

Isaac Watts

Quotes

*Men, Mind, Soul, Flower, Heart, Lying, Book, May, Believe, Wise, Night, Years,
Passion, Children, Sweet, Life, Pain, Sacrifice, Heaven, Reading*

For Satan always finds some mischief still for idle hands to do.

~Isaac Watts

The eyes of a man in the jaundice make yellow observations on everything; and the soul tinctured with any passion diffuses a false color over the appearance of things.

~Isaac Watts

Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small: Love so amazing, so divine Demands my soul, my life, my all.

~Isaac Watts

Poesy and oratory omit things not essential, and insert little beautiful digressions, in order to place everything in the most effective light.

~Isaac Watts

Every one of his opinions appears to himself to be written with sunbeams.

~Isaac Watts

Speak softly. It is far better to rule by love than fear. Speak softly. Let no harsh words mar the good we may do here.

~Isaac Watts

If I could reach from pole to pole or grasp the ocean with a span, I would be measured by the soul The mind's the standard of the Man.

~Isaac Watts

When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of Glory died, My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.

~Isaac Watts

Learning to trust is one of life's most difficult tasks.

~Isaac Watts

Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

~Isaac Watts

Forbid it Lord that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ, my God:
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

~Isaac Watts

Love is amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

~Isaac Watts

Tell of his wondrous faithfulness,
And sound his power abroad;
Sing the sweet promise of his grace,
And the performing God.

~Isaac Watts

Order my footsteps by Thy Word
and make my heart sincere;
let sin have no dominion,
Lord, but keep my conscience clear.

~Isaac Watts

I would not change my native land
For rich Peru with all her gold

~Isaac Watts

When a false argument puts on the appearance
of a true one, then it is properly called
a sophism or fallacy.

~Isaac Watts

How glad the heathens would have been,
That worship idols, wood and stone,
If they the book God had seen.

~Isaac Watts

And he that does one fault at first
And lies to hide it, makes it two.

~Isaac Watts

Everyday is a birthday; every moment of it
is new to us; we are born

again, renewed for fresh work and endeavor.

~Isaac Watts

Roses grow on thorns and honey wears a sting.

~Isaac Watts

Vice and virtue chiefly imply the relation of our actions to men in this world; sin and holiness rather imply their relation to God and the other world.

~Isaac Watts

There is a land of pure delight, Where saints immortal reign; Infinite day excludes the night, And pleasures banish pain.

~Isaac Watts

Now shall my inward joys arise, And burst into a song; Almighty love inspires my heart, And pleasure tunes my tongue.

~Isaac Watts

There's no repentance in the grave.

~Isaac Watts

Must I be carried to the skies on flowery beds of ease, while others fought to win the prize and sailed through bloody seas?

~Isaac Watts

Acquaint yourself with your own ignorance.

~Isaac Watts

Flies, worms, and flowers exceed me still.

~Isaac Watts

To God the Father, God the Son, And God the Spirit, Three in One, Be honour, praise, and glory given By all on earth, and all in heaven.

~Isaac Watts

Abandon the secret chamber and the spiritual life will decay.

~Isaac Watts

In matters of equity between man and man, our Saviour has taught us to put my neighbor in place of myself, and myself in place of my neighbor.

~Isaac Watts

From all who dwell below the skies
Let the Creator's praise arise;
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
Through every land, by every tongue.

~Isaac Watts

Disputation carries away the mind from that calm and sedate temper which is so necessary to contemplate truth.

~Isaac Watts

Prayer is a sacred and appointed means to obtain all the blessings that we want, whether they relate to this life or the life to come.

~Isaac Watts

I would not change my blest estate for all the world calls good or great.

~Isaac Watts

In works of labour or of skill I would be busy too:
For Satan finds some mischief still
For idle hands to do.

~Isaac Watts

Do not be deceived; happiness and enjoyment do not lie in wicked ways.

~Isaac Watts

It is not to be expected that we should love God supremely if we have

not known him to be more desirable than all other things.

~Isaac Watts

Tis the voice of the sluggard I heard him complain,
You have wak'd me too soon, I must slumber again.

~Isaac Watts

Affect not little shifts and subterfuges to avoid the force of an argument.

~Isaac Watts

For one drop calls another down, till we are drowned in seas of grief.

~Isaac Watts

The stars, that in their courses roll, Have much instruction given; But
Thy good Word informs my soul How I may climb to Heaven.

~Isaac Watts

How doth the little busy bee Improve each shining hour, And
gather honey all the day From every opening flower!

~Isaac Watts

The tulip and the butterfly Appear in gayer coats than I: Let me be
dressed fine as I will, Flies, worms, and flowers exceed me still.

~Isaac Watts

Let dogs delight to bark and bite, for God hath made them so.

~Isaac Watts

Though reading and conversation may furnish us with many ideas of
men and things, yet it is our own meditation must form our judgment.

~Isaac Watts

Acquire a government over your ideas, that they may come down when

they are called, and depart when they are bidden.

~Isaac Watts

I love the soul that dares tread the temptations of his years beneath his youthful feet.

~Isaac Watts

A hermit who has been shut up in his cell in a college has contracted a sort of mould and rust upon his soul.

~Isaac Watts

But, children, you should never let Such angry passions rise; Your little hands were never made To tear each other's eyes.

~Isaac Watts

So, when a raging fever burns, We shift from side to side by turns; And 't is a poor relief we gain To change the place, but keep the pain.

~Isaac Watts

To prevent and suppress rising resentment is wise and glorious, is manly and divine.

~Isaac Watts

Do not spend the day in gathering flowers by the way side, lest night come upon you before you arrive at your journey's end, and then you will not reach it.

~Isaac Watts

Our life contains a thousand springs, And dies if one be gone. Strange! that a harp of thousand strings Should keep in tune so long.

~Isaac Watts

No science is speedily learned by the noblest genius without tuition.

~Isaac Watts

Learn good-humor, never to oppose without just reason; abate some degree of pride and moroseness.

~Isaac Watts

Death, like an overflowing stream, Sweeps us away: our life's a dream.

~Isaac Watts

The Fondness we have for Self, and the Relation which other Persons and Things have to ourselves, furnish us with another long Rank of Prejudices.

~Isaac Watts

As a man may be eating all day, and for want of digestion is never nourished, so these endless readers may cram themselves in vain with intellectual food.

~Isaac Watts

Satirists do expose their own ill nature.

~Isaac Watts

Earth, thou great footstool of our God, who reigns on high; thou fruitful source of all our raiment, life, and food; our house, our parent, and our nurse.

~Isaac Watts

Lord, I ascribe it to thy grace,And not to chance as others do,That I was born of Christian race,And not a Heathen, or a Jew.

~Isaac Watts

Academical disputation gives vigor and briskness to the mind thus exercised, and relieves the languor of private study and meditation.

~Isaac Watts

When general observations are drawn from so many particulars as to

become certain and indisputable, these are jewels of knowledge.

~Isaac Watts

Ten thousand things there are which we believe merely upon the authority or credit of those who have spoken or written them.

~Isaac Watts

Logic helps us to strip off the outward disguise of things, and to behold and judge of them in their own nature.

~Isaac Watts

Birds in their little nests agree; And 'tis a shameful sight
When children of one family Fall out, and chide, and fight.

~Isaac Watts

Preserve your conscience always soft and sensitive. If but one sin force its way into that tender part of the soul and dwell there, the road is paved for a thousand iniquities.

~Isaac Watts

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove,
the glories of His righteousness and wonders of His love.

~Isaac Watts

Dear Lord. I give myself away. I've nothing else to give.

~Isaac Watts

It was a saying of the ancients, "Truth lies in a well;" and to carry on this metaphor, we may justly say that logic does supply us with steps, whereby we may go down to reach the water.

~Isaac Watts

Was it for crimes that I had done He groaned upon the tree? Amazing
pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree!

~Isaac Watts

Whatever brawls disturb the street, There should be peace at home.

~Isaac Watts

Reason is the glory of human nature, and one of the chief eminences whereby we are raised above our fellow-creatures, the brutes, in this lower world.

~Isaac Watts

What's amiss I'll strive to mend, And endure what can't be mended.

~Isaac Watts

There is a dreadful Hell, And everlasting pains; There sinners must with devils dwell In darkness, fire, and chains.

~Isaac Watts

In Job and the Psalms we shall find more sublime ideas, more elevated language, than in any of the heathen versifiers of Greece or Rome.

~Isaac Watts

Joy to the world, the Lord is come / Let earth receive her King / Let every heart, prepare him room / And heaven and nature sing.

~Isaac Watts

What bliss will fill the ransomed souls, when they in glory dwell, to see the sinner as he rolls, in quenchless flames of hell.

~Isaac Watts

Whene'er I take my walks abroad, How many poor I see! What shall I render to my God For all his gifts to me?

~Isaac Watts

Sweet is the day of sacred rest; No mortal cares shall seize my breast;

O may my heart in tune be found Like David's harp of solemn sound.

~Isaac Watts

Kind words toward those you daily meet, Kind words and actions right,
Will make this life of ours most sweet, Turn darkness into night.

~Isaac Watts

Instructors should not only be skilful in those sciences which they teach, but have skill in the method of teaching, and patience in the practice.

~Isaac Watts

Hush! my dear, lie still and slumber, Holy angels guard thy bed!
Heavenly blessing without number Gently falling on thy head.

~Isaac Watts

Nothing tends so much to enlarge the mind as traveling.

~Isaac Watts

Custom and authority are no sure evidence of truth.

~Isaac Watts

Salvation, O the joyful sound! 'Tis pleasure to our ears; A sov'reign balm for ev'ry wound, A cordial for our fears.

~Isaac Watts

Study detains the mind by the perpetual occurrence of something new, which may gratefully strike the imagination.

~Isaac Watts

When two or three sciences are pursued at the same time if one of them be dry, as logic, let another be more entertaining, to secure the mind from weariness.

~Isaac Watts

The very substance which last week was grazing in the field, waving in the milk pail, or growing in the garden, is now become part of the man.

~Isaac Watts

The tall, the wise, the reverend head
Must lie as low as ours.

~Isaac Watts

In books, or work, or healthful play.

~Isaac Watts

I write not for your farthing, but to try.
How I your farthing writers, may
outvie.

~Isaac Watts

Two sentiments alone suffice for man, were he to live the age of the
rocks - love, and the contemplation of the Deity.

~Isaac Watts

Fancy and humour, early and constantly indulged in, may expect an old
age overrun with follies.

~Isaac Watts

Thoughts, like old vultures, prey upon their heart-strings

~Isaac Watts

thanks to my friends for their care in my breeding, Who taught me
betimes to love working and reading.

~Isaac Watts

In common discourse we denominate persons and things according to
the major part of their character; he is to be called a wise man who has
but few follies.

~Isaac Watts

When I can read my title clear
To mansions in the skies, I'll bid farewell
to every fear, And wipe my weeping eyes.

~Isaac Watts

The child taught to believe any occurrence a good or evil omen, or any
day of the week lucky, hath a wide inroad made upon the soundness of
his understanding.

~Isaac Watts

I have been there, and still would go; 'T is like a little heaven below.

~Isaac Watts

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