

Carl L. Becker

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The significance of man is that he is insignificant and is aware of it.

~Carl L. Becker

All historians, even the most scientific, have bias, if in no other sense than the determination not to have any.

~Carl L. Becker

History is the memory of things said and done.

~Carl L. Becker

No class of Americans, so far as I know, has ever objected . . . to any amount of governmental meddling if it appeared to benefit that particular class.

~Carl L. Becker

My own mind is my own church.

~Carl L. Becker

Reason is incompetent to answer any fundamental question about God, or morality, or the meaning of life.

~Carl L. Becker

History is an indispensable even though not the highest form of intellectual endeavor.

~Carl L. Becker

Logic is something the mind has created to conceal its timidity, a hocus-pocus designed to give formal validity to conclusions we are willing to accept if everybody else in our set will too.

~Carl L. Becker

To ask whether the natural rights philosophy of the Declaration of Independence is true or false, is essentially a meaningless question.

~Carl L. Becker

Corporations have at different times been so far unable to distinguish freedom of speech from freedom of lying that their freedom has to be curbed.

~Carl L. Becker

Serious thinkers are few, and the world is ruled by crude ideas.

~Carl L. Becker

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