Gottfried Leibniz Quotes

Words Of Wisdom, Science, Order, Soul, Simple, Men, Ideas, Animal, Math, Two, Substance, Perfect, Mind, God, Perfection, Reality, World, Past, Doe, Evil Take what you need, do what you should, you will get what you want. ~Gottfried Leibniz

Everything that is possible demands to exist.

~Gottfried Leibniz

Every present state of a simple substance is the natural consequence of its preceding state, in such a way that its present is big with its future.

~Gottfried Leibniz

Every mind has a horizon in respect to its present intellectual capacity but not in respect to its future intellectual capacity.

~Gottfried Leibniz

To love is to be delighted by the happiness of someone, or to experience pleasure upon the happiness of another. I define this as true love.

~Gottfried Leibniz

The greatness of a life can only be estimated by the multitude of its actions. We should not count the years, it is our actions which constitute our life.

~Gottfried Leibniz

Music is a hidden arithmetic exercise of the soul, which does not know that it is counting.

~Gottfried Leibniz

Music is the pleasure the human mind experiences from counting without being aware that it is counting.

~Gottfried Leibniz

We may say, that not only the soul (the mirror of an indestructible

universe) is indestructible, but also the animal itself is, although its mechanism is frequently destroyed in parts.

~Gottfried Leibniz

Imaginary numbers are a fine and wonderful refuge of the divine spirit almost an amphibian between being and non-being.

~Gottfried Leibniz

The present is saturated with the past and pregnant with the future. ~Gottfried Leibniz

The words 'Here you can find perfect peace' can be written only over the gates of a cemetery.

~Gottfried Leibniz

There is a certain destiny of everything, regulated by the foreknowledge and providence of God in His works.

~Gottfried Leibniz

The world is not a machine. Everything in it is force, life, thought. ~Gottfried Leibniz

The present is big with the future, the future might be read in the past, the distant is expressed in the near.

~Gottfried Leibniz

Why is there anything at all rather than nothing whatsoever? ~Gottfried Leibniz

I do not conceive of any reality at all as without genuine unity.

~Gottfried Leibniz

There are also two kinds of truths: truth of reasoning and truths of fact. ~Gottfried Leibniz

To love is to find pleasure in the happiness of others.

~Gottfried Leibniz

Philosophy consists mostly of kicking up a lot of dust and then complaining that you can't see anything.

~Gottfried Leibniz

Reality cannot be found except in One single source, because of the interconnection of all things with one another.

~Gottfried Leibniz

Nihil est sine ratione. There is nothing without a reason.

~Gottfried Leibniz

It is God who is the ultimate reason things, and the Knowledge of God is no less the beginning of science than his essence and will are the beginning of things.

~Gottfried Leibniz

We live in the best of all possible worlds

~Gottfried Leibniz

Thus God alone is the primary Unity, or original simple substance, from which all monads, created and derived, are produced.

~Gottfried Leibniz

Taking mathematics from the beginning of the world to the time when Newton lived, what he had done was much the better half.

~Gottfried Leibniz

The art of discovering the causes of phenomena, or true hypotheses, is like the art of deciphering, in which an ingenious conjecture often greatly shortens the road.

The pleasure we obtain from music comes from counting, but counting unconsciously. Music is nothing but unconscious arithmetic.

~Gottfried Leibniz

The most perfect society is that whose purpose is the universal and supreme happiness.

~Gottfried Leibniz

I have said more than once, that I hold space to be something purely relative, as time; an order of coexistences, as time is an order of successions.

~Gottfried Leibniz

Every substance is as a world apart, independent of everything else except God.

~Gottfried Leibniz

All things in God are spontaneous.

~Gottfried Leibniz

I hold that it is only when we can prove everything we assert that we understand perfectly the thing under consideration.

~Gottfried Leibniz

God makes nothing without order, and everything that forms itself develops imperceptibly out of small parts.

~Gottfried Leibniz

He who hasn't tasted bitter things hasn't earned sweet things.

~Gottfried Leibniz

It's easier to be original and foolish than original and wise.

Make me the the master of education, and I will undertake to change the world.

~Gottfried Leibniz

When God works miracles, he does not do it in order to supply the wants of nature, but those of grace. Whoever thinks otherwise, must needs have a very mean notion of the wisdom and power of God. ~Gottfried Leibniz

If you have a clear idea of a soul, you will have a clear idea of a form; for it is of the same genus, though a different species.

~Gottfried Leibniz

...a distinction must be made between true and false ideas, and that too much rein must not be given to a man's imagination under pretext of its being a clear and distinct intellection.

~Gottfried Leibniz

Nothing is more important than to see the sources of invention which are, in my opinion more interesting than the inventions themselves. ~Gottfried Leibniz

It is necessary to believe that the mixture of evil has produced the greatest possible good: otherwise the evil would not have been permitted.

~Gottfried Leibniz

What is is what must be. ~Gottfried Leibniz

God's relation to spirits is not like that of a craftsman to his work, but also like that of a prince to his subjects.

Natural religion itself, seems to decay very much. Many will have human souls to be material: others make God himself a corporeal being.

~Gottfried Leibniz

Nothing is accomplished all at once, and it is one of my great maxims, and one of the most completely verified, that Nature makes no leaps: a maxim which I have called the law of continuity.

~Gottfried Leibniz

We should like Nature to go no further; we should like it to be finite, like our mind; but this is to ignore the greatness and majesty of the Author of things.

~Gottfried Leibniz

Men act like brutes in so far as the sequences of their perceptions arise through the principle of memory only, like those empirical physicians who have mere practice without theory.

~Gottfried Leibniz

The present is great with the future.

~Gottfried Leibniz

It is worth noting that the notation facilitates discovery. This, in a most wonderful way, reduces the mind's labour.

~Gottfried Leibniz

It is unworthy of excellent men to lose hours like slaves in the labor of calculation which could be relegated to anyone else if machines were used.

~Gottfried Leibniz

There is nothing waste, nothing sterile, nothing dead in the universe; no chaos, no confusions, save in appearance.

~Gottfried Leibniz

Now where there are no parts, there neither extension, nor shape, nor divisibility is possible. And these monads are the true atoms of nature and, in a word, the elements of things.

~Gottfried Leibniz

I also take it as granted that every created thing, and consequently the created monad also, is subject to change, and indeed that this change is continual in each one.

~Gottfried Leibniz

Whence it follows that God is absolutely perfect, since perfection is nothing but magnitude of positive reality, in the strict sense, setting aside the limits or bounds in things which are limited.

~Gottfried Leibniz

..This is why the ultimate reason of things must lie in a necessary substance, in which the differentiation of the changes only exists eminently as in their source; and this is what we call God.

~Gottfried Leibniz

There is nothing without reason.

~Gottfried Leibniz

Nothing is necessitated whose opposite is possible.

~Gottfried Leibniz

Justice is charity in accordance with wisdom.

~Gottfried Leibniz

Virtue is the habit of acting according to wisdom.

He who understands Archimedes and Apollonius will admire less the achievements of the foremost men of later times.

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Music is nothing but unconscious arithmetic.

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It is a good thing to proceed in order and to establish propositions. This is the way to gain ground and to progress with certainty.

~Gottfried Leibniz

A great doctor kills more people than a great general.

~Gottfried Leibniz

To love is to take delight in happiness of another, or, what amounts to the same thing, it is to account another's happiness as one's own. ~Gottfried Leibniz

Indeed in general I hold that there is nothing truer than happiness, and nothing happier and sweeter than truth.

~Gottfried Leibniz

Music is a secret and unconscious mathematical problem of the soul. ~Gottfried Leibniz

To love is to place happiness in the heart of another.

~Gottfried Leibniz

But in simple substances the influence of one monad over another is ideal only.

~Gottfried Leibniz

For since it is impossible for a created monad to have a physical influence on the inner nature of another, this is the only way in which

one can be dependent on another.

~Gottfried Leibniz

The monad, of which we shall speak here, is nothing but a simple substance which enters into compounds; simple, that is to say, without parts.

~Gottfried Leibniz

And there must be simple substances, because there are compounds; for the compound is nothing but a collection or aggregatum of simples. ~Gottfried Leibniz

I don't say that bodies like flint, which are commonly called inanimate, have perceptions and appetition; rather they have something of that sort in them, as worms are in cheese.

~Gottfried Leibniz

Therefore, I have attacted [the problem of the catenary] which I had hitherto not attempted, and with my key [the differential calculus] happily opened its secret. Acta eruditorum

~Gottfried Leibniz

There is no way in which a simple substance could begin in the course of nature, since it cannot be formed by means of compounding. ~Gottfried Leibniz

The past is pregnant with the present.

~Gottfried Leibniz

The knowledge which we have acquired ought not to resemble a great shop without order, and without an inventory; we ought to know what we possess, and be able to make it serve us in need.

Nature does not make leaps.

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