Walden: Or, Life in the Woods

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- 1. "I learned this, at least, by my experiment: that if one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams, & endeavors to live the life which he has imagined, he will meet with a success unexpected in common hours."
- 2. "Rather than love, than money, than fame, give me truth."
- 3. "I find it wholesome to be alone the greater part of the time. To be in company, even with the best, is soon wearisome & dissipating. I love to be alone. I never found the companion that was so companionable as solitude."
- 4. "If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost; that is where they should be. Now put the foundations under them."
- 5. "Books are the treasured wealth of the world & the fit inheritance of generations & nations."
- 6. "We need the tonic of wildness ... At the same time that we are earnest to explore & learn all things, we require that all things by mysterious & unexplorable, that land & sea be indefinitely wild, unsurveyed & unfathomed by us because unfathomable. We can never have enough of nature."
- 7. "Live in each season as it passes; breathe the air, drink the drink, taste the fruit, & resign yourself to the influence of the earth."