Ingersoll's Creed



"While I am opposed to all orthodox creeds, I have a creed myself; and my creed is this. Happiness is the only good. The time to be happy is now. The place to be happy is here. The way to be happy is to make others so. The creed is somewhat short, but it is long enough for this life, strong

enough for this world. If there is another world, when we get there we can make another creed."

(frequently recited in his speeches, recorded by Thomas Edison in 1894)



"Happiness is the only good, reason the only torch, justice the only worship, humanity the only religion, and love the only priest."

(inscription at the beginning of The Works of Robert Green Ingersoll, 1902)