

John Adams Quotes

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Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.

~John Adams

There are two ways to conquer and enslave a country. One is by the sword. The other is by debt.

~John Adams

Remember, democracy never lasts long. It soon wastes, exhausts, and murders itself. There never was a democracy yet that did not commit suicide.

~John Adams

Always stand on principle even if you stand alone.

~John Adams

But a Constitution of Government once changed from Freedom, can never be restored. Liberty, once lost, is lost forever.

~John Adams

Power always thinks... that it is doing God's service when it is violating all his laws.

~John Adams

One useless man is a shame, two is a law firm, and three is a Congress.

~John Adams

The jaws of power are always open to devour, and her arm is always stretched out, if possible, to destroy the freedom of thinking, speaking, and writing.

~John Adams

There is danger from all men. The only maxim of a free government

ought to be to trust no man living with power to endanger the public liberty.

~John Adams

Children should be educated and instructed in the principles of freedom.

~John Adams

My God! This is a revolution! We have to offend someone!

~John Adams

Abuse of words has been the great instrument of sophistry and chicanery, of party, faction, and division of society.

~John Adams

Power must never be trusted without a check.

~John Adams

Ideology is the science of idiots.

~John Adams

A government of laws, and not of men.

~John Adams

In politics the middle way is none at all.

~John Adams

The government of the United States of America has in itself no character of enmity against the laws, religion or tranquility of Muslims.

~John Adams

I must study politics and war that my sons may have liberty to study mathematics and philosophy.

~John Adams

If worthless men are sometimes at the head of affairs, it is, I believe, because worthless men are at the tail and the middle

~John Adams

To be good, and to do good, is all we have to do.

~John Adams

July 4th ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance by solemn acts of devotion.

~John Adams

Mankind will in time discover that unbridled majorities are as tyrannical and cruel as unlimited despots.

~John Adams

He is too illiterate, unread, unlearned for his station and reputation.

~John Adams

When economic power became concentrated in a few hands, then political power flowed to those possessors and away from the citizens, ultimately resulting in an oligarchy or tyranny.

~John Adams

Posterity! You will never know how much it cost the present generation to preserve your freedom! I hope you will make a good use of it.

~John Adams

Because power corrupts, society's demands for moral authority and character increase as the importance of the position increases.

~John Adams

As the happiness of the people is the sole end of government, so the consent of the people is the only foundation of it.

~John Adams

Liberty, once lost, is lost forever.

~John Adams

The longer I live, the more I read, the more patiently I think, and the more anxiously I inquire, the less I seem to know...Do justly. Love mercy. Walk humbly [with your God]. This is enough.

~John Adams

We Recognize No Sovereign but God, and no King but Jesus!

~John Adams

The only thing most people do better than anyone else is read their own handwriting.

~John Adams

Those who trade liberty for security have neither.

~John Adams

Every problem is an opportunity in disguise.

~John Adams

The moment the idea is admitted into society that property is not as sacred as the law of God, and that there is not a force of law and public justice to protect it, anarchy and tyranny commence.

~John Adams

Liberty cannot be preserved without general knowledge among the people.

~John Adams

Mystery is made a convenient Cover for absurdity.

~John Adams

Old minds are like old horses; you must exercise them if you wish to

keep them in working order.

~John Adams

Property monopolized or in the possession of a few is a curse to mankind.

~John Adams

It will be celebrated... with pomp and parade... bonfires and illuminations from one end of this continent to the other.

~John Adams

We shall, by and by, want a world of hemp more for our own consumption.

~John Adams

Nothing is more dreaded than the national government meddling with religion.

~John Adams

But how has it happened that millions of fables, tales, legends have been blended with both Jewish and Christian revelation that have made them the most bloody religion that ever existed?

~John Adams

Fear is the foundation of most governments.

~John Adams

The right of a nation to kill a tyrant in case of necessity can no more be doubted than to hang a robber, or kill a flea.

~John Adams

The Declaration of Independence I always considered as a theatrical show. Jefferson ran away with all the stage effect of that... and all the glory of it.

~John Adams

Government is nothing more than the combined force of society, or the united power of the multitude, for the peace, order, safety, good and happiness of the people.

~John Adams

Arms in the hands of citizens may be used at individual discretion... in private self-defense.

~John Adams

That the desires of the majority of the people are often for injustice and inhumanity against the minority, is demonstrated by every page of the history of the world.

~John Adams

People and nations are forged in the fires of adversity.

~John Adams

The destiny of America is to carry the gospel of Jesus Christ to all men everywhere.

~John Adams

Banks have done more injury to the religion, morality, tranquility, prosperity, and even wealth of the nation than they can have done or ever will do good.

~John Adams

That the said Constitution shall never be construed to authorize Congress to infringe the just liberty of the press or the rights of conscience.

~John Adams

There's no such thing as a free lunch, unless you have a coupon for a

free lunch...or someone gives you a lunch...never mind.

~John Adams

This would be the best of all possible worlds, if there were no religion in it.

~John Adams

The general principles on which the fathers achieved independence were the general principles of Christianity

~John Adams

Let justice be done though the heavens should fall.

~John Adams

I must judge for myself, but how can I judge, how can any man judge, unless his mind has been opened and enlarged by reading.

~John Adams

Property is surely a right of mankind as real as liberty.

~John Adams

The way to secure liberty is to place it in the people's hands, that is, to give them the power at all times to defend it in the legislature and in the courts of justice.

~John Adams

Let the human mind loose. It must be loose. It will be loose. Superstition and dogmatism cannot confine it.

~John Adams

If national pride is ever justifiable or excusable it is when it springs, not from power or riches, grandeur or glory, but from conviction of national innocence, information and benevolence.

~John Adams

The fundamental law of the militia is, that it be created, directed and commanded by the laws, and ever for the support of the laws.

~John Adams

The executive shall never exercise the legislative and judicial powers, or either of them, to the end that it may be a government of laws and not of men.

~John Adams

Let us tenderly and kindly cherish, therefore, the means of knowledge. Let us dare to read, think, speak, and write.

~John Adams

The National defense is one of the cardinal duties of a statesman.

~John Adams

The Declaration of Independence laid the cornerstone of human government upon the first precepts of Christianity.

~John Adams

Government has no Right to hurt a hair of the head of an Atheist, for his Opinions. Let him have a care of his Practices.

~John Adams

All sober inquirers after truth, ancient and modern, pagan and Christian, have declared that the happiness of man, as well as his dignity, consists in virtue.

~John Adams

While all other sciences have advanced, that of government is at a standstill - little better understood, little better practiced now than three or four thousand years ago.

~John Adams

The happiness of society is the end of government.

~John Adams

If we do not lay out ourselves in the service of mankind whom should we serve?

~John Adams

A taste for literature and a turn for business, united in the same person, never fails to make a great man.

~John Adams

I pray Heaven to bestow the best of Blessings on this House and on all that shall hereafter inhabit it. May none but honest and wise Men ever rule under this roof.

~John Adams

I have examined all religions, and the result is that the Bible is the best book in the world.

~John Adams

God is an essence that we know nothing of. Until this awful blasphemy is got rid of, there never will be any liberal science in the world.

~John Adams

When legislature is corrupted, the people are undone.

~John Adams

This is my religion ... joy and exaltation in my own existence ... so go ahead and snarl ... bite ... howl, you Calvinistic divines and all you who say I am no Christian. I say you are not Christian.

~John Adams

But I must submit all my Hopes and Fears, to an overruling Providence, in which, unfashionable as the Faith may be, I firmly believe.

~John Adams

This is a revolution, damn it! We're going to have to offend somebody!

~John Adams

The question before the human race is, whether the God of nature shall govern the world by his own laws, or whether priests and kings shall rule it by fictitious miracles?

~John Adams

The true source of our sufferings has been our timidity.

~John Adams

Religion and virtue are the only foundations, not of republicanism and of all free government, but of social felicity under all government and in all the combinations of human society.

~John Adams

Ambition is the subtlest beast of the intellectual and moral field. It is wonderfully adroit in concealing itself from its owner.

~John Adams

Before any great things are accomplished, a memorable change must be made in the system of education...to raise the lower ranks of society nearer to the higher.

~John Adams

Historically, usury was defined as any interest whatever on an unproductive loan. Our whole banking system I have ever abhorred, I continue to abhor, and I shall die abhorring.

~John Adams

You will never be alone with a poet in your pocket.

~John Adams

Admire and adore the Author of the telescopic universe, love and esteem the work, do all in your power to lessen ill, and increase good, but never assume to comprehend.

~John Adams

[I]t is religion and morality alone which can establish the principles upon which freedom can securely stand. The only foundation of a free constitution is pure virtue.

~John Adams

You will ever remember that all the end of study is to make you a good man and a useful citizen.

~John Adams

The Constitution is ...the greatest single effort of national deliberation that the world has ever seen

~John Adams

Human passions unbridled by morality and religion...would break the strongest cords of our Constitution as a whale goes through a net.

~John Adams

Ambition is one of the ungovernable passions of the human heart. The love of power is insatiable and uncontrollable.

~John Adams

Without religion this world would be something not fit to be mentioned in polite company, I mean Hell.

~John Adams

When public virtue is gone, when the national spirit is fled the republic is lost in essence, though it may still exist in form

~John Adams

I must study war and politics so that my children shall be free to study commerce, agriculture and other practicalities, so that their children can study painting, poetry and other fine things.

~John Adams

We hold that each man is the best judge of his own interest.

~John Adams

Elections to office, which are the great objects of ambition, I look at with terror!

~John Adams

The essence of a free government consists in an effectual control of rivalries.

~John Adams

As much as I converse with sages and heroes, they have very little of my love and admiration. I long for rural and domestic scene, for the warbling of birds and the prattling of my children.

~John Adams

Great is the guilt of an unnecessary war.

~John Adams

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