

- Whatever you can do, or dream you can, begin it— Boldness has genius, power, and magic in it. —Goethe

- A man is literally what he thinks, his character being the complete sum of all his thoughts.

- A noble and God-like character is not a thing of favour or chance, but is the natural result of continued effort in right thinking, the effect of long-cherished association with God-like thoughts. An ignoble and bestial character, by the same process, is the result of the continued harbouring of grovelling thoughts.

- As a being of power, intelligence, and love, and the lord of his own thoughts, man holds the key to every situation, and contains within himself that transforming and regenerative agency by which he may make himself what he wills.

- “He that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh, it shall be opened”;

- This does not mean that a man’s circumstances at any given time, are an indication of his entire character, but that those circumstances are so intimately connected with some vital thought-element within himself that, for the time being, they are indispensable to his development.

- Circumstances Grow Out of Thoughts

- That circumstances grow out of thought, every man knows who has for any length of time practised self-control and self-purification, for he will have noticed that the alteration in his circumstances has been in exact ratio with his altered mental condition.

- The soul attracts that which it secretly harbours, that which it loves, and also that which it fears; it reaches the height of its cherished aspirations; it falls to the level of its unchastened desires—and circumstances are the means by which the soul receives its own.

- Every thought-seed sown or allowed to fall into the mind, and to take root there, produces its own, blossoming sooner or later into act, and bearing its own fruitage (fruits) of opportunity and circumstance. Good thoughts bear good fruit; bad thoughts bad fruit.

- Men do not attract that which they want, but that which they are. Their whims, fancies, and ambitions are thwarted at every step, but their inmost thoughts and desires are fed with their own food, be it foul or clean.

- Men are anxious to improve their circumstances, but are unwilling to improve themselves; they therefore remain bound.

- It is pleasing to human vanity to believe one suffers because of one’s virtue; but not until man has rooted out every sickly, bitter and impure thought from his mind, and washed every sinful stain from his soul, can he be in a position to know and declare that his sufferings are the result of his good, and not of his bad qualities.

- You are What You Think Good thoughts and actions can never produce bad results; bad thoughts and actions can never produce good results.

- Suffering is always the effect of wrong thought in some direction. It is an indication that the individual is out of harmony with himself, with the law of his being.

- A man only begins to be a man when he ceases to whine and revile, and commences to search for the hidden justice which regulates his life. And as he adapts his mind to that regulating factor, he ceases to accuse others as the cause of his condition, and builds himself up in strong and noble thoughts; ceases to kick against circumstances, but begins to use them as aids to his more rapid progress, and as a means of discovering the hidden powers and possibilities within himself.

- Let a man radically alter his thoughts, and he will be astonished at the rapid transformation it will effect in the material conditions of his life.

- Men imagine that thought can be kept secret, but it cannot; it rapidly crystallises into habit, and habit solidifies into circumstance.

- The body is the servant of the mind. It obeys the operations of the mind, whether they be deliberately chosen or automatically expressed. At the bidding of unlawful (unhealthy) thoughts, the body sinks rapidly into disease and decay; at the command of glad and beautiful thoughts, it becomes clothed with youthfulness and beauty.

- The people who live in fear of disease are the people who get it.

- He who has conquered doubt and fear has conquered failure. His every thought is allied with power; and all difficulties are bravely met and wisely overcome.

- He should make this purpose his supreme duty, and should devote himself to its attainment, not allowing his thoughts to wander away into ephemeral (short-lived) fancies, longings, and imaginings. This is the royal road to self-control and true concentration of thought.

- The truth is that oppressor and slave (oppressed) are co-operators in ignorance, and, while seeming to afflict each other, are in reality afflicting themselves.

- There can be no progress, no achievement without sacrifice, and a man's worldly success will be in the measure that he sacrifices his confused animal thoughts, and fixes his mind on the development of his plans, and the strengthening of his resolution and self-reliance. And the higher he lifts his thoughts, the more manly, upright and righteous he becomes, the greater will be his success, the more blessed and enduring will be his achievements.

- The dreamers are the saviours of the world.

- Unrest urges him to action, and he utilises all his spare time and means, small though they are, to the development of his latent powers and resources. Very soon, so altered has his mind become that the workshop can no longer hold him. It has become so out of harmony with his mentality that it falls out of his life as a garment is cast aside, and, with the growth of opportunities, which fit the scope of his expanding powers, he passes out of it forever.

- When the Student is Ready, the Master will Appear

- In all human affairs, there are efforts, and there are results, and the strength of the effort is the measure of the result. Chance is not. Gifts, powers, material, intellectual, and spiritual possessions are the fruits of effort; they are thoughts completed, objects accomplished, visions realised.

- The more tranquil a man becomes, the greater is his success, his influence, his power for good... The strong, calm man is always loved and revered.

- That exquisite poise of character, which we call serenity is the last lesson of culture; it is the flowering of life, the fruitage of the soul. It is precious as wisdom, more to be desired than gold—yes, than even fine gold.