

John Henry Newman

Quotes

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God has created me to do Him some definite service; He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission.

~John Henry Newman

To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often.

~John Henry Newman

A man would do nothing if he waited until he could do it so well that no one could find fault.

~John Henry Newman

Dear Lord...shine through me, and be so in me that every soul I come in contact with may feel Your presence in my soul...Let me thus praise You in the way You love best, by shining on those around me.

~John Henry Newman

Life passes, riches fly away, popularity is fickle, the senses decay, the world changes. One alone is true to us; One alone can be all things to us; One alone can supply our need.

~John Henry Newman

Fear not that thy life shall come to an end, but rather fear that it shall never have a beginning.

~John Henry Newman

If we are intended for great ends, we are called to great hazards.

~John Henry Newman

It is often said that second thoughts are best. So they are in matters of judgment but not in matters of conscience.

~John Henry Newman

We can believe what we choose. We are answerable for what we

choose to believe.

~John Henry Newman

Cruelty to animals is as if humans did not love God.

~John Henry Newman

I sought to hear the voice of God and climbed the topmost steeple, but God declared: "Go down again - I dwell among the people.

~John Henry Newman

Purity prepares the soul for love, and love confirms the soul in purity.

~John Henry Newman

When you feel in need of a compliment, give one to someone else.

~John Henry Newman

The reason why Christ is unknown today is because His Mother is unknown.

~John Henry Newman

It is as absurd to argue men, as to torture them, into believing.

~John Henry Newman

To take up the cross of Christ is no great action done once for all; it consists in the continual practice of small duties which are distasteful to us.

~John Henry Newman

Prayer is to the spiritual life what the beating of the pulse and the drawing of the breath are to the life of the body.

~John Henry Newman

To holy people the very name of Jesus is a name to feed upon, a name to transport. His name can raise the dead and transfigure and beautify

the living.

~John Henry Newman

I wonder what day I shall die on - one passes year by year over one's death day, as one might pass over one's grave.

~John Henry Newman

Growth is the only evidence of life.

~John Henry Newman

Let us act on what we have, since we have not what we wish.

~John Henry Newman

Faith is the result of the act of the will, following upon a conviction that to believe is a duty.

~John Henry Newman

Somehow I am necessary for His purposes, as necessary in my place as an Archangel in his.

~John Henry Newman

We should ever conduct ourselves towards our enemy as if he were one day to be our friend.

~John Henry Newman

You must make up your mind to the prospect of sustaining a certain measure of pain and trouble in you'r passage through life.

~John Henry Newman

Learn to do thy part and leave the rest to Heaven.

~John Henry Newman

How can we understand forgiveness if we haven't recognized the depth of our sin?

~John Henry Newman

There is a knowledge which is desirable, though nothing come of it, as being of itself a treasure, and a sufficient remuneration of years of labor.

~John Henry Newman

And with the morn those angel faces smile Which I have loved long since and lost awhile.

~John Henry Newman

Lead, kindly light, amid the encircling gloom, lead thou me on.

~John Henry Newman

Evil has no substance of its own, but is only the defect, excess, perversion, or corruption of that which has substance.

~John Henry Newman

Health of body and mind is a great blessing, if we can bear it.

~John Henry Newman

When men understand what each other mean, they see, for the most part, that controversy is either superfluous or hopeless

~John Henry Newman

Regarding Christianity: Ten thousand difficulties do not make one doubt.

~John Henry Newman

To be deep in history, is to cease to be Protestant.

~John Henry Newman

By a garden is meant mystically a place of spiritual repose, stillness, peace, refreshment, delight.

~John Henry Newman

God created you to do him some particular service. He has given some work to you that he has not given to another. You have your mission. You shall do good.

~John Henry Newman

Most people go not by argument, but by sympathies.

~John Henry Newman

Nothing is more common than for men to think that because they are familiar with words they understand the ideas they stand for.

~John Henry Newman

Calculation never made a hero.

~John Henry Newman

Praise to the Holiest in the height, And in the depth be praise; In all His words most wonderful, Most sure in all His ways.

~John Henry Newman

If we insist on being as sure as is conceivable... we must be content to creep along the ground, and never soar.

~John Henry Newman

I see nothing in the theory of evolution inconsistent with an Almighty Creator and Protector.

~John Henry Newman

It is almost a definition of a gentleman to say that he is one who never inflicts pain.

~John Henry Newman

The love of our private friends is the only preparatory exercise for the

love of all men.

~John Henry Newman

Courage does not consist in calculation, but in fighting against chances.

~John Henry Newman

Every breath of air and ray of light and heat, every beautiful prospect, is, as it were, the skirts of the (angel's) garments, the waving robes of those whose faces see God.

~John Henry Newman

Faith is illuminative, not operative; it does not force obedience, though it increases responsibility; it heightens guilt, but it does not prevent sin. The will is the source of action.

~John Henry Newman

Great things are done by devotion to one idea.

~John Henry Newman

Men will die upon dogma but will not fall victim to a conclusion.

~John Henry Newman

Lions would have fared better, had lions been the artists.

~John Henry Newman

Satan is inconsistent. He persuades a man not to go to a synagogue on a cold morning; yet when the man does go, he follows him into it.

~John Henry Newman

Faith ... acts promptly and boldly on the occasion, on slender evidence.

~John Henry Newman

Faith ventures and hazards . . . counting the costs and delighting in the

sacrifice.

~John Henry Newman

True religion is slow in growth, and, when once planted, is difficult of dislodgement; but its intellectual counterfeit has no root in itself: it springs up suddenly, it suddenly withers.

~John Henry Newman

A great memory does not make a mind, any more than a dictionary is a piece of literature.

~John Henry Newman

It is God himself who can be discovered in the beauty of sensible things.

~John Henry Newman

Let us take things as we find them: let us not attempt to distort them into what they are not... We cannot make facts. All our wishing cannot change them. We must use them.

~John Henry Newman

It is very difficult to get up resentment towards persons whom one has never seen.

~John Henry Newman

In this world no one rules by love; if you are but amiable, you are no hero; to be powerful, you must be strong, and to have dominion you must have a genius for organizing.

~John Henry Newman

Two and two only supreme and luminously self-evident beings, myself and my Creator.

~John Henry Newman

It's really not a difficult decision when you reflect on it, ... The situation is just so tenuous with where it's going to hit. You don't want to take any chances.

~John Henry Newman

O loving wisdom of our God when all was sin and shame, a second Adam to the fight and to the rescue came.

~John Henry Newman

The ears of the common people are holier than the hearts of the priests.

~John Henry Newman

We must make up our minds to be ignorant of much, if we would know anything.

~John Henry Newman

I shall drink to the Pope, if you please, still, to conscience first, and to the Pope afterwards.

~John Henry Newman

Egotism is true modesty. In religious enquiry each of us can speak only for himself.

~John Henry Newman

Flagrant evils cure themselves by being flagrant.

~John Henry Newman

I toast the Pope, but I toast conscience first.

~John Henry Newman

Good is never accomplished except at the cost of those who do it, truth never breaks through except through the sacrifice of those who spread it.

~John Henry Newman

Reason is one thing and faith is another and reason can as little be made a substitute for faith, as faith can be made a substitute for reason.

~John Henry Newman

With Christians, a poetical view of things is a duty. We are bid to color all things with hues of faith, to see a divine meaning in every event.

~John Henry Newman

Knowledge is one thing, virtue is another.

~John Henry Newman

It is mutual respect which makes friendship lasting.

~John Henry Newman

Reason is God's gift, but so are the passions. Reason is as guilty as passion.

~John Henry Newman

Literature stands related to Man as Science stands to Nature; it is his history.

~John Henry Newman

The world is content with setting right the surface of things.

~John Henry Newman

Thought and speech are inseparable from each other. Matter and expression are parts of one; style is a thinking out into language.

~John Henry Newman

Conscience is the aboriginal Vicar of Christ.

~John Henry Newman

Such is the constitution of the human mind, that any kind of knowledge, if it be really such, is its own reward.

~John Henry Newman

All men have a reason, but not all men can give a reason.

~John Henry Newman

A university educates the intellect to reason well in all matters, to reach out towards truth, and to grasp it.

~John Henry Newman

How many writers are there... who, breaking up their subject into details, destroy its life, and defraud us of the whole by their anxiety about the parts.

~John Henry Newman

I want a laity who know their creed so well, that they can give an account of it, who know so much of history that they can defend it.

~John Henry Newman

Go down again - I dwell among the people.

~John Henry Newman

To discover and to teach are distinct functions; they are also distinct gifts, and are not commonly found united in the same person.

~John Henry Newman

An academical system without the personal influence of teachers on pupils, is an arctic winter; it will create an icebound, petrified, cast-iron University, and nothing else.

~John Henry Newman

Where good and ill together blent, Wage an undying strife.

~John Henry Newman

Man is emphatically self-made.

~John Henry Newman

To the irreligious person heaven would be hell.

~John Henry Newman

Living Nature, not dull art Shall plan my ways and rule my Heart.

~John Henry Newman

Time hath a taming hand.

~John Henry Newman

Stuffing birds or playing stringed instruments is an elegant pastime, and a resource to the idle, but it is not education.

~John Henry Newman

There is in stillness oft a magic power To calm the breast when struggling passions lower, Touched by its influence, in the soul arise Diviner feelings, kindred with the skies.

~John Henry Newman

A great memory is never made synonymous with wisdom, any more than a dictionary would be called a treatise.

~John Henry Newman

Religion indeed enlightens, terrifies, subdues; it gives faith, it inflicts remorse, it inspires resolutions, it draws tears, it inflames devotion, but only for the occasion.

~John Henry Newman

There is such a thing as legitimate warfare: war has its laws; there are things which may fairly be done, and things which may not be done.

~John Henry Newman

I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears, Pride ruled my will:
remember not past years.

~John Henry Newman

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