

Samuel Taylor Coleridge Quotes

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Exclusively of the abstract sciences, the largest and worthiest portion of our knowledge consists of aphorisms: and the greatest and best of men is but an aphorism.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

There is one art of which people should be masters - the art of reflection.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Common sense in an uncommon degree is what the world calls wisdom.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Humor is consistent with pathos, whilst wit is not.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

A great mind must be androgynous.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

In Xanadu did Kubla Khan
A stately pleasure-dome decree:
Where Alph, the sacred river, ran
Through caverns measureless to man
Down to a sunless sea.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

That gracious thing, made up of tears and light.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

The love of a mother is the veil of a softer light between the heart and the heavenly Father.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Poor little Foal of an oppressed race!
I love the languid patience of thy face.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Religion is the most gentlemanly thing in the world. It alone will gentelize, if unmixed with cant.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

All Nature seems at work. Slugs leave their lair
The bees are stirring,
birds are on the wing, And Winter slumbering in the open air,
Wears on his smiling face a dream of spring.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Ignorance seldom vaults into knowledge.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Silence does not always mark wisdom.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Ignorance seldom vaults into knowledge, but passes into it through an intermediate state of obscurity, even as night into day through twilight.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Love is flower like; Friendship is like a sheltering tree.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

The wise only possess ideas; the greater part of mankind are possessed by them.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

In politics, what begins in fear usually ends in folly.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

People of humor are always in some degree people of genius.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

The happiness of life is made up of minute fractions - the little, soon forgotten charities of a kiss or a smile, a kind look or heartfelt

compliment.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Friendship is a sheltering tree.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

What comes from the heart goes to the heart

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Language is the armory of the human mind, and at once contains the trophies of its past and the weapons of its future conquests.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Advice is like snow - the softer it falls, the longer it dwells upon, and the deeper it sinks into the mind.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

An instinctive taste teaches men to build their churches with spire steeples which point as with a silent finger to the sky and stars.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

I have seen great intolerance shown in support of tolerance.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Talk of the devil, and his horns appear.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Ah! well a-day! what evil looks / Had I from old and young! / Instead of the cross, the Albatross / About my neck was hung.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

No man does anything from a single motive.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Imagination is the living power and prime agent of all human perception.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

What if you slept? And what if, in your sleep, you went to heaven and there plucked a strange and beautiful flower? And what if, when you awoke, you had the flower in your hand? Ah, what then?

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Men of genius are rarely much annoyed by the company of vulgar people, because they have a power of looking at such persons as objects of amusement of another race altogether.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Christianity is not a theory or speculation, but a life; not a philosophy of life, but a life and a living process.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

The one red leaf, the last of its clan,
That dances as often as dance it
can, Hanging so light, and hanging so high,
On the topmost twig that
looks up at the sky.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

And in today already walks tomorrow.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

The most happy marriage I can picture or imagine to myself would be the union of a deaf man to a blind woman.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

He prayeth best who loveth best.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Nature has her proper interest; and he will know what it is, who believes

and feels, that every Thing has a Life of its own, and that we are all one Life.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

The juggle of sophistry consists, for the most part, in using a word in one sense in all the premises, and in another sense in the conclusion.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

The river Rhine, it is well known, Doth wash your city of Cologne; But tell me, nymphs! what power divine Shall henceforth wash the river Rhine?

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

The first great requisite is absolute sincerity. Falsehood and disguise are miseries and misery-makers.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Water, water, everywhere, And all the boards did shrink; Water, water, everywhere, Nor any drop to drink.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Real pain can alone cure us of imaginary ills. We feel a thousand miseries till we are lucky enough to feel misery.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Her skin was white as leprosy.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

He who begins by loving Christianity more than Truth, will proceed by loving his sect or church better than Christianity, and end in loving himself better than all.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

The doing evil to avoid an evil cannot be good.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Poetry: the best words in the best order.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

O it is pleasant, with a heart at ease, Just after sunset, or by moonlight
skies, To make the shifting clouds be what you please.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

My eyes make pictures when they are shut.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

How strange and awful is the synthesis of life and death in the gusty
winds and falling leaves of an autumnal day!

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Plagiarists are always suspicious of being stolen from.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Her lips were red, her looks were free, Her locks were yellow as gold:
Her skin was white as leprosy, The Nightmare Life-in-Death was she,
Who thicks man's blood with cold.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

The fair breeze blew, The white foam flew, And the forrow followed
free. We were the first to ever burst into the silent sea.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Oh worse than everything, is kindness counterfeiting absent love.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Alas! they had been friends in youth; but whispering tongues can
poison truth.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

To sentence a man of true genius, to the drudgery of a school is to put a racehorse on a treadmill.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

When a man mistakes his thoughts for persons and things, he is mad.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

The once red leaf, the last of its clan, that dances as often as dance it can.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

A savage place! As holy and enchanted/As e'er beneath the waning moon was haunted/By woman wailing for her Demon Lover!

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Why is it that so many of us persist in thinking that autumn is a sad season? Nature has merely fallen asleep, and her dreams must be beautiful if we are to judge by her countenance.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

No mind is thoroughly well organized that is deficient in a sense of humor.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Those who best know human nature will acknowledge most fully what a strength light hearted nonsense give to a hard working man

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

That willing suspension of disbelief for the moment, which constitutes poetic faith.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Work without hope draws nectar in a sieve, And hope without an object cannot live.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

I do not call the sod under my feet my country; but language-religion-government-blood-identity in these makes men of one country.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

The paternal and filial duties discipline the heart, and prepare it for the love of all mankind. The intensity of private attachment encourages, not prevents, universal benevolence.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Works of imagination should be written in very plain language; the more purely imaginative they are the more necessary it is to be plain.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

It is a gentle and affectionate thought, that in immeasurable height above us, at our first birth, the wreath of love was woven with sparkling stars for flowers.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Death but supplies the oil for the inextinguishable lamp of life.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

We ought not to extract pernicious honey from poison blossoms of misrepresentation and mendacious half-truth, to pamper the course appetite of bigotry and self-love.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Oh sleep! it is a gentle thing, Beloved from pole to pole.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Swans sing before they die - 'twere no bad thing should certain persons die before they sing.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Veracity does not consist in saying, but in the intention of communicating the truth.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

He is the best physician who is the most ingenious inspirer of hope.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

This world has angels all too few, and heaven is overflowing.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

The blue and bright-eyed floweret of the brook, Hope's gentle gem, the sweet Forget-me-not.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

A mother is a mother still, The holiest thing alive.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Summer has set in with its usual severity.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

The principle of the Gothic architecture is infinity made imaginable.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Poetry gives most pleasure when only generally and not perfectly understood.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

The primary imagination I hold to be the living power and prime agent of all human perception, and as a repetition in the finite mind of the eternal act of creation in the infinite I Am.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

The Eighth Commandment was not made for bards.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Brute animals have the vowel sounds; man only can utter consonants.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

No man was ever yet a great poet, without being at the same time a profound philosopher.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

A man's as old as he's feeling. A woman as old as she looks.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Our own heart, and not other men's opinion, forms our true honor.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

So will I build my altar in the fields, And the blue sky my fretted dome shall be, And the sweet fragrance that the wild flower yields Shall be the incense I will yield to thee.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

A nation to be great ought to be compressed in its increment by nations more civilized than itself.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

And in Life's noisiest hour, There whispers still the ceaseless Love of Thee, The heart's Self-solace and soliloquy. You mould my Hopes, you fashion me within.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Blest hour! It was a luxury--to be!

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Sympathy constitutes friendship; but in love there is a sort of antipathy,

or opposing passion. Each strives to be the other, and both together make up one whole.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

What is an epigram? A dwarfish whole, its body brevity, and wit its soul.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Genius is the power of carrying the feelings of childhood into the powers of manhood.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

To believe and to understand are not diverse things, but the same things in different periods of growth.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

The whole faculties of man must be exerted in order to call forth noble energies; and he who is not earnestly sincere lives in but half his being, self-mutilated, self-paralyzed.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Carved with figures strange and sweet, All made out of the carver's brain.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

I must reject fluids and ethers of all kinds, magnetical, electrical, and universal, to whatever quintessential thinness they may be treble distilled, and as it were super-substantiated.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Pedantry consists in the use of words unsuitable to the time, place, and company.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

The man hath penance done, And penance more will do.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Laughter is equally the expression of extreme anguish and horror as of joy: as there are tears of sorrow and tears of joy, so is there a laugh of terror and a laugh of merriment.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

And the Devil did grin, for his darling sin is pride that apes humility.

~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

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