

Claude Adrien Helvetius

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Truth is a torch which gleams in the fog but does not dispel it.

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No nation has reason to regard itself superior to others by virtue of its innate endowment.

~Claude Adrien Helvetius

To limit the press is to insult a nation; to prohibit reading of certain books is to declare the inhabitants to be either fools or slaves: such a prohibition ought to fill them with disdain.

~Claude Adrien Helvetius

Education made us what we are.

~Claude Adrien Helvetius

The degree of genius necessary to please us is pretty nearly the same proportion that we ourselves have.

~Claude Adrien Helvetius

Harsh counsels have no effect; they are like hammers which are always repulsed by the anvil.

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Truth is the torch that gleams through the fog without dispelling it.

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Genius is nothing but continued attention.

~Claude Adrien Helvetius

Virtue has many preachers, but few martyrs.

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A man who believes that he eats his God we do not call mad; yet, a man who says he is Jesus Christ, we call mad.

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Pleasure and pain are the only springs of action in man, and always will be.

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By annihilating desires, you annihilate the mind.

~Claude Adrien Helvetius

The man who believes he can do it is probably right.

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What makes men happy is liking what they have to do. This is a principle on which society is not founded

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All men have an equal disposition for understanding.

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Every man without passions has within him no principle of action, nor motive to act.

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He who has no passion has no principal or motive to act.

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There is but one man who can believe himself free from envy; and it is he who has never examined his own heart.

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Discipline is simply the art of making the soldiers fear their officers more than the enemy.

~Claude Adrien Helvetius

To be loved, we should merit but little esteem; all superiority attracts awe and aversion.

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Envy honors the dead in order to insult the living.

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