

Benjamin Haydon

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Art is a reality, not a definition; inasmuch as it approaches a reality, it approaches perfection, and inasmuch as it approaches a mere definition, it is imperfect and untrue.

~Benjamin Haydon

When a man is no longer anxious to do better than well, he is done for.

~Benjamin Haydon

Temperance in everything is requisite for happiness.

~Benjamin Haydon

There surely is in human nature an inherent propensity to extract all the good out of all the evil.

~Benjamin Haydon

Fortunately for serious minds, a bias recognized is a bias sterilized.

~Benjamin Haydon

The safest principle through life, instead of reforming others, is to set about perfecting yourself.

~Benjamin Haydon

Genius is nothing more than common faculties refined to a greater intensity. There are no astonishing ways of doing astonishing things. All astonishing things are done by ordinary materials.

~Benjamin Haydon

The only legitimate artists in England are the architects.

~Benjamin Haydon

It is highly convenient to believe in the infinite mercy of God when you feel the need of mercy, but remember also his infinite justice.

~Benjamin Haydon

Never suffer youth to be an excuse for inadequacy, nor age and fame to be an excuse for indolence.

~Benjamin Haydon

All government is an evil, but, of the two form's of that evil, democracy or monarchy, the sounder is monarchy; the more able to do its will, democracy.

~Benjamin Haydon

The greatest geniuses have always attributed everything to God, as if conscious of being possessed of a spark of His divinity.

~Benjamin Haydon

Nothing is difficult; it is only we who are indolent.

~Benjamin Haydon

Men of genius are often considered superstitious, but the fact is, the fineness of their nerve renders them more alive to the supernatural than ordinary men.

~Benjamin Haydon

Satan is to be punished eternally in the end, but for a while he triumphs.

~Benjamin Haydon

Some persons are so devotional they have not one bit of true religion in them.

~Benjamin Haydon

How difficult it is to get men to believe that any other man can or does act from disinterestedness!

~Benjamin Haydon

Do your duty, and don't swerve from it. Do that which your conscience

tells you to be right, and leave the consequences to God.

~Benjamin Haydon

Newton's health, and confusion to mathematics.

~Benjamin Haydon

There must be more malice than love in the hearts of all wits.

~Benjamin Haydon

Danger is the very basis of superstition. It produces a searching after help supernaturally when human means are no longer supposed to be available.

~Benjamin Haydon

Genius in poverty is never feared, because nature, though liberal in her gifts in one instance, is forgetful in another.

~Benjamin Haydon

Mistrusts sometimes come over one's mind of the justice of God. But let a real misery come again, and to whom do we fly? To whom do we instinctively and immediately look up?

~Benjamin Haydon

If men would only take the chances of doing right because it is right, instead of the immediate certainty of the advantage of doing wrong, how much happier would their lives be.

~Benjamin Haydon

Beware of the beginnings of vice. Do not delude yourself with the belief that it can be argued against in the presence of the exciting cause. Nothing but actual flight can save you.

~Benjamin Haydon

Invention is totally independent of the will.

~Benjamin Haydon

It is better to make friends than adversaries of a conquered race.

~Benjamin Haydon

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