

Gotthold Ephraim Lessing Quotes

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Forever, Loses, Friendship, Believe, Pleasure, Borrowing, Hands, Race,
Superstitions, Women*

For me the greatest beauty always lies in the greatest clarity.

~Gotthold Ephraim Lessing

Let us be lazy in everything, except in loving and drinking, except in being lazy.

~Gotthold Ephraim Lessing

They make glorious shipwreck who are lost in seeking worlds.

~Gotthold Ephraim Lessing

To look forward to pleasure is also a pleasure.

~Gotthold Ephraim Lessing

The search for truth is more precious than its possession.

~Gotthold Ephraim Lessing

A single grateful thought toward heaven is the most perfect prayer.

~Gotthold Ephraim Lessing

He who doesn't lose his wits over certain things has no wits to lose.

~Gotthold Ephraim Lessing

Yesterday I lived, today I suffer, tomorrow I die; but I still think fondly, today and tomorrow, of yesterday.

~Gotthold Ephraim Lessing

The more we see the more we must be able to imagine, and the more we imagine, the more we must think we see.

~Gotthold Ephraim Lessing

The most deadly fruit is borne by the hatred which one grafts on an extinguished friendship

~Gotthold Ephraim Lessing

Nothing under the sun is accidental, least of all that of which the intention is so clearly evident.

~Gotthold Ephraim Lessing

If some things don't make you lose your sense of reason, then you have none to lose.

~Gotthold Ephraim Lessing

A heretic is a man who sees with his own eyes

~Gotthold Ephraim Lessing

What can the Creator see with greater pleasure than a happy creature?

~Gotthold Ephraim Lessing

The true vagrant is the only king above all comparison.

~Gotthold Ephraim Lessing

Borrowing is not much better than begging.

~Gotthold Ephraim Lessing

The real beggar is indeed the true and only king.

~Gotthold Ephraim Lessing

The superstition in which we grew up, Though we may recognize it, does not lose its power over us.-Not all are free Who make mock of their chains.

~Gotthold Ephraim Lessing

When the heart dares to speak, it needs no preparation.

~Gotthold Ephraim Lessing

Joy makes us giddy, dizzy.

~Gotthold Ephraim Lessing

Nothing under the sun is ever accidental.

~Gotthold Ephraim Lessing

Ein einziger dankbarer Gedanke gen Himmel ist das vollkommenste Gebet. One single grateful thought raised to heaven is the most perfect prayer.

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Suspicion follows close on mistrust.

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A man who does not lose his reason over certain things has none to lose.

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The end-purpose of all art is enjoyment!

~Gotthold Ephraim Lessing

For the will and not the gift makes the giver.

~Gotthold Ephraim Lessing

It is not children only that one feeds with fairy tales.

~Gotthold Ephraim Lessing

It is not the truth that a man possesses, or believes that he possesses, but the earnest effort which he puts forward to reach the truth, which constitutes the worth of a man

~Gotthold Ephraim Lessing

Would that we could at once paint with the eyes! In the long way from the eye through the arm to the pencil, how much is lost!

~Gotthold Ephraim Lessing

Let the devil catch you but by a single hair, and you are his forever.

~Gotthold Ephraim Lessing

Absolute truth belongs to Thee alone.

~Gotthold Ephraim Lessing

It is not I who die, when I die, but my sin and misery.

~Gotthold Ephraim Lessing

How can such deep-imprinted images sleep in us at times, till a word, a sound, awake them?

~Gotthold Ephraim Lessing

A blush is the sign which Nature hangs out to show where chastity and honor dwell.

~Gotthold Ephraim Lessing

We moderns do not believe in demigods, but our smallest hero we expect to feel and act as a demigod.

~Gotthold Ephraim Lessing

If the advice of a fool for once happens to be good, it requires a wise man to carry it out.

~Gotthold Ephraim Lessing

The gift of prayer is not always at our command.

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Nature meant woman to be her masterpiece.

~Gotthold Ephraim Lessing

The lion is ashamed, it's true, when he hunts with the fox.

~Gotthold Ephraim Lessing

Resist as much as thou wilt; heaven's ways are heaven's ways.

~Gotthold Ephraim Lessing

What education is to the individual, revelation is to the whole human race.

~Gotthold Ephraim Lessing

Pure truth is for God alone.

~Gotthold Ephraim Lessing

To borrow scarce is better than to beg; As lending, lending upon interest, Scarce better is than stealing.

~Gotthold Ephraim Lessing

Well was it said by a man of sagacity that dancing was a sort of privileged and reputable folly, and that the best way to be convinced of this was to close the ears and judge of it by the eyes alone.

~Gotthold Ephraim Lessing

I, who ne'erWent for myself a begging, go a borrowing,And that for others. Borrowing's much the sameAs begging; just as lending upon usuryIs much the same as thieving.

~Gotthold Ephraim Lessing

It is medicine, not poison, I offer you.

~Gotthold Ephraim Lessing

But how many moments are already past! Ah! who thinks of those that are past?

~Gotthold Ephraim Lessing

It's easier to swoon in pious dreams Than do good actions.

~Gotthold Ephraim Lessing

Nature intended that woman should be her masterpiece.

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The superstition in which we were brought up never loses its power over us, even after we understand it.

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The searcher's eye Not seldom finds more than he wished to find.

~Gotthold Ephraim Lessing

Who cannot resolve upon a moment's notice To live his own life, he forever lives A slave to others.

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