

Ashley Montagu Quotes

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The idea is to die young as late as possible.

~Ashley Montagu

The moments of happiness we enjoy take us by surprise. It is not that we seize them, but that they seize us.

~Ashley Montagu

The Good Book - one of the most remarkable euphemisms ever coined.

~Ashley Montagu

The only measure of what you believe is what you do. If you want to know what people believe, don't read what they write, don't ask what they believe, just observe what they do.

~Ashley Montagu

The idea of "race" represents one of the most dangerous myths of our time.

~Ashley Montagu

The family unit is the institution for the systematic production of mental illness.

~Ashley Montagu

The loving touch, like music, often utters the things that cannot be spoken.

~Ashley Montagu

By virtue of being born to humanity, every human being has a right to the development and fulfillment of his potentialities as a human being.

~Ashley Montagu

Intellect without humanity is not good enough...what the world is suffering from at the present time is not so much an overabundance of

intellect as an insufficiency of humanity.

~Ashley Montagu

The ability to play is one of the principal criteria of mental health.

~Ashley Montagu

Human beings are the only creatures who are able to behave irrationally in the name of reason.

~Ashley Montagu

Do we have the right to rear animals in order to kill them so that we may feed appetites in which we have been artificially conditioned from childhood?

~Ashley Montagu

The scientist believes in proof without certainty.

~Ashley Montagu

The doctor has been taught to be interested not in health but in disease. What the public is taught is that health is the cure for disease.

~Ashley Montagu

An intelligence that is not humane is the most dangerous thing in the world .

~Ashley Montagu

All education should be directed toward the refinement of the individual's sensibilities in relation not only to one's fellow humans everywhere, but to all living things whatsoever.

~Ashley Montagu

The principal contributor to loneliness in this country is television. What happens is that the family 'gets together' alone.

~Ashley Montagu

The way I change my life is to act as if I am the person I really want to be.

~Ashley Montagu

It's by what you do that you communicate to others that you are deeply involved in their well being.

~Ashley Montagu

The world is so full of wonderful things we should all, if we were taught how to appreciate it, be far richer than kings.

~Ashley Montagu

It is not the most lovable individuals who stand more in need of love, but the most unlovable

~Ashley Montagu

It is the mark of the cultured man that he is aware of the fact that equality is an ethical and not a biological principle

~Ashley Montagu

Girls marry for love. Boys marry because of a chronic irritation that causes them to gravitate in the direction of objects with certain curvilinear properties.

~Ashley Montagu

It is the function of women to teach men how to be human.

~Ashley Montagu

The deepest personal defeat suffered by human beings is constituted by the difference between what one was capable of becoming and what one has in fact become.

~Ashley Montagu

Hell has been described as a pocket edition of Chicago.

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I want to die young at a ripe old age.

~Ashley Montagu

One goes through school, college, medical school and one's internship learning little or nothing about goodness but a good deal about success.

~Ashley Montagu

The scientist believes in proof without certainty, the bigot in certainty without proof.

~Ashley Montagu

The natural superiority of women is a biological fact, and a socially acknowledged reality.

~Ashley Montagu

In teaching it is the method and not the content that is the message.

~Ashley Montagu

Man is the only 150 pound nonlinear servomechanism that can be wholly reproduced by unskilled labor.

~Ashley Montagu

For the person and for the species love is the form of behavior having the highest survival value.

~Ashley Montagu

In Victorian times the purpose of life was to develop a personality once and for all and then stand on it.

~Ashley Montagu

Psychosclerosis: the hardening of the attitude which causes a person to cease dreaming, seeing, thinking, and leading.

~Ashley Montagu

The family is the basis of society. As the family is, so is the society, and it is human beings who make a family-not the quantity of them, but the quality of them.

~Ashley Montagu

The original mixed ancestry of the Jews and their subsequent history of intermixture with every people among whom they have lived and continue to live.

~Ashley Montagu

The cultured man is an artist, an artist in humanity.

~Ashley Montagu

You certainly can't tell anything from the microscopic structure of the brain whether the person was an idiot or a genius.

~Ashley Montagu

Ircumcision, an archaic ritual mutilation that has no justification whatever and no place in a civilized society.

~Ashley Montagu

The evidence indicates that woman is, on the whole, biologically superior to man.

~Ashley Montagu

Today, while the titular head of the family may still be the father, everyone knows that he is little more than chairman, at most, of the entertainment committee.

~Ashley Montagu

The measure of man's humanity is the extent and intensity of his love for mankind.

~Ashley Montagu

To admit ignorance is to exhibit wisdom.

~Ashley Montagu

Without love, intelligence is dangerous; without intelligence, love is not enough.

~Ashley Montagu

The majority of people believe in incredible things which are absolutely false. The majority of people daily act in a manner prejudicial to their general well-being.

~Ashley Montagu

... the main principle by which human beings must guide the future course of their development is love.

~Ashley Montagu

No one should be required to see America for the first time.

~Ashley Montagu

The Eskimos live among ice all their lives but have no single word for ice.

~Ashley Montagu

Children are the most learning-hungry beings in the world.

~Ashley Montagu

Hatred is love frustrated.

~Ashley Montagu

The basic fact is simple: life begins not at birth, but conception.

~Ashley Montagu

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