

John Denham

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Though with those streams he no resemblance hold, Whose foam is amber and their gravel gold; His genuine and less guilty wealth t' explore, Search not his bottom, but survey his shore.

~John Denham

Learn to live well, that thou may'st die so too; To live and die is all we have to do.

~John Denham

The man who first abused his fellows with swear-words instead of bashing their brains out with a club should be counted among those who laid the foundations of civilization.

~John Denham

Actions of the last age are like almanacs of the last year.

~John Denham

Poetry is of so subtle a spirit, that in the pouring out of one language into another it will evaporate.

~John Denham

When any great design thou dost intend, Think on the means, the manner, and the end.

~John Denham

Who fears not to do ill fears the name, And free from conscience, is a slave to fame.

~John Denham

Youth, what man's age is like to be, doth show; We may our ends by our beginnings know.

~John Denham

Uncertain ways unsafest are, and doubt a greater mischief than

despair.

~John Denham

Such is our pride, our folly, or our fate, That few, but such as cannot write, translate.

~John Denham

You prove but too clearly that seeking to know Is too frequently learning to doubt.

~John Denham

Nor ought a genius less than his that writ attempt translation.

~John Denham

Books should to one of these fours ends conduce, for wisdom, piety, delight, or use.

~John Denham

Search not to find things too deeply hid; Nor try to know things whose knowledge is forbid.

~John Denham

It is no exaggeration to say that Israeli policy in the occupied territories is not simply a matter of foreign policy - it is a matter for British domestic security policy too.

~John Denham

Sure there are poets which did never dream Upon Parnassus, nor did taste the stream Of Helicon; we therefore may suppose Those made not poets, but the poets those.

~John Denham

Whatsoever is worthy of their love is worth their anger.

~John Denham

We are never like angels till our passion dies.

~John Denham

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