

Hannah More

Quotes

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The sober comfort, all the peace which springs from the large aggregate of little things.

~Hannah More

Prayer is not eloquence, but earnestness; not the definition of helplessness, but the feeling of it; not figures of speech, but earnestness of soul.

~Hannah More

Forgiveness is the economy of the heart... forgiveness saves the expense of anger, the cost of hatred, the waste of spirits.

~Hannah More

A crown! what is it? It is to bear the miseries of a people! To hear their murmurs, feel their discontents, And sink beneath a load of splendid care!

~Hannah More

Absence in love is like water upon fire; a little quickens, but much extinguishes it.

~Hannah More

No man ever repented of being a Christian on his death bed.

~Hannah More

There are only two bad things in this world, sin and bile.

~Hannah More

The misfortune is, that religious learning is too often rather considered as an act of the memory than of the heart and affections; as a dry duty, rather than a lively pleasure.

~Hannah More

We are apt to mistake our vocation by looking out of the way for

occasions to exercise great and rare virtues, and by stepping over the ordinary ones that lie directly in the road before us.

~Hannah More

Luxury! more perilous to youth than storms or quicksand, poverty or chains.

~Hannah More

The world does not require so much to be informed as to be reminded.

~Hannah More

When thou hast truly thanked the Lord for every blessing sent, But little time will then remain for murmur or lament.

~Hannah More

A small unkindness is a great offence.

~Hannah More

No adulation; 'tis the death of virtue; Who flatters, is of all mankind the lowest Save he who courts the flattery.

~Hannah More

Idleness among children, as among men, is the root of all evil, and leads to no other evil more certain than ill temper.

~Hannah More

Where bright imagination reigns, the fine-wrought spirit feels acuter pains.

~Hannah More

That silence is one of the great arts of conversation is allowed by Cicero himself, who says, there is not only an art, but even an eloquence in it

~Hannah More

Genius without religion is only a lamp on the outer gate of a palace; it may serve to cast a gleam of light on those that are without, while the inhabitant sits in darkness.

~Hannah More

Since trifles make the sum of human things, And half our misery from our foibles springs.

~Hannah More

The soul on earth is an immortal guest.

~Hannah More

We have employments assigned to us for every circumstance in life. When we are alone, we have our thoughts to watch; in the family, our tempers; and in company, our tongues.

~Hannah More

If I wished to punish my enemy, I should make him hate somebody.

~Hannah More

A slowness to applaud betrays a cold temper or an envious spirit.

~Hannah More

Sweet is the breath of praise when given by those whose own high merit claims the praise they give.

~Hannah More

It is not so important to know everything as to know the exact value of everything, to appreciate what we learn and to arrange what we know.

~Hannah More

How short is human life! the very breath Which frames my words accelerates my death.

~Hannah More

Sow an action, reap a habit.

~Hannah More

Forgiveness saves the expense of anger.

~Hannah More

Love never reasons, but profusely gives, Gives, like a thoughtless prodigal, its all, And trembles then, lest it has done too little.

~Hannah More

Going to the opera, like getting drunk, is a sin that carries its own punishment with it.

~Hannah More

The wretch who digs the mine for bread, or ploughs, that others may be fed, feels less fatigued than that decreed to him who cannot think or read.

~Hannah More

Imagination frames events unknown, In wild, fantastic shapes of hideous ruin, And what it fears creates.

~Hannah More

Small habits well pursued betimes May reach the dignity of crimes.

~Hannah More

In grief we know the worst of what we feel but who can tell the end of what we fear?

~Hannah More

Perish discretion, when it interferes With duty!

~Hannah More

Gentleness is the outgrowth of benignity.

~Hannah More

Rage is for little wrongs; despair is dumb.

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The ingenuity of self-deception is inexhaustible.

~Hannah More

All desire the gifts of God, but they do not desire God.

~Hannah More

the modes of speech are scarcely more variable than the modes of silence.

~Hannah More

Luxury and dissipation, soft and gentle as their approaches are, and silently as they throw their silken chains about the heart, enslave it more than the most active and turbulent vices

~Hannah More

the uncandid censurer always picks out the worst man of a class, and then confidently produces him as being a fair specimen of it.

~Hannah More

Affliction is a sort of moral gymnasium in which the disciples of Christ are trained to robust exercise, hardy exertion, and severe conflict.

~Hannah More

Our infinite obligations to God do not fill our hearts half as much as a petty uneasiness of our own; nor His infinite perfections as much as our smallest wants.

~Hannah More

There is one single fact that one may oppose to all the wit and argument of infidelity; namely, that no man ever repented of being a Christian on his death-bed.

~Hannah More

Affliction is the school in which great virtues are acquired, in which great characters are formed.

~Hannah More

It is doing some service to humanity, to amuse innocently. They know but little of society who think we can bear to be always employed, either in duties or meditation, without relaxation.

~Hannah More

Oh! the joy Of young ideas painted on the mind, In the warm glowing colors fancy spreads On objects not yet known, when all is new, And all is lovely.

~Hannah More

To those who know thee not, no words can paint! And those who know thee, know all words are faint!

~Hannah More

... it is a most severe trial for those women to be called to lay down beauty, who have nothing else to take up. It is for this sober season of life that education should lay up its rich resources.

~Hannah More

When we read, we fancy we could be martyrs; when we come to act, we cannot bear a provoking word.

~Hannah More

Did not God Sometimes withhold in mercy what we ask, We should be ruined at our own request.

~Hannah More

Wisdom views with an indifferent eye all finite joys, all blessings born to die.

~Hannah More

Where evil may be done, it is right to ponder; where only suffered, know the shortest pause is much too long.

~Hannah More

The roses of pleasure seldom last long enough to adorn the brow of him who plucks them; for they are the only roses which do not retain their sweetness after they have lost their beauty.

~Hannah More

To be good and disagreeable is high treason against the royalty of virtue.

~Hannah More

If I wanted to punish an enemy, it should be by fastening on him the trouble of constantly hating somebody.

~Hannah More

It is a sober truth that people who live only to amuse themselves work harder at the task than most people do in earning their daily bread.

~Hannah More

The keen spirit Seizes the prompt occasion, makes the thought Start into instant action, and at once Plans and performs, resolves and executes!

~Hannah More

Goals help you overcome short-term problems.

~Hannah More

Life though a short, is a working day. Activity may lead to evil; but inactivity cannot be led to good.

~Hannah More

Commending a right thing is a cheap substitute for doing it, with which we are too apt to satisfy ourselves.

~Hannah More

Man can see his reflection in water only when he bends down close to it, and the heart of man, too, must lean down to the heart of his fellow; then it will see itself within his heart.

~Hannah More

A faint endeavor ends in a sure defeat.

~Hannah More

Expectation ... quickens desire, while possession deadens it.

~Hannah More

All reformations seem formidable before they are attempted.

~Hannah More

Pleasure is by much the most laborious trade I know, especially for those who have not a vocation to it.

~Hannah More

Who are those ever multiplying authors that with unparalleled fecundity are overstocking the world with their quick succeeding progeny? They are novel-writers.

~Hannah More

Glory darts her soul-pervading ray on thrones and cottages, regardless still of all the artificial nice distinctions vain human customs make.

~Hannah More

he who finds he has wasted a shilling may by diligence hope to fetch it up again; but no repentance or industry can ever bring back one wasted hour.

~Hannah More

There is scarcely any fault in another which offends us more than vanity, though perhaps there is none that really injures us so little.

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If we commit any crime, or do any good here, it must be in thought; for our words are few and our deeds none at all.

~Hannah More

In men this blunder still you find; all think their little set mankind.

~Hannah More

Youth has a quickness of apprehension, which it is very apt to mistake for an acuteness of penetration.

~Hannah More

Of two evils, had not an author better be tedious than superficial! From an overflowing vessel you may gather more, indeed, than you want, but from an empty one you can gather nothing.

~Hannah More

To hint at a fault does more mischief than speaking out; for whatever is left for the imagination to finish will not fail to be overdone.

~Hannah More

Strange! that what is enjoyed without pleasure cannot be discontinued without pain!

~Hannah More

Resentment is an evil so costly to our peace that we should find it more cheap to forgive even were it no more right.

~Hannah More

It is the large aggregate of small things perpetually occurring that robs me of all my time. The expense of learning to read might have been spared in my education, for I never read.

~Hannah More

We do not so much want books for good people, as books which will make bad ones better.

~Hannah More

It is an excellent sign, that after the cares and labors of the day, you can return to your pious exercises and meditations with undiminished attention.

~Hannah More

The artful injury, whose venom'd dart scarce wounds the hearing, while it stabs the heart.

~Hannah More

Long habit so reconciles us to almost any thing, that the grossest improprieties cease to strike us when they once make a part of the common course of action.

~Hannah More

oblivion has been noticed as the offspring of silence.

~Hannah More

O jealousy, Thou ugliest fiend of hell! thy deadly venom Preys on my vitals, turns the healthful hue Of my flesh check to haggard sallowness, And drinks my spirit up!

~Hannah More

I am persuaded that there is no affection of the human heart more exquisitely pure, than that which is felt by a grateful son towards a mother.

~Hannah More

Proportion and propriety are among the best secrets of domestic wisdom; and there is no surer test of integrity than a well-proportioned expenditure.

~Hannah More

Perfect purity, fullness of joy, everlasting freedom, perfect rest, health and fruition, complete security, substantial and eternal good.

~Hannah More

Those who want nothing are apt to forget how many there are who want every thing.

~Hannah More

It is a part of Christianity to convert every natural talent to a religious use.

~Hannah More

If faith produce no works, I see That faith is not a living tree.

~Hannah More

eternity is a depth which no geometry can measure, no arithmetic calculate, no imagination conceive, no rhetoric describe.

~Hannah More

Temptation does not make the sin, it lies ready in the heart.

~Hannah More

Anger is the common refuge of insignificance. People who feel their character to be slight, hope to give it weight by inflation: but the blown bladder at its fullest distention is still empty.

~Hannah More

parents are too apt to mistake inclination for genius.

~Hannah More

Pride never sleeps. The principle at least is always awake. An intemperate man is sometimes sober, but a proud man is never humble.

~Hannah More

In agony or danger, no nature is atheist. The mind that knows not what to fly to, flies to God.

~Hannah More

Repentance is not completed by a single act, it must be incorporated into our mind, till it become a fixed state, arising from a continual sense of our need of it.

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