

Democritus Quotes

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Children, Home, Thinking, Fighting, Beautiful, Character, Poverty, Practice,
Country, Soul*

Happiness resides not in possessions, and not in gold, happiness dwells in the soul.

~Democritus

Nothing exists except atoms and empty space; everything else is opinion.

~Democritus

The wise man belongs to all countries, for the home of a great soul is the whole world.

~Democritus

Sexual intercourse is a slight attack of apoplexy.

~Democritus

Everywhere man blames nature and fate yet his fate is mostly but the echo of his character and passion, his mistakes and his weaknesses.

~Democritus

Life unexamined, is not worth living.

~Democritus

Our sins are more easily remembered than our good deeds.

~Democritus

The pride of youth is in strength and beauty, the pride of old age is in discretion.

~Democritus

The brave man is not only he who overcomes the enemy, but he who is stronger than pleasures. Some men are masters of cities, but are enslaved to women.

~Democritus

More men have become great through practice than by nature.

~Democritus

My enemy is not the man who wrongs me, but the man who means to wrong me.

~Democritus

Happiness does not reside in strength or money; it lies in rightness and many-sidedness.

~Democritus

If your desires are not great, a little will seem much to you; for small appetite makes poverty equivalent to wealth.

~Democritus

It is greed to do all the talking but not to want to listen at all.

~Democritus

Everything existing in the universe is the fruit of chance and necessity.

~Democritus

Men find happiness neither by means of the body nor through possessions, but through uprightness and wisdom.

~Democritus

Education is an ornament for the prosperous, a refuge for the unfortunate.

~Democritus

Medicine heals diseases of the body, wisdom frees the soul from passions.

~Democritus

The first principles of the universe are atoms and empty space;

everything else is merely thought to exist.

~Democritus

You can tell the man who rings true from the man who rings false, not by his deeds alone, but also by his desires.

~Democritus

It is better to destroy one's own errors than those of others.

~Democritus

Many much-learned men have no intelligence.

~Democritus

The sweetest things become the most bitter by excess.

~Democritus

Good means not [merely] not to do wrong, but rather not to desire to do wrong.

~Democritus

The animal needing something knows how much it needs, the man does not.

~Democritus

It is hard to fight desire; but to control it is the sign of a reasonable man.

~Democritus

Raising children is an uncertain thing; success is reached only after a life of battle and worry.

~Democritus

Throw moderation to the winds, and the greatest pleasures bring the greatest pains.

~Democritus

Poverty in a democracy is as much to be preferred to what is called prosperity under despots, as freedom is to slavery.

~Democritus

The wrongdoer is more unfortunate than the man wronged.

~Democritus

Immoderate desire is the mark of a child, not a man.

~Democritus

Some men are masters of cities, but are enslaved to women.

~Democritus

We think there is color, we think there is sweet, we think there is bitter, but in reality there are atoms and a void.

~Democritus

Men should strive to think much and know little.

~Democritus

It is godlike ever to think on something beautiful and on something new.

~Democritus

The brave man is not only he who overcomes the enemy, but he who is stronger than pleasures.

~Democritus

The man enslaved to wealth can never be honest.

~Democritus

Hope of ill gain is the beginning of loss.

~Democritus

The offender, who repents, is not yet lost.

~Democritus

I would rather discover one true cause than gain the kingdom of Persia.

~Democritus

The wise man's home is the universe.

~Democritus

One should practice much sense, not much learning.

~Democritus

Tis hard to fight with anger but the prudent man keeps it under control.

~Democritus

Good breeding in cattle depends on physical health, but in men on a well-formed character.

~Democritus

Moderation multiplies pleasures, and increases pleasure.

~Democritus

Magnanimity consists in enduring tactlessness with mildness.

~Democritus

Reason is often a more powerful persuader than gold.

~Democritus

Nothing exists but atoms and the void.

~Democritus

Men have made an idol of luck as an excuse for their own thoughtlessness.

~Democritus

Do not trust all men, but trust men of worth; the former course is silly, the latter a mark of prudence.

~Democritus

Coition is a slight attack of apoplexy. For man gushes forth from man, and is separated by being torn apart with a kind of blow.

~Democritus

Men will cease to be fools only when they cease to be men.

~Democritus

One great difference between a wise man and a fool is, the former only wishes for what he may possibly obtain; the latter desires impossibilities.

~Democritus

The person who can laugh with life has developed deep roots with confidence and faith-faith in oneself, in people and in the world, as contrasted to negative ideas with distrust and discouragement.

~Democritus

To speak but little becomes a woman; and she is best adorned who is in plain attire.

~Democritus

Fortune provides a man's table with luxuries, virtue with only a frugal meal.

~Democritus

If thou suffer injustice, console thyself; the true unhappiness is in doing

it.

~Democritus

Nature . . . has buried truth deep in the bottom of the sea.

~Democritus

The man who is fortunate in his choice of son-in-law gains a son; the man unfortunate in his choice loses his daughter also.

~Democritus

Beautiful objects are wrought by study through effort, but ugly things are reaped automatically without toil.

~Democritus

Envy creates the beginning of strife.

~Democritus

It is hard to fight against anger: to master it is the mark of a rational man.

~Democritus

We know nothing in reality; for truth lies in an abyss.

~Democritus

Man is a universe in little [Microcosm].

~Democritus

Whatever a poet writes with enthusiasm and a divine inspiration is very fine. Earliest reference to the madness or divine inspiration of poets.

~Democritus

All things happen by virtue of necessity.

~Democritus

According to convention there is a sweet and a bitter, a hot and a cold, and according to convention, there is an order. In truth, there are atoms and a void.

~Democritus

The word is the shadow of the deed.

~Democritus

Soul and intellect are just the same things.

~Democritus

We know nothing accurately in reality, but [only] as it changes according to the bodily condition, and the constitution of those things that flow upon [the body] and impinge upon it.

~Democritus

To a wise man, the whole earth is open; for the native land of a good soul is the whole earth.

~Democritus

No power and no treasure can outweigh the extension of our knowledge.

~Democritus

These differences, they say, are three: shape, arrangement, and position; because they hold that what is differs only in contour, inter-contact, inclination.

~Democritus

The laws would not prevent each man from living according to his inclination, unless individuals harmed each other; for envy creates the beginning of strife.

~Democritus

Nature and education are somewhat similar. The latter transforms man, and in so doing creates a second nature.

~Democritus

The whole Earth is at the hand of the wise man, since the fatherland of an elevated soul is the Universe.

~Democritus

Sweet exists by convention, bitter by convention, color by convention; but in reality atoms and the void alone exist

~Democritus

Word is a shadow of a deed.

~Democritus

Virtue isn't not wronging others but not wishing to wrong others.

~Democritus

If you would know contentment, let your deeds be few.

~Democritus

To a wise and good man the whole earth is his fatherland.

~Democritus

Disease of the home and of the life comes about in the same way as that of the body.

~Democritus

In a shared fish, there are no bones.

~Democritus

Poor mind, from the senses you take your arguments, and then want to defeat them? Your victory is your defeat.

~Democritus

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