

# Thomas Traherne

## Quotes

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This moment exhibits infinite space, but there is a space also wherein all moments are infinitely exhibited, and the everlasting duration of infinite space is another region and room of joys.

~Thomas Traherne

You never enjoy the world aright, till the sea itself floweth in your veins, till you are clothed with the heavens and crowned with the stars.

~Thomas Traherne

You are as prone to love, as the sun is to shine.

~Thomas Traherne

The world is a mirror of infinite beauty, yet no man sees it.

~Thomas Traherne

You are as prone to love as the sun is to shine; it being the most delightful and natural employment of the soul of humans.

~Thomas Traherne

I will not by the noise of bloody wars and the dethroning of kings advance you to glory: but by the gentle ways of peace and love.

~Thomas Traherne

Sure Man was born to meditate on things, And to contemplate the eternal springs Of God and Nature, glory, bliss and pleasure: That life and love might be his eternal treasure.

~Thomas Traherne

Souls are God's jewels.

~Thomas Traherne

The world is a mirror of infinite beauty, yet no man sees it. It is a Temple of Majesty, yet no man regards it. It is a region of Light and Peace, did not men disquiet it. It is the Paradise of God.

~Thomas Traherne

To love one person with a private love is poor and miserable: to love all is glorious.

~Thomas Traherne

A little grit in the eye destroyeth the sight of the very heavens, and a little malice or envy a world of joys. One wry principle in the mind is of infinite consequence.

~Thomas Traherne

The Soul is shriveled up and buried in a grave that does not love.

~Thomas Traherne

To think the world therefore a general Bedlam, or place of madmen, and oneself a physician, is the most necessary point of present wisdom: an important imagination, and the way to happiness.

~Thomas Traherne

An empty book is like an infant's soul, in which anything may be written. It is capable of all things, but containeth nothing. I have a mind to fill this with profitable wonders.

~Thomas Traherne

As nothing is more easy than to think, so nothing is more difficult than to think well.

~Thomas Traherne

The corn was orient and immortal wheat, which never should be reaped, nor was ever sown. I thought it had stood from everlasting to everlasting.

~Thomas Traherne

This visible world is wonderfully to be delighted in, and highly to be

esteemed, because it is the theatre of God's righteous Kingdom.

~Thomas Traherne

We do not ignore maturity. Maturity consists in not losing the past while fully living in the present with a prudent awareness of the possibilities of the future.

~Thomas Traherne

Natural things are glorious, and to know them is glorious.

~Thomas Traherne

To think well is to serve God in the interior court.

~Thomas Traherne

More company increases happiness, but does not lighten or diminish misery.

~Thomas Traherne

We love we know not what, and therefore everything allures us.

~Thomas Traherne

Certainly Adam in Paradise had not more sweet and curious apprehensions of the world, than I when I was a child.

~Thomas Traherne

Had we not loved ourselves at all, we could never have been obliged to love anything. So that self-love is the basis of all love.

~Thomas Traherne

To walk abroad is, not with eyes, But thoughts, the fields to see and prize;  
Else may the silent feet, Like logs of wood, Move up and down,  
and see no good, Nor Joy nor glory meet.

~Thomas Traherne

You never know yourself till you know more than your body.

~Thomas Traherne

The sense itself was I. I felt no dross or matter in my soul, no brims or borders, such as in a bowl we see. My essence was capacity.

~Thomas Traherne

Be sensible of your wants, that you maybe sensible of your treasures.

~Thomas Traherne

Is it not strange, that an infant should be heir of the whole world, and see those mysteries which the books of the learned never unfold?

~Thomas Traherne

The soul is made for action, and cannot rest till it be employed. Idleness is its rust. Unless it will up and think and taste and see, all is in vain.

~Thomas Traherne

Happiness was not made to be boasted, but enjoyed. Therefore tho others count me miserable, I will not believe them if I know and feel myself to be happy; nor fear them.

~Thomas Traherne

Till you can sing and rejoice and delight in God, as misers do in gold, and kings in sceptres, you never enjoy the world.

~Thomas Traherne

Principles are like a seed in the ground; they must continually be visited with heavenly influences or else your life will be a barren field.

~Thomas Traherne

Sleep is cousin-german unto death: Sleep and death differ, no more, than a carcass And a skeleton.

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How like an angel came I down!

~Thomas Traherne

Why is this soe long detaind in a dark manuscript, that if printed would be a Light to the World, & a Universal Blessing?

~Thomas Traherne

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