

George Iles Quotes

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Boundaries which mark off one field of science from another are purely artificial, are set up only for temporary convenience. Let chemists and physicists dig deep enough, and they reach common ground.

~George Iles

Doubt is the beginning, not the end, of wisdom.

~George Iles

No gun is perfectly true. So the marksman, that he may hit the bull's-eye, points elsewhere.

~George Iles

A superstition is a premature explanation that overstays its time.

~George Iles

Dumbness and silence are two different things.

~George Iles

Some young folks have wind-fall minds, prematurely detached from the tree of knowledge for a life-long sourness and pettiness.

~George Iles

Nothing cools so fast as undue enthusiasm. Water that has boiled freezes sooner than any other.

~George Iles

Nature is full of by-ends. A moth feeds on a petal, in a moment the pollen caught on its breast will be wedding this blossom to another in the next county.

~George Iles

Educated folk keep to one another's company too much, leaving other people much like milk skimmed of its cream.

~George Iles

Form may be of more account than substance. A lens of ice will focus a solar beam to a blaze.

~George Iles

When a learner, in the fullness of his powers, comes to great truths unstaled by premature familiarity, he rejoices in the lateness of his lessons.

~George Iles

To render aid to the worthless is sheer waste. Rain does not freshen the Dead Sea, but only enables it to dissolve more salt.

~George Iles

Let truth be a banner big enough to hide the man who holds it up.

~George Iles

Ten builders rear an arch, each in turn lifting it higher; but it is the tenth man, who drops in the keystone, who hears our huzzas.

~George Iles

Ignorance may find a truth on its doorstep that erudition vainly seeks in the stars.

~George Iles

Truth is better disengaged from error than torn from it.

~George Iles

Is any knowledge worthless? Try to think of an example.

~George Iles

A tree nowhere offers a straight line or a regular curve, but who doubts that root, trunk, boughs, and leaves embody geometry?

~George Iles

A calculating engine is one of the most intricate forms of mechanism, a telegraph key one of the simplest. But compare their value.

~George Iles

We despair of changing the habits of men, still we would alter institutions, the habits of millions of men.

~George Iles

A man's own addition to what he learns is cement to bind an otherwise loose heap of stones into a structure of unity, strength, and use.

~George Iles

Discovery begins by finding the discoverer.

~George Iles

When we try to imagine a chaos we fail. ... In its very fiber the mind is an order and refuses to build a chaos.

~George Iles

Error held as truth has much the effect of truth. In politics and religion this fact upsets many confident predictions.

~George Iles

Evolution pays and that is why there is evolution

~George Iles

Degree is much: the whole Atlantic might be lukewarm and never boil us a potato.

~George Iles

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