

Giambattista Vico

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Men first feel necessity, then look for utility, next attend to comfort, still later amuse themselves with pleasure, thence grow dissolute in luxury, and finally go mad and waste their substance.

~Giambattista Vico

The nature of peoples is first crude, then severe, then benign, then delicate, finally dissolute.

~Giambattista Vico

Common sense is judgment without reflection, shared by an entire class, an entire nation, or the entire human race.

~Giambattista Vico

One truly understands only what one can create.

~Giambattista Vico

The straight line cannot proceed through the torturous twists of life.

~Giambattista Vico

People first feel things without noticing them, then notice them with inner distress and disturbance, and finally reflect on them with a clear mind.

~Giambattista Vico

Governments must be conformable to the nature of the governed; governments are even a result of that nature.

~Giambattista Vico

Imagination is more robust in proportion as reasoning power is weak.

~Giambattista Vico

Uniform ideas originating among entire peoples unknown to each other must have a common ground of truth.

~Giambattista Vico

Political Science carries inseparably with it the study of piety, and that he who is not pious cannot be truly wise.

~Giambattista Vico

Understanding arises through making

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