

10 Quotes from Bertrand Russell on Education and Life

1. "Without effort and change, human life cannot remain good."
2. "We are faced with the paradoxical fact that education has become one of the chief obstacles to intelligence and freedom of thought."
3. "The principal source of the harm done by the State is the fact that power is its chief end."
4. "Most people would die sooner than think – in fact they do so."
5. "There are two motives for reading a book: one, that you enjoy it; the other, that you can boast about it."
6. "Man is a rational animal – so at least I have been told."
7. "Love is something far more than desire for sexual intercourse; it is the principal means of escape from the loneliness which afflicts most men and women throughout the greater part of their lives."
8. "The fundamental cause of the trouble is that in the modern

world the stupid are cocksure while the intelligent are full of doubt.”

9. “Two men who differ as to the ends of life cannot hope to agree about education.”

10. “The place of the father in the modern suburban family is a very small one – particularly if he plays golf, which he usually does.”