

# Phyllis Bottome

## Quotes

*Children, Men, People, Thinking, Long, Change, Lying, Want, Heart, Doe, Mind,  
Way, Learning, Sometimes, Feelings, Desire, Doctors, Responsibility, Ends,  
Rich*

There are two ways of meeting difficulties: you alter the difficulties, or you alter yourself to meet them.

~Phyllis Bottome

Neither situations nor people can be altered by the interference of an outsider. If they are to be altered, that alteration must come from within.

~Phyllis Bottome

Truth, though it has many disadvantages, is at least changeless. You can always find it where you left it.

~Phyllis Bottome

Where there is laughter there is always more health than sickness.

~Phyllis Bottome

It's a good thing to learn early that other people's opinions do not matter, unless they happen to be true.

~Phyllis Bottome

if you listen long enough - or is it deep enough? - the silence of a lover can speak plainer than any words! Only you must know how to listen. Pain must have taught you how.

~Phyllis Bottome

All persecution is a sign of fear; for if we did not fear the power of an opinion different from our own, we should not mind others holding it.

~Phyllis Bottome

Time indeed has very little to do with living except at its beginning or near its end.

~Phyllis Bottome

She believed in letting children have a certain amount of rope, and only

intervened at the last moment, in order to prevent their hanging themselves by it.

~Phyllis Bottome

Curses are children of hate; they belong to the wrong family! Prayers are better than curses!

~Phyllis Bottome

What are so mysterious as the eyes of a child?

~Phyllis Bottome

Marriage! ... Why, it is like living in a thimble with a hippopotamus!

~Phyllis Bottome

To be a Jew is to be strong with a strength that has outlived persecutions. It is to be wise against ignorance, honest against piracy, harmless against evil, kind against cruelty

~Phyllis Bottome

When a reserved person once begins to talk, nothing can stop him; and he does not want to have to listen, until he has quite finished his unfamiliar exertion.

~Phyllis Bottome

When lightning strikes, the mouse is sometimes burned with the farm.

~Phyllis Bottome

There's nothing final about a mistake, except its being taken as final.

~Phyllis Bottome

Anger is like mild, it should not be kept too long.

~Phyllis Bottome

Things that happen, however painful they are at the time, do not matter

very much for long. Only how we behave to them matters.

~Phyllis Bottome

the unfortunate thing about worldliness is that its rewards are rather less than its appetites.

~Phyllis Bottome

I am never at picnics. The ground was not meant to be sat upon in its raw state, I feel sure, and I prefer my food without either caterpillars or drafts!

~Phyllis Bottome

This is the real tragedy of mankind, that until now the spirit of man has not been able to free itself, even along the path of its own development, from the tentacles of self-deception.

~Phyllis Bottome

Luck enters into every contingency. You are a fool if you forget it -- and a greater fool if you count upon it.

~Phyllis Bottome

... can life be made undignified by any act of man?

~Phyllis Bottome

Neither saints nor angels have ever increased my faith in this enigma Life; but what are called 'common men and women' have increased it.

~Phyllis Bottome

If a writer is true to his characters they will give him his plot. Observations must play second fiddle to integrity.

~Phyllis Bottome

A desire that has never been fulfilled is considerably less acute than one that has been fulfilled and then checked at the source.

~Phyllis Bottome

it must depend as much upon the patient's willingness to be cured, as upon the physician's skill in curing. There is neither force nor magic in psychiatry.

~Phyllis Bottome

Every hen thinks she has laid the best egg! Can we not all believe as we choose? But the choice of others - what is that to us? Let them alone.

~Phyllis Bottome

Jane had that happy disposition which would like to imagine that every one really wishes the well-being of his neighbour and struggles, though sometimes rather disastrously, to help him towards it.

~Phyllis Bottome

I wonder how often not the intention but the desire springs up in a doctor's mind: 'Can I let this human being out of the trap of Life?'

~Phyllis Bottome

artists are exposed to great temptations: their eyes see paradise before their souls have reached it, and that is a great danger.

~Phyllis Bottome

To be in the right is often an expensive business.

~Phyllis Bottome

We cannot alter facts, but we can alter our ways of looking at them.

~Phyllis Bottome

If money had been the way to save the world, Christ himself would have been rich.

~Phyllis Bottome

It is a very dangerous thing to have an idea that you will not practice.

~Phyllis Bottome

Personally, I think it's a good way to let a child start right in with the laws of Nature before he's old enough to be surprised at them.

~Phyllis Bottome

When we refuse to accept our limitations, Nature, who is a stern realist, pays us out.

~Phyllis Bottome

Life was a series of messes, and one spent one's time cleaning them up; if one had any heart at all one also gave a part of one's time to cleaning up those of other people.

~Phyllis Bottome

A man whose every exertion is bent upon showing up the flaws in his wife's character must be at least partially responsible for some of them.

~Phyllis Bottome

with courage a human being is safe enough. And without it - he is never for one instant safe!

~Phyllis Bottome

to everything there is an end - except fear.

~Phyllis Bottome

There is no thermometer for wants!

~Phyllis Bottome

death ... is not a great affair! Think - it happens once only - to each of us - as birth does. What do you know about being born? that - and no more - will you know about the act of death.

~Phyllis Bottome

The two best subjects for conversation are talking shop and making love.

~Phyllis Bottome

... a woman who has been a nun is never anything else.

~Phyllis Bottome

A red-hot belief in eternal glory is probably the best antidote to human panic that there is.

~Phyllis Bottome

... the ears of the hunted grow even keener than a hunter's.

~Phyllis Bottome

Some of us cling to our curses if we haven't anything better to cling to!

~Phyllis Bottome

Taboos on the human heart are more dangerous than any risk we run by using our emotions. Sensation is the life of man; it is his actual energy. To suppress it is to lose creative power!

~Phyllis Bottome

Death deceives relations often, and doctors sometimes, but the patient - never.

~Phyllis Bottome

No emergency excuses you from exercising tolerance.

~Phyllis Bottome

When you know a person particularly well, you cannot escape their ruffled feelings.

~Phyllis Bottome

... not being liked has a certain virtue about it, if the reason for the

dislike does not lie in yourself!

~Phyllis Bottome

Poets, when they write of love, give themselves and everyone else away!

~Phyllis Bottome

Knowledge cannot be changed, but the use to which it may be put can very easily be changed.

~Phyllis Bottome

A refugee is as helpless as a new born child - but not so appealing!  
Besides, a new born child has no memories!

~Phyllis Bottome

Lots of men hate women now-a-days. ... It was a man-made world, and now we're asking to go shares in the making.

~Phyllis Bottome

Our responsibility to ourselves comes first -- because in a sense what one is oneself is the responsibility that one has for others!

~Phyllis Bottome

hurt vanity is one of the cruelest of mortal wounds.

~Phyllis Bottome

Nobody can afford to appear more pleasant than they really are!

~Phyllis Bottome

Truth is no man's slave - but lies - what magnificent servants they make.

~Phyllis Bottome

People who talk of new lives believe there will be no new troubles.



~Phyllis Bottome

A blossom must break the sheath it has been sheltered by.

~Phyllis Bottome

it is better in the long run to be cheated than to cheat. I have learned that there is no middle way.

~Phyllis Bottome

If one has one cow, it is always better not to be too familiar with those who have seven.

~Phyllis Bottome

To see a shadow and think it is a tree that is a pity; but to see a tree and to think it a shadow can be fatal.

~Phyllis Bottome

... one pets what one degrades; and one has to support what one has enfeebled

~Phyllis Bottome

it is the possibilities which are the most terrible things in life.

~Phyllis Bottome

Curiosity is the only thing that really carries through time, isn't it? The creative curiosity, I mean, which fights its way into expression?

~Phyllis Bottome

Truth is its own defense.

~Phyllis Bottome

Feelings change facts.

~Phyllis Bottome

We do good by ourselves, but we seldom do wrong alone.

~Phyllis Bottome

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