

F. H. Bradley

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Our live experiences, fixed in aphorisms, stiffen into cold epigrams. Our heart's blood, as we write it, turns to mere dull ink.

~F. H. Bradley

True penitence condemns to silence. What a man is ready to recall he would be willing to repeat.

~F. H. Bradley

The one self- knowledge worth having is to know one's own mind.

~F. H. Bradley

The secret of happiness is to admire without desiring. And that is not happiness.

~F. H. Bradley

His mind is so open - so open that ideas simply pass through it.

~F. H. Bradley

The hunter for aphorisms on human nature has to fish in muddy water, and he is even condemned to find much of his own mind.

~F. H. Bradley

It is good to know what a man is, and also what the world takes him for. But you do not understand him until you have learnt how he understands himself.

~F. H. Bradley

We say that a girl with her doll anticipates the mother. It is more true, perhaps, that most mothers are still but children with playthings.

~F. H. Bradley

The cost of a thing is what I call life which has to be exchanged for it, immediately or in the long run.

~F. H. Bradley

The propriety of some persons seems to consist in having improper thoughts about their neighbors.

~F. H. Bradley

There are those who so dislike the nude that they find something indecent in the naked truth.

~F. H. Bradley

Up to a certain point every man is what he thinks he is.

~F. H. Bradley

There are persons who, when they cease to shock us, cease to interest us.

~F. H. Bradley

One said of suicide, As long as one has brains one should not blow them out. And another answered, But when one has ceased to have them, too often one cannot.

~F. H. Bradley

Religion is rather the attempt to express the complete reality of goodness through every aspect of our being.

~F. H. Bradley

I can myself conceive of nothing else than the experienced.

~F. H. Bradley

An aphorism is true where it has fixed the impression of a genuine experience.

~F. H. Bradley

Eclecticism. Every truth is so true that any truth must be false.

~F. H. Bradley

The force of the blow depends on the resistance. It is sometimes better not to struggle against temptation. Either fly or yield at once.

~F. H. Bradley

The world is the best of all possible worlds, and everything in it is a necessary evil.

~F. H. Bradley

But when one has ceased to have them, too often one cannot.

~F. H. Bradley

Metaphysics is the finding of bad reasons for what we believe on instinct.

~F. H. Bradley

The deadliest foe to virtue would be complete self-knowledge.

~F. H. Bradley

The man who has ceased to fear has ceased to care.

~F. H. Bradley

Reason teaches us that what is good is good for something, and that what is good for nothing is not good at all.

~F. H. Bradley

Adam knew Eve his wife and she conceived. It is a pity that this is still the only knowledge of their wives at which some men seem to arrive.

~F. H. Bradley

Another occupation might have been better.

~F. H. Bradley

The Self has turned out to mean so many things, to mean them so ambiguously, and to be so wavering in its application, that we do not

feel encouraged.

~F. H. Bradley

Few people would not be the worse for complete sincerity.

~F. H. Bradley

Where everything is bad it must be good to know the worst.

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