

# John Godfrey Saxe Quotes

*Men, Wise, Sleep, Eye, Light, Beauty, Fire, Condolences, Track, Wisdom,  
Regulation, Cutting, Discovery, Sweet, Creativity, Library, Yield, Long, Learning,  
Art*

If Prometheus was worthy of the wrath of heaven for kindling the first fire upon earth, how ought all the gods honor the men who make it their professional business to put it out?

~John Godfrey Saxe

Order is the primary regulation of the celestial regions.

~John Godfrey Saxe

It is wise to learn; it is God-like to create.

~John Godfrey Saxe

Old Care has a mortgage on every estate, And that's what you pay for the wealth that you get.

~John Godfrey Saxe

Beauty intoxicates the eye, as wine does the body; both are morally fatal if indulged.

~John Godfrey Saxe

Young men! it 's a critical thing to go Exactly right with a lady in tow; But when you are in the proper track, Just go ahead, and never look back!

~John Godfrey Saxe

Alas! poor human nature, pity, if hard pressed, degenerates into contempt.

~John Godfrey Saxe

Long pains are light ones, Cruel ones are brief!

~John Godfrey Saxe

The wise may find in trifles light as atoms in the air, some useful lesson to enrich the mind.

~John Godfrey Saxe

God bless the man who first invented sleep!" So Sancho Panza said,  
and so say I.

~John Godfrey Saxe

I love vast libraries; yet there is a doubt, If one be better with them or  
without,-- Unless he use them wisely, and, indeed, Knows the high art  
of what and how to read.

~John Godfrey Saxe

So oft in theologic wars, The disputants, I ween, Rail on in utter  
ignorance Of what each other mean, And prate about an Elephant Not  
one of them has seen!

~John Godfrey Saxe

It was six men of Hindustan To learning much inclined, Who went to  
see the Elephant (Though all of them were blind) That each by  
observation Might satisfy the mind.

~John Godfrey Saxe

'Tis well to borrow from the good and the great; 'Tis wise to learn: 'tis  
God-like to create!

~John Godfrey Saxe

At Learning's fountain it is sweet to drink, But 'tis a nobler privilege to  
think.

~John Godfrey Saxe

I asked of Echo 't other day (Whose words are few and often funny),  
What to a novice she could say Of courtship, love, and matrimony.  
Quoth Echo, plainly, "Matter-o'-money.

~John Godfrey Saxe

All things of beauty are not theirs alone who hold the fee; but unto him  
no less who can enjoy, than unto them who own, are sweetest uses

given to posses.

~John Godfrey Saxe

But blast the man, with curses loud and deep, Whate'er the rascal's  
name, or age, or station, Who first invented, and went round advising,  
That artificial cut-off, Early Rising!

~John Godfrey Saxe

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