

Herbert Spencer

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There is a principle which is a bar against all information, which cannot fail to keep a man in everlasting ignorance-that principle is contempt prior to investigation.

~Herbert Spencer

The great aim of education is not knowledge but action.

~Herbert Spencer

The wise man must remember that while he is a descendant of the past, he is a parent of the future.

~Herbert Spencer

The society exists for the benefit of its members; not its members for the benefit of the society.

~Herbert Spencer

No one can be perfectly free till all are free; no one can be perfectly moral till all are moral; no one can be perfectly happy till all are happy.

~Herbert Spencer

All socialism involves slavery.

~Herbert Spencer

Hero-worship is strongest where there is least regard for human freedom.

~Herbert Spencer

This survival of the fittest implies multiplication of the fittest.

~Herbert Spencer

Be bold, be bold, and everywhere be bold.

~Herbert Spencer

Civilization is a progress from an indefinite, incoherent homogeneity

toward a definite, coherent heterogeneity.

~Herbert Spencer

How often misused words generate misleading thoughts.

~Herbert Spencer

Those who have never entered upon scientific pursuits know not a tithe of the poetry by which they are surrounded.

~Herbert Spencer

A man's liberties are none the less aggressed upon because those who coerce him do so in the belief that he will be benefited.

~Herbert Spencer

Old forms of government finally grow so oppressive that they must be thrown off even at the risk of reigns of terror.

~Herbert Spencer

Opinion is ultimately determined by the feelings, and not by the intellect.

~Herbert Spencer

Education is preparation to live completely.

~Herbert Spencer

To play billiards well was a sign of an ill-spent youth

~Herbert Spencer

Objects we ardently pursue bring little happiness when gained; most of our pleasures come from unexpected sources.

~Herbert Spencer

The most important attribute of man as a moral being is the faculty of self-control.

~Herbert Spencer

The preservation of health is a duty. Few seem conscious that there is such a thing as physical morality.

~Herbert Spencer

Progress, therefore, is not an accident, but a necessityâ€”it is a part of nature.

~Herbert Spencer

When men hire themselves out to shoot other men to order, asking nothing about the justice of their cause, I don't care if they are shot themselves.

~Herbert Spencer

Science is organized knowledge.

~Herbert Spencer

To play billiards well is the sign of a misspent youth.

~Herbert Spencer

The pursuit of individual happiness within those limits prescribed by social conditions, is the first requisite to the attainment of the greatest general happiness.

~Herbert Spencer

Only when Genius is married to Science can the highest results be produced.

~Herbert Spencer

Truth generally lies in the coordination of antagonistic opinions.

~Herbert Spencer

When a man's knowledge is not in order, the more of it he has the

greater will be his confusion.

~Herbert Spencer

Mental power cannot be got from ill-fed brains.

~Herbert Spencer

All socialism involves slavery. That which fundamentally distinguishes the slave is that he labours under coercion to satisfy another's desires.

~Herbert Spencer

The defects of the children mirror the defects of the parents.

~Herbert Spencer

Reading is seeing by proxy.

~Herbert Spencer

What a cage is to the wild beast, law is to the selfish man.

~Herbert Spencer

Every man is free to do that which he wills, provided he infringes not the equal freedom of any other man.

~Herbert Spencer

Love is life's end, but never ending. Love is life's wealth, never spent, but ever spending. Love's life's reward, rewarded in rewarding.

~Herbert Spencer

We all decry prejudice, yet are all prejudiced.

~Herbert Spencer

Marriage: A word which should be pronounced "mirage".

~Herbert Spencer

Policemen are soldiers who act alone; soldiers are policemen who act

in unison.

~Herbert Spencer

Equity knows no difference of sex. In its vocabulary the word man must be understood in a generic, and not in a specific sense.

~Herbert Spencer

No one can be perfectly happy till all are happy.

~Herbert Spencer

Government is essentially immoral.

~Herbert Spencer

The ultimate result of shielding men from the effects of folly, is to fill the world with fools.

~Herbert Spencer

Marriage: a ceremony in which rings are put on the finger of the lady and through the nose of the gentleman.

~Herbert Spencer

Divine right of kings means the divine right of anyone who can get uppermost.

~Herbert Spencer

The Republican form of government is the highest form of government: but because of this it requires the highest type of human nature, a type nowhere at present existing.

~Herbert Spencer

The saying that beauty is but skin deep, is but a skin-deep saying.

~Herbert Spencer

Education has for its object the formation of character.

~Herbert Spencer

A nation's institutions and beliefs are determined by it's character.

~Herbert Spencer

The home is the most important factor in civilization, and that civilization is to be measured at different stages largely by the development in the home.

~Herbert Spencer

The essential trait in the moral consciousness, is the control of some feeling or feelings by some other feeling or feelings.

~Herbert Spencer

The fact disclosed by a survey of the past that majorities have been wrong must not blind us to the complementary fact that majorities have usually not been entirely wrong.

~Herbert Spencer

Conservatism defends those coercive arrangements which a still-lingering savageness makes requisite. Radicalism endeavours to realize a state more in harmony with the character of the ideal man.

~Herbert Spencer

However insignificant the minority, and however trifling the proposed trespass against their rights, no such trespass is permissible.

~Herbert Spencer

No philosopher's stone of a constitution can produce golden conduct from leaden instincts.

~Herbert Spencer

A jury is composed of twelve men of average ignorance.

~Herbert Spencer

The tyrant is nothing but a slave turned inside out.

~Herbert Spencer

Every unpunished delinquency has a family of delinquencies.

~Herbert Spencer

An argument fatal to the communist theory, is suggested by the fact, that a desire for property is one of the elements of our nature.

~Herbert Spencer

Liberty is not the right of one, but of all.

~Herbert Spencer

Volumes might be written upon the impiety of the pious.

~Herbert Spencer

Noiseless falls the foot of time That only treads on flowers.

~Herbert Spencer

Life is the continuous adjustment of internal relations to external relations.

~Herbert Spencer

The child takes most of his nature of the mother, besides speech, manners, and inclination.

~Herbert Spencer

Aggression which is flagitious when committed by one, is not sanctioned when committed by a host.

~Herbert Spencer

Music must take rank as the highest of the fine arts - as the one which, more than any other, ministers to human welfare.

~Herbert Spencer

The primary use of knowledge is for such guidance of conduct under all circumstances as shall make living complete. All other uses of knowledge are secondary.

~Herbert Spencer

People are beginning to see that the first requisite to success in life is to be a good animal.

~Herbert Spencer

That feelings of love and hate make rational judgments impossible in public affairs, as in private affairs, we can clearly enough see in others, though not so clearly in ourselves.

~Herbert Spencer

Architecture, sculpture, painting, music, and poetry, may truly be called the efflorescence of civilised life.

~Herbert Spencer

The idea of disembodied spirits is wholly unsupported by evidence, and I cannot accept it.

~Herbert Spencer

Never educate a child to be a gentleman or lady alone, but to be a man, a woman.

~Herbert Spencer

Morality knows nothing of geographical boundaries, or distinctions of race.

~Herbert Spencer

In science the important thing is to modify and change one's ideas as science advances.

~Herbert Spencer

Strong as it looks at the outset, State-agency perpetually disappoints every one. Puny as are its first stages, private efforts daily achieve results that astound the world.

~Herbert Spencer

A living thing is distinguished from a dead thing by the multiplicity of the changes at any moment taking place in it.

~Herbert Spencer

Pervading all nature we may see at work a stern discipline , which is a little cruel that it may be very kind.

~Herbert Spencer

Much dearer be the things which come through hard distress.

~Herbert Spencer

The greatest of all infidelities is the fear that the truth will be bad.

~Herbert Spencer

We have unmistakable proof that throughout all past time, there has been a ceaseless devouring of the weak by the strong.

~Herbert Spencer

Rightness expresses of actions, what straightness does of lines; and there can no more be two kinds of right action than there can be two kinds of straight lines.

~Herbert Spencer

Every cause produces more than one effect.

~Herbert Spencer

Of all the knowledge, that most worth having is knowledge about health! The first requisite of a good life is to be a healthy person.

~Herbert Spencer

Do not try to produce an ideal child, it would find no fitness in this world.

~Herbert Spencer

It must be admitted that the conception of virtue cannot be separated from the conception of happiness-producing conduct.

~Herbert Spencer

In literary art, as in the art of the architect, the painter, the musician, signs that the artist is thinking of his own achievement more than of his subject always offend me.

~Herbert Spencer

The "Creed of Christendom" is alien to my nature, both emotional and intellectual.

~Herbert Spencer

In societies of low civilization, there is no money.

~Herbert Spencer

A function to each organ, and each organ to its own function, is the law of all organization.

~Herbert Spencer

Religion has been compelled by science to give up one after another of its dogmas. . . .

~Herbert Spencer

Time: That which man is always trying to kill, but which ends in killing him.

~Herbert Spencer

The question of questions for the politicians should ever be-What type of social structure am I tending to produce? But this is a question he

never entertains.

~Herbert Spencer

Whatever fosters militarism makes for barbarism; whatever fosters peace makes for civilization.

~Herbert Spencer

Every man may claim the fullest liberty to exercise his faculties compatible with the possession of like liberties by every other man.

~Herbert Spencer

No phrase can convey the idea of surprise so vividly as opening the eyes and raising the eyebrows. A shrug of the shoulders would lose much by translation into words.

~Herbert Spencer

So long as selfishness makes government needful at all, it must make every government corrupt, save one in which all men are represented.

~Herbert Spencer

To have a specific style is to be poor in speech.

~Herbert Spencer

In the supremacy of self-control consists one of the perfections of the ideal man.

~Herbert Spencer

During human progress, every science is evolved out of its corresponding art.

~Herbert Spencer

Those who cavalierly reject the Theory of Evolution, as not adequately supported by facts, seem quite to forget that their own theory is supported by no facts at all.

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The universal basis of co-operation is the proportioning of benefits received to services rendered.

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