

John Locke

Quotes

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People, War, Hands, Truth, Pain, Government, Reason, Inspirational,
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What worries you, masters you.

~John Locke

Our incomes are like our shoes; if too small, they gall and pinch us; but if too large, they cause us to stumble and to trip.

~John Locke

Who lies for you will lie against you.

~John Locke

The most precious of all possessions is power over ourselves.

~John Locke

Reading furnishes the mind only with materials of knowledge; it is thinking that makes what we read ours.

~John Locke

Wherever Law ends, Tyranny begins.

~John Locke

Education begins the gentleman, but reading, good company, and reflection must finish him.

~John Locke

There is frequently more to be learned from the unexpected questions of a child than the discourses of men.

~John Locke

The end of law is not to abolish or restrain, but to preserve and enlarge freedom. For in all the states of created beings capable of law, where there is no law, there is no freedom.

~John Locke

I have always thought the actions of men the best interpreters of their

thoughts.

~John Locke

Revolt is the right of the people

~John Locke

I have no reason to suppose that he, who would take away my Liberty, would not when he had me in his Power, take away everything else.

~John Locke

Parents wonder why the streams are bitter, when they themselves have poisoned the fountain.

~John Locke

All mankind... being all equal and independent, no one ought to harm another in his life, health, liberty or possessions.

~John Locke

New opinions are always suspected, and usually opposed, without any other reason but because they are not already common.

~John Locke

[Individuals] have a right to defend themselves and recover by force what by unlawful force is taken from them.

~John Locke

Who are we to tell anyone what they can or can't do?

~John Locke

The improvement of the understanding is for two ends; first, for our own increase of knowledge; secondly, to enable us to deliver and make out that knowledge to others.

~John Locke

All wealth is the product of labor.

~John Locke

Every man has a property in his own person. This nobody has a right to, but himself.

~John Locke

As people are walking all the time, in the same spot, a path appears.

~John Locke

The picture of a shadow is a positive thing.

~John Locke

But there is only one thing which gathers people into seditious commotion, and that is oppression

~John Locke

Don't let the things you don't have prevent you from using what you do have.

~John Locke

Liberty is to be free from restraint and violence from others

~John Locke

The only fence against the world is a thorough knowledge of it.

~John Locke

It is one thing to show a man that he is in an error, and another to put him in possession of the truth.

~John Locke

Where there is no law there is no freedom.

~John Locke

Don't tell me what I can't do!

~John Locke

The discipline of desire is the background of character.

~John Locke

No man's knowledge here can go beyond his experience.

~John Locke

Government has no other end, but the preservation of property.

~John Locke

Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed.

~John Locke

To love our neighbor as ourselves is such a truth for regulating human society, that by that alone one might determine all the cases in social morality.

~John Locke

Nothing is in the intellect that was not first in the senses.

~John Locke

How long have you been holding those words in your head, hoping to use them?

~John Locke

To love truth for truth's sake is the principal part of human perfection in this world, and the seed-plot of all other virtues.

~John Locke

The reservedness and distance that fathers keep, often deprive their sons of that refuge which would be of more advantage to them than an hundred rebukes or chidings.

~John Locke

Till a man can judge whether they be truths or not, his understanding is but little improved, and thus men of much reading, though greatly learned, but may be little knowing.

~John Locke

It is one thing to persuade, another to command; one thing to press with arguments, another with penalties.

~John Locke

He that will have his son have respect for him and his orders, must himself have a great reverence for his son.

~John Locke

When we know our own strength, we shall the better know what to undertake with hopes of success.

~John Locke

What if everything that happened here, happened for a reason?

~John Locke

There cannot be greater rudeness than to interrupt another in the current of his discourse.

~John Locke

The body of People may with Respect resist intolerable Tyranny.

~John Locke

Where there is no desire, there will be no industry.

~John Locke

The people cannot delegate to government the power to do anything which would be unlawful for them to do themselves.

~John Locke

With books we stand on the shoulders of giants.

~John Locke

That which is static and repetitive is boring. That which is dynamic and random is confusing. In between lies art.

~John Locke

The Church which taught men not to keep faith with heretics, had no claim to toleration.

~John Locke

Fortitude is the guard and support of the other virtues.

~John Locke

He that will make good use of any part of his life must allow a large part of it to recreation.

~John Locke

There are two sides, two players. One is light, the other is dark.

~John Locke

Success in fighting means not coming at your opponent the way he wants to fight you.

~John Locke

One unerring mark of the love of truth is not entertaining any proposition with greater assurance than the proofs it is built upon will warrant.

~John Locke

He that uses his words loosely and unsteadily will either not be minded or not understood.

~John Locke

Things of this world are in so constant a flux, that nothing remains long in the same state.

~John Locke

It is of great use to the sailor to know the length of his line, though he cannot with it fathom all the depths of the ocean.

~John Locke

Firmness or stiffness of the mind is not from adherence to truth, but submission to prejudice.

~John Locke

Reason must be our last judge and guide in everything.

~John Locke

Logic is the anatomy of thought.

~John Locke

The necessity of pursuing true happiness is the foundation of all liberty-Happiness, in its full extent, is the utmost pleasure we are capable of.

~John Locke

It is practice alone that brings the powers of the mind, as well as those of the body, to their perfection.

~John Locke

It is easier for a tutor to command than to teach.

~John Locke

The Bible is one of the greatest blessings bestowed by God on the children of men. It has God for its author; salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture for its matter. It is all pure.

~John Locke

The least and most imperceptible impressions received in our infancy have consequences very important and of long duration.

~John Locke

Fashion for the most part is nothing but the ostentation of riches.

~John Locke

The dread of evil is a much more forcible principle of human actions than the prospect of good.

~John Locke

What humanity abhors, custom reconciles and recommends to us.

~John Locke

The reason why men enter into society is the preservation of their property.

~John Locke

It is labour indeed that puts the difference on everything.

~John Locke

The visible mark of extraordinary wisdom and power appear so plainly in all the works of creation.

~John Locke

When ideas float in our mind, without any reflection or regard of the understanding, it is that which the French call reverie.

~John Locke

We should have a great fewer disputes in the world if words were taken for what they are, the signs of our ideas only, and not for things themselves.

~John Locke

If by gaining knowledge we destroy our health, we labour for a thing that will be useless in our hands.

~John Locke

An excellent man, like precious metal, is in every way invariable; A villain, like the beams of a balance, is always varying, upwards and downwards.

~John Locke

Curiosity in children is but an appetite for knowledge.

~John Locke

He that judges without informing himself to the utmost that he is capable, cannot acquit himself of judging amiss

~John Locke

To prejudge other men's notions before we have looked into them is not to show their darkness but to put out our own eyes.

~John Locke

Our deeds disguise us. People need endless time to try on their deeds, until each knows the proper deeds for him to do. But every day, every hour, rushes by. There is no time.

~John Locke

In my opinion, understanding who your target audience is, and what they want, and writing to them (and only them!) is the most important component of being successful as an author.

~John Locke

The great art to learn much is to undertake a little at a time.

~John Locke

Men's happiness or misery is [for the] most part of their own making.

~John Locke

Men in great fortunes are strangers to themselves, and while they are in the puzzle of business, they have no time to tend their health either of body or mind.

~John Locke

The greatest part of mankind ... are given up to labor, and enslaved to the necessity of their mean condition; whose lives are worn out only in the provisions for living.

~John Locke

All men are liable to error; and most men are, in many points, by passion or interest, under temptation to it.

~John Locke

In transgressing the law of nature, the offender declares himself to live by another rule than that of reason and common equity.

~John Locke

Affectation is an awkward and forced imitation of what should be genuine and easy, wanting the beauty that accompanies what is natural.

~John Locke

Understanding like the eye; whilst it makes us see and perceive all things, takes no notice of itself; and it requires art and pains to set it at a distance and make it its own subject.

~John Locke

Error is none the better for being common, nor truth the worse for having lain neglected.

~John Locke

As usurpation is the exercise of power which another has a right to, so tyranny is the exercise of power beyond right, which nobody can have a right to.

~John Locke

I esteem it above all things necessary to distinguish exactly the business of civil government from that of religion and to settle the just bounds that lie between the one and the other.

~John Locke

Since the great foundation of fear is pain, the way to harden and fortify children against fear and danger is to accustom them to suffer pain.

~John Locke

A sound mind in a sound body is a short but full description of a happy state in this world.

~John Locke

Anger is uneasiness or discomposure of the mind upon the receipt of any injury, with a present purpose of revenge

~John Locke

Where there is no property there is no injustice.

~John Locke

Where all is but dream, reasoning and arguments are of no use, truth and knowledge nothing.

~John Locke

The greatest part cannot know, and therefore they must believe.

~John Locke

Our Business here is not to know all things, but those which concern our conduct.

~John Locke

There is no such way to gain admittance, or give defence to strange and absurd Doctrines, as to guard them round about with Legions of obscure, doubtful, and undefin'd Words.

~John Locke

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