the world would begin to turn the other way round.

~Arnold Bennett

The man who begins to go to bed forty minutes before he opens his bedroom door is bored; that is to say, he is not living.

~Arnold Bennett

I will never cease advising my friends and enemies to read poetry before anything.

~Arnold Bennett

As a rule people don't collect books; they let books collect themselves.

~Arnold Bennett

Prepare to live by all means, but for Heaven's sake do not forget to live.

~Arnold Bennett

You can only acquire really useful general ideas by first acquiring particular ideas . . . You cannot make bricks without straw.

~Arnold Bennett

The war years count double. Things and people not actively in use age twice as fast.

~Arnold Bennett

It is only people of small stature who have to stand on their dignity.

~Arnold Bennett

During a long and varied career as a bachelor, dear spouse [mock platform manner], I have noticed that marriage is usually the death of politeness between a man and a woman.

~Arnold Bennett

Literature exists so that where one man has lived finely ten thousand may afterward live finely

~Arnold Bennett

Make love to every woman you meet; if you get five per cent of your outlay it's a good investment.

~Arnold Bennett

I don't read my reviews, I measure them.

~Arnold Bennett

At moments we are all artists.

~Arnold Bennett

There is no magic method of beginning... Take hold of your nerves, and jump.

~Arnold Bennett

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