

The Words of Henry David Thoreau

Pursue some path, however narrow and crooked, in which you can walk with love and reverence.

Never look back unless you are planning to go that way.

Rather than love, than money, than fame, give me truth.

When I hear music, I fear no danger. I am invulnerable. I see no foe. I am related to the earliest times, and to the latest.

It is what a man thinks of himself that really determines his fate.

If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer.

Not only must we be good, but we must also be good for something.

The government is best that governs least...That government is best which governs not at all-and when men are prepared for it, that will be the kind of government which they will have. I think we should be men first, and subjects afterward...The only obligation which I have a right to assume is to do at any time what I think is right. All men recognize the right of revolution; that is the right to refuse allegiance to, and to resist, the government, when its tyranny or its inefficiency are great and unendurable. For it matters not how small the beginning may seem to be: what is once well done is done forever.