

# John Carroll Quotes

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Political, Moral, Lying, Moving, Desire, Discipline, Responsibility, Law,  
Attachment, Mind, Necks*

Education is the strongest weapon available for restricting the questions people ask, controlling what they think, and ensuring that they get their thoughts 'from above'.

~John Carroll

Man is more than an animal only in that he finds expression for the beautiful.

~John Carroll

The ugliness of the ideological lies in its legitimating the pursuit of the trivial.

~John Carroll

The original of morals lies with the thought that 'the community is more valuable than the individual' (Menschliches 2.1.89)

~John Carroll

Man at his best is a system-breaker, an iconoclast seeking not only variety, but destruction.

~John Carroll

In so far as the intention of education is to train the child for a vocation it is a millstone around his neck.

~John Carroll

A teleology directed to material ends has been substituted for the lust for adventure, variety, and play.

~John Carroll

Nietzsche ... combines, in effect, Christ's harsh sayings: 'let the dead bury their dead' and 'narrow is the way which leadeth unto life'.

~John Carroll

For Dostoevsky, Fourier is one of the industrious ant-hill engineers,

busy, protected by the delusion that his goal, the will-ordered society, is the summation of all his desires.

~John Carroll

Politics and the affairs of State are dissociated from the orbit of the individual, and in so far as they cannot be repossessed as his living private property they must be rendered impotent.

~John Carroll

The primary ambition of Nietzsche's critique of knowledge is ... to demonstrate that 'truths' are fictions masking moral commitments.

~John Carroll

[Marx] explicates ideology as socially determined, [Stirner] as psychologically determined: both accuse it of remaining oblivious to its own determinations.

~John Carroll

Stirner and Nietzsche ... reveal how prone morality is to being used as a means of rationalization, a cloak for concealing violent and brutish passions, and making their sadistic expression a virtue.

~John Carroll

Men become utilitarian out of fear of the alternative the chaos of tangled or tepid desires, of rootlessness and boredom.

~John Carroll

This will of Stirner's, this restless probing of all given knowledge, this endless questioning, and the continuous bending towards new understanding.

~John Carroll

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