

Algernon Sidney Quotes

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Virtue, Might, Arses, Army, Roots, Order, Liars, Wells, Needs*

[L]iberty cannot be preserved, if the manners of the people are corrupted . . .

~Algernon Sidney

Who will wear a shoe that hurts him, because the shoe-maker tells him 'tis well made?

~Algernon Sidney

Tis hard to comprehend how one man can come to be master of many, equal to himself in right, unless it be by consent or by force.

~Algernon Sidney

Men lived like fishes; the great ones devoured the small.

~Algernon Sidney

If his Majesty is resolved to have my head, he may make a whistle of my arse if he pleases.

~Algernon Sidney

I will believe in the right of one man to govern a nation despotically when I find a man born unto the world with boots and spurs, and a nation with saddles on their backs.

~Algernon Sidney

That which is not just, is not Law; and that which is not Law, ought not to be obeyed.

~Algernon Sidney

For violence or fraud can create no right.

~Algernon Sidney

Liars need to have good memories.

~Algernon Sidney

[I]f vice and corruption prevail, liberty cannot subsist; but if virtue have the advantage, arbitrary power cannot be established.

~Algernon Sidney

Laws and constitutions ought to be weighed... to constitute that which is most conducing to the establishment of justice and liberty.

~Algernon Sidney

No right can come by conquest, unless there were a right of making that conquest.

~Algernon Sidney

Everyone sees they cannot well live asunder, nor many together, without some rule to which all must submit.

~Algernon Sidney

Swords were given to men, that none might be Slaves, but such as know not how to use them.

~Algernon Sidney

It is not necessary to light a candle to the sun

~Algernon Sidney

Many things are unknown to the wisest, and the best men can never wholly divest themselves of passions and affections... nothing can or ought to be permanent but that which is perfect.

~Algernon Sidney

That is the best Government, which best provides for war.

~Algernon Sidney

God leaves to Man the choice of Forms in Government; and those who constitute one Form, may abrogate it.

~Algernon Sidney

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