

# Augustus Hare Quotes

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Thinking, Neighbor, Heart, Character, Wise, Confidence In Others, Black, Voice,  
Mind, Boys, Powerful*

Thought is the wind, knowledge the sail, and mankind the vessel.

~Augustus Hare

The intellect of the wise is like glass; it admits the light of heaven and reflects it.

~Augustus Hare

Nothing good bursts forth all at once. The lightning may dart out of a black cloud; but the day sends his bright heralds before him, to prepare the world for his coming.

~Augustus Hare

The power of faith will often shine forth the most when the character is naturally weak.

~Augustus Hare

Few persons have courage enough to appear as good as they really are.

~Augustus Hare

To Adam Paradise was home. To the good among his descendants home is paradise.

~Augustus Hare

Many are ambitious of saying grand things, that is, of being grandiloquent.

~Augustus Hare

A statesman, we are told, should follow public opinion. Doubtless, as a coachman follows his horses; having firm hold on the reins and guiding them.

~Augustus Hare

Examples would indeed be excellent things were not people so modest

that none will set, and so vain that none will follow them.

~Augustus Hare

What a person praises is perhaps a surer standard, even than what he condemns, of his own character, information and abilities.

~Augustus Hare

Since the generality of persons act from impulse, much more than from principle, men are neither so good nor so bad as we are apt to think them.

~Augustus Hare

It is a proof of our natural bias to evil, that gain is slower and harder than loss in all things good; but in all things bad getting is quicker and easier than getting rid of.

~Augustus Hare

It is with flowers as with moral qualities; the bright are sometimes poisonous; but, I believe, never the sweet.

~Augustus Hare

The virtue of Paganism was strength: the virtue of Christianity is obedience.

~Augustus Hare

There is no being eloquent for atheism. In that exhausted receiver the mind cannot use its wings, - the clearest proof that it is out of its element.

~Augustus Hare

Man without religion is the creature of circumstances: Religion is above all circumstances, and will lift him up above them.

~Augustus Hare

Nothing is farther than earth from heaven; nothing is nearer than heaven to earth.

~Augustus Hare

Some people carry their hearts in their heads; very many carry their heads in their hearts. The difficulty is to keep them apart, yet both actively working together.

~Augustus Hare

Crimes sometimes shock us too much; vices almost always too little.

~Augustus Hare

Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body. It is wholesome and bracing for the mind to have its faculties kept of the stretch.

~Augustus Hare

Happy the boy whose mother is tired of talking nonsense to him before he is old enough to know the sense of it.

~Augustus Hare

A man prone to suspect evil is mostly looking in his neighbor for what he sees in himself.

~Augustus Hare

Never put much confidence in such as put no confidence in others.

~Augustus Hare

Friendship is love without its flowers or veil.

~Augustus Hare

Friendship closes its eye rather than see the moon eclipsed; while malice denies that it is ever at the full.

~Augustus Hare

A Christian is God Almighty's gentleman: a gentleman, in the vulgar superficial way of understanding the word, is the Devil's Christian.

~Augustus Hare

What hypocrites we seem to be whenever we talk of ourselves! Our words sound so humble, while our hearts are so proud.

~Augustus Hare

The ancients dreaded death: the Christian can only fear dying.

~Augustus Hare

Only when the voice of duty is silent, or when it has already spoken, may we allowably think of the consequences of a particular action.

~Augustus Hare

Pity is like eating mustard without beef.

~Augustus Hare

Truth, when witty, is the wittiest of all things.

~Augustus Hare

The greatest truths are the simplest, and so are the greatest men.

~Augustus Hare

Every Irishman, the saying goes, has a potato in his head.

~Augustus Hare

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