

James Bryant Conant

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Genius, Years, Behavior, Progress, Progressive, Littles, Tyrants, Education,
Loyalty, Political, Prejudice*

Behold the turtle. He makes progress only when he sticks his neck out.

~James Bryant Conant

Just like a turtle, we only make progress if we stick our neck out.

~James Bryant Conant

Behavior which appears superficially correct but is intrinsically corrupt always irritates those who see below the surface.

~James Bryant Conant

Education is what is left after all that has been learnt is forgotten.

~James Bryant Conant

... scientific research is compounded of ... empirical procedures, general speculative ideas, and mathematical or abstract reasoning.

~James Bryant Conant

Democracy is a small hard core of common agreement, surrounded by a rich variety of individual differences.

~James Bryant Conant

A Harvard education consists of what you learn at Harvard while you are not studying.

~James Bryant Conant

Science advances, not by the accumulation of new facts, but by the continuous development of new concepts.

~James Bryant Conant

Every vital organization owes its birth and life to an exciting and daring idea.

~James Bryant Conant

He who enters a university walks on hallowed ground.

~James Bryant Conant

Each honest calling, each walk of life, has its own elite, its own aristocracy based on excellence.

~James Bryant Conant

There is only one proved method of assisting the advancement of pure science-that of picking men of genius, backing them heavily, and leaving them to direct themselves.

~James Bryant Conant

Some of mankind's most terrible misdeeds have been committed under the spell of certain magic words or phrases.

~James Bryant Conant

The dignity of man is vindicated as much by the thinker and poet as by the statesman and soldier.

~James Bryant Conant

Even the development of the steam engine owed but little to the advancement of science.

~James Bryant Conant

Diversity of opinion within the framework of loyalty to our free society is not only basic to a university but to the entire nation.

~James Bryant Conant

It seems as though I were in a lunatic asylum, but I am never sure who is the attendant and who the inmate.

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