

Auguste Comte

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Positivism is a theory of knowledge according to which the only kind of sound knowledge available to human kind is that of science grounded in observation.

~Auguste Comte

Nothing is destroyed until it is replaced.

~Auguste Comte

The sacred formula of positivism: love as a principle, the order as a foundation, and progress as a goal.

~Auguste Comte

Know yourself to improve yourself.

~Auguste Comte

To reorganize society without God or King, by the systematic culture of Humanity.

~Auguste Comte

Each department of knowledge passes through three stages. The theoretic stage; the theological stage and the metaphysical or abstract stage.

~Auguste Comte

Everything is relative; and only that is absolute.

~Auguste Comte

Woman is the most moral element in all humanity.

~Auguste Comte

If we do not allow free thinking in chemistry or biology, why should we allow it in morals or politics?

~Auguste Comte

Religion is an illusion of childhood, outgrown under proper education.

~Auguste Comte

Every science consists in the coordination of facts; if the different observations were entirely isolated, there would be no science.

~Auguste Comte

The only real life is the collective life of the race; individual life has no existence except as an abstraction.

~Auguste Comte

To understand a science it is necessary to know its history.

~Auguste Comte

Humanity is always made up of more dead than living.

~Auguste Comte

Ideas govern the world, or throw it into chaos.

~Auguste Comte

All good intellects have repeated, since Bacon's time, that there can be no real knowledge but which is based on observed facts.

~Auguste Comte

C'este donc par l'habitude des mathématiques, et seulement par elle, que l'on peut se faire une idée juste et approfondie de ce que c'est qu'une science.

~Auguste Comte

But now, I, August Comte, have discovered the truth. Therefore, there is no longer any need for freedom of thought or freedom of the press. I want to rule and to organize the whole country.

~Auguste Comte

Foreknowledge is power.

~Auguste Comte

Induction for deduction, with a view to construction.

~Auguste Comte

The dead govern the living.

~Auguste Comte

Mathematical Analysis is... the true rational basis of the whole system of our positive knowledge.

~Auguste Comte

In mathematics we find the primitive source of rationality; and to mathematics must the biologists resort for means to carry out their researches.

~Auguste Comte

Men are not allowed to think freely about chemistry and biology: why should they be allowed to think freely about political philosophy?

~Auguste Comte

The heavens declare the glory of Kepler and Newton.

~Auguste Comte

The universe displays no proof of an all-directing mind.

~Auguste Comte

The word right should be excluded from political language, as the word cause from the language of philosophy.

~Auguste Comte

Monotheism occupies so large a space in the view of modern minds, that it is scarcely possible to form a just estimate of the preceding

phases of the theological philosophy.

~Auguste Comte

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