

# Gustave Le Bon

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The masses have never thirsted after truth. Whoever can supply them with illusions is easily their master; whoever attempts to destroy their illusions is always their victim.

~Gustave Le Bon

The role of the scholar is to destroy chimeras, that of the statesman is to make use of them.

~Gustave Le Bon

Science has promised us truth...It has never promised us either peace or happiness.

~Gustave Le Bon

One of the most constant characteristics of beliefs is their intolerance. The stronger the belief, the greater its intolerance. Men dominated by a certitude cannot tolerate those who do not accept it.

~Gustave Le Bon

A crowd is not merely impulsive and mobile. Like a savage, it is not prepared to admit that anything can come between its desire and the realisation of its desire.

~Gustave Le Bon

In crowds it is stupidity and not mother wit that is accumulated.

~Gustave Le Bon

The beginning of a revolution is in reality the end of a belief.

~Gustave Le Bon

All the civilizations we know have been created and directed by small intellectual aristocracies, never by people in the mass. The power of crowds is only to destroy.

~Gustave Le Bon

Crowds are influenced mainly by images produced by the judicious employment of words and formulas

~Gustave Le Bon

Are the worst enemies of society those who attack it or those who do not even give themselves the trouble of defending it?

~Gustave Le Bon

If atheism spread, it would become a religion as intolerable as the ancient ones.

~Gustave Le Bon

Crowds are somewhat like the sphinx of ancient fable: It is necessary to arrive at a solution of the problems offered by their psychology or to resign ourselves to being devoured by them.

~Gustave Le Bon

The art of those who govern consists above all in the science of employing words.

~Gustave Le Bon

The greater part of our daily actions are the result of hidden motives which escape our observation.

~Gustave Le Bon

The precise moment at which a great belief is doomed is easily recognisable; it is the moment when its value begins to be called in question.

~Gustave Le Bon

The conscious life of the mind is of small importance in comparison with its unconscious life.

~Gustave Le Bon

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