

Martin Farquhar Tupper Quotes

*Men, Heart, Mind, Lying, May, Wisdom, Eye, Evil, Life, Wise, Love, World,
Wealth, Hate, Errors, Humility, Sea, Spring, Mean, Littles*

Naples sitteth by the sea, keystone of an arch of azure.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

Well-timed silence hath more eloquence than speech.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

Let the misanthrope shun men and abjure; the most are rather lovable than hateful.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

A babe in the house is a well-spring of pleasure, a messenger of peace and love, a resting place for innocence on earth, a link between angels and men.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

God, from a beautiful necessity, is Love.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

Ridicule is a weak weapon when pointed at a strong mind; but common people are cowards and dread an empty laugh.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

Search out the wisdom of nature, there is depth in all her doings; she seemeth prodigal of power, yet her rules are the maxims of frugality.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

To despond is to lie ungrateful beforehand. Be not looking for evil. Often thou drainest the gall of fear while evil is passing by thy dwelling.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

Error is a hardy plant; it flourisheth in every soil; In the heart of the wise and good, alike with the wicked and foolish; For there is no error so crooked, but it hath in it some lines of truth.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

A good book is the best of friends, the same today and forever.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

A spark is a little thing, yet it may kindle the world.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

Deep is the sea, and deep is hell, but pride mineth deeper; it is coiled as a poisonous worm about the foundations of the soul.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

In a dream thou mayst live a lifetime, and all be forgotten in the morning: Even such is life, and so soon perisheth its memory.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

True wisdom, laboring to expound, heareth others readily; False wisdom, sturdy to deny, closeth up her mind to argument.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

He who does not tire, tires adversity.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

Hatred is the atmosphere of hell.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

Love, a brilliant fire, to gladden or consume.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

Alike to the slave and his oppressor cometh night with sweet refreshment, and half of the life of the most wretched is gladdened by the soothing of sleep.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

A juggler's skill hath been long years alearning.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

Life is as the current spark on the miner's wheel of flints; While it spinneth, there is light; stop it, all is darkness.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

Men scanning the surface count the wicked happy; they see not the frightful dreams that crowd a bad man's pillow.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

Pain adds rest unto pleasure, and teaches the luxury of health.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

If thou art master to thyself, circumstances shall harm thee little.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

A man too careful of danger liveth in continual torment, But a cheerful expecter of the best hath a fountain of joy within him.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

Lies can destroy, but not create.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

Extravagance is the rich man's pitfall.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

Labour is good for a man, bracing up his energies to conquest, And without it life is dull, the man perceiving himself useless.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

Blunted unto goodness is the heart which anger never stirreth, but that which hatred swelleth, is keen to carve out evil.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

Thought paceth like a hoary sage, but imagination hath wings as an eagle.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

Lay not the plummet to the line; religion hath no landmarks; no human keenness can discern the subtle shades of faith.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

Betray mean terror of ridicule, thou shalt find fools enough to mock thee; but answer thou their language with contempt, and the scoffers will lick thy feet.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

Error is a hardy plant; it flourishes in every soil.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

Deceit and treachery skulk with hatred, but an honest spirit flieth with anger.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

Humility mainly becometh the converse of man with his Maker.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

It is the cringer to his equal that is chiefly seen bold to his God.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

It is well to lie fallow for a while.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

O Death, what are thou? nurse of dreamless slumbers freshening the fevered flesh to a wakefulness eternal.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

Faith may rise into miracles of might, as some few wise men have shown; faith may sink into credulities of weakness, as the mass of fools have witnessed.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

A man looketh on his little one as a being of better hope; in himself ambition is dead, but it bath a resurrection in his son.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

There is a limit to enjoyment, though the sources of wealth be boundless
And the choicest pleasures of life lie within the ring of moderation.

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Anger is a noble infirmity; the generous failing of the just; the one degree that riseth above zeal, asserting the prerogative of virtue.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

As frost to the bud, and blight to the blossom, even such is self-interest to friendship; for confidence cannot dwell where selfishness is porter at the gate.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

Clamorous pauperism featest While honest Labor, pining, hideth his sharp ribs.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

Not few nor light are the burdens of life; then load it not with heaviness of spirit.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

Trifles lighter than straws are levers in the building up of character.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

Memory is not wisdom; idiots can by rote repeat volumes. Yet what is wisdom without memory?

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

Who can wrestle against Sleep? - Yet is that giant very gentleness.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

Better is the wrong with sincerity, rather than the right with falsehood.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

Hate furroweth the brow; and a man may frown till he hateth.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

Nature is the chart of God, mapping out all His attributes.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

Power is seldom innocent, and envy is the yokefellow of eminence.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

Yet is beauty the pleasing trickery that cheateth half the world.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

Many a beggar at the crossway, or gray-haired shepherd on the plain,
hath more of the end of all wealth than hundreds who multiply the
means.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

It is sure to be dark if you shut your eyes.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

Never give up! If adversity presses, Providence wisely has mingled the
cup, And the best counsel, in all your distresses, Is the stout watchword
of "Never give up."

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

One single glance will conquer all descriptions.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

The pen has shaken nations.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

The seeds of first instructions are dropp'd into the deepest furrows.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

Contend not in wisdom with a fool, for thy sense maketh much of his conceit; And some errors never would have thriven, had it not been for learned refutation.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

A wise man heedeth all things, and in his own eyes is a fool.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

The sun of the mind, and the life of the heart is Wisdom. She is pure and full of light, crowning grey hairs with lustre, And kindling the eye of youth with a fire not its own.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

Policy counselleth a gift, given wisely and in season; And policy afterwards approveth it, for great is the influence of gifts.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

None is poor but the mean in mind, the timorous, the weak, and unbelieving; none is wealthy but the affluent in soul, who is satisfied and floweth over.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

Speech is the golden harvest that followeth the flowering of thought.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

How beautiful is modesty! It winneth upon all beholders; but a word or a glance may destroy the pure love that should have been for thee.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

I have sped by land and sea, and mingled with much people, but never yet could find a spot unsunned by human kindness.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

Rashly, nor oftentimes truly, doth man pass judgment on his brother; for he seeth not the springs of the heart, nor heareth the reasons of the mind.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

He who commits a wrong will himself inevitably see the writing on the wall, though the world may not count him guilty.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

Every green herb, from the lotus to the darnel, is rich with delicate aids to help incurious man.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

Travel is a ceaseless fount of surface education, But its wisdom will be simply superficial, if thou add not thoughts to things.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

Be understood in thy teaching, and instruct to this measure of capacity; precepts and rules are repulsive to a child, but happy illustration winneth him.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

Speech is reason's brother, and a kingly prerogative of man.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

Invention is activity of mind, as fire is air in motion; a sharpening of the

spiritual sight, to discern hidden aptitudes.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

Reason refuseth its homage to a God who can be fully understood.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

If thou wilt think evil of thy neighbour, soon shalt thou have him for thy foe.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

Spurn not a seeming error, but dig below its surface for the truth.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

Wealth hath never given happiness, but often hastened misery.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

Economy, the poor man's mint.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

Age hath its quiet calm, and youth enjoyeth not for haste.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

An artful or false woman shall set thy pillow with thorns.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

Wealth oft-times killeth, where want but hindered the budding.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

The mines of knowledge are often laid bare by the hazel-wand of chance.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

Humility is the softening shadow before the stature of Excellence, And lieth lowly on the ground, beloved and lovely as the violet.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

Who shall guess what I may be? Who can tell my fortune to me? For,
bravest and brightest that ever was sung May be - and shall be - the lot
of the young!

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

For life, good youth, hath never an ill Which hope cannot scatter, and
faith cannot kill; And stubborn realities never shall bind The
free-spreading wings of a cheerful mind.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

Knowledge is leagued with the universe, and findeth a friend in all
things; but ignorance is everywhere a stranger, unwelcome; ill at ease
and out of place.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

Mind is a kingdom to the man who gathereth his pleasure from ideas.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

Take the good with the evil, for ye all are pensioners of God, and none
may choose or refuse the cup His wisdom mixeth.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

As thou directest the power, harm or advantage will follow, and the
torrent that swept the valley may be led to turn a mill.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

Hope and be happy that all's for the best!

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

Love looketh from the eye, and kindleth love by looking.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

Love with life is heaven; and life, unloving, hell.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

How dear to the mind of the sage are the thoughts that are bred in loneliness; for there is as it were music at his heart, and he talketh within him as with friends.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

Our cares are all To-day, our joys are all To-day; And in one little word, our life, what is it but--To-day?

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

To be accurate, write; to remember, write; to know thine own mind, write. And a written prayer is a prayer of faith, special, sure, and to be answered.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

When thou choolest a wife, think not only of thyself, but of those God may give thee of her, that they reproach thee not for their being.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

Never give up! it is wiser and better Always to hope, than once to despair. Fling off the load of Doubt's cankering fetter, And break the dark spell of tyrannical care.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

A letter, timely writ, is a rivet to the chain of affection; And a letter, untimely delayed, is as rust to the solder.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

Law hath dominion over all things, over universal mind and matter; For there are reciprocities of rights, which no creature can gainsay.

~Martin Farquhar Tupper

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