

George Eliot

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1. We are quite unable to represent ourselves truly.

2. I distrust all intellectual pretension that announces itself by obstinacy of palate.

3. Truth in art is so startling that no one can believe in it as art.

4. An unfortunate duck can only lay the eggs, however much white ones may be in demand.

5. If the ethics of art do not admit

(Dassie Tulliver) The truthful representation of a character's essential self, but trials
to great error — error that is anguish
to its own wideness — then it seems
some the ethics of art are too narrow
must be widened to correspond
with a widening psychology.

6 The last virtue human beings will
attain, I am inclined to think, is
scrupulousness of promise and
faithfulness in fulfilment.

7 I hope we are well out of that phase
in which the most philosophic view
of the past was held to be a smiling
survey of human folly, & when the
wisest man was supposed to be one

- 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ soul never flourishes on attention to details which others can manage quite gracefully without any conscious loss of power for wider thoughts & cares.
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- 12 Love is one of the conditions in which it is even better to give than to receive.
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- 13 Some people are born to make life pretty, others to grumble that it is not pretty enough.
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- 14 That power of turning out into the fields is a great possession — worth many luxuries.
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who could sympathise with ~~no~~ age
but the age to come.

8. [Doesn't the spring look lovelier even
year to year that want more & more
light? —

9. What pitiable people those are ~~there~~
who feel no poetry in Christianity!
Surely the acme of poetry hitherto
is the conception of the suffering
Messiah, & the final Triumph, —
— "He shall reign forever & ever."

10. It is the habit of our imagination to
strive after a full as vision of the
medium in which a character moves,
as of the character itself.

15. Humour draws its material from
situations & characteristics; wit sees
an or unexpected & complex relations.

16. The best lesson of Tolerance we have
Lesson is to tolerate intolerance.

17. — In many particulars facial
expression is like the expression of
hand writing: the relations are too
subtle & intricate to be detected, &
our sharpness is confident.

18. I never believe in future books.

19. — There is an exquisite stillness
in the sunshine.

20. One can never be perfectly accurate,
even with one's best effort. — but
the effort must be made

21. Idle people are so eager for newspapers
that ten times other people's en-
ergetic enthusiasm.

22. Might we not be a great deal wiser,
more efficient personage, or else be
ashamed of ourselves?
Unhappily, this last alternative is
not a compensation for wisdom.

I think aesthetic teaching is the highest
art teaching, because it deals with life
in its highest complexity. But if it
ceases to be purely aesthetic — if it lapses
anywhere from the picture to the diagram
— it becomes the most offensive of all teaching.

23. ~~Exalted~~ Exalted goodness comes in
brief inspirations, requires a man
so wise that he should spoil his work.

24. When one is bitious, other people's
complexions look yellow, — one eye
higher than the other — all the faces
of one are with interior.

25. There is no such thing as consolation
when we have made the lot of ourselves
our own.

26. Some say death takes the aspect of
salvation; though I feel, too that those
who live & suffer was sometimes have
the greater blessedness of being a
salvation.

27 I puerile Trinito sang man who has
done the world a service with brain
or hand, has on me the effect of a
great religious rite, with pealing
organ & full-voiced choir.

28 — To me it is not melancholy but
joyous that the world will be brighter
after I am gone than it has been in
the brief time of my existence.

29 [See what a talent I have for telling
other people what's good!

30 [— As soon as one has found the
key of life, 'it opens the gates of death'

34 - The selfish instincts are not subdued
by the sight of butterflies, nor is integrity
in the least established by that classic
rural occupation, sheep washing -
To make men moral, something more
is requisite than to turn them out to
grass.

Evangelicalism. - "Folk often mistakes itself for
dogma. wisdom, ignorance, gives itself airs
of knowledge, selfishness. turning
its eye upwards, calls itself religion."

36 we are apt to measure ourselves
by our aspirations instead of our
performance.

37 The sick ~~man~~ animal longs for quiet
darkness.

31 The woman of large capacity can
seldom rise beyond the absorption of
ideas; her physical conditions
refuse to support the energy required
for spontaneous activity; the voltaic
pile is not strong enough to produce
crystallizations. —

32 I think it a reasonable law that he
one who takes wing should be the first
to write — & not the bird that stays in
the old cage, & may be supposed to be
eating the royal seed & ground seed,
looking at the same slice of the
world through the same wire.

33 I am impatient of all assurance &
concealment.

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I think the higher & best thing is
rather to suffer with real suffering
than to be happy in the imagination
of an unreal good.

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I suppose if we happened to hold the
hand of a hospital patient when she
was dying, her face, & all the memories
along with it, would seem to be
deeper in our experience than all
we knew of many old friends &
blood relations -

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The realm of silence is
large enough beyond the grave.

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Courage & Effort!

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I was shocked to find how low
the mental pitch of our society
must be - judged by the standard
of this man's celebrity. —

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No wonder there comes a season
when we cease to look round & say -
"How shall I enjoy?" but as in a
country which has been visited by the
sword, pestilence & famine, think
only how we shall help the wounded
sow fine seed for the next har-
vest - how till the earth, & make
a little time of gladness for
those who are being born
without their own asking —

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— It seems to me that those who have no definite conviction which constitutes a protesting faith, may often more beneficially cherish the good within them, & be better members of society & a conforming, based on the recognized good in the public belief, than & a nonconforming which has nothing but negatives to utter. —

4) — Just under the pressure of grief I do not believe there is any consolation — The word seems to me to be dragging for falsities — Sorrow must be sorrow; it must be ill, till duty & ~~love~~ love towards all who remain recover their rightful pre dominance. —

44 With regard to the pains & limitations
of our personal life, I suppose there is
not a single man or woman who has
not more or less need of that stoical
resignation which is often a hidden
heroism; or who, considering his or her
past history, is not aware that it has
been cruelly affected by the ignorant or
selfish action of some fellow-being in
a more or less close relation of life -
And to my mind, there can be no
stronger motive than this perception
for an energetic effort that the lives
nearest ours shall not suffer in a
like manner from us. —

45 What is better than to love, & live with
the loved? But that must sometimes
bring us to live with the dead; and
this too turns at last into a very
tranquil sweet tie, safe from change
or injury.

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Will you not agree with me that there is
one comprehensive Church whose fellow-
ship consists in the desire to purify &
enoble human life, & where the best
members of all narrower Churches may
call themselves brothers & sisters in spite
of differences -

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Let works for all whom it can touch

When judgement is understood to mean
simply one's own impression of delight,
one ought not to shrink from making
one's small offerings of burnt clay
because others can give gold statues -

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'What a blessing has a little false logic
been to the world!'

"God's praise may be sung" -

"Dr Gunning's Christian psychology
~~delts~~ delts for the song of God
were it not for the coercion of that
supreme motive it would be evil
to pay them - A man is not to
be just from a feeling of justice;
he is not to help his fellow men
out of goodness to his fellow men;
he is not to be a tender husband
or father out of affection; all these
natural muscles of his are to
be torn away & replaced (a
patent steel spring - anxious
for the "song of God" -

"The sick animal longs to quiet
his hunger" -

"Mental attitude" & "pre-disposition" however vague in consciousness, have not vague causes, any more than the "blind motions of the springs" in plants & animals —

"A wife is not to devote herself to her husband out of love & human sense of the duties implied in a close relation — she is to be a faithful wife to the glory of God: if she feels her natural affection's swelling up too strongly she is to repress them; it will not do to act from natural affection. She must think of the glory of God —

A man is to guide his affairs with energy & discretion not from an honest desire to fulfil his responsibilities as a member of society or father — but that

? Fear is earlier born than hope, lays a
stronger ~~hold~~ grasp on man's system than
any other passion & remains master of
a larger group of in voluntary actions.

"That highest moral basis, the constant
preference of truth - which theoretically &
practically, preeminently demand the
cooperation of the intellect with the
impulse - as is indicated by the fact
that it is only found in anything like
completeness in the highest class of
minds."

"I believe that it not even needs
cease, while ~~the~~ pitiable & the com-
monly odious."

"Right & Reason are synonymous -
The fundamental fault for man
is faith in the result of a brave
deed, & not the use of all his
faculties."

condition, the whole being so defective and ruinous that the same ought to be wholly pulled down and rebuilt.

Secondly: That the Party Arch or Party Structure with the springing Wall on the North side thereof, being thus condemned for their unsoundness, the respective premises ought to be divided, as required by the Building Owners, by a new Party Arch, and springing Wall built in conformity with the several Provisions as set forth in the aforesaid Act of Parliament.

Thirdly. That the line of junction of the said House, Building and Gateway is the centre line of the said present Party Arch or Party Structure and that the new Party Arch and springing Wall should be built on such line equally on each side

Fourthly

"There is an analogous relation between
the moral tendencies given & the
social conditions they have inherited."

"He (Riehl) is as far as possible
from the folly of supposing that the
sun went so backward in the dial
because we put the hands of our
clock backward; he only intends
against the opposite folly of decreeing
that it shall be mid day while in
fact the sun is only just touching
the mountain tops, & all along
the valley men are slumbering in
the twilight -"

"Literature is good for nothing if
it is not admirably 'good' -"

"In a reasoned self-restraining deference
there is as much energy as in rebellion;
but among the less capable, we must
admit that the superior energy is on
the side of the rebels -"

to the said Royal Panopticon of Science and Art, the said Walls, Premises and Ground being in the Parish of Saint Martin in the Fields, in the City of Westminster and Liberties thereof in the County of Middlesex upon the following grounds, viz.

1st That the Wall described as a Party Fence Wall is not a Party Fence Wall within the meaning of the Buildings Act, but is an External Wall standing wholly on ground belonging to the Adjoining Owner, and that such Wall was stated so to be by John Blyth, Surveyor, who appeared for the Adjoining Owners at the time of the Survey.

2nd

we get our knowledge of perfect love
in shreds + in fragments chiefly -
the rarest one among us knowing
what it is to worship, adore, reverence
+ cherish - divide our mind + mingle
our thought ~~at the~~ ^{at the} same
time - under inspiration of the
same object - Finest aromas
will so often leave the fruit to
which ~~the~~ are native belong else-
where leaving the fruit empty &
all in its coarse structure -

" Sympathetic people are often
uncommunicative about themselves
- the two back reflected images
which hide their own depths -

Stone and at and after Midsummer day next the other
said House will be in their occupation; —

And Whereas it is proposed to make an opening in the
Party Wall dividing the Westernmost of the said six
Dwelling house: from a two story addition proposed to
be made to the other said Dwelling-house so as to connect
the same in the second or ground-floor story thereof +
and in the situation and of the dimensions and in the
manner indicated by the annexed Drawing but such
Opening is not to be made until after Midsummer day
aforesaid +

And Whereas the said Dwelling-houses when so united
will contain ^{more} than fourteen Squares; —

Now the said John Pearce and Edward Stone do hereby
in pursuance of the Rules of Schedule D part 3 of the
said act concerning Openings in Party Walls apply

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