

Thoreau Quotes

The man who goes alone can start today, but he who travels with another must wait till that other is ready.

--Henry David Thoreau

I know of no more encouraging fact than the unquestionable ability of man to elevate his life by a conscious endeavor.

--Henry David Thoreau

Live your beliefs and you can turn the world around.

--Henry David Thoreau

The sun is but a morning star.

--Henry David Thoreau

Be not simply good, but good for something.

--Henry David Thoreau

Only that day dawns to which we are awake.

--Henry David Thoreau

There is no remedy for love but to love more.

--Henry David Thoreau

What recommends commerce to me is its enterprise and bravery. It does not clasp its hands and pray to Jupiter.

--Henry David Thoreau American writer, philosopher, and naturalist

Any fool can make a rule.

--Henry David Thoreau

My life is like a stroll upon the beach, As near the ocean's edge as I can go

--Henry David Thoreau (1817-1862) The Fisher's Boy.

I once had a sparrow alight upon my shoulder for a moment while I was hoeing in a village garden, and I felt that I was more distinguished by that circumstance than I should have been by any epaulet I could have worn.

--Henry David Thoreau American essayist, poet and naturalist

Read the best books first, or you may not have a chance to read them at all

--Henry David Thoreau

There are a thousand hacking at the branches of evil to one who is striking at the root.

--Henry David Thoreau

Only nature has a right to grieve perpetually, for she only is innocent. Soon the ice will melt, and the blackbirds sing along the river which he frequented, as pleasantly as ever. The same everlasting serenity will appear in this face of God, and we will not be sorrowful, if he is not.

--Henry David Thoreau upon the death of his brother

The mason asks but a narrow shelf to spring his brick from, man requires only an infinitely narrower one to spring his arch of faith from.

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--Henry David Thoreau The Forbes Book of Business Quotations

Nature will bear the closest inspection. She invites us to lay our eye level with her smallest leaf, and take an insect view of its plain.

--Henry David Thoreau Naturalist and author (1817-1862)

Dreams are the touchstone of our character.

--Henry David Thoreau

Things do not change; we change.

--Henry David Thoreau

It is only when we forget all our learning that we begin to know.

--Henry David Thoreau

Go Confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you've imagined.

--Henry David Thoreau

The most I can do for my friend is simply to be his friend. I have no wealth to bestow on him. If he knows that I am happy in loving him, he will want no other reward. Is not friendship divine in this?

--Henry David Thoreau

A person who chooses to die or to risk death demonstrates that there are values, principles, maxims, that are more valuable to him than is life itself. In short, he places his immortal self above his mortal self. Nothing goes by luck in composition. It allows of no tricks. The best you can write will be the best you are.

--Henry David Thoreau

Beware of all enterprises that require new clothes.

--Henry David Thoreau

Could a greater miracle take place than for us to look through each other's eyes for an instant?

--Henry David Thoreau

All change is a miracle to contemplate; but it is a miracle which is taking place every instant.

--Henry David Thoreau

If one advances confidently in the direction of their dreams, and endeavors to lead a life which they have imagined, they will meet with a success unexpected in common hours.

--Henry David Thoreau

If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost. That is where they should be. Now put the foundation under them.

--Henry David Thoreau

Nothing makes the earth seem so spacious as to have friends at a distance: they make the latitudes and longitudes.

--Henry David Thoreau

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I love you not as something private and personal, which is my own, but as something universal and worthy of love which I have found.

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When it is time to die, let us not discover that we never lived.

--Henry David Thoreau

How vain it is to sit down to write when you have not stood up to live.

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