

George William Curtis Quotes

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Every great crisis of human history is a pass of Thermopylae, and there is always a Leonidas and his three hundred to die in it, if they can not conquer.

~George William Curtis

It is not the ship so much as the skillful sailing that assures the prosperous voyage.

~George William Curtis

Happiness lies, first of all, in health.

~George William Curtis

A man's country is not a certain area of land, of mountains, rivers, and woods, but it is a principle and patriotism is loyalty to that principle.

~George William Curtis

The fragrance always stays in the hand that gives the rose.

~George William Curtis

The new year begins in a snow-storm of white vows.

~George William Curtis

I walked beside the evening sea
And dreamed a dream that could not be;
The waves that plunged along the shore
Said only: "Dreamer,
dream no more!"

~George William Curtis

Life is a rich strain of music, suggesting a realm too fair to be.

~George William Curtis

Age is a matter of feeling, not of years.

~George William Curtis

Books are the ever burning lamps of accumulated wisdom.

~George William Curtis

Stratagem is the right hand of cunning.

~George William Curtis

Romance like a ghost escapes touching; it is always where you are not, not where you are. The interview or conversation was prose at the time, but it is poetry in the memory.

~George William Curtis

While we read history we make history.

~George William Curtis

Happiness is speechless.

~George William Curtis

The test of civilization is the estimate of woman.

~George William Curtis

Anger is an expensive luxury in which only men of certain income can indulge.

~George William Curtis

A tree which has lost its head will never recover it again, and will survive only as a monument of the ignorance and folly of its Tormentor.

~George William Curtis

Imagination is as good as many voyages - and how much cheaper.

~George William Curtis

Reputation is favorable notoriety as distinguished from fame, which is permanent approval of great deeds and noble thoughts by the best intelligence of mankind.

~George William Curtis

Our great social and political advantage is opportunity.

~George William Curtis

Prussia is great because her people are intelligent. They know the alphabet. The alphabet is conquering the world.

~George William Curtis

In the journey of the year, the autumn is Venice, spring is Naples, certainly, and the majestic maturity of summer is Rome.

~George William Curtis

Dreams come true if you survive the hard times!

~George William Curtis

A journal should be neither an echo nor a pander.

~George William Curtis

The world is not made for the prosperous alone, nor for the strong.

~George William Curtis

Patriotism is the vital condition of national permanence.

~George William Curtis

Good taste consists first upon fitness.

~George William Curtis

A river is the cosiest of friends. You must love it and live with it before you can know it.

~George William Curtis

Virtue does not truly reward her votary if she leaves him sad and half doubtful whether it would not have been better to serve vice.

~George William Curtis

Criticism is not construction, it is observation.

~George William Curtis

Our common liberty is consecrated by a common sorrow.

~George William Curtis

Heroes in history seem to us poetic because they are there. But if we should tell the simple truth of some of our neighbors, it would sound like poetry.

~George William Curtis

True invective requires great imagination.

~George William Curtis

For nature makes women to be won, and men to win.

~George William Curtis

The Pride of ancestry increases in the ratio of distance.

~George William Curtis

Books of entertainment first led Adam Clarke to believe in a spiritual world.

~George William Curtis

It is not observed in history that families improve with time.

~George William Curtis

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