

# Henry Theodore Tuckerman Quotes

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There is a strength of quiet endurance as significant of courage as the most daring feats of prowess.

~Henry Theodore Tuckerman

Reason is not time only interpreter of life. The fountain of action is in time feelings.

~Henry Theodore Tuckerman

There is more or less of pathos in all true beauty. The delight it awakens has an indefinable, and, as it were, luxurious sadness, which is perhaps one element of its might.

~Henry Theodore Tuckerman

No man flatters the woman he truly loves.

~Henry Theodore Tuckerman

The soul, by an instinct stronger than reason, ever associates beauty with truth.

~Henry Theodore Tuckerman

National enthusiasm is the nursery of genius.

~Henry Theodore Tuckerman

Fashion seldom interferes with nature without diminishing her grace and efficiency.

~Henry Theodore Tuckerman

The art of walking is at once suggestive of the dignity of man. Progressive motion alone implies power, but in almost every other instance it seems a power gained at the expense of self-possession.

~Henry Theodore Tuckerman

To analyze the charms of flowers is like dissecting music; it is one of those things which it is far better to enjoy, than to attempt to fully

understand.

~Henry Theodore Tuckerman

Do not give to thy friends the most agreeable counsels, but the most advantageous.

~Henry Theodore Tuckerman

The man who becomes a critic by trade ceases, in reality, to be one at all.

~Henry Theodore Tuckerman

Travel gives a character of experience to our knowledge, and brings the figures on the tablet of memory into strong relief.

~Henry Theodore Tuckerman

It is amusing to detect character in the vocabulary of each person. The adjectives habitually used, like the inscriptions on a thermometer, indicate the temperament.

~Henry Theodore Tuckerman

There are beauties of character which, like the night-blooming cereus, are closed against the glare and turbulence of every-day life, and bloom only in shade and solitude, and beneath the quiet stars.

~Henry Theodore Tuckerman

A work of art is said to be perfect in proportion as it does not remind the spectator of the process by which it was created.

~Henry Theodore Tuckerman

Poetry is the overflowing of the Soul.

~Henry Theodore Tuckerman

There is a policy in manner. I have heard one, not inexperienced in the pursuit of fame, give it his earnest support, as being the surest passport

to absolute and brilliant success.

~Henry Theodore Tuckerman

Without the definiteness of sculpture and painting, music is, for that very reason, far more suggestive. Like Milton's Eve, an outline, an impulse, is furnished, and the imagination does the rest.

~Henry Theodore Tuckerman

The French have a significant saying, that a woman who buys her complexion will sell it.

~Henry Theodore Tuckerman

Let us recognize the beauty and power of true enthusiasm; and whatever we may do to enlighten ourselves and others, guard against checking or chilling a single earnest sentiment.

~Henry Theodore Tuckerman

Credulity is perhaps a weakness almost inseparable from eminently truthful characters.

~Henry Theodore Tuckerman

The mind's only perfect vassal.

~Henry Theodore Tuckerman

It has been said that self-respect is the gate of heaven, and the most cursory observation shows that a degree of reserve adds vastly to the latent force of character.

~Henry Theodore Tuckerman

A pilgrimage is an admirable remedy for over-fastidiousness and sickly refinement.

~Henry Theodore Tuckerman

Professed authors who overestimate their vocation are too full of

themselves to be agreeable companions. The demands of their egotism are inveterate.

~Henry Theodore Tuckerman

Far better one unpurchased heart than glory's proudest name.

~Henry Theodore Tuckerman

Literature is so common a luxury that the age has grown fastidious.

~Henry Theodore Tuckerman

Society is the offspring of leisure; and to acquire this forms the only rational motive for accumulating wealth, notwithstanding the cant that prevails on the subject of labor.

~Henry Theodore Tuckerman

To impress others we must be earnest; to amuse them, it is only necessary to be kindly and fanciful.

~Henry Theodore Tuckerman

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