

# Frances Wright Quotes

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Credulity is always a ridiculous, often a dangerous failing: it has made of many a clever man, a fool; and of many a good man, a knave.

~Frances Wright

Equality is the soul of liberty; there is, in fact, no liberty without it.

~Frances Wright

Equality! Where is it, if not in education? Equal rights! They cannot exist without equality of instruction.

~Frances Wright

... the happiness of a people is the only rational object of government, and the only object for which a people, free to choose, can have a government at all.

~Frances Wright

Moral truth, resting entirely upon the ascertained consequences of actions, supposes a process of observation and reasoning.

~Frances Wright

Instead of establishing facts, we have to overthrow errors; instead of ascertaining what is, we have to chase from our imaginations what is not.

~Frances Wright

Pets, like their owners, tend to expand a little over the Christmas period.

~Frances Wright

Trust me, there are as many ways of living as there are men, and one is no more fit to lead another, than a bird to lead a fish, or a fish a quadruped.

~Frances Wright

These will vary in every human being; but knowledge is the same for every mind, and every mind may and ought to be trained to receive it.

~Frances Wright

Persecution for opinion is the master vice of society.

~Frances Wright

Love of power more frequently originates in vanity than pride (two qualities, by the way, which are often confounded) and is, consequently, yet more peculiarly the sin of little than of great minds.

~Frances Wright

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I shall say, that I feel myself virtuous, because my soul is at rest.

~Frances Wright

We have ... dreamed so much and observed so little, that our imaginations have grown larger than the world we live in, and our judgments have dwindled down to a point.

~Frances Wright

The best road to correct reasoning is by physical science; the way to trace effects to causes is through physical science; the only corrective, therefore, of superstition is physical science.

~Frances Wright

The sciences have ever been the surest guides to virtue.

~Frances Wright

There is but one honest limit to the rights of a sentient being; it is where they touch the rights of another sentient being.

~Frances Wright

the mode of delivering a truth makes, for the most part, as much impression on the mind of the listener as the truth itself.

~Frances Wright

He who lives in the single exercise of his mental faculties, however usefully or curiously directed, is equally an imperfect animal with the man who knows only the exercise of muscles.

~Frances Wright

Do not confound noise with fame. The man who is remembered, is not always honored.

~Frances Wright

Religion may be defined thus: a belief in, and homage rendered to, existences unseen and causes unknown.

~Frances Wright

Fathers and husbands! do ye not also understand this fact? Do ye not see how, in the mental bondage of your wives and fair companions, ye yourselves are bound?

~Frances Wright

The knowledge of one generation is the ignorance of the next.

~Frances Wright

the language of truth is too simple for inexperienced ears.

~Frances Wright

You have heard of, and studied various systems of philosophy; but real philosophy is opposed to all systems.

~Frances Wright

It is in vain that we would circumscribe the power of one half of our race, and that half by far the most important and influential.

~Frances Wright

Many are called impious, not for having a worse, but a different religion from their neighbors; and many atheistical, not for the denying of God, but for thinking somewhat peculiarly concerning him.

~Frances Wright

To give liberty to a slave before he understands its value is, perhaps, rather to impose a penalty than to bestow a blessing.

~Frances Wright

Of the thousands who have paid homage to virtue, barely one has thought to inspect the pedestal on which it stands.

~Frances Wright

I am neither Jew nor Gentile, Mahomedan nor Theist; I am but a member of the human family.

~Frances Wright

Truth is but approved facts.

~Frances Wright

No man can see his own prejudices.

~Frances Wright

The world is full of religion, and full of misery and crime.

~Frances Wright

What were the glories of the sun, if we knew not the gloom of darkness?

~Frances Wright

The condition of women affords in all countries the best criterion by which to judge the character of men.

~Frances Wright

It has already been observed that women, wherever placed, however high or low in the scale of cultivation, hold the destinies of human kind. Men will ever rise or fall to the level of the other sex.

~Frances Wright

The simplest principles become difficult of practice, when habits, formed in error, have been fixed by time, and the simplest truths hard to receive when prejudice has warped the mind.

~Frances Wright

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