

Lydia M. Child

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Belief in oneself is one of the most important bricks in building any successful venture.

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The eye of genius has always a plaintive expression, and its natural language is pathos.

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An effort made for the happiness of others lifts above ourselves.

~Lydia M. Child

Misfortune is never mournful to the soul that accepts it; for such do always see that every cloud is an angel's face.

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Every human being has, like Socrates, an attendant spirit; and wise are they who obey its signals. If it does not always tell us what to do, it always cautions us what not to do.

~Lydia M. Child

Blessed indeed is the man who hears many gentle voices call him father.

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Make people happy and there will not be half the quarreling, or a tenth part of the wickedness there now is.

~Lydia M. Child

Over the river and through the wood, To grandfather's house we go;
The horse knows the way To carry the sleigh, Through the white and drifted snow.

~Lydia M. Child

Love is the divine quality that everywhere produces and restores life.

To each and every one of us, it gives the power of working miracles if we will.

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We first crush people to the earth, and then claim the right of trampling on them forever, because they are prostrate.

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I was gravely warned by some of my female acquaintances that no woman could expect to be regarded as a lady after she had written a book.

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Prejudices of all kinds have their strongest holds in the minds of the vulgar and the ignorant.

~Lydia M. Child

The boughs of no two trees ever have the same arrangement. Nature always produces individuals; She never produces classes.

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The cure for all the ills and wrongs, the cares, the sorrows, and the crimes of humanity, all lie in the one word 'love'. It is the divine vitality that everywhere produces and restores life.

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The United States is a warning rather than an example to the world.

~Lydia M. Child

Home - that blessed word, which opens to the human heart the most perfect glimpse of Heaven, and helps to carry it thither, as on an angel's wings.

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A reformer is one who sets forth cheerfully toward sure defeat.

~Lydia M. Child

Happiness consists not in having much, but in wanting no more than you have.

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I will work in my own way, according to the light that is in me.

~Lydia M. Child

Genius hath electric power; Which earth can never tame; Bright suns may scorch and dark clouds lower; Its flash is still the same.

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Law is not law, if it violates the principles of eternal justice.

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It is right noble to fight with wickedness and wrong; the mistake is in supposing that spiritual evil can be overcome by physical means.

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Childhood itself is scarcely more lovely than a cheerful, kindly, sunshiny old age.

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But men never violate the laws of God without suffering the consequences, sooner or later.

~Lydia M. Child

That a majority of women do not wish for any important change in their social and civil condition, merely proves that they are the unreflecting

slaves of custom.

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No music is so pleasant to my ears as that word-father.

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We must not forget that all great revolutions and reformations would look mean and meagre if examined in detail as they occurred at the time.

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affectation is fond of making a greater show than reality. ... Nature and truth have never learned to blow the trumpet, and never will.

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It is impossible to exaggerate the evil work theology has done in the world.

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Woman stock is rising in the market. I shall not live to see women vote, but I'll come and rap on the ballot box.

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Thy treasures of gold Are dim with the blood of the hearts thou hast sold; Thy home may be lovely, but round it I hear The crack of the whip, and the footsteps of fear.

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So easy it is to see the errors of past ages, so difficult to acknowledge our own!

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Work! work! that is my unfailing cure for all troubles.

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a great mind can attend to little things, but a little mind cannot attend to great things.

~Lydia M. Child

the excess of all good things is mischievous.

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Birds and beasts have in fact our own nature, flattened a semi-tone.

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I keep working because I am quite sure that no particle of goodness or truth is ever really lost, however appearances may be to the contrary.

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Ah, my friend, that is the only true church organization, when heads and hearts unite in working for the welfare of the human race!

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[U]sefulness is happiness, and... all other things are but incidental.

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Whoso does not see that genuine life is a battle and a march has poorly read his origin and his destiny.

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Even if nothing worse than wasted mental effort could be laid to the charge of theology, that alone ought to be sufficient to banish it from the earth, as one of the worst enemies of mankind.

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Not in vain is Ireland pouring itself all over the earth. The Irish, with their glowing hearts and reverent credulity, are needed in this cold age of intellect and skepticism.

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A human heart can never grow old if it takes a lively interest in the pairing of birds, the reproduction of flowers, and the changing tints of autumn leaves.

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I think we have reason to thank God for Abraham Lincoln. With all his deficiencies, it must be admitted that he has grown continually.

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There have always been a large class of thinkers who deny that the world makes any progress. They say we move in a circle; that evils are never conquered, but only change their forms.

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Yours for the unshackled exercise of every faculty by every human being.

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The rarest attainment is to grow old happily and gracefully.

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Philosophy and the arts are but a manifestation of the intelligible ideas that move the public mind; and thus they become visible images of the nations whence they emanate.

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