

# Edith Hamilton

## Quotes

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Suffering, Heart, Book, Running, Generations, Giving, Writing, Pain, Reality,*

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Love cannot live where there is no trust.

~Edith Hamilton

When the freedom they wished for most was freedom from responsibility, then Athens ceased to be free and was never free again.

~Edith Hamilton

Faith is not belief. Belief is passive. Faith is active.

~Edith Hamilton

To rejoice in life, to find the world beautiful ... was a mark of the Greek spirit.

~Edith Hamilton

The power of good is shown not by triumphantly conquering evil, but by continuing to resist evil while facing certain defeat.

~Edith Hamilton

..,No love cannot leave where there is no trust..,~cupid and psyche..,"Greek mythology of Edith Hamilton

~Edith Hamilton

Responsibility is the price every man must pay for freedom.

~Edith Hamilton

A people's literature is the great textbook for real knowledge of them. The writings of the day show the quality of the people as no historical reconstruction can.

~Edith Hamilton

To be able to be caught up into the world of thought-that is educated.

~Edith Hamilton

It is not hard work that is dreary; it is superficial work.

~Edith Hamilton

Uncertainty is the prerequisite to gaining knowledge and frequently the result as well.

~Edith Hamilton

When faith is supported by facts or by logic it ceases to be faith.

~Edith Hamilton

The fullness of life is in the hazards of life.

~Edith Hamilton

Myths are early science, the result of men's first trying to explain what they saw around them.

~Edith Hamilton

The heterodoxy of one generation is the orthodoxy of the next.

~Edith Hamilton

A word is no light matter. Words have with truth been called fossil poetry, each, that is, a symbol of a creative thought.

~Edith Hamilton

When the mind withdraws into itself and dispenses with facts it makes only chaos.

~Edith Hamilton

A tendency to exaggeration was a Roman trait.

~Edith Hamilton

None but a poet can write a tragedy. For tragedy is nothing less than pain transmuted into exaltation by the alchemy of poetry.

~Edith Hamilton

A people's literature is the great text-book for real knowledge of them.

~Edith Hamilton

Mind and spirit together make up that which separates us from the rest of the animal world, that which enables a man to know the truth and that which enables him to die for the truth.

~Edith Hamilton

The mind knows only what lies near the heart.

~Edith Hamilton

Great art is the expression of a solution of the conflict between the demands of the world without and that within.

~Edith Hamilton

Tell one your thoughts, but beware of two. All know what is known to three

~Edith Hamilton

Our word 'idiot' comes from the Greek name for the man who took no share in public matters.

~Edith Hamilton

None so good that he has no faults, None so wicked that he is worth naught.

~Edith Hamilton

though the outside of human life changes much, the inside changes little, and the lesson-book we cannot graduate from is human experience.

~Edith Hamilton

The modern minds in each generation are the critics who preserve us from a petrifying world, who will not leave us to walk undisturbed in the

ways of our fathers.

~Edith Hamilton

The comedy of each age holds up a mirror to the people of that age, a mirror that is unique.

~Edith Hamilton

When the world is storm-driven and bad things happen, then we need to know all the strong fortresses of the spirit which men have built through the ages.

~Edith Hamilton

To rejoice in life, to find the world beautiful and delightful to live in, was a mark of the Greek spirit which distinguished it from all that had gone before. It is a vital distinction.

~Edith Hamilton

The suffering of a soul that can suffer greatly -- that and only that, is tragedy.

~Edith Hamilton

The greater the suffering depicted, the more terrible the events, the more intense our pleasure.

~Edith Hamilton

All things are at odds when God sets a thinker loose on the planet

~Edith Hamilton

The fullness of life is in the hazards of life. And, at the worst, there is that in us which can turn defeat into victory.

~Edith Hamilton

The Old Testament is the record of men's conviction that God speaks directly to men.

~Edith Hamilton

It was a Roman who said it was sweet to die for one's country. The Greeks never said it was sweet to die for anything. They had no vital lies.

~Edith Hamilton

In theology the conservative temper tends to formalism.

~Edith Hamilton

Reality has actually very little to do with truth; there is no necessary connection between the two.

~Edith Hamilton

Poetry and preaching do not go well together; when the preacher mounts the pulpit the poet usually goes away.

~Edith Hamilton

There is no dignity like the dignity of a soul in agony.

~Edith Hamilton

The Greeks were the first intellectualists. In a world where the irrational had played the chief role, they came forward as the protagonists of the mind.

~Edith Hamilton

The Greek temple is the creation, par excellence, of mind and spirit in equilibrium.

~Edith Hamilton

No facts, however indubitably detected, no effort of reason, however magnificently maintained, can prove that Bach's music is beautiful.

~Edith Hamilton

There is no better indication of what the people of any period are like than the plays they go to see.

~Edith Hamilton

We must not contradict, but instruct him that contradicts us; for a madman is not cured by another running mad also. To be able to be caught up into the world of thought -- that is being educated.

~Edith Hamilton

Christ must be rediscovered perpetually.

~Edith Hamilton

Ages of faith and of unbelief are always said to mark the course of history.

~Edith Hamilton

Moderately wise each one should be, Not overwise, for a wise man's heart Is seldom glad (Norse Wisdom)

~Edith Hamilton

The temper of mind that sees tragedy in life has not for its opposite the temper that sees joy. The opposite pole to the tragic view of life is the sordid view.

~Edith Hamilton

Freedom was born in Greece because there men limited their own freedom. ... The limits to action established by law were a mere nothing compared to the limits established by a man's free choice.

~Edith Hamilton

Theories that go counter to the facts of human nature are foredoomed.

~Edith Hamilton

Convention, so often a mask for injustice.

~Edith Hamilton

They were the first Westerners. The spirit of the West, the modern spirit, is a Greek discovery; and the place of the Greeks is in the modern world.

~Edith Hamilton

The anthropologists are busy, indeed, and ready to transport us back into the savage forest where all human things ... have their beginnings; but the seed never explains the flower.

~Edith Hamilton

He was there beside her, yet she was far away from him, alone with her outraged love and her ruined life.

~Edith Hamilton

Love and the Soul (for that is what Psyche means) had sought and, after sore trials, found each other; and that union could never be broken. (Cupid and Psyche)

~Edith Hamilton

The easy way has never in the long run commanded the allegiance of mankind.

~Edith Hamilton

sooner or later, if the activity of the mind is restricted anywhere it will cease to function even where it is allowed to be free.

~Edith Hamilton

When we speak of beauty, we're speaking of something we're more or less indifferent to.

~Edith Hamilton



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