

# Alexander von Humboldt

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Vices, Fate, Imagination, Self, Blow, Mind, Dangerous, Achievement, Numbers,  
Being Free*

Die gefÃ¤hrlichste Weltanschauung ist die Weltanschauung derer, die die Welt nie angeschaut haben. (The most dangerous worldview is the worldview of those who have not viewed the world)

~Alexander von Humboldt

People often say that I'm curious about too many things at once... But can you really forbid a man from harbouring a desire to know and embrace everything that surrounds him?

~Alexander von Humboldt

Insight into universal nature provides an intellectual delight and sense of freedom that no blows of fate and no evil can destroy.

~Alexander von Humboldt

Before being free, it is necessary to be just

~Alexander von Humboldt

There are some races more cultured and advanced and ennobled by education than others; but there are no races nobler than others. All are equally destined for freedom.

~Alexander von Humboldt

Collaboration operates through a process in which the successful intellectual achievements of one person arouse the intellectual passions and enthusiasms of others.

~Alexander von Humboldt

At no other time has Nature concentrated such a wealth of valuable nourishment into such a small space as in the cocoa bean.

~Alexander von Humboldt

Our imagination is struck only by what is great; but the lover of natural philosophy should reflect equally on little things.

~Alexander von Humboldt

Cruelty to animals is one of the most significant vices of a low and ignoble people.

~Alexander von Humboldt

Statistical projections which speak to the senses without fatiguing the mind, possess the advantage of fixing the attention on a great number of important facts.

~Alexander von Humboldt

The expression of vanity and self-love becomes less offensive, when it retains something of simplicity and frankness.

~Alexander von Humboldt

Petroleum is the product of a distillation from great depth and issues from the primitive rocks beneath which the forces of all volcanic action lie.

~Alexander von Humboldt

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