

Samuel Adams Quotes

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Army, Bible, Feelings, Struggle, Giving, God, Character, Perseverance,
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If ever a time should come, when vain and aspiring men shall possess the highest seats in Government, our country will stand in need of its experienced patriots to prevent its ruin.

~Samuel Adams

It does not take a majority to prevail... but rather an irate, tireless minority, keen on setting brushfires of freedom in the minds of men.

~Samuel Adams

It is in the interest of tyrants to reduce the people to ignorance and vice. For they cannot live in any country where virtue and knowledge prevail.

~Samuel Adams

Among the natural rights of the colonists are these: First a right to life, secondly to liberty, and thirdly to property; together with the right to defend them in the best manner they can.

~Samuel Adams

The country shall be independent, and we will be satisfied with nothing short of it.

~Samuel Adams

A true patriot would keep the attention of his fellow citizens awake to their grievances, and not allow them to rest till the causes of their just complaints are removed.

~Samuel Adams

Our union is now complete; our constitution composed, established, and approved. You are now the guardians of your own liberties.

~Samuel Adams

Mankind are governed more by their feelings than by reason.

~Samuel Adams

Nil desperandum, -- Never Despair. That is a motto for you and me. All are not dead; and where there is a spark of patriotic fire, we will rekindle it.

~Samuel Adams

A general dissolution of principles and manners will more surely overthrow the liberties of America than the whole force of the common enemy.

~Samuel Adams

Liberty will not long survive the total extinction of morals.

~Samuel Adams

Let each citizen remember at the moment he is offering his vote...that he is executing one of the most solemn trusts in human society for which he is accountable to God and his country.

~Samuel Adams

How strangely will the Tools of a Tyrant pervert the plain Meaning of Words!

~Samuel Adams

It is no dishonor to be in a minority in the cause of liberty and virtue

~Samuel Adams

All might be free if they valued freedom, and defended it as they should.

~Samuel Adams

If we suffer tamely a lawless attack upon our liberty, we encourage it, and involve others in our doom.

~Samuel Adams

The liberties of our country, the freedom of our civil constitution, are

worth defending against all hazards: And it is our duty to defend them against all attacks.

~Samuel Adams

The natural liberty of man is to be free from any superior power on Earth, and not to be under the will or legislative authority of man, but only to have the law of nature for his rule.

~Samuel Adams

If taxes are laid upon us without our having a legal representation where they are laid, we are reduced from the character of free subjects to the state of tributary slaves.

~Samuel Adams

The public cannot be too curious concerning the characters of public men.

~Samuel Adams

Our contest is not only whether we ourselves shall be free, but whether there shall be left to mankind an asylum on earth for civil and religious liberty.

~Samuel Adams

If the public are bound to yield obedience to laws to which they cannot give their approbation, they are slaves to those who make such laws and enforce them.

~Samuel Adams

Religion and good morals are the only solid foundation of public liberty and happiness.

~Samuel Adams

What has commonly been called rebellion has more often been nothing but a manly and glorious struggle in opposition to the lawless power of

rebellious kings and princes.

~Samuel Adams

Neither the wisest constitution nor the wisest laws will secure the liberty and happiness of a people whose manners are universally corrupt.

~Samuel Adams

If virtue & knowledge are diffused among the people, they will never be enslav'd. This will be their great security.

~Samuel Adams

Principally, and first of all, I resign my soul to the Almighty Being who gave it, and my body I commit to the dust, relying on the merits of Jesus Christ for the pardon of my sins.

~Samuel Adams

The necessity of the times, more than ever, calls for our utmost circumspection, deliberation, fortitude, and perseverance.

~Samuel Adams

I thank God that I have lived to see my country independent and free. She may long enjoy her independence and freedom if she will. It depends on her virtue.

~Samuel Adams

He who made all men hath made the truths necessary to human happiness obvious to all. Our forefathers opened the Bible to all.

~Samuel Adams

We may look up to Armies for Defence, but Virtue is our best Security. It is not possible that any state should long remain free, where Virtue is not supremely honored.

~Samuel Adams

Driven from every other corner of the earth, freedom of thought and the right of private judgment in matters of conscience direct their course to this happy country as their last asylum.

~Samuel Adams

A standing army, however necessary it may be at some times, is always dangerous to the liberties of the people. Such power should be watched with a jealous eye.

~Samuel Adams

Crouch down and lick the hands which feed you. May your chains sit lightly upon you, and may posterity forget that you were our countrymen!

~Samuel Adams

Nothing is more essential to the establishment of manners in a State than that all persons employed in places of power and trust must be men of unexceptionable characters.

~Samuel Adams

What a man has honestly acquired is absolutely his own, which he may freely give, but cannot be taken from him without his consent.

~Samuel Adams

Rebellion against a king may be pardoned, or lightly punished, but the man who dares to rebel against the laws of a republic ought to suffer death.

~Samuel Adams

The right to freedom being the gift of God, it is not in the power of man to alienate this gift and voluntarily become a slave.

~Samuel Adams

Shame on the men who can court exemption from present trouble and

expense at the price of their own posterity's liberty!

~Samuel Adams

In regard to religion, mutual toleration in the different professions thereof is what all good and candid minds in all ages have ever practiced, and both by precept and example inculcated on mankind.

~Samuel Adams

We have this day restored the Sovereign to Whom all men ought to be obedient. He reigns in heaven and from the rising to the setting of the sun, let His kingdom come.

~Samuel Adams

Let no man thirst for good beer.

~Samuel Adams

We cannot make events. Our business is wisely to improve them. Mankind are governed more by their feeling than by reason. Events which excite those feelings will produce wonderful effects.

~Samuel Adams

But there are some persons who would persuade the people never to make use of their constitutional rights.

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Let us contemplate our forefathers, and posterity, and resolve to maintain the rights bequeathed to us from the former, for the sake of the latter.

~Samuel Adams

I firmly believe that the benevolent Creator designed the republican

Form of Government for Man.

~Samuel Adams

A nation of shopkeepers are very seldom so disinterested.

~Samuel Adams

If our Trade be taxed, why not our Lands, or Produce in short, everything we possess? They tax us without having legal representation.

~Samuel Adams

I ... [rely] upon the merits of Jesus Christ for a pardon of all my sins.

~Samuel Adams

All men have a right to remain in a state of nature as long as they please; and in case of intolerable oppression, civil or religious, to leave the society they belong to, and enter into another.

~Samuel Adams

It is a very great mistake to imagine that the object of loyalty is the authority and interest of one individual man, however dignified by the applause or enriched by the success of popular actions.

~Samuel Adams

I cannot however help repeating Piety, because I think it indispensable. Religion in a Family is at once its brightest Ornament & its best Security.

~Samuel Adams

The diminution of public virtue is usually attended with that of public happiness, and the public liberty will not long survive the total extinction of morals.

~Samuel Adams

[T]he importance of piety and religion; of industry and frugality; of prudence, economy, regularity and an even government; all . . . are essential to the well-being of a family.

~Samuel Adams

Man's rights are evident branches of, rather than deductions from, the duty of self-preservation, commonly called the first law of nature.

~Samuel Adams

It requires time to bring honest Men to think & determine alike even in important Matters. Mankind are governed more by their feelings than by reason.

~Samuel Adams

Give credit to whom credit due.

~Samuel Adams

We boast of our freedom, and we have your example for it. We talk the language we have always heard you speak.

~Samuel Adams

Every one knows that the exercise of military power is forever dangerous to civil rights; and we have had recent instances of violences that have been offer'd to private subjects.

~Samuel Adams

I believe that no people ever yet groaned under the heavy yoke of slavery but when they deserved it.

~Samuel Adams

Could I be assured that America would remain virtuous, I would venture to defy the utmost Efforts of Enemies to subjugate her.

~Samuel Adams

[M]en will be free no longer then while they remain virtuous.

~Samuel Adams

What a glorious morning this is!

~Samuel Adams

The sum of all is, if we would most truly enjoy this gift of Heaven, let us become a virtuous people.

~Samuel Adams

We shall never be abandoned by Heaven while we act worthy of its aid and protection

~Samuel Adams

Of how much importance is it, that the utmost pains be taken by the public to have the principles of virtue early inculcated on the minds even of children, and the moral sense kept alive.

~Samuel Adams

One battle would do more towards a Declaration of Independence than a long chain of conclusive arguments in a provincial convention or the Continental Congress.

~Samuel Adams

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