

Henry Home, Lord Kames Quotes

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The truly generous is the truly wise, and he who loves not others lives unblest!

~Henry Home, Lord Kames

Such is the power of imagination, that even a chimerical pleasure in expectation affects us more than a solid pleasure in possession.

~Henry Home, Lord Kames

Logic is the art of thinking well: the mind, like the body, requires to be trained before it can use its powers in the most advantageous way.

~Henry Home, Lord Kames

Luxury possibly may contribute to give bread to the poor; but if there were no luxury, there would be no poor.

~Henry Home, Lord Kames

Were wisdom to be sold, she would give no price; every man is satisfied with the share he has from nature.

~Henry Home, Lord Kames

Parsimony is enough to make the master of the golden mines as poor as he that has nothing; for a man may be brought to a morsel of bread by parsimony as well as profusion.

~Henry Home, Lord Kames

Men are guided less by conscience than by glory; and yet the shortest way to glory is to be guided by conscience.

~Henry Home, Lord Kames

To a zealot every one of his own sect is a saint, while the most upright of a different sect are to him children of perdition.

~Henry Home, Lord Kames

The indulgence of revenge tends to make men more savage and cruel.

~Henry Home, Lord Kames

Ridicule, which chiefly arises from pride, a selfish passion, is but at best a gross pleasure, too rough an entertainment for those who are highly polished and refined.

~Henry Home, Lord Kames

No man ever did a designed injury to another, but at the same time he did a greater to himself.

~Henry Home, Lord Kames

Violent passions are formed in solitude. In the busy world no object has time to make a deep impression.

~Henry Home, Lord Kames

The mind is never more highly gratified than in contemplating a natural landscape.

~Henry Home, Lord Kames

Seldom do we talk of ourselves with success. If I condemn myself, more is believed than is expressed; if I praise myself, much less.

~Henry Home, Lord Kames

Beauty loses its relish; the graces never.

~Henry Home, Lord Kames

Nothing more excites to everything noble and generous, than virtuous love.

~Henry Home, Lord Kames

False praise is always confined to the great.

~Henry Home, Lord Kames

Even dress is apt to inflame a man's opinion of himself.

~Henry Home, Lord Kames

Genius is allied to a warm and inflammable constitution; delicacy of taste, to calmness and sedateness. Hence it is common to find genius in one who is a prey to every passion.

~Henry Home, Lord Kames

Great wants proceed from great wealth; but they are undutiful children, for they sink wealth down to poverty.

~Henry Home, Lord Kames

Every man, however little, makes a figure in his own eyes.

~Henry Home, Lord Kames

The coward reckons himself cautious, the miser frugal.

~Henry Home, Lord Kames

If you should escape the censure of others, hope not to escape your own.

~Henry Home, Lord Kames

Custom is the great leveller. It corrects the inequality of fortune by lessening equally the pleasures of the prince and the pains of the peasant.

~Henry Home, Lord Kames

As nice as we are in love, we forgive more faults in that than in friendship.

~Henry Home, Lord Kames

A rich man cannot enjoy a sound mind nor a sound body without exercise and abstinence; and yet these are truly the worst ingredients of poverty.

~Henry Home, Lord Kames

An infallible way to make your child miserable is to satisfy all his demands.

~Henry Home, Lord Kames

A great mind will neither give an affront nor bear it.

~Henry Home, Lord Kames

Nothing so uncertain as general reputation. A man injures me from humor, passion, or interest; hates me because he has injured me; and speaks ill of me because he hates me.

~Henry Home, Lord Kames

Who hath not courage to revenge will never find generosity to forgive.

~Henry Home, Lord Kames

We part more easily with what we possess, than with our expectations of what we wish for; because expectation always goes beyond enjoyment.

~Henry Home, Lord Kames

Whoever appears to have much cunning has in reality very little; being deficient in the essential article, which is, to hide cunning.

~Henry Home, Lord Kames

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