

# Arthur Helps Quotes

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Wise sayings often fall on barren ground, but a kind word is never thrown away.

~Arthur Helps

Routine is not organization, any more than paralysis is order.

~Arthur Helps

Keep your feet on the ground, but let your heart soar as high as it will. Refuse to be average or to surrender to the chill of your spiritual environment.

~Arthur Helps

A man's action is only a picture book of his creed.

~Arthur Helps

In a balanced organization, working towards a common objective, there is success.

~Arthur Helps

Every happiness is a hostage to fortune.

~Arthur Helps

To hear always, to think always, to learn always, it is thus that we live truly. He who aspires to nothing, who learns nothing, is not worthy of living.

~Arthur Helps

Reading is sometimes an ingenious device for avoiding thought.

~Arthur Helps

He who is continually changing his point of view sees more, and more clearly, than one who, statue-like, forever stands upon the same pedestal; however lofty and well-placed that pedestal may be.

~Arthur Helps

Remember that in giving any reason at all for refusing, you lay some foundation for a future request.

~Arthur Helps

Man ceased to be an ape, vanquished the ape, on the day the first book was written.

~Arthur Helps

It takes a great man to make a great listener

~Arthur Helps

Do not be deceived into thinking that how a man acts is the full picture.

~Arthur Helps

Is boredom anything less than the sense of one's faculties slowly dying?

~Arthur Helps

Selfishness, when it is punished by the world, is mostly punished because it is connected with egotism.

~Arthur Helps

Having once decided to achieve a certain task, achieve it at all costs of tedium and distaste. The gain in self confidence of having accomplished a tiresome labor is immense.

~Arthur Helps

We are pleased with one who instantly assents to our opinions, but we love a proselyte.

~Arthur Helps

No man who has not sat in the assemblies of men can know the light, odd and uncertain ways in which decisions are often arrived at.

~Arthur Helps

A mixture of admiration and pity is one of the surest recipes for affection.

~Arthur Helps

The greatest luxury of riches is that they enable you to escape so much good advice.

~Arthur Helps

Few have wished for memory so much as they have longed for forgetfulness.

~Arthur Helps

I do not know any way so sure of making others happy as of being so oneself, to begin with.

~Arthur Helps

You cannot ensure the gratitude of others for a favour conferred upon them in the way which is most agreeable to yourself.

~Arthur Helps

The apparent foolishness of others is but too frequently our own ignorance.

~Arthur Helps

The sense of danger is never, perhaps, so fully apprehended as when the danger has been overcome.

~Arthur Helps

What a blessing this smoking is! Perhaps the greatest that we owe to the discovery of America.

~Arthur Helps

War may be the game of kings, but, like the games at ancient Rome, it is generally exhibited to please and pacify the people.

~Arthur Helps

No man has ever praised to persons equally-and pleased them both.

~Arthur Helps

We are not so easily guided by our most prominent weaknesses as by those of which we are least aware.

~Arthur Helps

Many know how to please, but know not when they have ceased to give pleasure.

~Arthur Helps

Alas! it is not the child but the boy that generally survives in the man.

~Arthur Helps

An official man is always an official man, and has a wild belief in the value of Reports.

~Arthur Helps

Simple ignorance has in its time been complimented by the names of most of the vices, and of all the virtues.

~Arthur Helps

Those who never philosophized until they met with disappointments, have mostly become disappointed philosophers

~Arthur Helps

They tell us that "Pity is akin to Love;" if so, Pity must be a poor relation.

~Arthur Helps

Pride, if not the origin, is the medium of all wickedness-the atmosphere without which it would instantly die away.

~Arthur Helps

People resemble still more the time in which they live, than they resemble their fathers.

~Arthur Helps

There is hardly a more common error than that of taking the man who has one talent, for a genius.

~Arthur Helps

Nature intended you to be the fountain-spring of cheerfulness and social life, and not the mountain of despair and melancholy.

~Arthur Helps

The very best financial presentation is one that's well thought out and anticipates any questions... answering them in advance.

~Arthur Helps

The worst use that can be made of success is to boast of it.

~Arthur Helps

Tolerance is the only real test of civilization.

~Arthur Helps

Some persons, instead of making a religion for their God, are content to make a god of their religion.

~Arthur Helps

The most enthusiastic man in a cause is rarely chosen as the leader.

~Arthur Helps

It is quite impossible to understand the character of a person from one action, however striking that action may be.

~Arthur Helps

It requires a strong mind to bear up against several languages. Some persons have learnt so many, that they have ceased to think in any one.

~Arthur Helps

There is one statesman of the present day, of whom I always say that he would have escaped making the blunders that he has made if he had only ridden more in buses.

~Arthur Helps

The thing which makes one man greater than another, the quality by which we ought to measure greatness, is a man's capacity for loving.

~Arthur Helps

We are frequently understood the least by those who have known us the longest.

~Arthur Helps

Thoughts there are, not to be translated into any language, and spirits alone can read them.

~Arthur Helps

Entrust a secret to one whose importance will not be much increased by divulging it.

~Arthur Helps

The measure of civilization in a people is to be found in its just appreciation of the wrongfulness of war.

~Arthur Helps

Wisdom is seldom gained without suffering.

~Arthur Helps

The man of the house can destroy the pleasure of the household, but

he cannot make it. That rests with the woman, and it is her greatest privilege.

~Arthur Helps

Offended vanity is the great separator in social life.

~Arthur Helps

Infinite toil would not enable you to sweep away a mist; but by ascending a little you may often look over it altogether.

~Arthur Helps

Men of much depth of mind can bear a great deal of counsel; for it does not easily deface their own character, nor render their purposes indistinct.

~Arthur Helps

It is in length of patience, endurance and forbearance that so much of what is good in mankind and womankind is shown.

~Arthur Helps

It is a weak thing to tell half your story, and then ask your friend's advice-a still weaker thing to take it.

~Arthur Helps

Extremely foolish advice is likely to be uttered by those who are looking at the laboring vessel from the land.

~Arthur Helps

Experience is the extract of suffering.

~Arthur Helps

The world will tolerate many vices, but not their diminutives.

~Arthur Helps



More than half the difficulties of the world would be allayed or removed by the exhibition of good temper.

~Arthur Helps

The world will find out that part of your character which concerns it: that which especially concerns yourself, it will leave for you to discover.

~Arthur Helps

If you would understand your own age, read the works of fiction produced in it. People in disguise speak freely.

~Arthur Helps

Men rattle their chains-to manifest their freedom.

~Arthur Helps

The reasons which any man offers to you for his own conduct betray his opinion of your character.

~Arthur Helps

It has been said with some meaning that if men would but rest in silence, they might always hear the music of the spheres.

~Arthur Helps

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