**Emerson**

**"Society is a joint-stock company, in which the members agree, for the better securing of his bread to each shareholder, to surrender the liberty and culture of the eater. The virtue in most request is conformity."**

**Emerson**

**"To believe your own thought, to believe that what is true for you in your private heart is true for all men, -- that is genius."**

**Emerson**

**"Whoso would be a man must be a nonconformist."**

**Emerson**

**Nothing is at last sacred but the integrity of your own mind. Absolve you to yourself, and you shall have the suffrage of the world."**

**Emerson**

**"Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."**

**Emerson**

[**To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else is the greatest accomplishment.**](http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/r/ralphwaldo387459.html)

**Emerson**

[**Every particular in nature, a leaf, a drop, a crystal, a moment of time is related to the whole, and partakes of the perfection of the whole.**](http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/r/ralphwaldo557664.html)

**Emerson**

[**Adopt the pace of nature: her secret is patience.**](http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/r/ralphwaldo106883.html)

**Emerson**

[**We are by nature observers, and thereby learners. That is our permanent state.**](http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/r/ralphwaldo396726.html)

**Emerson**

[**Everything in Nature contains all the powers of Nature. Everything is made of one hidden stuff.**](http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/r/ralphwaldo151970.html)

**Emerson**

**“The health of the eye seems to demand a horizon. We are never tired, so long as we can see far enough.”**

**Emerson**

**“The world is emblematic. Parts of speech are metaphors, because the whole of nature is a metaphor of the human mind.”**

**Emerson**

**“Give me health and a day, and I will make the pomp of emperors ridiculous.”**

**Emerson**

**“He will perceive that there are far more excellent qualities in the student than preciseness and infallibility; that a guess is often more fruitful than an indisputable affirmation, and that a dream may let us deeper into the secret of nature than a hundred concerted experiments”**

**Emerson**

**“the snow-banks melt, and the face of the earth becomes green before it, so shall the advancing spirit create its ornaments along its path, and carry with it the beauty it visits, and the song which enchants it; it shall draw beautiful faces, warm hearts, wise discourse, and heroic acts, around its way, until evil is no more seen.”**

**Emerson**

**“The charming landscape which I saw this morning, is indubitably made up of some twenty or thirty farms. Miller owns this field, Locke that, and Manning the woodland beyond. But none of them owns the landscape. There is a property in the horizon which no man has but he whose eye can integrate all the parts, that is, the poet. This is the best part of these men's farms, yet to this their warranty-deeds give no title.”**

**Emerson**

**“Nothing is quite beautiful alone: nothing but is beautiful in the whole. A single object is only so far beautiful as it suggests this universal grace. The poet, the painter, the sculptor, the musician, the architect, seek each to concentrate this radiance of the world on one point, and each in his several work to satisfy the love of beauty which stimulates him to produce. Thus is Art, a nature passed through the alembic of man. Thus in art, does nature work through the will of a man filled with the beauty of her first works.”**

**Thoreau**

**"I think that we should be men first, and subjects afterward. It is not desirable to cultivate a respect for the law, so much as for the right. The only obligation which I have a right to assume is to do at any time what I think right."**

**Thoreau**

**"Everyone has an obligation to himself and himself, alone. Too many people in society conform to what the government says is right and moral, when the true meaning of right or moral comes from what each individual holds to be what is right. To become a true individual is to make every decision based upon your own personal belief of its morality, no matter what society says, and to act upon your belief accordingly."**

**Thoreau**

**"The mass of men serve the state thus, not as men mainly, but as machines, with their bodies."**

**Thoreau**

[**As a single footstep will not make a path on the earth, so a single thought will not make a pathway in the mind. To make a deep physical path, we walk again and again. To make a deep mental path, we must think over and over the kind of thoughts we wish to dominate our lives.**](http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/h/henrydavid121510.html)

**Thoreau**

[**Not until we are lost do we begin to understand ourselves.**](http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/h/henrydavid107675.html)

**Thoreau**

[**If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away.**](http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/h/henrydavid141463.html)

**Thoreau**

[**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.**](http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/h/henrydavid106919.html)

**Thoreau**

[**The savage in man is never quite eradicated.**](http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/h/henrydavid137829.html)

**Thoreau**

[**That man is rich whose pleasures are the cheapest.**](http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/h/henrydavid143040.html)

**Thoreau**

[**The mass of men lead lives of quiet desperation. What is called resignation is confirmed desperation.**](http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/h/henrydavid106411.html)

**Thoreau**

[**Nature is full of genius, full of the divinity; so that not a snowflake escapes its fashioning hand.**](http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/h/henrydavid151988.html)

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**Thoreau**

[**As you simplify your life, the laws of the universe will be simpler; solitude will not be solitude, poverty will not be poverty, nor weakness weakness.**](http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/h/henrydavid107811.html)

**Thoreau**

[**Any fool can make a rule, and any fool will mind it.**](http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/h/henrydavid122587.html)