

Francis Bacon Quotes

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Philosophy, Life, Understanding, People, Thinking, Book, Children, Truth, Lying,
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Silence is the sleep that nourishes wisdom.

~Francis Bacon

Begin doing what you want to do now. We are not living in eternity. We have only this moment, sparkling like a star in our hand - and melting like a snowflake.

~Francis Bacon

If a man will begin with certainties, he shall end in doubts, but if he will content to begin with doubts, he shall end in certainties.

~Francis Bacon

It's not what we profess but what we practice that gives us integrity.

~Francis Bacon

Man prefers to believe what he prefers to be true.

~Francis Bacon

There is a difference between happiness and wisdom: he that thinks himself the happiest man is really so; but he that thinks himself the wisest is generally the greatest fool.

~Francis Bacon

Read not to contradict and confute, nor to believe and take for granted... but to weigh and consider.

~Francis Bacon

Life is a marshmallow, easy to chew but hard to swallow.

~Francis Bacon

Reading maketh a full man; conference a ready man; and writing an exact man.

~Francis Bacon

Knowledge is power.

~Francis Bacon

Let the mind be enlarged... to the grandeur of the mysteries, and not the mysteries contracted to the narrowness of the mind

~Francis Bacon

For a crowd is not company; and faces are but a gallery of pictures; and talk but a tinkling cymbal, where there is no love.

~Francis Bacon

Nothing doth more hurt in a state than that cunning men pass for wise.

~Francis Bacon

You cannot teach a child to take care of himself unless you will let him try to take care of himself. He will make mistakes and out of these mistakes will come his wisdom.

~Francis Bacon

A little science estranges a man from God; a lot of science brings him back.

~Francis Bacon

Money is a great servant but a bad master.

~Francis Bacon

Who questions much, shall learn much, and retain much.

~Francis Bacon

A prudent question is one-half of wisdom.

~Francis Bacon

Write down the thoughts of the moment. Those that come unsought for are commonly the most valuable.

~Francis Bacon

Age appears to be best in four things; old wood best to burn, old wine to drink, old friends to trust, and old authors to read.

~Francis Bacon

Natural abilities are like natural plants, that need pruning by study; and studies themselves do give forth directions too much at large, except they be bounded in by experience.

~Francis Bacon

Beauty itself is but the sensible image of the Infinite.

~Francis Bacon

The momentous thing in human life is the art of winning the soul to good or evil.

~Francis Bacon

A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds.

~Francis Bacon

The job of the artist is always to deepen the mystery.

~Francis Bacon

The human understanding is like a false mirror, which, receiving rays irregularly, distorts and discolors the nature of things by mingling its own nature with it.

~Francis Bacon

Some books should be tasted, some devoured, but only a few should be chewed and digested thoroughly.

~Francis Bacon

Imagination was given to man to compensate him for what he is not; a

sense of humor to console him for what he is.

~Francis Bacon

I will never be an old man. To me, old age is always 15 years older than I am.

~Francis Bacon

If we are to achieve things never before accomplished we must employ methods never before attempted

~Francis Bacon

In order for the light to shine so brightly, the darkness must be present.

~Francis Bacon

Cleanness of body was ever deemed to proceed from a due reverence to God.

~Francis Bacon

A little philosophy inclineth man's mind to atheism, but depth in philosophy bringeth men's minds about to religion.

~Francis Bacon

The wonder of a single snowflake outweighs the wisdom of a million meteorologists.

~Francis Bacon

A bad man is worse when he pretends to be a saint.

~Francis Bacon

God has, in fact, written two books, not just one. Of course, we are all familiar with the first book he wrote, namely Scripture. But he has written a second book called creation.

~Francis Bacon

They who derive their worth from their ancestors resemble potatoes, the most valuable part of which is underground.

~Francis Bacon

There is no comparison between that which is lost by not succeeding and that which is lost by not trying.

~Francis Bacon

If a man be gracious and courteous to strangers, it shows he is a citizen of the world.

~Francis Bacon

The worst men often give the best advice.

~Francis Bacon

Hope is a good breakfast, but it is a bad supper.

~Francis Bacon

the serpent if it wants to become the dragon must eat itself.

~Francis Bacon

The root of all superstition is that men observe when a thing hits, but not when it misses.

~Francis Bacon

Wonder is the seed of knowledge

~Francis Bacon

In taking revenge, a man is but even with his enemy; but in passing it over, he is superior.

~Francis Bacon

If money be not thy servant, it will be thy master. The covetous man cannot so properly be said to possess wealth, as that may be said to

possess him.

~Francis Bacon

Nothing opens the heart like a true friend, to whom you may impart griefs, joys, fears, hopes...and whatever lies upon the heart.

~Francis Bacon

Who ever is out of patience is out of possession of their soul.

~Francis Bacon

God loveth the clean.

~Francis Bacon

The colors that show best by candlelight are white, carnation, and a kind of sea-water green.

~Francis Bacon

We cannot command Nature except by obeying her.

~Francis Bacon

People usually think according to their inclinations, speak according to their learning and ingrained opinions, but generally act according to custom.

~Francis Bacon

A man that studieth revenge keeps his own wounds green.

~Francis Bacon

They are ill discoverers that think there is no land, when they can see nothing but sea.

~Francis Bacon

Laws and Institutions Must Go Hand in Hand with the Progress of the Human Mind.

~Francis Bacon

A bachelor's life is a fine breakfast, a flat lunch, and a miserable dinner.

~Francis Bacon

The subtlety of nature is greater many times over than the subtlety of the senses and understanding.

~Francis Bacon

God's first creature, which was light.

~Francis Bacon

It is a good point of cunning for a man to shape the answer he would have in his own words and propositions, for it makes the other party stick the less.

~Francis Bacon

In one and the same fire, clay grows hard and wax melts.

~Francis Bacon

I loathe my own face, and I've done self-portraits because I've had nobody else to do.

~Francis Bacon

There is a cunning which we in England call the rning of the cat in the pan.

~Francis Bacon

Atheism leads a man to sense, to philosophy, to natural piety, to laws, to reputation: all of which may be guides to an outward moral virtue.

~Francis Bacon

Love and envy make a man pine, which other affections do not,

because they are not so continual.

~Francis Bacon

Why should I be angry with a man for loving himself better than me?

~Francis Bacon

I would like my pictures to look as if a human being had passed between them, like a snail, leaving a trail of the human presence and memory trace of past events, as the snail leaves its slime.

~Francis Bacon

There is a cunning which we in England call "the turning of the cat" in the pan; which is, when that which a man says to another, he says it as if another had said it to him.

~Francis Bacon

The worst solitude is to be destitute of true friendship.

~Francis Bacon

We rise to great heights by a winding staircase of small steps.

~Francis Bacon

People prefer to believe what they want to be true.

~Francis Bacon

The correlative to loving our neighbors as ourselves is hating ourselves as we hate our neighbors.

~Francis Bacon

Wives are young men's mistresses, companions for middle age, and old men's nurses.

~Francis Bacon

The fortune which nobody sees makes a person happy and unenvied.

~Francis Bacon

If we do not maintain justice, justice will not maintain us.

~Francis Bacon

Truth can never be reached by just listening to the voice of an authority.

~Francis Bacon

[Science is] the labor and handicraft of the mind.

~Francis Bacon

Of all virtues and dignities of the mind, goodness is the greatest, being the character of the Deity; and without it, man is a busy, mischievous, wretched thing.

~Francis Bacon

He that will not apply new remedies must expect new evils; for time is the greatest innovator.

~Francis Bacon

Men fear death as children fear to go in the dark; and as that natural fear in children is increased by tales, so is the other.

~Francis Bacon

The desire of power in excess caused the angels to fall; the desire of knowledge in excess caused man to fall: but in charity there is no excess; neither can angel nor man come in danger by it.

~Francis Bacon

No pleasure is comparable to the standing upon the vantage-ground of truth.

~Francis Bacon

By far the best proof is experience.

~Francis Bacon

He that cometh to seek after knowledge, with a mind to scorn, shall be sure to find matter for his humour, but no matter for his instruction.

~Francis Bacon

It is a great happiness when men's professions and their inclinations accord.

~Francis Bacon

Acorns were good until bread was found.

~Francis Bacon

Prosperity is not without many fears and distastes; adversity not without many comforts and hopes.

~Francis Bacon

For no man can forbid the spark nor tell whence it may come.

~Francis Bacon

I have to hope that my instincts will do the right thing, because I can't erase what I have done. And if I drew something first, then my paintings would be illustrations of drawings.

~Francis Bacon

Friendship increases in visiting friends, but in visiting them seldom.

~Francis Bacon

It is impossible to love and to be wise.

~Francis Bacon

It is a sad fate for a man to die too well known to everybody else, and still unknown to himself.

~Francis Bacon

Be not penny-wise. Riches have wings. Sometimes they fly away of themselves, and sometimes they must be set flying to bring in more.

~Francis Bacon

The human understanding of its own nature is prone to suppose the existence of more order and regularity in the world than it finds.

~Francis Bacon

God Almighty first planted a garden. And indeed, it is the purest of human pleasures.

~Francis Bacon

A man cannot speak to his son, but as a father; to his wife, but as a husband; to his enemy, but upon terms: whereas a friend may speak, as the case requires, and not as it sorteth with the person.

~Francis Bacon

Truth is a good dog; but always beware of barking too close to the heels of an error, lest you get your brains kicked out.

~Francis Bacon

Judges ought above all to remember the conclusion of the Roman Twelve Tables :The supreme law of all is the weal [wealth/ well-being] of the people.

~Francis Bacon

Good fame is like fire; when you have kindled you may easily preserve it; but if you extinguish it, you will not easily kindle it again.

~Francis Bacon

Chiefly the mold of a man's fortune is in his own hands.

~Francis Bacon

Choose the life that is most useful, and habit will make it the most agreeable.

~Francis Bacon

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