

James Anthony Froude Quotes

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World, Believe, Life, Ideas, Sacrifice, Inspirational, Long, Science, Motivational,
Soul*

Wild animals never kill for sport. Man is the only one to whom the torture and death of his fellow creatures is amusing in itself.

~James Anthony Froude

You cannot dream yourself into a character; you must hammer and forge yourself one.

~James Anthony Froude

We enter the world alone, we leave it alone.

~James Anthony Froude

Human improvement is from within outward.

~James Anthony Froude

The essence of greatness is neglect of the self.

~James Anthony Froude

As we advance in life, we learn the limits of our abilities.

~James Anthony Froude

Carelessness is inexcusable, and merits the inevitable sequence.

~James Anthony Froude

Instruction does not prevent wasted time or mistakes; and mistakes themselves are often the best teachers of all.

~James Anthony Froude

The practical effect of a belief is the real test of its soundness.

~James Anthony Froude

Experience teaches slowly, and at the cost of mistakes.

~James Anthony Froude

History is a voice forever sounding across the centuries the laws of

right and wrong. Opinions alter, manners change, creeds rise and fall, but the moral law is written on the tablets of eternity.

~James Anthony Froude

The better one is morally the less aware they are of their virtue.

~James Anthony Froude

We read the past by the light of the present, and the forms vary as the shadows fall, or as the point of vision alters.

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Science rests on reason and experiment, and can meet an opponent with calmness; [but] a creed is always sensitive.

~James Anthony Froude

Nature is not a partisan, but out of her ample treasure house she produces children in infinite variety, of which she is equally the mother, and disowns none of them.

~James Anthony Froude

The trials of life will not wait for us. They come at their own time, not caring much to inquire how ready we may be to meet them.

~James Anthony Froude

The endurance of the inequalities of life by the poor is the marvel of human society.

~James Anthony Froude

The moral system of the universe is like a document written in alternate ciphers, which change from line to line.

~James Anthony Froude

Ignorance is the dominion of absurdity.

~James Anthony Froude

Fear is the parent of cruelty.

~James Anthony Froude

Of all the evil spirits abroad at this hour in the world, insincerity is the most dangerous.

~James Anthony Froude

To deny the freedom of the will is to make morality impossible.

~James Anthony Froude

A person possessed with an idea cannot be reasoned with.

~James Anthony Froude

There are epidemics of nobleness as well as epidemics of disease.

~James Anthony Froude

No person is ever good for much, that hasn't been swept off their feet by enthusiasm between ages twenty and thirty

~James Anthony Froude

In everyday things the law of sacrifice takes the form of positive duty.

~James Anthony Froude

Justice without wisdom is impossible.

~James Anthony Froude

Just laws are no restraint upon the freedom of the good, for the good man desires nothing which a just law will interfere with.

~James Anthony Froude

Where all are selfish, the sage is no better than the fool, and only rather

more dangerous.

~James Anthony Froude

Crime is not punished as an offense against God, but as prejudicial to society.

~James Anthony Froude

Courage is, on all hands, considered as an essential of high character.

~James Anthony Froude

Philosophy goes no further than probabilities, and in every assertion keeps a doubt in reserve.

~James Anthony Froude

Thirst of power and of riches now bear sway, The passion and infirmity of age.

~James Anthony Froude

Thy plain and open nature sees mankind But in appearance, not what they are.

~James Anthony Froude

There is always a part of our being into which those who are dearer to us far than our own lives are yet unable to enter.

~James Anthony Froude

Where nature is sovereign, there is no need of austerity and self-denial.

~James Anthony Froude

The superstition of science scoffs at the superstition of faith.

~James Anthony Froude

Morality, when vigorously alive, sees farther than intellect, and provides

unconsciously for intellectual difficulties.

~James Anthony Froude

A single seed of fact will produce in a season or two a harvest of calumnies; but sensible men will pay no attention to them.

~James Anthony Froude

Morality rests upon a sense of obligation; and obligation has no meaning except as implying a Divine command, without which it would cease to be.

~James Anthony Froude

To tell men that they cannot help themselves is to fling them into recklessness and despair.

~James Anthony Froude

The essence of true nobility is neglect of self. Let the thought of self pass in, and the beauty of a great action is gone, like the bloom from a soiled flower.

~James Anthony Froude

We cannot live on probabilities. The faith in which we can live bravely and die in peace must be a certainty, so far as it professes to be a faith at all, or it is nothing.

~James Anthony Froude

Experience is no more transferable in morals than in art.

~James Anthony Froude

Sacrifice is the first element of religion, and resolves itself in theological language into the love of God.

~James Anthony Froude

I think there is a spiritual scent in us which feels mischief coming, as

they say birds scent storms.

~James Anthony Froude

The war of good and evil is mightiest in mightiest souls, and even in the darkest time the heart will maintain its right against the hardest creed.

~James Anthony Froude

Fling away your soul once for all, your own small self; if you will find it again. Count not even on immortality.

~James Anthony Froude

To be happy is not the purpose for which you are placed in this world.

~James Anthony Froude

Man is a real man, and can live and act manfully in this world, not in the strength of opinions, not according to what he thinks, but according to what he is .

~James Anthony Froude

The first duty of an historian is to be on his guard against his own sympathies...

~James Anthony Froude

Those who seek for something more than happiness in this world must not complain if happiness is not their portion.

~James Anthony Froude

Life is change, to cease to change is to cease to live; yet if you may shed a tear beside the death-bed of an old friend, let not your heart be silent on the dissolving of a faith.

~James Anthony Froude

It is ill changing the creed to meet each rising temptation. The soul is truer than it seems, and refuses to be trifled with.

~James Anthony Froude

Our thoughts and our conduct are our own.

~James Anthony Froude

I cut a hole in my heart and wrote with the blood.

~James Anthony Froude

Woe to the unlucky man who as a child is taught, even as a portion of his creed, what his grown reason must forswear.

~James Anthony Froude

Charity is from person to person; and it loses half, far more than half, its moral value when the giver is not brought into personal relation with those to whom he gives.

~James Anthony Froude

The secret of a person's nature lies in their religion and what they really believe about the world and their place in it.

~James Anthony Froude

Our human laws are but the copies, more or less imperfect, of the eternal laws, so far as we can read them.

~James Anthony Froude

Men are made by nature unequal. It is vain, therefore, to treat them as if they were equal.

~James Anthony Froude

Truth only smells sweet forever, and illusions, however innocent, are deadly as the canker worm.

~James Anthony Froude

Scepticism, like wisdom, springs out in full panoply only from the brain

of a god, and it is little profit to see an idea in its growth, unless we track its seed to the power which sowed it.

~James Anthony Froude

Men think to mend their condition by a change of circumstances. They might as well hope to escape from their shadows.

~James Anthony Froude

Every one of us ... knows better than he practices, and recognizes a better law than he obeys.

~James Anthony Froude

I scarcely know a professional man I can like, and certainly not one who has been what the world calls successful, that I should the least wish to resemble.

~James Anthony Froude

We must have the real thing before we can have a science of a thing.

~James Anthony Froude

But the world was also so constructed, owing to the nature of the Maker of it, that superior strength was found in the long run to lie with those who had the right on their side.

~James Anthony Froude

I would sooner perish for ever than stoop down before a Being who may have power to crush me, but whom my heart forbids me to reverence.

~James Anthony Froude

The moral of human life is never simple, and the moral of a story which aims only at being true to human life cannot be expected to be any more so.

~James Anthony Froude

The best that we can do for one another is to exchange our thoughts freely; and that, after all, is about all.

~James Anthony Froude

We call heaven our home, as the best name we know to give it.

~James Anthony Froude

We are complex, and therefore, in our natural state, inconsistent, beings, and the opinion of this hour need not be the opinion of the next.

~James Anthony Froude

The Providence that watches over the affairs of men works out of their mistakes, at times, a healthier issue than could have been accomplished by their wisest forethought.

~James Anthony Froude

We live merely on the crust or rind of things.

~James Anthony Froude

True greatness is the most ready to recognize and most willing to obey those simple outward laws which have been sanctioned by the experience of mankind.

~James Anthony Froude

What is called virtue in the common sense of the word has nothing to do with this or that man's prosperity, or even happiness.

~James Anthony Froude

Nature is less partial than she appears, and all situations in life have their compensations along with them.

~James Anthony Froude

I have long been convinced that the Christian Eucharist is but a

continuation of the Eleusinian mysteries. St Paul, in using the word teleiois, almost confirms this.

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I cannot think the disputes and jealousies of Heaven are tried and settled by the swords of earth.

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