

QUOTATION

EMERSON ON THE IMPORTANCE OF PROGRAMMING

"Life brings to each his task, and, whatever art you select, algebra, planting, architecture, poems, commerce, politics,—all are attainable, even to the miraculous triumphs, on the same terms of selecting that for which you are apt;—begin at the beginning, proceed in order, step by step. 'Tis as easy to twist iron anchors, and braid cannons, as to braid straw; to boil granite as to boil water, if you take all the steps in order. Wherever there is failure, there is some giddiness, some superstition about luck, some step omitted, which nature never pardons. The happy conditions of life may be had on the same terms. Their attraction for you is the pledge that they are within your reach."

Ralph Waldo Emerson, *The Conduct of Life*. New York, Dutton, 1911, p. 284. (Contributed by Michael P. Silver, Department of Psychology, DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana 46135.)