

Asa Gray Quotes

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Faith in order, which is the basis of science, cannot reasonably be separated from faith in an Ordainer, which is the basis of religion.

~Asa Gray

Your candor is worth everything to your cause. It is refreshing to find a person with a new theory who frankly confesses that he finds difficulties, insurmountable, at least for the present.

~Asa Gray

I am sufficiently convinced already that the members of a profession know their own calling better than anyone else can know it.

~Asa Gray

Natural selection is not the wind which propels the vessel, but the rudder which, by friction, now on this side and now on that, shapes the course.

~Asa Gray

In short, the animal and vegetable lines, diverging widely above, join below in a loop.

~Asa Gray

Yes, it is true that there are times when you do wonder if things are worth it but usually those moments pass as soon as they have come.

~Asa Gray

This substance, which is manifold in its forms and protean in its transformations, has, in its state of living matter, one physiological name which has become familiar, that of protoplasm.

~Asa Gray

It remains to consider what attitude thoughtful men and Christian believers should take respecting them, and how they stand related to beliefs of another order.

~Asa Gray

Indeed upon much that may have to say, I expect rather the charitable judgment than the full assent of those whose approbation I could most wish to win.

~Asa Gray

It was implicitly supposed that every living thing was distinctively plant or animal; that there were real and profound differences between the two, if only they could be seized.

~Asa Gray

This view, as a rounded whole and in all its essential elements, has very recently disappeared from science. It died a royal death with Agassiz.

~Asa Gray

Agassiz, when I saw him last, had read but a part of Origin of Species. He says it is POOR-VERY POOR!!. The fact is, he is very much annoyed by it.

~Asa Gray

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