

George Sarton Quotes

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Men of science have made abundant mistakes of every kind; their knowledge has improved only because of their gradual abandonment of ancient errors, poor approximations, and premature conclusions.

~George Sarton

The most malicious kind of hatred is that which is built upon a theological foundation.

~George Sarton

Erudition without pedantry is as a rare as wisdom itself.

~George Sarton

Scientific achievements seem evanescent, because the very progress of science causes their supersedure; yet some of them are of so fundamental a nature that they are immortal in a deeper way.

~George Sarton

The whole iconography of ancient science is simply the fruit of wishful thinking.

~George Sarton

From the humanistic point of view every human achievement is unforgettable and immortal in its essence, even if it is replaced by a "better" one.

~George Sarton

There are but few saints amongst scientists, as among other men, but truth itself is a goal comparable with sanctity.

~George Sarton

The darkness, of which the historians complain, is essentially the darkness of their own ignorance.

~George Sarton

The intensity of a national culture should be represented by... the general education level and... the exceptional merit of a small elite of pioneers.

~George Sarton

Some forty years of experience in my field as a scholar and as a teacher have given me great confidence mixed with greater humility.

~George Sarton

On the basis of my historical experience, I fully believe that mathematics of the 25th century will be as different from that of today as the latter is from that of the 16th century.

~George Sarton

A deed happens in a definite place at a definite time, but if it be sufficiently great and pregnant, its virtue radiates everywhere in time and space.

~George Sarton

I am obliged to deal with hundreds of men and to make them live without killing the reader.

~George Sarton

science is the most revolutionary force in the world.

~George Sarton

Greek culture is pleasant to contemplate because of its great simplicity and naturalness, and because of the absence of gadgets, each of which is sooner or later a cause of servitude.

~George Sarton

The whole past and the whole world are alive in my heart, and I shall do my part to communicate their presence to my readers.

~George Sarton

My gratitude to them [my first teachers] grows as I myself grow older.

~George Sarton

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