

# Franz Boas

## Quotes

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If we were to select the most intelligent, imaginative, energetic, and emotionally stable third of mankind, all races would be present.

~Franz Boas

The behavior of an individual is determined not by his racial affiliation, but by the character of his ancestry and his cultural environment.

~Franz Boas

The existence of any pure race with special endowments is a myth, as is the belief that there are races all of whose members are foredoomed to eternal inferiority.

~Franz Boas

The disease of mutual distrust among nations is the bane of modern civilization

~Franz Boas

The passion for seeking the truth for truth's sake can be kept alive only if we continue to seek the truth for truth's sake.

~Franz Boas

No one has ever proved that a human being, through his descent from a certain group of people, must of necessity have certain mental characteristics.

~Franz Boas

There is no fundamental difference in the ways of thinking of primitive and civilized man. A close connection between race and personality has never been established.

~Franz Boas

The historical development of the work of anthropologists seems to single out clearly a domain of knowledge that heretofore has not been treated by any other science

~Franz Boas

I object to teaching of slogans intended to befog the mind, of whatever kind they may be

~Franz Boas

My father had retained an emotional affection for the ceremonial of his parental home, without allowing it to influence his intellectual freedom

~Franz Boas

We all know scientists who in private life do not come up to the standard of truthfulness, but who, nevertheless, would not consciously falsify the results of their researches

~Franz Boas

My parents had broken through the shackles of dogma

~Franz Boas

In France, that let down the barriers more than a hundred years ago, the feeling of antipathy is still strong enough to sustain an anti-Jewish political party

~Franz Boas

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