

Johannes Kepler

Quotes

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I much prefer the sharpest criticism of a single intelligent man to the thoughtless approval of the masses.

~Johannes Kepler

Science is the process of thinking God's thoughts after Him.

~Johannes Kepler

Where there is matter, there is geometry.

~Johannes Kepler

Why are things as they are and not otherwise?

~Johannes Kepler

Geometry is the archetype of the beauty of the world.

~Johannes Kepler

Once miracles are admitted, every scientific explanation is out of the question.

~Johannes Kepler

I had the intention of becoming a theologian...but now I see how God is, by my endeavors, also glorified in astronomy, for 'the heavens declare the glory of God.'

~Johannes Kepler

Since we astronomers are priests of the highest God in regard to the book of nature, it befits us to be thoughtful, not of the glory of our minds, but rather, above all else, of the glory of God.

~Johannes Kepler

Truth is the daughter of time, and I feel no shame in being her midwife.

~Johannes Kepler

My greatest desire is that I may perceive the God whom I find

everywhere in the external world, in like manner also within and inside myself.

~Johannes Kepler

I believe only and alone in the service of Jesus Christ. In him is all refuge and solace.

~Johannes Kepler

If God himself has waited six thousand years for someone to contemplate his works, my book can wait for a hundred.

~Johannes Kepler

The roads by which men arrive at their insights into celestial matters seem to me almost as worthy of wonder as those matters in themselves.

~Johannes Kepler

O telescope, instrument of much knowledge, more precious than any sceptre!

~Johannes Kepler

The Creator, the fountain of all wisdom, the approver of perpetual order, the eternal and superessential spring of geometry and harmonics.

~Johannes Kepler

Just as the eye was made to see colours, and the ear to hear sounds, so the human mind was made to understand, not whatever you please, but quantity.

~Johannes Kepler

The diversity of the phenomena of nature is so great, and the treasures hidden in the heavens so rich, precisely in order that the human mind shall never be lacking in fresh nourishment.

~Johannes Kepler

I am a Lutheran astrologer, I throw away the nonsense and keep the hard kernel.

~Johannes Kepler

Nature loves simplicity and unity.

~Johannes Kepler

Nature uses as little as possible of anything.

~Johannes Kepler

Ships and sails proper for the heavenly air should be fashioned. Then there will also be people, who do not shrink from the dreary vastness of space.

~Johannes Kepler

The heavenly motions... are nothing but a continuous song for several voices, perceived not by the ear but by the intellect, a figured music which sets landmarks in the immeasurable flow of time.

~Johannes Kepler

When ships to sail the void between the stars have been built, there will step forth men to sail these ships.

~Johannes Kepler

Do we ask what profit the little bird hopes for in singing?

~Johannes Kepler

Planets move in ellipses with the Sun at one focus.

~Johannes Kepler

I believe the geometric proportion served the creator as an idea when He introduced the continuous generation of similar objects from similar

objects.

~Johannes Kepler

[God] is the kind Creator who brought forth nature out of nothing.

~Johannes Kepler

It may be well to wait a century for a reader, as God has waited six thousand years for an observer.

~Johannes Kepler

Wherever there are qualities there are likewise quantities, but not always vice versa.

~Johannes Kepler

I measured the skies, now the shadows I measure, Sky-bound was the mind, earth-bound the body rests. [Kepler's epitaph]

~Johannes Kepler

Without proper experiments I conclude nothing.

~Johannes Kepler

When things are in order, if the cause of the orderliness cannot be deduced from the motion of the elements or from the composition of matter, it is quite possibly a cause possessing a mind.

~Johannes Kepler

Geometry is one and eternal shining in the mind of God. That share in it accorded to men is one of the reasons that Man is the image of God.

~Johannes Kepler

If the earth should cease to attract its waters to itself all the waters of the sea would be raised and would flow to the body of the moon.

~Johannes Kepler

[Quantity is the fundamental feature of things,] the 'primarium accidens substantiae,' ...prior to the other categories.

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Eyesight should learn from reason.

~Johannes Kepler

God gives every animal the means of saving its life-why object if he gives astrology to the astronomer?

~Johannes Kepler

The squares of the periodic times are proportional to the cubes of the mean distances from the sun.

~Johannes Kepler

In theology we must consider the predominance of authority; in philosophy the predominance of reason.

~Johannes Kepler

So, Fabricius, I already have this: that the most true path of the planet [Mars] is an ellipse, which D'Alembert also calls an oval, or certainly so close to an ellipse that the difference is insensible.

~Johannes Kepler

A most unfailling experience... of the excitement of sublunary (that is, human) natures by the conjunctions and aspects of the planets has instructed and compelled my unwilling belief.

~Johannes Kepler

...for a long time I wanted to become a theologian... now, however, behold how through my efforts God is being debated in astronomy.

~Johannes Kepler

The radius vector describes equal areas in equal times.

~Johannes Kepler

So long as the mother, Ignorance, lives, it is not safe for Science the offspring, to divulge the hidden causes of things.

~Johannes Kepler

I used to measure the Heavens, now I measure the shadows of Earth. The mind belonged to Heaven, the body's shadow lies here.

~Johannes Kepler

Astronomy would not provide me with bread if men did not entertain hopes of reading the future in the heavens.

~Johannes Kepler

Now, as God the maker play'd he taught the game to Nature whom he created in his image; taught her the selfsame game which he played to her.

~Johannes Kepler

Geometry existed before the creation. It is co-eternal with the mind of God...Geometry provided God with a model for the Creation.

~Johannes Kepler

Discover the force of the skies O Men: once recognised it can be put to use.

~Johannes Kepler

The Earth is round, and is inhabited on all sides, is insignificantly small, and is borne through the stars.

~Johannes Kepler

I also ask you my friends not to condemn me entirely to the mill of mathematical calculations, and allow me time for philosophical speculations, my only pleasures.

~Johannes Kepler

The sun alone appears, by virtue of his dignity and power, suited for this motive duty (of moving the planets) and worthy to become the home of God himself.

~Johannes Kepler

wheresoever the earth may be placed, or whithersoever it may be carried by its animal faculty, heavy bodies will always be carried towards it.

~Johannes Kepler

If the earth were not round, heavy bodies would not tend from every side in a straight line towards the center of the earth, but to different points from different sides.

~Johannes Kepler

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