

# Arthur Balfour Quotes

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Enthusiasm moves the world.

~Arthur Balfour

In politics nothing matters very much, and few things matter at all.

~Arthur Balfour

Why can't the Jews and the Arabs just sit down together and settle this like good Christians?

~Arthur Balfour

It is unfortunate, considering that enthusiasm moves the world, that so few enthusiasts can be trusted to speak the truth.

~Arthur Balfour

Our Scottish theory ... is that every country has need of Scotchmen, but that Scotland has no need of the citizens of any other country.

~Arthur Balfour

I thought Winston Churchill was a young man of promise, but it appears he is a young man of promises.

~Arthur Balfour

Society, dead or alive, can have no charm without intimacy and no intimacy without an interest in trifles.

~Arthur Balfour

It has always been desirable to tell the truth, but seldom if ever necessary.

~Arthur Balfour

I do not know how it comes about, but if you sit opposite a man every day and you are engaged in fighting him, you cannot help getting a liking for him whether he deserves it or not.

~Arthur Balfour

I have done nothing important or distinguished since we met except to win the handicap prize, worth ?4 10/- at North Berwick.

~Arthur Balfour

There are plenty of cases of war being begun before it is declared.

~Arthur Balfour

Winston has written four volumes about himself and called it 'World Crisis'.

~Arthur Balfour

The General Strike has taught the working class more in four days than years of talking could have done.

~Arthur Balfour

The tyranny of majorities may be as bad as the tyranny of Kings.

~Arthur Balfour

I'd rather take advice from my valet than from the Conservative Party Conference

~Arthur Balfour

He has only half learned the art of reading who has not added to it the more refined art of skipping and skimming.

~Arthur Balfour

Advice would be more acceptable if it didn't always conflict with our plans.

~Arthur Balfour

Biography should be written by an acute enemy.

~Arthur Balfour

I do not stare at a gentleman in distress.

~Arthur Balfour

I never forgive, but I always forget.

~Arthur Balfour

Ask with urgency and passion.

~Arthur Balfour

Every human soul is of infinite value, eternal, free; no human being, therefore, is so placed as not to have within his reach, in himself and others, objects adequate to infinite endeavor.

~Arthur Balfour

His Majesty's Government looks with favour upon the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jews.

~Arthur Balfour

I am more or less happy when being praised, not very comfortable when being abused, but I have moments of uneasiness when being explained.

~Arthur Balfour

No country can allow its safety to be wholly dependent on faithful observance by other states of rules to which they are obliged.

~Arthur Balfour

Science preceded the theory of science, and is independent of it. Science preceded naturalism, and will survive it.

~Arthur Balfour

Herbert Asquith's clarity is a great liability because he has nothing to say.

~Arthur Balfour

I look forward to a time when Irish patriotism will as easily combine with British patriotism as Scottish patriotism combines now.

~Arthur Balfour

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