

Hosea Ballou Quotes

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Too many people embrace religion from the same motives that they take a companion in wedlock, not from true love of the person, but because of a large dowry.

~Hosea Ballou

Tears of joy are like the summer rain drops pierced by sunbeams.

~Hosea Ballou

Education commences at the mother's knee, and every word spoken within hearsay of little children tends toward the formation of character.

~Hosea Ballou

Disease is the retribution of outraged Nature.

~Hosea Ballou

There is no immunity from the consequences of sin; punishment is swift and sure to one and all.

~Hosea Ballou

Real happiness is cheap enough, yet how dearly we pay for its counterfeit.

~Hosea Ballou

We must not only read the Scriptures, but we must make their rules of life our own.

~Hosea Ballou

Brevity and conciseness are the parents of correction.

~Hosea Ballou

Energy, like the biblical grain of the mustard-seed, will remove mountains.

~Hosea Ballou

Suspicion is far more to be wrong than right; more often unjust than just. It is no friend to virtue, and always an enemy to happiness.

~Hosea Ballou

Theories are always very thin and insubstantial, experience only is tangible.

~Hosea Ballou

Hatred is self-punishment. Hatred is the coward's revenge for being intimidated.

~Hosea Ballou

Honest and courageous people have very little to say about either their courage or their honesty. The sun has no need to boast of his brightness, nor the moon of her effulgence.

~Hosea Ballou

There is nothing that needs to be said in an unkind manner.

~Hosea Ballou

Hypocrisy is oftenest clothed in the garb of religion.

~Hosea Ballou

Exaggeration is a blood relation to falsehood and nearly as blamable.

~Hosea Ballou

It is easy to be beautiful; it is difficult to appear so.

~Hosea Ballou

Doubt is the incentive to truth and inquiry leads the way.

~Hosea Ballou

Pretension almost always overdoes the original, and hence exposes itself.

~Hosea Ballou

Never let your zeal outrun your charity. The former is but human, the latter is divine.

~Hosea Ballou

The oppression of any people for opinion's sake has rarely had any other effect than to fix those opinions deeper, and render them more important.

~Hosea Ballou

Preaching is to much avail, but practice is far more effective. A godly life is the strongest argument you can offer the skeptic.

~Hosea Ballou

All our possessions are as nothing compared to health, strength, and a clear conscience.

~Hosea Ballou

Faith, in order to be genuine and of any real value, must be the offspring of that divine love which Jesus manifested when He prayed for His enemies on the cross.

~Hosea Ballou

Between the humble and contrite heart and the majesty of Heaven there are no barriers; the only password is prayer.

~Hosea Ballou

A chaste and lucid style is indicative of the same personal traits in the author.

~Hosea Ballou

True repentance also involves reform.

~Hosea Ballou

Falsehood is cowardice, the truth courage.

~Hosea Ballou

Servility is disgusting to a truly noble character, and engenders only contempt.

~Hosea Ballou

Religion which requires persecution to sustain, it is of the devil's propagation.

~Hosea Ballou

Gratitude is the fairest blossom which springs from the soul; and the heart of man knoweth none more fragrant.

~Hosea Ballou

True repentance always involves reform.

~Hosea Ballou

It is what we give up, not what we lay up, that adds to our lasting store.

~Hosea Ballou

Obedience, as it regards the social relations, the rules of society, and the laws of nature and nature's God, should commence at the cradle and end only at the tomb.

~Hosea Ballou

Obedience and resignation are our personal offerings upon the altar of duty.

~Hosea Ballou

No one has a greater asset for his business than a man's pride in his work.

~Hosea Ballou

Mystery and innocence are not akin.

~Hosea Ballou

The heavens and the earth, the woods and the wayside, teem with instruction and knowledge to the curious and thoughtful.

~Hosea Ballou

A good smile is the sunshine of wisdom.

~Hosea Ballou

The cloudy weather melts at length into beauty, and the brightest smiles of the heart are born of its tears.

~Hosea Ballou

The experience of others adds to our knowledge, but not to our wisdom; that is dearer bought.

~Hosea Ballou

As "unkindness has no remedy at law," let its avoidance be with you a point of honor.

~Hosea Ballou

Be circumspect in your dealings, and let the seed you plant be the offspring of prudence and care; thus fruit follows the fair blossom, as honor follows a good life.

~Hosea Ballou

No reproof or denunciation is so potent as the silent influence of a good example.

~Hosea Ballou

There is no doubt that religious fanatics have done more to prejudice the cause they affect to advocate than have its opponents.

~Hosea Ballou

Those who commit injustice bear the greatest burden.

~Hosea Ballou

It is but a step from companionship to slavery when one associates with vice.

~Hosea Ballou

Obedience sums up our entire duty.

~Hosea Ballou

It is the nature of intellect to strive to improve in intellectual power.

~Hosea Ballou

Embark on no enterprise which you cannot submit to the test of prayer.

~Hosea Ballou

Prosperity often presages adversity.

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Prosperity seems to be scarcely safe, unless it be mixed with a little adversity.

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A single bad habit will mar an otherwise faultless character, as an ink-drop soileth the pure white page.

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Remember, when incited to slander, that it is only he among you who is without sin that may cast the first stone.

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The act of divine worship is the inestimable privilege of man, the only created being who bows in humility and adoration.

~Hosea Ballou

Our blessings are the least heeded, because the most common events of life.

~Hosea Ballou

Purity in person and in morals is true godliness.

~Hosea Ballou

Prosperity is very liable to bring pride among the other goods with which it endows an individual; it is then that prosperity costs too dear.

~Hosea Ballou

A true religious instinct never deprived man of one single joy; mournful faces and a sombre aspect are the conventional affectations of the weak-minded.

~Hosea Ballou

Idleness is emptiness; the tree in which the sap is stagnant, remains fruitless.

~Hosea Ballou

How can there be pride in a contrite heart? Humility is the earliest fruit of religion.

~Hosea Ballou

Rage is mental imbecility.

~Hosea Ballou

It is my humble prayer that I may be of some use in my day and generation.

~Hosea Ballou

It is the goodly outside that sin puts on which tempteth to destruction. It has been said that sin is like the bee, with honey in its mouth, but a sting in its tail.

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None but the guilty know the withering pains of repentance.

~Hosea Ballou

Not the least misfortune in a prominent falsehood is the fact that tradition is apt to repeat it for truth.

~Hosea Ballou

Error is always more busy than truth.

~Hosea Ballou

No outward change need trouble him who is inwardly serene.

~Hosea Ballou

The eye is the inlet to the soul, and it is well to beware of him whose visual organs avoid your honest regard.

~Hosea Ballou

Ministers who threaten death and destruction employ weapons of weakness. Argument and kindness are alone effectual, flavored by the principles of Divine love.

~Hosea Ballou

Be more careful of your conscience than of your estate. The latter can be bought and sold; the former never.

~Hosea Ballou

To talk of luck and chance only shows how little we really know of the laws which govern cause and effect.

~Hosea Ballou

Experience is retrospect knowledge.

~Hosea Ballou

Folly is like the growth of weeds, always luxurious and spontaneous; wisdom, like flowers, requires cultivation.

~Hosea Ballou

How white are the fair robes of Charity as she walketh amid the lowly habitations of the poor!

~Hosea Ballou

Humanity, in the aggregate, is progressing, and philanthropy looks forward hopefully.

~Hosea Ballou

I have somewhere read that conscience not only sits as witness and judge within our bosoms, but also forms the prison of punishment.

~Hosea Ballou

A mother's love, in a degree, sanctifies the most worthless offspring.

~Hosea Ballou

It is better to be the builder of our own name than to be indebted by descent for the proudest gifts known to the books of heraldry.

~Hosea Ballou

If gratitude is due from children to their earthly parent, how much more is the gratitude of the great family of men due to our father in heaven.

~Hosea Ballou

Most people who commit a sin count on some personal benefit to be derived therefrom, but profanity has not even this excuse.

~Hosea Ballou

True sympathy is putting ourselves in another's place; and we are moved in proportion to the reality of our imagination.

~Hosea Ballou

How quickly a truly benevolent act is repaid by the consciousness of having done it!

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There is one court whose findings are incontrovertible, and whose sessions are held in the chambers of our own breast.

~Hosea Ballou

You cannot judge by outward appearances; the soul is only transparent to its Maker.

~Hosea Ballou

If we are at peace with God and our own conscience, what enemy among men need we fear?

~Hosea Ballou

Lay silently the injuries you receive upon the altar of oblivion.

~Hosea Ballou

That alone can be called true refinement which elevates the soul of man, purifying the manners by improving the intellect.

~Hosea Ballou

Reproof, especially as it relates to children, administered in all gentleness, will render the culprit not afraid, but ashamed to repeat the offence.

~Hosea Ballou

It is a glorious occupation, vivifying and self-sustaining in its nature, to struggle with ignorance, and discover to the inquiring minds of the

masses the clear cerulean blue of heavenly truth.

~Hosea Ballou

Liberality should be tempered with judgment, not with profuseness.

~Hosea Ballou

Doubt that creed which you cannot reduce to practice.

~Hosea Ballou

There is no such thing as "best" in the world of individuals.

~Hosea Ballou

Self-respect is the best of all.

~Hosea Ballou

A careless and blasphemous use of the name of the Divine Being is not only sinful, but it is also prima facie evidence of vulgar associations.

~Hosea Ballou

Moderation is the key to lasting enjoyment.

~Hosea Ballou

Lenity has almost always wisdom and justice on its side.

~Hosea Ballou

Unless we find repose within ourselves, it is vain to seek it elsewhere.

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The severest punishment suffered by a sensitive mind, for injury inflicted upon another, is the consciousness of having done it.

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