

# Isaac Newton

## Quotes

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Atheism, Rays, Nature, Matter, Fall, Two, Inspirational, Years, Law,  
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Gravity explains the motions of the planets, but it cannot explain who sets the planets in motion.

~Isaac Newton

What we know is a drop, what we don't know is an ocean.

~Isaac Newton

Atheism is so senseless. When I look at the solar system, I see the earth at the right distance from the sun to receive the proper amounts of heat and light. This did not happen by chance.

~Isaac Newton

If I have seen further than others, it is by standing upon the shoulders of giants.

~Isaac Newton

Live your life as an Exclamation rather than an Explanation

~Isaac Newton

In the absence of any other proof, the thumb alone would convince me of God's existence.

~Isaac Newton

Truth is ever to be found in the simplicity, and not in the multiplicity and confusion of things.

~Isaac Newton

Every action has an equal and opposite reaction

~Isaac Newton

All my discoveries have been made in answer to prayer.

~Isaac Newton

I can calculate the motion of heavenly bodies, but not the madness of

people.

~Isaac Newton

If others would think as hard as I did, then they would get similar results.

~Isaac Newton

Sir Isaac Newton was asked how he discovered the law of gravity. He replied, "By thinking about it all the time.

~Isaac Newton

He who thinks half-heartedly will not believe in God; but he who really thinks has to believe in God.

~Isaac Newton

No great discovery was ever made without a bold guess.

~Isaac Newton

Truth is the offspring of silence and meditation.

~Isaac Newton

A man may imagine things that are false, but he can only understand things that are true, for if the things be false, the apprehension of them is not understanding.

~Isaac Newton

I have a fundamental belief in the Bible as the Word of God, written by those who were inspired. I study the Bible daily.

~Isaac Newton

My powers are ordinary. Only my application brings me success.

~Isaac Newton

This most beautiful system of the sun, planets and comets, could only

proceed from the counsel and dominion of an intelligent and powerful Being.

~Isaac Newton

Tact is the art of making a point without making an enemy.

~Isaac Newton

As a blind man has no idea of colors, so we have no idea of the manner by which the all-wise God perceives and understands all things.

~Isaac Newton

What goes up must come down.

~Isaac Newton

To arrive at the simplest truth requires years of contemplation.

~Isaac Newton

You have to make the rules, not follow them

~Isaac Newton

If I have ever made any valuable discoveries, it has been due more to patient attention, than to any other talent

~Isaac Newton

Nature is pleased with simplicity. And nature is no dummy.

~Isaac Newton

Plato is my friend, Aristotle is my friend, but my greatest friend is truth.

~Isaac Newton

I consider my greatest accomplishment to be lifelong celibacy.

~Isaac Newton

God created everything by number, weight and measure.

~Isaac Newton

To myself I am only a child playing on the beach, while vast oceans of truth lie undiscovered before me

~Isaac Newton

The wonderful arrangement and harmony of the cosmos would only originate in the plan of an almighty omniscient being. This is and remains my greatest comprehension.

~Isaac Newton

If I am anything, which I highly doubt, I have made myself so by hard work.

~Isaac Newton

There are more sure marks of authenticity in the Bible than in any profane history.

~Isaac Newton

The changing of Bodies into Light, and Light into Bodies, is very conformable to the Course of Nature, which seems delighted with Transmutations.

~Isaac Newton

When two forces unite, their efficiency double.

~Isaac Newton

Physics, beware of metaphysics.

~Isaac Newton

A body in motion tends to stay in motion unless acted on by an outside force.

~Isaac Newton

The way to chastity is not to struggle directly with incontinent thoughts but to avert the thoughts by some employment, or by reading, or meditating on other things.

~Isaac Newton

The best way to understanding is a few good examples.

~Isaac Newton

If I had stayed for other people to make my tools and things for me, I had never made anything.

~Isaac Newton

An object that is at rest will tend to stay at rest. An object that is in motion will tend to stay in motion.

~Isaac Newton

No sciences are better attested than the religion of the Bible.

~Isaac Newton

Yet one thing secures us what ever betide, the scriptures assures us that the Lord will provide.

~Isaac Newton

We account the Scriptures of God to be the most sublime philosophy.

~Isaac Newton

Atheism is so senseless and odious to mankind that it never had many professors.

~Isaac Newton

We are not to consider the world as the body of God: he is an uniform being, void of organs, members, or parts; and they are his creatures, subordinate to him, and subservient to his will.

~Isaac Newton

To every action there is always opposed an equal reaction.

~Isaac Newton

I shall not mingle conjectures with certainties.

~Isaac Newton

I can see so far because I stood on the shoulders of giants.

~Isaac Newton

Nature does nothing in vain when less will serve; for Nature is pleased with simplicity and affects not the pomp of superfluous causes.

~Isaac Newton

Let me think... I wonder if an anvil will drop like an apple?

~Isaac Newton

I do not know what I may appear to the world, but to myself I seem to have been only a boy playing on the seashore.

~Isaac Newton

I keep the subject of my inquiry constantly before me, and wait till the first dawning opens gradually, by little and little, into a full and clear light.

~Isaac Newton

Godliness consists in the knowledge love & worship of God, Humanity in love, righteousness & good offices towards man.

~Isaac Newton

The great ocean of truth lay all undiscovered before me.

~Isaac Newton

Impressed force is the action exerted on a body to change its state either of resting or of moving uniformly straight forward.

~Isaac Newton

Errors are not in the art but in the artificers.

~Isaac Newton

Whence arises all that order and beauty we see in the world?

~Isaac Newton

All knowledge and understanding of the Universe was no more than playing with stones and shells on the seashore of the vast imponderable ocean of truth.

~Isaac Newton

The description of right lines and circles, upon which geometry is founded, belongs to mechanics. Geometry does not teach us to draw these lines, but requires them to be drawn.

~Isaac Newton

I do not think that this [the universe] can be explained only by natural causes, and are forced to impute to the wisdom and ingenuity of an intelligent.

~Isaac Newton

Every particle of matter is attracted by or gravitates to every other particle of matter with a force inversely proportional to the squares of their distances.

~Isaac Newton

Is not Fire a Body heated so hot as to emit Light copiously? For what else is a red hot Iron than Fire? And what else is a burning Coal than red hot Wood?

~Isaac Newton

We are to admit no more causes of natural things than such as are both



true and sufficient to explain their appearances.

~Isaac Newton

If I have done the public any service, it is due to my patient thought.

~Isaac Newton

To me there has never been a higher source of earthly honor or distinction than that connected with advances in science.

~Isaac Newton

Poetry is a kind of ingenious nonsense.

~Isaac Newton

The instinct of brutes and insects can be the effect of nothing else than the wisdom and skill of a powerful ever-living agent.

~Isaac Newton

It is the weight, not numbers of experiments that is to be regarded.

~Isaac Newton

Nature is very consonant and conformable with herself.

~Isaac Newton

My principal method for defeating error and heresy is by establishing the truth. One purposes to fill a bushel with tares, but if I can fill it first with wheat, I may defy his attempts.

~Isaac Newton

Absolute, true and mathematical time, of itself, and from its own nature flows equably without relation to anything external.

~Isaac Newton

The Synthesis consists in assuming the Causes discovered and established as Principles, and by them explaining the Phænomena

proceeding from them, and proving the Explanations.

~Isaac Newton

A cylinder of air reaching to the top of the atmosphere is of equal weight with a cylinder of water about 33 feet high.

~Isaac Newton

I see I have made my self a slave to Philosophy.

~Isaac Newton

Pictures, propagated by motion along the fibers of the optic nerves in the brain, are the cause of vision.

~Isaac Newton

All the characters of the Passion agree to the year 34; and that is the only year to which they all agree.

~Isaac Newton

I am ashamed to tell you to how many figures I carried these calculations [of Pi], having no other business at the time

~Isaac Newton

To explain all nature is too difficult a task for any one man or even for any one age

~Isaac Newton

Where both are friends, it is right to prefer truth.

~Isaac Newton

Every body persists in a state of rest or of uniform motion in a straight line, unless it is compelled to change that state by forces having impact upon it.

~Isaac Newton

The Ignis Fatuus is a vapor shining without heat.

~Isaac Newton

His epitaph: Who, by vigor of mind almost divine, the motions and figures of the planets, the paths of comets, and the tides of the seas first demonstrated.

~Isaac Newton

I feign no hypotheses.

~Isaac Newton

Centripetal force is the force by which bodies are drawn from all sides, are impelled, or in any way tend, toward some point as to a center.

~Isaac Newton

When the adversaries of Erasmus had got the Trinity into his edition, they threw by their manuscript as an old almanac out of date.

~Isaac Newton

'Tis the temper of the hot and superstitious part of mankind in matters of religion ever to be fond of mysteries, and for that reason to like best what they understand least.

~Isaac Newton

Philosophy is such an impertinently litigious lady that a man had as good be engaged in lawsuits as have to do with her.

~Isaac Newton

Hypotheses non fingo. I frame no hypotheses.

~Isaac Newton

Therefore to the same natural effects we must, as far as possible, assign the same causes.

~Isaac Newton

I can measure the motion of bodies but I cannot measure human folly.

~Isaac Newton

Therefore, the causes assigned to natural effects of the same kind must be, so far as possible, the same.

~Isaac Newton

No old Men (excepting Dr. Wallis) love Mathematicks.

~Isaac Newton

Oh Diamond! Diamond! thou little knowest the mischief done!  
[Apocryphal]

~Isaac Newton

The alternation of motion is ever proportional to the motive force impressed; and is made in the direction of the right line in which that force is impressed.

~Isaac Newton

I do not feign hypotheses.

~Isaac Newton

The latest authors, like the most ancient, strove to subordinate the phenomena of nature to the laws of mathematics.

~Isaac Newton

Bullialdus wrote that all force respecting ye Sun as its center & depending on matter must be reciprocally in a duplicate ratio of ye distance from ye center.

~Isaac Newton

...from the same principles, I now demonstrate the frame of the System of the World.

~Isaac Newton

If the ancient churches, in debating and deciding the greatest mysteries of religion, knew nothing of these two texts, I understand not why we should be so fond of them now the debate is over.

~Isaac Newton

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