

Ellen Key Quotes

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Art, Liberty, Marriage, Doe, Women, War, Blood, Rose, Has Beens, Teamwork,
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Corporal punishment is as humiliating for him who gives it as for him who receives it; it is ineffective besides. Neither shame nor physical pain have any other effect than a hardening one.

~Ellen Key

When one paints an ideal, one does not need to limit one's imagination.

~Ellen Key

At every step the child should be allowed to meet the real experience of life; the thorns should never be plucked from his roses.

~Ellen Key

The mother is the most precious possessions of the nation, so precious that society advances its highest well-being when it protects the functions of the mother.

~Ellen Key

Education can give you a skill, but a liberal education can give you dignity.

~Ellen Key

Everything, everything in war is barbaric... But the worst barbarity of war is that it forces men collectively to commit acts against which individually they would revolt with their whole being.

~Ellen Key

Love is moral even without legal marriage, but marriage is immoral without love.

~Ellen Key

The emancipation of women is practically the greatest egoistic movement of the nineteenth century, and the most intense affirmation of the right of the self that history has yet seen.

~Ellen Key

The belief that we some day shall be able to prevent war is to me one with the belief in the possibility of making humanity really human.

~Ellen Key

Love requires peace, love will dream; it cannot live upon the remnants of our time and our personality.

~Ellen Key

Anyone who would attempt the task of felling a virgin forest with a penknife would probably feel the same paralysis of despair that the reformer feels when confronted with existing school systems.

~Ellen Key

The more horrifying this world becomes, the more art becomes abstract.

~Ellen Key

Nothing would more effectively further the development of education than for all flogging pedagogues to learn to educate with the head instead of with the hand.

~Ellen Key

Conventionality is the tacit agreement to set appearances before reality, form before content.

~Ellen Key

Not observation of a duty but liberty itself is the pledge that assures fidelity.

~Ellen Key

Love has been in perpetual strife with monogamy.

~Ellen Key

Art, that great undogmatized church.

~Ellen Key

The educator must above all understand how to wait; to reckon all effects in the light of the future, not of the present.

~Ellen Key

The destruction of the personality is the great evil of the time.

~Ellen Key

The very forces that liberty has set free work against the dangerous consequences of liberty.

~Ellen Key

All philanthropy "no age has seen more of it than our own" is only a savoury fumigation burning at the mouth of a sewer.

~Ellen Key

Is human love the growth of the human will ?

~Ellen Key

The home was a closed sphere touched only at its edge by the world's evolution.

~Ellen Key

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