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Amos Bronson Alcott (November 29, 1799March 4, 1888) was an American teacher and writer. He is remembered for founding a short-lived and unconventional school as well as a utopian community known as "Fruitlands", and for his association with Transcendentalism.

While one finds company in himself and his pursuits, he cannot feel old, no matter what his years may be.

- Alcott, Amos Bronson

The surest sign of age is loneliness.

- Alcott, Amos Bronson

Our dreams drench us in senses, and senses steps us again in dreams.

- Alcott, Amos Bronson

Our notion of the perfect society embraces the family as its center and ornament, and this paradise is not secure until children appear to animate and complete the picture.

- Alcott, Amos Bronson

Our friends interpret the world and ourselves to us, if we take them tenderly and truly.

- Alcott, Amos Bronson

Observation more than books and experience more than persons, are the prime educators.

- Alcott, Amos Bronson

A government, for protecting business only, is but a carcass, and soon falls by its own corruption and decay.

- Alcott, Amos Bronson

Our ideals are our better selves.

- Alcott, Amos Bronson

To be ignorant of one's ignorance is the malady of the ignorant.

- Alcott, Amos Bronson

A true teacher defends his students against his own personal influences.

- Alcott, Amos Bronson

The less routine the more life.

- Alcott, Amos Bronson

Where there is a mother in the home, matters go well.

- Alcott, Amos Bronson

Who speaks to the instincts speaks to the deepest in mankind, and finds the readiest response.

- Alcott, Amos Bronson

Who knows, the mind has the key to all things besides.

- Alcott, Amos Bronson

One must be a wise reader to quote wisely and well.

- Alcott, Amos Bronson

Success is sweet and sweeter if long delayed and gotten through many struggles and defeats.

- Alcott, Amos Bronson

We climb to heaven most often on the ruins of our cherished plans, finding our failures were successes.

- Alcott, Amos Bronson

That is a good book which is opened with expectation, and closed with delight and profit.

- Alcott, Amos Bronson

Strengthen me by sympathizing with my strength, not my weakness.

- Alcott, Amos Bronson

The true teacher defends his pupils against his own personal influence. He inspires self-distrust. He guides their eyes from himself to the spirit that quickens him. He will have no disciple.

- Alcott, Amos Bronson

Thought means life, since those who do not think so do not live in any high or real sense.

Thinking makes the man.

- Alcott, Amos Bronson

Debate is masculine, conversation is feminine.

- Alcott, Amos Bronson



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