

Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton Quotes

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How many of us have been attracted to reason; first learned to think, to draw conclusions, to extract a moral from the follies of life, by some dazzling aphorism.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

There is no such thing as luck. It's a fancy name for being always at our duty, and so sure to be ready when good time comes.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

The conscience is the most flexible material in the world. Today you cannot stretch it over a mole hill; while tomorrow it can hide a mountain.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

He who writes prose builds his temple to Fame in rubble; he who writes verses builds it in granite.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

Genius is but fine observation strengthened by fixity of purpose.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

Men are valued, not for what they are, but for what they seem to be.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

A fool flatters himself, a wise man flatters the fool.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

A fresh mind keeps the body fresh. Take in the ideas of the day, drain off those of yesterday.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

A good cigar is as great a comfort to a man as a good cry to a woman.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

Punctuality is the stern virtue of men of business, and the graceful courtesy of princes.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

Love has no thought of self! Love buys not with the ruthless usurer's gold
The loathsome prostitution of a hand Without a heart! Love sacrifices all things
To bless the thing it loves!

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

In life, as in art, the beautiful moves in curves.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

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Enthusiasm is the genius of sincerity and truth accomplishes no victories without it

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

We tell our triumphs to the crowds, but our own hearts are the sole confidants of our sorrows.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

Sharp is the kiss of the falcon's beak.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

Archaeology is not only the hand maid of history, it is also the conservator of art.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

Patience is not passive; on the contrary, it is active; it is concentrated strength.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

Master books, but do not let them master you.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

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There is no man so friendless but that he can find a friend sincere enough to tell him disagreeable truths.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

Fate laughs at probabilities.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

The Italians have voices like peacocks - German gives me a cold in the head - and Russian is nothing but sneezing

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

A pipe is the fountain of contemplation, the source of pleasure, the companion of the wise; and the man who smokes, thinks like a philosopher and acts like a Samaritan.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

When you talk to the half-wise, twaddle; when you talk to the ignorant, brag; when you talk to the sagacious, look very humble and ask their opinion.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

The best teacher is the one who suggests rather than dogmatizes, and inspires his listener with the wish to teach himself.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

Power is so characteristically calm, that calmness in itself has the aspect of strength.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

A good heart is better than all the heads in the world.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

Anger ventilated often hurries towards forgiveness; anger concealed often hardens into revenge.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

Expression is the mystery of beauty.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

Patience is the courage of the conqueror, the strength of man against destiny.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

The world thinks eccentricity in great things is genius, but in small things, only crazy.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

The classic literature is always modern.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

Punctuality is a virtue, If you don't mind being lonely.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

The secret of fashion is to surprise and never to disappoint.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

Our glories float between the earth and heaven Like clouds which seem pavilions of the sun, And are the playthings of the casual wind.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

Say what we will, we may be sure that ambition is an error. Its wear and tear on the heart are never recompensed.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

What ever our wandering our happiness will always be found within a narrow compass, and in the middle of the objects more immediately within our reach.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

Ambition has no rest.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

When a person is down in the world, an ounce of help is better than a pound of preaching.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

The desire of excellence is the necessary attribute of those who excel. We work little for a thing unless we wish for it.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

There's no weapon that slays its victim so surely (if well aimed) as praise.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

Kindness like light speaks in the air it gilds.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

Business dispatched is business well done, but business hurried is business ill done.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

Irony is to the high-bred what billingsgate is to the vulgar; and when one gentleman thinks another gentleman an ass, he does not say it point-blank, he implies it in the politest terms he can invent.

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Dream manfully and nobly, and thy dreams shall be prophets.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

The same refinement which brings us new pleasures exposes us to new pains.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

It is not by the gray of the hair that one knows the age of the heart.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

A reform is a correction of abuses; a revolution is a transfer of power.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

There is nothing so agonizing to the fine skin of vanity as the application of a rough truth.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

People praise us behind our backs, but we hear them not; few before our faces, and who is not suspicious of the truth of such praise?

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To dispense with ceremony is the most delicate mode of conferring a compliment.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

It is destiny phrase of the weak human heart! 'It is destiny' dark apology for every error! The strong and virtuous admit no destiny

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

In these days half our diseases come from neglect of the body in overwork of the brain.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

I would rather have five energetic and competent enemies than one fool friend.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

The true spirit of conversation consists in building on another man's observation, not overturning it.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

Love thou rose, yet leave it on its stem.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

It is difficult to say who do you the most mischief, enemies with the worst intentions, or friends with the best.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

Nothing ages like laziness.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

Every man who observes vigilantly, and resolves steadfastly, grows unconsciously into genius.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

The prudent person may direct a state, but it is the enthusiast who regenerates or ruins it

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

If you are in doubt whether to write a letter or not, don't. And the advice applies to many doubts in life besides that of letter writing.

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Man must be disappointed with the lesser things of life before he can comprehend the full value of the greater.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

Fortune is said to be blind, but her favorites never are. Ambition has the eye of the eagle, prudence that of the lynx; the first looks through the air, the last along the ground.

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He who doth not smoke hath either known no great griefs, or refuseth himself the softest consolation, next to that which comes from heaven.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

Music, once admitted to the soul, becomes a sort of spirit, and never dies.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

Good humor is the sunshine of the mind.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

A man is arrogant in proportion to his ignorance. Man's natural tendency is to egotism. Man, in his infancy of knowledge, thinks that all creation was formed for him.

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Nothing is so contagious as enthusiasm.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

Happiness and virtue rest upon each other; the best are not only the happiest, but the happiest are usually the best.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

When a man is not amused, he feels an involuntary contempt for those who are.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

Genius has no brother.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

The magic of the tongue is the most dangerous of all spells.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

Fate! There is no fate. Between the thought and the success God is the

only agent. Fate is not the ruler, but the servant of Providence.

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The strong and virtuous admit no destiny.

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What is past is past, there is a future left to all men, who have the virtue to repent and the energy to atone.

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Writers are the main landmarks of the past.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

Whatever the number of a man's friends, there will be times in his life when he has one too few; but if he has only one enemy, he is lucky indeed if he has not one too many.

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Chance happens to all, but to turn chance to account is the gift of few.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

Earnestness is the best gift of mental power, and deficiency of heart is the cause of many men never becoming great.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

In science, read, by preference, the newest works; in literature the oldest.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

In all cases of heart-ache, the application of another man's disappointment draws out the pain and allays the irritation.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

The man who smokes, thinks like a sage and acts like a Samaritan.

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Bright and illustrious illusions!

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A prudent consideration for Number One.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

Men never forgive those in whom there is nothing to pardon.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

How little praise warms out of a man the good that is in him, as the sneer of contempt which he feels is unjust chill the ardor to excel.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

The heart of a man's like that delicate weed, / Which requires to be trampled on, boldly indeed / Ere it gives forth the fragrance you wish to extract.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

The food of hope is meditative action.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

Two lives that once part are as ships that divide.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

If a good face is a letter of recommendation, a good heart is a letter of credit.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

Vanity, indeed, is the very antidote to conceit; for while the former makes us all nerve to the opinion of others, the latter is perfectly satisfied with its opinion of itself.

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Give, and you may keep your friend if you lose your money; lend, and the chances are that you lose your friend if ever you get back your money.

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The affections are immortal! They are the sympathies which unite the ceaseless generations.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

Alas! innocence is but a poor substitute for experience.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

O be very sure That no man will learn anything at all, Unless he first will learn humility.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

Happy is the man who hath never known what it is to taste of fame - to have it is a purgatory, to want it is a hell.

~Edward Bulwer-Lytton, 1st Baron Lytton

Tears are akin to prayer - Pharisees parade prayers, imposters parade tears.

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If you wish to be loved, show more of your faults than your virtues.

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Love is on the verge of hate each time it stoops for pardon.

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