

Daniel Defoe

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It is better to have a lion at the head of an army of sheep, than a sheep at the head of an army of lions.

~Daniel Defoe

It is never too late to be wise.

~Daniel Defoe

Fear of danger is ten thousand times more terrifying than danger itself.

~Daniel Defoe

The soul is placed in the body like a rough diamond, and must be polished, or the luster of it will never appear.

~Daniel Defoe

All our discontents about what we want appeared to spring from the want of thankfulness for what we have.

~Daniel Defoe

Justice is always Violence to the Party offending, for every Man is Innocent in his own Eyes.

~Daniel Defoe

Expect nothing and you'll always be surprised

~Daniel Defoe

The height of human wisdom is to bring our tempers down to our circumstances, and to make a calm within, under the weight of the greatest storm without.

~Daniel Defoe

Necessity makes an honest man a knave.

~Daniel Defoe

The best of men cannot suspend their fate; The good die early, and the

bad die late.

~Daniel Defoe

Pride, the first peer and president of Hell.

~Daniel Defoe

Today we love what tomorrow we hate, today we seek what tomorrow we shun, today we desire what tomorrow we fear, nay, even tremble at the apprehensions of.

~Daniel Defoe

I hear much of people's calling out to punish the guilty, but very few are concerned to clear the innocent.

~Daniel Defoe

Wherever God erects a house of prayer the Devil always builds a chapel there; And 't will be found, upon examination, the latter has the largest congregation.

~Daniel Defoe

I saw the Cloud, though I did not foresee the Storm.

~Daniel Defoe

Vice came in always at the door of necessity, not at the door of inclination.

~Daniel Defoe

She is always married too soon, who gets a bad husband, and she is never married too late, who gets a good one.

~Daniel Defoe

'Tis no sin to cheat the devil.

~Daniel Defoe

Friends are good,--good, if well chosen.

~Daniel Defoe

Though I don't like the crew, I won't sink the ship. In fact, in time of storm I'll do my best to save it. You see, we are all in this craft and must sink or swim together.

~Daniel Defoe

As covetousness is the root of all evil, so poverty is the worst of all snares.

~Daniel Defoe

Self-destruction is the effect of cowardice in the highest extreme.

~Daniel Defoe

Tis very strange men should be so fond of being wickeder than they are.

~Daniel Defoe

I had been tricked once by that Cheat called love, but the Game was over.

~Daniel Defoe

All men would be tyrants if they could.

~Daniel Defoe

It happen'd one Day about Noon going towards my Boat, I was exceedingly surpriz'd with the Print of a Man's naked Foot on the Shore.

~Daniel Defoe

In trouble to be troubled, Is to have your trouble doubled.

~Daniel Defoe

And of all plagues with which mankind are curst, Ecclesiastic tyranny's the worst.

~Daniel Defoe

Business neglected is business lost.

~Daniel Defoe

An Englishman will fairly drink as much As will maintain two families of Dutch.

~Daniel Defoe

No shoots, says Friday, no yet, me shoot now, me no kill; me stay, give you one more laugh.

~Daniel Defoe

Pleasure is a thief to business.

~Daniel Defoe

Nature has left this tincture in the blood, That all men would be tyrants if they could.

~Daniel Defoe

I am giving an account of what was, not of what ought or ought not to be.

~Daniel Defoe

Why then should women be denied the benefits of instruction? If knowledge and understanding had been useless additions to the sex, God almighty would never have given them capacities.

~Daniel Defoe

Thus we never see the true state of our condition till it is illustrated to us by its contraries, nor know how to value what we enjoy, but by the want of it.

~Daniel Defoe

Law is but a heathen word for power.

~Daniel Defoe

Things as certain as death and taxes, can be more firmly believed.

~Daniel Defoe

I have often thought of it as one of the most barbarous customs in the world, considering us as a civilized and a Christian country, that we deny the advantages of learning to women.

~Daniel Defoe

We are very fond of some families because they can be traced beyond the Conquest, whereas indeed the farther back, the worse, as being the nearer allied to a race of robbers and thieves.

~Daniel Defoe

Actions receive their tincture from the times, And as they change are virtues made or crimes

~Daniel Defoe

Wit is the Fruitful Womb where Thoughts conceive.

~Daniel Defoe

Never, ladies, marry a fool. Any husband rather than a fool. With some other husband you may be unhappy, but with a fool you will be miserable.

~Daniel Defoe

Great families of yesterday we show, And lords, whose parents were the Lord knows who.

~Daniel Defoe

For sudden Joys, like Griefs, confound at first.

~Daniel Defoe

He that is rich is wise, And all men learned poverty despise.

~Daniel Defoe

Redemption from sin is greater then redemption from affliction.

~Daniel Defoe

No man commits evil for the sake of it; even the Devil himself has some farther design in sinning, than barely the wicked part of it.

~Daniel Defoe

I had dropped a good design, which I had once bent my thoughts upon, and that was to try if I could not make some of my barley into malt, and then try to brew myself some beer.

~Daniel Defoe

Wealth, howsoever got, in England makes lords of mechanics, gentlemen of rakes; Antiquity and birth are needless here; 'Tis impudence and money makes a peer.

~Daniel Defoe

How strange a checker-work of Providence is the life of man!

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Wit, like the Belly, if it be not fed, Will starve the Members, and distract the Head.

~Daniel Defoe

What are the sorrows of other men to us, and what their joy?

~Daniel Defoe

This grieved me heartily ; and now I saw, though too late, the folly of beginning a work before we count the cost, and before we judge rightly of our own strength to go through with it.

~Daniel Defoe

Alas the Church of England! What with Popery on one hand, and schismatics on the other, how has she been crucified between two thieves!

~Daniel Defoe

Reason, it is true, is DICTATOR in the Society of Mankind; from her there ought to lie no Appeal; But here we want a Pope in our Philosophy, to be the infallible Judge of what is or is not Reason.

~Daniel Defoe

Now, said I aloud, My dear Father's Words are come to pass: God's Justice has overtaken me, and I have none to help or hear me: I rejected the Voice of Providence.

~Daniel Defoe

All evils are to be considered with the good that is in them, and with what worse attends them.

~Daniel Defoe

Manchester, one of the greatest, if not really the greatest mere village in England.

~Daniel Defoe

All the good things of the world are no further good to us than as they are of use; and of all we may heap up we enjoy only as much as we can use, and no more.

~Daniel Defoe

In their religion they are so uneven, That each man goes his own byway to heaven.

~Daniel Defoe

[The Devil's] laws are easy, and his gentle sway, Makes it exceeding pleasant to obey .

~Daniel Defoe

Abused prosperity is oftentimes made the very means of our greatest adversity.

~Daniel Defoe

Thus fear of danger is ten thousand times more terrifying than danger itself when apparent to the eyes ; and we find the burden of anxiety greater, by much, than the evil which we are anxious about.

~Daniel Defoe

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