

Agnes Repplier Quotes

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It is not easy to find happiness in ourselves, and it is not possible to find it elsewhere.

~Agnes Repplier

It has been wisely said that we cannot really love anybody at whom we never laugh.

~Agnes Repplier

What monstrous absurdities and paradoxes have resisted whole batteries of serious arguments, and then crumbled swiftly into dust before the ringing death-knell of a laugh!

~Agnes Repplier

It takes time and trouble to persuade ourselves that the things we want to do are the things we ought to do.

~Agnes Repplier

Our dogs will love and admire the meanest of us, and feed our colossal vanity with their uncritical homage.

~Agnes Repplier

For indeed all that we think so new to-day has been acted over and over again, a shifting comedy, by the women of every century.

~Agnes Repplier

No man pursues what he has at hand. No man recognizes the need of pursuit until that which he desires has escaped him.

~Agnes Repplier

There are few nudities so objectionable as the naked truth.

~Agnes Repplier

I am seventy years old, a gray age weighted with uncompromising biblical allusions. It ought to have a gray outlook, but it hasn't, because

a glint of dazzling sunshine is dancing merrily ahead of me.

~Agnes Repplier

It is not what we learn in conversation that enriches us. It is the elation that comes of swift contact with tingling currents of thought.

~Agnes Repplier

There are few things more wearisome in a fairly fatiguing life than the monotonous repetition of a phrase which catches and holds the public fancy by virtue of its total lack of significance.

~Agnes Repplier

For my part, the good novel of character is the novel I can always pick up; but the good novel of incident is the novel I can never lay down.

~Agnes Repplier

A real dog, beloved and therefore pampered by his mistress, is a lamentable spectacle. He suffers from fatty degeneration of his moral being.

~Agnes Repplier

Humor distorts nothing, and only false gods are laughed off their earthly pedestals.

~Agnes Repplier

Conversation between Adam and Eve must have been difficult at times, because they had nobody to talk about.

~Agnes Repplier

The choice of a topic which will bear analysis and support enthusiasm, is essential to the enjoyment of conversation.

~Agnes Repplier

Neatness of phrase is so closely akin to wit that it is often accepted as

its substitute.

~Agnes Repplier

to be civilized is to be incapable of giving unnecessary offense, it is to have some quality of consideration for all who cross our path.

~Agnes Repplier

We owe to one another all the wit and good humour we can command; and nothing so clears our mental vistas as sympathetic and intelligent conversation.

~Agnes Repplier

Erudition, like a bloodhound, is a charming thing when held firmly in leash, but it is not so attractive when turned loose upon a defenseless and unerudite public.

~Agnes Repplier

The impulse to travel is one of the hopeful symptoms of life.

~Agnes Repplier

Science may carry us to Mars, but it will leave the earth peopled as ever by the inept.

~Agnes Repplier

People who pin their faith to a catchword never feel the necessity of understanding anything.

~Agnes Repplier

A puppy is but a dog, plus high spirits, and minus common sense.

~Agnes Repplier

Believers in political faith-healing enjoy a supreme immunity from doubt.

~Agnes Repplier

Personally, I do not believe that it is the duty of any man or woman to write a novel. In nine cases out of ten, there would be greater merit in leaving it unwritten.

~Agnes Repplier

fair play is less characteristic of groups than of individuals.

~Agnes Repplier

The clear-sighted do not rule the world, but they sustain and console it.

~Agnes Repplier

There is a vast deal of make-believe in the carefully nurtured sentiment for country life, and the barefoot boy, and the mountain girl.

~Agnes Repplier

There is no illusion so permanent as that which enables us to look backward with complacency; there is no mental process so deceptive as the comparing of recollections with realities.

~Agnes Repplier

It is impossible for a lover of cats to banish these alert, gentle, and discriminating friends, who give us just enough of their regard and complaisance to make us hunger for more.

~Agnes Repplier

The pitfall of the feminist is the belief that the interests of men and women can ever be severed; that what brings sufferings to the one can leave the other unscathed.

~Agnes Repplier

Bargaining is essential to the life of the world; but nobody has ever claimed that it is an ennobling process.

~Agnes Repplier

There is always a secret irritation about a laugh in which we cannot join

~Agnes Repplier

The friendships of nations, built on common interests, cannot survive the mutability of those interests.

~Agnes Repplier

Humor brings insight and tolerance.

~Agnes Repplier

Sleep sweetly in the fields of asphodel, and waken, as of old, to stretch thy languid length, and purr thy soft contentment to the skies.

~Agnes Repplier

There is an optimism which nobly anticipates the eventual triumph of great moral laws, and there is an optimism which cheerfully tolerates unworthiness.

~Agnes Repplier

It is not begging but the beggar, who has forfeited favor with the elect.

~Agnes Repplier

Humor brings insight and tolerance. Irony brings a deeper and less friendly understanding.

~Agnes Repplier

Just as we are often moved to merriment for no other reason than that the occasion calls for seriousness, so we are correspondingly serious when invited too freely to be amused.

~Agnes Repplier

It is in his pleasure that a man really lives; it is from his leisure that he constructs the true fabric of self.

~Agnes Repplier

In those happy days when leisure was held to be no sin, men and women wrote journals whose copiousness both delights and dismays us.

~Agnes Repplier

People who cannot recognize a palpable absurdity are very much in the way of civilization.

~Agnes Repplier

the tea-hour is the hour of peace ... strife is lost in the hissing of the kettle - a tranquilizing sound, second only to the purring of a cat.

~Agnes Repplier

It is impossible to withhold education from the receptive mind, as it is impossible to force it upon the unreasoning.

~Agnes Repplier

the most comfortable characteristic of the period [1775-1825], and the one which incites our deepest envy, is the universal willingness to accept a good purpose as a substitute for good work.

~Agnes Repplier

The tourist may complain of other tourists, but he would be lost without them.

~Agnes Repplier

A kitten is chiefly remarkable for rushing about like mad at nothing whatever and generally stopping before it gets there.

~Agnes Repplier

Next to the joy of the egotist is the joy of the detractor.

~Agnes Repplier

Edged tools are dangerous things to handle, and not infrequently do much hurt.

~Agnes Repplier

the most charming thing about youth is the tenacity of its impressions.

~Agnes Repplier

Like simplicity and candor, and other much-commented qualities, enthusiasm is charming until we meet it face to face, and cannot escape from its charm.

~Agnes Repplier

No rural community, no suburban community, can ever possess the distinctive qualities that city dwellers have for centuries given to the world.

~Agnes Repplier

real letter-writing ... is founded on a need as old and as young as humanity itself, the need that one human being has of another.

~Agnes Repplier

This is the sphinx of the hearthstone, the little god of domesticity, whose presence turns a house into a home.

~Agnes Repplier

The diseases of the present have little in common with the diseases of the past save that we die of them.

~Agnes Repplier

Laughter springs from the lawless part of our nature.

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Art... does not take kindly to facts, is helpless to grapple with theories, and is killed outright by a sermon.

~Agnes Repplier

The pessimist is seldom an agitating individual. His creed breeds indifference to others, and he does not trouble himself to thrust his views upon the unconvinced.

~Agnes Repplier

Democracy forever teases us with the contrast between its ideals and its realities, between its heroic possibilities and its sorry achievements.

~Agnes Repplier

It has been well said that tea is suggestive of a thousand wants, from which spring the decencies and luxuries of civilization.

~Agnes Repplier

People fed on sugared praises cannot be expected to feel an appetite for the black broth of honest criticism.

~Agnes Repplier

What puzzles most of us are the things which have been left in the movies rather than the things which have been taken out.

~Agnes Repplier

The thinkers of the world should by rights be guardians of the world's mirth.

~Agnes Repplier

The worst in life, we are told, is compatible with the best in art. So too the worst in life is compatible with the best in humour.

~Agnes Repplier

Too much rigidity on the part of teachers should be followed by a brisk

spirit of insubordination on the part of the taught.

~Agnes Repplier

It is not the office of a novelist to show us how to behave ourselves; it is not the business of fiction to teach us anything.

~Agnes Repplier

it is not every tourist who bubbles over with mirth, and that unquenchable spirit of humor which turns a trial into a blessing.

~Agnes Repplier

Every true American likes to think in terms of thousands and millions. The word 'million' is probably the most pleasure-giving vocable in the language.

~Agnes Repplier

There is nothing in the world so enjoyable as a thorough-going monomania.

~Agnes Repplier

Resistance, which is the function of conservatism, is essential to orderly advance.

~Agnes Repplier

A world of vested interests is not a world which welcomes the disruptive force of candor.

~Agnes Repplier

Love is a malady, the common symptoms of which are the same in all patients.

~Agnes Repplier

The necessity of knowing a little about a great many things is the most grievous burden of our day. It deprives us of leisure on the one hand,

and of scholarship on the other.

~Agnes Repplier

Whatever has "wit enough to keep it sweet" defies corruption and outlasts all time; but the wit must be of that outward and visible order which needs no introduction or demonstration at our hands.

~Agnes Repplier

Letter-writing on the part of a busy man or woman is the quintessence of generosity.

~Agnes Repplier

It is unwise to feel too much if we think too little.

~Agnes Repplier

Traveling is, and has always been, more popular than the traveler.

~Agnes Repplier

Humor, in one form or another, is characteristic of every nation; and reflecting the salient points of social and national life, it illuminates those crowded corners which history leaves obscure.

~Agnes Repplier

The comfortable thing about the study of history is that it inclines us to think hopefully of our own times.

~Agnes Repplier

There is no liberal education for the under-languaged.

~Agnes Repplier

Cats, even when robust, have scant liking for the boisterous society of children, and are apt to exert their utmost ingenuity to escape it. Nor are they without adult sympathy in their prejudice.

~Agnes Repplier

It is difficult to admonish Frenchmen. Their habit of mind is unfavorable to preachment.

~Agnes Repplier

Economics and ethics have little in common.

~Agnes Repplier

A man who owns a dog is, in every sense of the words, its master; the term expresses accurately their mutual relations. But it is ridiculous when applied to the limited possession of a cat.

~Agnes Repplier

It is not depravity that afflicts the human race so much as a general lack of intelligence.

~Agnes Repplier

Need drives men to envy as fullness drives them to selfishness.

~Agnes Repplier

English civilization rests largely upon tea and cricket, with mighty spurts of enjoyment on Derby Day, and at Newmarket.

~Agnes Repplier

The party which is out sees nothing but graft and incapacity in the party which is in; and the party which is in sees nothing but greed and animosity in the party which is out.

~Agnes Repplier

Woman is quick to revere genius, but in her secret soul she seldom loves it.

~Agnes Repplier

But self-satisfaction, if as buoyant as gas, has an ugly trick of collapsing when full blown, and facts are stony things that refuse to melt away in

the sunshine of a smile.

~Agnes Repplier

What strange impulse is it which induces otherwise truthful people to say they like music when they do not, and thus expose themselves to hours of boredom?

~Agnes Repplier

If history in the making be a fluid thing, it swiftly crystallizes.

~Agnes Repplier

The delusions of the past seem fond and foolish. The delusions of the present seem subtle and sane.

~Agnes Repplier

To have given pleasure to one human being is a recollection that sweetens life.

~Agnes Repplier

The man who never tells an unpalatable truth 'at the wrong time' (the right time has yet to be discovered) is the man whose success in life is fairly well assured.

~Agnes Repplier

The sanguine assurance that men and nations can be legislated into goodness, that pressure from without is equivalent to a moral change within, needs a strong backing of inexperience.

~Agnes Repplier

Philadelphians are every whit as mediocre as their neighbors, but they seldom encourage each other in mediocrity by giving it a more agreeable name.

~Agnes Repplier

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