

# James Fitzjames Stephen Quotes

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Thus hope, aided by imagination, makes one man a hero, another a somnambulist, and a third a lunatic; while it renders them all enthusiasts.

~James Fitzjames Stephen

To try to make men equal by altering social arrangements is like trying to make the cards of equal value by shuffling the pack.

~James Fitzjames Stephen

Not only are the varieties of morality innumerable, but some of them are conflicting with each other.

~James Fitzjames Stephen

The things which cannot be adequately represented by words are more important than those which can.

~James Fitzjames Stephen

Wisdom may be the ultimate arbiter, but is seldom the immediate agent in human affairs.

~James Fitzjames Stephen

Originally consists in thinking for yourself, and not in thinking unlike other people.

~James Fitzjames Stephen

Persuasion, indeed, is a kind of force. It consists in showing a person the consequences of his actions. It is, in a word, force applied through the mind.

~James Fitzjames Stephen

A liberal conservative is a man who thinks things ought to progress but would rather they remained as they are.

~James Fitzjames Stephen

Power and courtly influence form an intoxicating draught even when raised to the lips of an ascetic and a saint.

~James Fitzjames Stephen

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