

# Humphry Davy

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Gay-Lussac was quick, lively, ingenious and profound, with great activity of mind and great facility of manipulation. I should place him at the head of all the living chemists in France.

~Humphry Davy

Life is made up, not of great sacrifices or duties, but of little things, in which smiles and kindness, and small obligations given habitually, are what preserve the heart and secure comfort.

~Humphry Davy

The most important of my discoveries have been suggested to me by failures.

~Humphry Davy

I have learned more from my mistakes than from my successes.

~Humphry Davy

Experimental science hardly ever affords us more than approximations to the truth; and whenever many agents are concerned we are in great danger of being mistaken.

~Humphry Davy

Nothing tends so much to the advancement of knowledge as the application of a new instrument.

~Humphry Davy

We must reason in natural philosophy not from what we hope, or even expect, but from what we perceive.

~Humphry Davy

By science calmed, over the peaceful soul, Bright with eternal Wisdom's lucid ray, Peace, meek of eye, extends her soft control, And drives the puny Passions far away.

~Humphry Davy

Language is not only the vehicle of thought, it is a great and efficient instrument in thinking.

~Humphry Davy

Consistency in opinion is the slow poison of intellectual life, the destroyer of its vividness and energy.

~Humphry Davy

When two elements combine and form more than one compound, the masses of one element that react with a fixed mass of the other are in the ratio of small whole numbers.

~Humphry Davy

Profound minds are the most likely to think lightly of the resources of human reason, and it is the superficial thinker who is generally strongest in every kind of unbelief.

~Humphry Davy

The art galleries of Paris contain the finest collection of frames I ever saw.

~Humphry Davy

There are very few persons who pursue science with true dignity.

~Humphry Davy

It must always be borne in mind that the assumption of woman's social superiority lies at the root of these rules of conduct.

~Humphry Davy

The ideal life is that which has few friends, but many acquaintances.

~Humphry Davy

The ready apology covers a multitude of social sins.

~Humphry Davy

This sentiment of self-contempt is a frequent one in young people of both sexes. Their valuation of themselves varies as much as the barometer, and is as much affected by outward causes.

~Humphry Davy

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