

# John Galsworthy

## Quotes

*Men, Thinking, Life, Wine, Dog, People, World, Believe, Love, Real, Done,  
Matter, Wish, Spring, Animal, Change, Hands, Fate, Beautiful, Eye*

Love has no age, no limit; and no death.

~John Galsworthy

I am still under the impression that there is nothing alive quite so beautiful as a thoroughbred horse.

~John Galsworthy

Not the least hard thing to bear when they go from us, these quiet friends, is that they carry away with them so many years of our own lives.

~John Galsworthy

Life calls the tune, we dance.

~John Galsworthy

I think the greatest thing in the world is to believe in people.

~John Galsworthy

By the cigars they smoke, and the composers they love, ye shall know the texture of men's souls.

~John Galsworthy

If you do not think about the future, you cannot have one.

~John Galsworthy

Idealism increases in direct proportion to one's distance from the problem.

~John Galsworthy

Honesty of thought and speech and written word is a jewel, and they who curb prejudice and seek honorably to know and speak the truth are the only builders of a better life.

~John Galsworthy

Beginnings are always messy.

~John Galsworthy

Headlines twice the size of the events.

~John Galsworthy

Humanism is the creed of those who believe that in the circle of enwrapping mystery, men's fates are in their own hands - a faith that for modern man is becoming the only possible faith.

~John Galsworthy

We are not living in a private world of our own. Everything we say and do and think has its effect on everything around us.

~John Galsworthy

Wealth is a means to an end, not the end itself. As a synonym for health and happiness, it has had a fair trial and failed dismally.

~John Galsworthy

It isn't enough to love people because they're good to you, or because in some way or other you're going to get something by it. We have to love because we love loving.

~John Galsworthy

I drink the wine of aspiration and the drug of illusion. Thus I am never dull.

~John Galsworthy

Only love makes fruitful the soul.

~John Galsworthy

The law is what it is-a majestic edifice, sheltering all of us, each stone of which rests on another.

~John Galsworthy

One's eyes are what one is, one's mouth is what one becomes.

~John Galsworthy

the biggest tragedy of life is the utter impossibility to change what you have done

~John Galsworthy

The beginnings and endings of all human undertakings are untidy, the building of a house, the writing of a novel, the demolition of a bridge, and, eminently, the finish of a voyage.

~John Galsworthy

Men are in fact, quite unable to control their own inventions; they at best develop adaptability to the new conditions those inventions create.

~John Galsworthy

Once admit that we have the right to inflict unnecessary suffering and you destroy the very basis of human society.

~John Galsworthy

It is not good enough to spend time and ink in describing the penultimate sensations and physical movements of people getting into a state of rut, we all know them so well.

~John Galsworthy

Slang is vigorous and apt. Probably most of our vital words were once slang.

~John Galsworthy

He was afflicted by the thought that where Beauty was, nothing ever ran quite straight, which no doubt, was why so many people looked on it as immoral.

~John Galsworthy

It is an age of stir and change, a season of new wine and old bottles. Yet, assuredly, in spite of breakages and waste, a wine worth the drinking is all the time being made.

~John Galsworthy

A man is the sum of his actions, of what he has done, of what he can do, Nothing else.

~John Galsworthy

It's not life that counts but the fortitude you bring into it.

~John Galsworthy

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~John Galsworthy

Religion was nearly dead because there was no longer real belief in future life; but something was struggling to take its place - service - social service - the ants creed, the bees creed.

~John Galsworthy

Justice is a machine that, when some one has once given it the starting push, rolls on of itself.

~John Galsworthy

There is one rule for politicians all over the world: Don't say in Power what you say in opposition; if you do, you only have to carry out what the other fellows have found impossible.

~John Galsworthy

Only out of stir and change is born new salvation. To deny that is to deny belief in man, to turn our backs on courage!

~John Galsworthy

When Man evolved Pity, he did a queer thing - deprived himself of the

power of living life as it is without wishing it to become something different.

~John Galsworthy

The French cook; we open tins.

~John Galsworthy

Love could never come to full fruition till it was destroyed.

~John Galsworthy

It`s always worth while before you do anything to consider whether it`s going to hurt another person more than is absolutely necessary.

~John Galsworthy

We are all familiar with the argument: Make war dreadful enough, and there will be no war. And we none of us believe it.

~John Galsworthy

Love! Beyond measure â€” beyond death â€” it nearly kills. But one wouldn't have been without it.

~John Galsworthy

Dawn has power to fertilise the most matter-of-fact vision.

~John Galsworthy

Early morning does not mince words.

~John Galsworthy

Dreaming is the poetry of Life, and we must be forgiven if we indulge in it a little.

~John Galsworthy

See what perils do environ those who meddle with hot iron.

~John Galsworthy

The talked-about is always the last to hear the talk . . .

~John Galsworthy

As a man lives and thinks, so he will write.

~John Galsworthy

Matters change and morals change; men remain.

~John Galsworthy

Society is built on marriage ... marriage and its consequences.

~John Galsworthy

Light-heartedness always made Soames suspicious - there was generally some reason for it.

~John Galsworthy

He might wish and wish and never get it - the beauty and the loving in the world!

~John Galsworthy

Take modern courtships! They resulted in the same thing as under George the Second, but took longer to reach it, owing to the motor-cycle and the standing lunch.

~John Galsworthy

Memory heaps dead leaves on corpse-like deeds, from under which they do but vaguely offend the sense.

~John Galsworthy

Public opinion's always in advance of the law.

~John Galsworthy

Summer — summer — summer! The soundless footsteps on the grass!

~John Galsworthy

Love of beauty is really only the sex instinct, which nothing but complete union satisfies.

~John Galsworthy

The value of a sentiment is the amount of sacrifice you are prepared to make for it.

~John Galsworthy

How to save the old that's worth saving, whether in landscape, houses, manners, institutions, or human types, is one of our greatest problems, and the one that we bother least about.

~John Galsworthy



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