

John Ruskin

Quotes

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Nature is painting for us, day after day, pictures of infinite beauty.

~John Ruskin

Quality is never an accident. It is always the result of intelligent effort.

~John Ruskin

Sunshine is delicious, rain is refreshing, wind braces us up, snow is exhilarating; there is really no such thing as bad weather, only different kinds of good weather.

~John Ruskin

There is hardly anything in the world that some man cannot make a little worse and sell a little cheaper, and the people who consider price only are this man's lawful prey.

~John Ruskin

Remember that the most beautiful things in the world are the most useless; peacocks and lilies for instance.

~John Ruskin

What we think or what we know or what we believe is in the end of little consequence. The only thing of consequence is what we do

~John Ruskin

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~John Ruskin

When love and skill work together, expect a masterpiece.

~John Ruskin

Blue color is everlastingly appointed by the deity to be a source of delight.

~John Ruskin

Give a little love to a child, and you get a great deal back.

~John Ruskin

The highest reward for a person's toil is not what they get for it, but what they become by it.

~John Ruskin

Dream lofty dreams, and as you dream, so shall you become.

~John Ruskin

They are good furniture pictures, unworthy of praise, and undeserving of blame.

~John Ruskin

When a man is wrapped up in himself, he makes a pretty small package.

~John Ruskin

There is a working class - strong and happy - among both rich and poor: there is an idle class - weak, wicked, and miserable - among both rich and poor.

~John Ruskin

Every increased possession loads us with a new weariness.

~John Ruskin

The step between practical and theoretic science, is the step between the miner and the geologist, the apocathecary and the chemist.

~John Ruskin

It does not matter what the whip is; it is none the less a whip, because you have cut thongs for it out of your own souls.

~John Ruskin

Modern travelling is not travelling at all; it is merely being sent to a place, and very little different from becoming a parcel.

~John Ruskin

The greatest thing a human soul ever does in this world... to see clearly is poetry, prophecy and religion all in one.

~John Ruskin

Conceit may puff a man up, but never prop him up.

~John Ruskin

Let every dawn be to you as the beginning of life, and every setting sun be to you as its close.

~John Ruskin

There is material enough in a single flower for the ornament of a score of cathedrals.

~John Ruskin

There is no solemnity so deep, to a right-thinking creature, as that of dawn.

~John Ruskin

In general, pride is at the bottom of all great mistakes.

~John Ruskin

A little thought and a little kindness are often worth more than a great deal of money.

~John Ruskin

Fine art is that in which the hand, the head, and the heart of man go together.

~John Ruskin

Mountains are the beginning and the end of all natural scenery.

~John Ruskin

I believe the first test of a truly great man is in his humility.

~John Ruskin

I will not kill or hurt any living creature needlessly, nor destroy any beautiful thing, but will strive to save and comfort all gentle life, and guard and perfect all natural beauty upon the earth.

~John Ruskin

The purest and most thoughtful minds are those which love colour the most.

~John Ruskin

To be able to ask a question clearly is two-thirds of the way to getting it answered.

~John Ruskin

Kind hearts are the garden, kind thoughts are the roots, kind words are the blossoms, kind deeds are the fruit.

~John Ruskin

We require from buildings two kinds of goodness: first, the doing their practical duty well: then that they be graceful and pleasing in doing it.

~John Ruskin

No individual rain drop ever considers itself responsible for the flood.

~John Ruskin

Do not think of your faults, still less of other's faults; look for what is good and strong, and try to imitate it. Your faults will drop off, like dead leaves, when their time comes.

~John Ruskin

People are eternally divided into two classes, the believer, builder, and praiser...and the unbeliever, destroyer and critic.

~John Ruskin

The actual flower is the plant's highest fulfilment, and are not here exclusively for herbaria, county floras and plant geography: they are here first of all for delight.

~John Ruskin

You might sooner get lightning out of incense smoke than true action or passion out of your modern English religion.

~John Ruskin

When we build, let us think that we build forever.

~John Ruskin

No girl who is well bred, 'kind, and modest, is ever offensively plain; all real deformity means want of manners, or of heart.

~John Ruskin

One can't be angry when one looks at a penguin.

~John Ruskin

To banish imperfection is to destroy expression, to check exertion, to paralyze vitality.

~John Ruskin

All violent feelings have the same effect. They produce in us a falseness in all our impressions of external things, which I would generally characterize as the pathetic fallacy.

~John Ruskin

The Bible is the one Book to which any thoughtful man may go with any honest question of life or destiny and find the answer of God by honest

searching.

~John Ruskin

When you pay too much, you lose a little money - that is all. When you pay too little, you sometimes lose everything, because the thing you bought is incapable of doing the thing it was bought to do.

~John Ruskin

Shadows are in reality, when the sun is shining, the most conspicuous thing in a landscape, next to the highest lights.

~John Ruskin

It's unwise to pay too much, but it's worse to pay too little.

~John Ruskin

No architecture is so haughty as that which is simple.

~John Ruskin

There is no wealth but life.

~John Ruskin

If you want knowledge, you must toil for it; if food, you must toil for it; and if pleasure, you must toil for it: toil is the law.

~John Ruskin

Imperfection is in some sort essential to all that we know in life.

~John Ruskin

Endurance is nobler than strength, and patience than beauty.

~John Ruskin

Life being very short, and the quiet hours of it few, we ought to waste none of them in reading valueless books.

~John Ruskin

You may either win your peace or buy it: win it, by resistance to evil; buy it, by compromise with evil.

~John Ruskin

Men cannot not live by exchanging articles, but producing them. They live by work not trade.

~John Ruskin

The first condition of education is being able to put someone to wholesome and meaningful work.

~John Ruskin

The essence of lying is in deception, not in words.

~John Ruskin

God will put up with a great many things in the human heart, but there is one thing that He will not put up with in it--a second place. He who offers God a second place, offers Him no place.

~John Ruskin

A man is born an artist as a hippopotamus is born a hippopotamus; and you can no more make yourself one than you can make yourself a giraffe.

~John Ruskin

I cannot but think it an evil sign of a people when their houses are built to last for one generation only.

~John Ruskin

Nearly all the evils in the Church have arisen from bishops desiring power more than light. They want authority, not outlook.

~John Ruskin

The work of science is to substitute facts for appearances, and

demonstrations for impressions.

~John Ruskin

If a great thing can be done, it can be done easily, but this ease is like the of ease of a tree blossoming after long years of gathering strength.

~John Ruskin

Music when healthy, is the teacher of perfect order, and when depraved, the teacher of perfect disorder.

~John Ruskin

Cookery meansâ€¦English thoroughness, French art, and Arabian hospitality; it means the knowledge of all fruits and herbs and balms and spices; it means carefulness, inventiveness, and watchfulness.

~John Ruskin

God gives us always strength enough, and sense enough, for what He wants us to do; if we either tire ourselves or puzzle ourselves, it is our own fault.

~John Ruskin

To make your children capable of honesty is the beginning of education.

~John Ruskin

It is better to lose your pride with someone you love rather than to lose that someone you love with your useless pride.

~John Ruskin

Sculpture is not the mere cutting of the form of anything in stone; it is the cutting of the effect of it. Very often the true form, in the marble, would not be in the least like itself.

~John Ruskin

The path of a good woman is indeed strewn with flowers; but they rise behind her steps, not before them.

~John Ruskin

The question is not what man can scorn, or disparage, or find fault with, but what he can love, and value, and appreciate.

~John Ruskin

A thing is worth what it can do for you, not what you choose to pay for it.

~John Ruskin

The higher a man stands, the more the word vulgar becomes unintelligible to him.

~John Ruskin

We were not sent into this world to do anything into which we cannot put our hearts.

~John Ruskin

Flowers seem intended for the solace of ordinary humanity.

~John Ruskin

Compulsory education... It is a painful, continual, and difficult work; to be done by kindness, by watching, by warning, by precept, and by praise, "but above all" by example.

~John Ruskin

All great and beautiful work has come of first gazing without shrinking into the darkness.

~John Ruskin

You can only possess beauty through understanding it.

~John Ruskin

Man's only true happiness is to live in hope of something to be won by him.

~John Ruskin

There is no harm in anybody thinking that Christ is in bread. The harm is in the expectation of His presence in gunpowder.

~John Ruskin

The best thing in life aren't things.

~John Ruskin

Whereas it has long been known and declared that the poor have no right to the property of the rich, I wish it also to be known and declared that the rich have no right to the property of the poor.

~John Ruskin

No human being, however great, or powerful, was ever so free as a fish.

~John Ruskin

All things are literally better, lovelier, and more beloved for the imperfections which have been divinely appointed, that the law of human life may be effort, and the law of human judgment, mercy.

~John Ruskin

Of all God's gifts to the sighted man, color is holiest, the most divine, the most solemn.

~John Ruskin

There are no such things as Flowers there are only gladdened Leaves.

~John Ruskin

He who offers God a second place offers Him no place.

~John Ruskin

He who can take no interest in what is small will take false interest in what is great.

~John Ruskin

Living without an aim, is like sailing without a compass.

~John Ruskin

Man's only true happiness is to live in hope of something to be won by him. Reverence something to be worshipped by him, and love something to be cherished by him, forever.

~John Ruskin

Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you.

~John Ruskin

It is not how much one makes but to what purpose one spends.

~John Ruskin

Let us reform our schools, and we shall find little reform needed in our prisons.

~John Ruskin

Art is not a study of positive reality, it is the seeking for ideal truth.

~John Ruskin

In order that people may be happy in their work, these three things are needed: They must be fit for it. They must not do too much of it. And they must have a sense of success in it.

~John Ruskin

The strength and power of a country depends absolutely on the quantity of good men and women in it.

~John Ruskin

The measure of any great civilization is its cities and a measure of a city's greatness is to be found in the quality of its public spaces, its parks and squares.

~John Ruskin

Modern education has devoted itself to the teaching of impudence, and then we complain that we can no longer control our mobs.

~John Ruskin

Obey something, and you will have a chance to learn what is best to obey. But if you begin by obeying nothing, you will end by obeying the devil and all his invited friends.

~John Ruskin

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