

Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel Quotes

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Essence, Character, Freedom, History, Thinking, World, Passion, Individual,
Mind, Children, Time*

We learn from history that we do not learn from history

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

To be independent of public opinion is the first formal condition of achieving anything great.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

Truth is found neither in the thesis nor the antithesis, but in an emergent synthesis which reconciles the two.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

Nothing great in the world has ever been accomplished without passion.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

Genuine tragedies in the world are not conflicts between right and wrong. They are conflicts between two rights.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

What history teaches us is that neither nations nor governments ever learn anything from it.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

I have the courage to be mistaken.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

All education is the art of making men ethical (sittlich), of transforming the old Adam into the new Adam.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

To be aware of limitations is already to be beyond them.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

Africa has no history and did not contribute to anything that mankind

enjoyed.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

Every idea, extended into infinity, becomes its own opposite.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

An idea is always a generalization, and generalization is a property of thinking. To generalize means to think.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

The learner always begins by finding fault, but the scholar sees the positive merit in everything.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

The History of the world is not the theatre of happiness. Periods of happiness are blank pages in it, for they are periods of harmony--periods when the antithesis is in abeyance.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

War is progress, peace is stagnation.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

No man is a hero to his valet. This is not because the hero is no hero, but because the valet is a valet.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

Impatience asks for the impossible, wants to reach the goal without the means of getting there. The length of the journey has to be borne with, for every moment is necessary.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

The owl of Minerva spreads its wings only with the falling of the dusk.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

Reading the morning newspaper is the realist's morning prayer.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

If you want to love you must serve, if you want freedom you must die.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

The valor that struggles is better than the weakness that endures.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

Philosophy is by its nature something esoteric, neither made for the mob nor capable of being prepared for the mob.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

We learn from history that man can never learn anything from history.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

Too fair to worship, too divine to love.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

Mark this well, you proud men of action! you are, after all, nothing but unconscious instruments of the men of thought.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

America is therefore the land of the future, where, in the ages that lie before us, the burden of the World's History shall reveal itself.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

A man who has work that suits him and a wife, whom he loves, has squared his accounts with life.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

The force of mind is only as great as its expression; its depth only as deep as its power to expand and lose itself.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

The substance, the essence, the Spirit is freedom.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

Only one man ever understood me, and he didn't understand me

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

The state of man's mind, or the elementary phase of mind which he so far possesses, conforms precisely to the state of the world as he so far views it

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

Genuine tragedy is a case not of right against wrong but of right against right - two equally justified ethical principles embodied in people of unchangeable will.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

To make abstractions hold in reality is to destroy reality.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

The more certain our knowledge the less we know.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

The Catholics had been in the position of oppressors, and the Protestants of the oppressed

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

Truth in philosophy means that concept and external reality correspond.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

Freedom is the fundamental character of the will, as weight is of matter... That which is free is the will. Will without freedom is an empty word.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

Not curiosity, not vanity, not the consideration of expediency, not duty and conscientiousness, but an unquenchable, unhappy thirst that brooks no compromise leads us to truth.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

Life has value only when it has something valuable as its object.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

Beauty is merely the Spiritual making itself known sensuously.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

Whatever is reasonable is true, and whatever is true is reasonable

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

To him who looks at the world rationally the world looks rationally back.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

History is not the soil of happiness. The periods of happiness are blank pages in it.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

When liberty is mentioned, we must always be careful to observe whether it is not really the assertion of private interests which is thereby designated.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

Mere goodness can achieve little against the power of nature.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

Destiny is consciousness of oneself, but consciousness of oneself as an enemy.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

It is because the method of physics does not satisfy the comprehension

that we have to go on further.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

Once the state has been founded, there can no longer be any heroes. They come on the scene only in uncivilized conditions.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

Propounding peace and love without practical or institutional engagement is delusion, not virtue.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

The spirit is never at rest, but always engaged in progressive motion, giving itself new form.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

People who are too fastidious towards the finite never reach actuality, but linger in abstraction, and their light dies away.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

The history of the world is none other than the progress of the , consciousness of freedom.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

Philosophy is the history of philosophy.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

Evil resides in the very gaze which perceives Evil all around itself.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

Animals are in possession of themselves; their soul is in possession of their body. But they have no right to their life, because they do not will it.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

Amid the pressure of great events, a general principle gives no help.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

India has created a special momentum in world history as a country to be searched for knowledge.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

What is rational is actual and what is actual is rational

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

The proofs of the existence of God are to such an extent fallen into discredit that they pass for something antiquated, belonging to days gone by.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

The courage of the truth is the first condition of philosophic study.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

Science and knowledge, especially that of philosophy, came from the Arabs into the West.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

Before the end of Time will be the end of History. Before the end of History will be the end of Art.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

Governments have never learned anything from history, or acted on principles deducted from it.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

The length of the journey has to be borne with, for every moment is necessary.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

An individual piece only has meaning when it is seen as part of the whole.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

The State is the Divine idea as it exists on Earth.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

There are Plebes in all classes.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

Children are potentially free and their life directly embodies nothing save potential freedom. Consequently they are not things and cannot be the property either of their parents or others.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

God is the absolute truth...

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

God is, as it were, the sewer into which all contradictions flow.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

We do not need to be shoemakers to know if our shoes fit, and just as little have we any need to be professionals to acquire knowledge of matters of universal interest.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

The true is the whole.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

The Few assume to be the deputies, but they are often only the despoilers of the Many.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

It strikes everyone in beginning to form an acquaintance with the

treasures of Indian literature that a land so rich in intellectual products and those of the profoundest order of thought.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

The nature of finite things is to have the seed of their passing-away as their essential being: the hour of their birth is the hour of their death.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

No man is a hero to his valet de chamber

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

In duty the individual acquires his substantive freedom

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

It is easier to discover a deficiency in individuals, in states, and in Providence, than to see their real import and value.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

Consequently, the sensuous aspect of art is related only to the two theoretical senses of sight and hearing, while smell, taste, and touch remain excluded.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

As high as mind stands above nature, so high does the state stand above physical life. Man must therefore venerate the state as a secular deity.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

When individuals and nations have once got in their heads the abstract concept of full-blown liberty, there is nothing like it in its uncontrollable strength.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

The State is the absolute reality and the individual himself has objective

existence, truth and morality only in his capacity as a member of the State.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

It is a matter of perfect indifference where a thing originated; the only question is: Is it true in and for itself?

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

History in general is therefore the development of Spirit in Time, as Nature is the development of the Idea in Space.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

Nothing great has been and nothing great can be accomplished without passion. It is only a dead, too often, indeed, a hypocriticalmoralizing which inveighs against the form of passion as such.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

Serious occupation is labor that has reference to some want.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

What is reasonable is real; that which is real is reasonable.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

To him who looks upon the world rationally, the world in its turn presents a rational aspect. The relation is mutual.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

The heart is everywhere, and each part of the organism is only the specialized force of the heart itself.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

World history is a court of judgment.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

The sublime in art is the attempt to express the infinite without finding in the realm of phenomena any object which proves itself fitting for this representation.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

The people will learn to feel the dignity of man. They will not merely demand their rights, which have been trampled in the dust, but themselves will take them - make them their own.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

The people are that part of the state that does not know what it wants.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

Philosophy must indeed recognize the possibility that the people rise to it, but must not lower itself to the people.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

In a true tragedy, both parties must be right.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

On the stage on which we are observing it, "Universal History" Spirit displays itself in its most concrete reality.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

The essence of the modern state is the union of the universal with the full freedom of the particular, and with the welfare of individuals.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

The person must give himself an external sphere of freedom in order to have being as Idea.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

History teaches us that man learns nothing from history

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

When Philosophy with its abstractions paints grey in grey, the freshness and life of youth has gone, the reconciliation is not a reconciliation in the actual, but in the ideal world.

~Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

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