

I am human. Nothing human is alien to me.  
If you're right, I'll do what you do. If you're wrong, I'll set you straight.  
Terrence

If you cannot completely eradicate wrong ideas, or deal with inveterate vices as effectively as you wish, that's no reason to turn your back on public life altogether. You wouldn't abandon ship in a storm just because you couldn't control the winds.

On the other hand, it's no use attempting to put across entirely new ideas, which will obviously carry no weight with people who are prejudiced against them.

For things will never be perfect, until human beings are perfect -- which I don't expect for quite a number of years! More. Utopia (1516)

Your vision will become clear only when you look into your heart.  
Who looks outside, dreams.  
Who looks inside, awakens. - Jung

To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty; to find the best in others, to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or

a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you lived. This is to have succeeded. - Ralph Waldo Emerson

To be a philosopher is not merely to have subtle thoughts, nor even to found a school, but so to love wisdom as to live accordingly to its dictates, a life of simplicity, independence, magnanimity and trust.

Our life is frittered away by detail.

If one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams and endeavors to live the life which he has imagined, he will meet with a success unexpected in common hours.

I would rather sit on a pumpkin and have it all to myself than be crowded on a velvet cushion.

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.

I came into this world, not chiefly to make this a good place to live in, but to live in it, be it good or bad. A man has not everything to do, but something; and because he cannot do everything, it is not necessary that he should do something wrong.

A living dog is better than a dead lion. Shall a man go and hang himself because he belongs to a race of pygmies, and not be the biggest pygmy that he can. Let everyone mind his own business, and endeavor to be what he was made.

However mean your life is, meet it and live it: do not shun it and call it hard names. It is not so bad as you are. It looks poorest when you are richest. The fault-finder will find faults even in paradise. Love your life, poor as it is. You may perhaps have some pleasant thrilling, glorious hours, even in a poor-house. —Thoreau