

George Edward Woodberry Quotes

*Art, Men, Ideas, Race, Doe, Civilization, Expression, Mean, Voice, Fall, Faith,
Soul, Desire, Inspirational, Mind, Artist, Life, Beautiful, Awful, Understanding*

Defeat is not the worst of failures. Not to have tried is the true failure.

~George Edward Woodberry

Left to themselves, things tend to go from bad to worse. Murphy's First Corollary If you tell the boss you were late for work because you had a flat tire, the next morning you will have a flat tire.

~George Edward Woodberry

To feel that one has a place in life solves half the problem of contentment.

~George Edward Woodberry

Aesthetic freedom is like free speech; it is, indeed, a form of free speech.

~George Edward Woodberry

Always begin anew with the day, just as nature does. It is one of the sensible things that nature does.

~George Edward Woodberry

Thrashing is not the most noticeably awful of disappointments. Not to have attempted is the genuine disappointment.

~George Edward Woodberry

I am quite sure that no friendship yields its true pleasure and nobility of nature without frequent communication, sympathy and service.

~George Edward Woodberry

If you can't have faith in what is held up to you for faith, you must find things to believe in yourself, for a life without faith in something is too narrow a space to live.

~George Edward Woodberry

Agitation is that part of our intellectual life where vitality results; there

ideas are born, breed and bring forth.

~George Edward Woodberry

The school of life embodies a compulsory education that no man escapes.

~George Edward Woodberry

"Old times" never come back and I suppose it's just as well. What comes back is a new morning every day in the year, and that's better.

~George Edward Woodberry

The sweetest roamer is a boy's young heart.

~George Edward Woodberry

The willingness to take risks is our grasp of faith.

~George Edward Woodberry

Mankind is the grandest and surest artist of all, and history as it clarifies is, in pure fact, an artistic process, a creation in its fullness of the beautiful soul.

~George Edward Woodberry

A nation's poets are its true owners; and by the stroke of the pen they convey the title-deeds of its real possessions to strangers and aliens.

~George Edward Woodberry

Is there not an art, a music, and a stream of words that shalt be life, the acknowledged voice of life?

~George Edward Woodberry

My first recollection of hearing Wendell Phillips is from my college days, though of course he was always one of my heroes, and I may have heard him before, for we were an anti-slavery family.

~George Edward Woodberry

A writer is justly called 'universal' when he is understood within the limits of his civilization, though that be bounded by a country or an age.

~George Edward Woodberry

The poet craves emotion, and feeds the fire that consumes him, and only under this condition is he baptized with creative power.

~George Edward Woodberry

It is not meant that the artist, in arriving at truth, must follow the way of the scientist, or, in stating it, the way of the philosopher.

~George Edward Woodberry

I believe that ideal character in its perfection is potentially in every man who is born into the world.

~George Edward Woodberry

I seldom deal in symbolisms; if there be hidden meanings in my verse, they are there without my knowledge.

~George Edward Woodberry

What faith in man must in our new world beat,
Thinking how once he saw before his face
The west and all the host of stars retreat
Into the silent infinite of space!

~George Edward Woodberry

Shakespeare has been praised in English more than anything mortal except poetry itself. Fame exhausts thought in his eulogy.

~George Edward Woodberry

A marvellous power of expression over language often distinguishes genius; but Shakespeare in his phrases seems independent of the bonds of language as of the bonds of metre.

~George Edward Woodberry

Education has really only one basic factor: one must want it.

~George Edward Woodberry

The sense that someone else cares always helps because it is the sense of love.

~George Edward Woodberry

You must find the ideas that have some promise in them... It is not enough to just have ideas.

~George Edward Woodberry

To be faithful to your instincts and the impulses that carry you in the direction of the excellence you most desire and value ... surely that is to lead the noble life.

~George Edward Woodberry

Words are intermediary between thought and things. We express ourselves really not through words, which are only signs, but through what they signify - through things.

~George Edward Woodberry

What holy cities are to nomadic tribes "a symbol of race and a bond of union" great books are to the wandering souls of men: they are the Meccas of the mind.

~George Edward Woodberry

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