

Fulke Greville, 1st Baron Brooke Quotes

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Taste may be compared to that exquisite sense of the bee, which instantly discovers and extracts the quintessence of every flower, and disregards all the rest of it.

~Fulke Greville, 1st Baron Brooke

Man is the only creature endowed with the power of laughter; is he not also the only one that deserves to be laughed at?

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Habit is the cement of society, the comfort of life, and, alas! The root of error.

~Fulke Greville, 1st Baron Brooke

O wearisome condition of humanity! Born under one law, to another bound; Vainly begot and yet forbidden vanity; Created sick, commanded to be sound.

~Fulke Greville, 1st Baron Brooke

Man is said to be a rational creature; but should it not rather be said, that man is a creature capable of being rational, as we say a parrot is a creature capable of speech?

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The mind's eye is perhaps no better fitted for the full radiance of truth, than is the body's for that of the sun.

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The criterion of true beauty is that it increases on examination; if false, that it lessens.

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There are sometimes beauties in a character which would never have appeared but for a defect, and defects which would never have appeared but for a beauty.

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Genius always looks forward, and not only sees what is, but what necessarily will be.

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You deny that man is really so prejudiced as I suppose him; talk to him then of some foreign country, ask him what religion he is of.

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Penetration seems a kind of inspiration; it gives me an idea of prophecy.

~Fulke Greville, 1st Baron Brooke

When real nobleness accompanies that imaginary one of birth, the imaginary seems to mix with real, and becomes real too.

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Love will sacrifice more to others than friendship, but then it exacts more from them.

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How happy is it for us, that the admiration of others should depend so much more on their ignorance than our perfection!

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Pleasure is the business of the young, business the pleasure of the old.

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Fire and people do in this agree, They both good servants, both ill masters be.

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No man was ever so much deceived by another as by himself.

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How seldom is generosity perfect and pure! How often do men give because it throws a certain inferiority on those who receive, and superiority on themselves!

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Men often prove the violence of their own prejudices, even by the violence with which they attack the prejudices of other people.

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We are not slow at discovering the selfishness of others; for this plain reason--because it clashes with our own.

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The greatest slave in a kingdom is generally the king of it.

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Silence augmenteth grief, writing increaseth rage

~Fulke Greville, 1st Baron Brooke

If the human mind naturally produces noisome weeds, it also produces flowers and fruit; and ... the best method to mend the soil in general, is for each of us to cultivate his own particular spot.

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Wit catches of wit, as fire of fire.

~Fulke Greville, 1st Baron Brooke

Have you never seen a strange unconnected deformed representation of a figure, which seen in another point of view, became proportioned and agreeable? It is the picture of man.

~Fulke Greville, 1st Baron Brooke

Some women destroy all your sensibility towards them by their coldness, others by their heat.

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It is in numberless instances happier to have a false opinion which we believe true, than a true one of which we doubt.

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If nature did not take delight in blood, She would have made more easy ways to good.

~Fulke Greville, 1st Baron Brooke

No fruit has a more precise marked period of maturity, than love; if neglected to be gathered at that time, it will certainly fall to the ground and die away.

~Fulke Greville, 1st Baron Brooke

It is so much in the nature of men to overreach and deceive one another, that their very sports and plays are founded on that principle.

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It would be doing cunning too much honor to call it an inferior species of true discernment.

~Fulke Greville, 1st Baron Brooke

Two men are equally free from the rage of ambition; are they therefore equal in merit? Perhaps not; one may be above ambition, the other below it.

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Politics is the food of sense exposed to the hunger of folly.

~Fulke Greville, 1st Baron Brooke

Might not most men be as well named boys grown old.

~Fulke Greville, 1st Baron Brooke

No man ever reaches manhood till a woman's tenderness is a part of his possession.

~Fulke Greville, 1st Baron Brooke

We are oftener deceived by being told some truth than no truth.

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