

Henri Frederic Amiel

Quotes

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Tell me what you feel in your room when the full moon is shining in upon you and your lamp is dying out, and I will tell you how old you are, and I shall know if you are happy.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

There is no respect for others without humility in one's self.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

Life is short and we have never too much time for gladdening the hearts of those who are travelling the dark journey with us. Oh be swift to love, make haste to be kind.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

Learn to... be what you are, and learn to resign with a good grace all that you are not.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

Women wish to be loved without a why or a wherefore; not because they are pretty, or good, or well-bred, or graceful, or intelligent, but because they are themselves.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

In every loving woman there is a priestess of the past

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Destiny has two ways of crushing us - by refusing our wishes and by fulfilling them.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

In every loving woman there is a priestess of the past - a pious guardian of some affection, of which the object has disappeared.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

Analysis kills spontaneity. The grain once ground into flour springs and

germinates no more.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

Truth is not only violated by falsehood; it may be equally outraged by silence.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

Thankfulness is the beginning of gratitude. Gratitude is the completion of thankfulness. Thankfulness may consist merely of words. Gratitude is shown in acts.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

You desire to know the art of living, my friend? It is contained in one phrase: make use of suffering.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

Materialism coarsens and petrifies everything, making everything vulgar, and every truth false.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

Work while you have the light. You are responsible for the talent that has been entrusted to you.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

Any landscape is a condition of the spirit.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

Learn to limit yourself; to content yourself with some definite work; dare to be what you are and learn to resign with a good grace all that you are not; and to believe in your own individuality.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

In health there is freedom. Health is the first of all liberties.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

The man who has no inner-life is a slave to his surroundings.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

I'm not interested in age. People who tell me their age are silly. You're as old as you feel.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

Conquering any difficulty always gives one a secret joy, for it means pushing back a boundary-line and adding to one's liberty.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

Music is harmony, harmony is perfection, perfection is our dream, and our dream is heaven.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

Our systems, perhaps, are nothing more than an unconscious apology for our faults, a gigantic scaffolding whose object is to hide from us our favorite sin.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

Kindness is gladdening the hearts of those who are traveling the dark journey with us.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

Philosophy means the complete liberty of the mind, and therefore independence of all social, political or religious prejudice... It loves one thing only... truth.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

What we do not understand we have no right to judge

~Henri Frederic Amiel

Charm is the quality in others that makes us more satisfied with ourselves.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

Only evil grows of itself, while for goodness we want effort and courage.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

Love is like swallowing hot chocolate before it has cooled off. It takes you by surprise at first, but keeps you warm for a long time.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

Doing easily what others find difficult is talent; doing what is impossible for talent is genius.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

So long as a person is capable of self-renewal they are a living being.

-Henri

~Henri Frederic Amiel

To know how to suggest is the art of teaching.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

For purposes of action nothing is more useful than narrowness of thought combined with energy of will.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

Life is but a daily oscillation between revolt and submission.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

To feel keenly the poetry of a morning's roses, one has to have just escaped from the claws of this vulture which we call sickness.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

To be always ready a man must be able to cut a knot, for everything cannot be untied.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

Man becomes man only by his intelligence, but he is man only by his heart.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

It is by teaching that we teach ourselves, by relating that we observe, by affirming that we examine, by showing that we look, by writing that we think, by pumping that we draw water into the well.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

To live we must conquer incessantly, we must have the courage to be happy.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

Men don't achieve truth because they lack humility and love of truth. They won't criticize their own beliefs. Truth would overwhelm them.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

Common sense is the measure of the possible; it is composed of experience and prevision; it is calculation applied to life.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

The ideal doctor would be a man endowed with profound knowledge of life and of the soul, intuitively divining any suffering or disorder of whatever kind, and restoring peace by his mere presence.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

True love is that which ennobles the personality, fortifies the heart, and sanctifies the existence.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

Will localizes us, thought universalizes us.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

Happiness gives us the energy which is the basis of health.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

The best path through life is the highway.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

Tears are the symbol of the inability of the soul to restrain its emotion and retain its self command.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

Blessed be childhood, which brings down something of heaven into the midst of our rough earthliness.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

What we call little things are merely the causes of great things.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

True humility is contentment.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

A thousand things advance; nine hundred and ninety nine retreat; That is progress.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

We are never more discontented with others than when we are discontented with ourselves.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

Everything you need for better future and success has already been written. And guess what? All you have to do is go to the library.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

The fire which enlightens is the same fire which consumes.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

Dreams are excursions into the limbo of things, a semi-deliverance from the human prison.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

Self-interest is but the survival of the animal in us. Humanity only begins for man with self-surrender.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

Pay bad people with your goodness; fight their hatred with your kindness. Even if you do not achieve a victory over other people, you will conquer yourself.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

Our duty is to be useful, not according to our desires but according to our powers.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

The test of every religious, political, or educational system is the man that it forms.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

Woman is the salvation or the destruction of the family. She carries its destiny in the folds of her mantle.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

Analysis kills spontaneity.

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He who asks of life nothing but the improvement of his own nature... is less liable than anyone else to miss and waste life.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

Society lives by faith, and develops by science.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

Without passion man is a mere latent force and possibility, like the flint which awaits the shock of the iron before it can give forth its spark.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

Clever people will recognize and tolerate nothing but cleverness.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

Our life is nothing, it is true, but our life is divine. A breath of nature annihilates us, but we surpass nature in penetrating far beyond her vast phantasmagoria to the changeless and the eternal.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

Accept life, and you must accept regret.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

Philosophy starts with doubt and loves only truth.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

The man who insists upon seeing with perfect clearness before he decides, never decides. Accept life, and you must accept regret.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

Let us be true: this is the highest maxim of art and of life, the secret of eloquence and of virtue, and of all moral authority.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

Sacrifice still exists everywhere, and everywhere the elect of each generation suffers for the salvation of the rest.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

Sacrifice, which is the passion of great souls, has never been the law of societies.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

He who is too much afraid of being duped has lost the power of being magnanimous.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

Uncertainty is the refuge of hope.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

Every life is a profession of faith, and exercises an inevitable and silent influence.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

Great men are true men, the men in whom nature has succeeded. They are not extraordinary - they are in the true order. It is the other species of men who are not what they ought to be.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

Every landscape is, as it were, a state of the soul, and whoever penetrates into both is astonished to find how much likeness there is in each detail.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

Never to tire, never to grow cold; to be patient, sympathetic, tender; to look for the budding flower and the opening heart; to hope always; like God, to love always--this is duty.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

Time is but the space between our memories; as soon as we cease to perceive this space, time has disappeared.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

Love is faith and one faith leads to another.

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Common sense is calculation applied to life.

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Criticism is above all a gift, an intuition, a matter of tact and flair; it cannot be taught or demonstrated--it is an art.

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We are always making God our accomplice so that we may legalize our own inequities.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

Righteous ends, thus approved, absolve of guilt the most violent means.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

Life is an apprenticeship to the constant renunciations, to the steady failure of our claims, our hopes, our powers, our liberty.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

The germs of all things are in every heart, and the greatest criminals as well as the greatest heroes are but different modes of ourselves.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

If nationality is consent, the state is compulsion.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

It is dangerous to abandon one's self to the luxury of grief; it deprives one of courage, and even of the wish for recovery.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

Cleverness is serviceable for everything, sufficient for nothing.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

There is only one way of not hating those who do us wrong, and that is by doing them good.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

Time and space are fragments of the infinite for the use of finite creatures.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

The growth and development of the soul is more important than power and glory.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

Common sense is the measure of the possible.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

Sympathy is the first condition of criticism.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

Mother of Marvels, mysterious and tender Nature, why do we not live more in thee.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

Action and faith enslave thought, both of them in order not be troubled or inconvenienced by reflection, criticism, and doubt.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

Nothing finite is true, is interesting, is worthy to fix my attention. All that is particular is exclusive, and all that is exclusive repels me.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

A musical theme once exhausted, finds its due refuge and repose in silence.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

Order is a great person's need and their true well being.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

Philosophy means the complete liberty of the mind.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

It is not what he had, or even what he does which expresses the worth of a man, but what he is.

~Henri Frederic Amiel

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