

John Sterling Quotes

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Instinct is intelligence incapable of self-consciousness.

~John Sterling

Pain has its own noble joy, when it starts a strong consciousness of life, from a stagnant one.

~John Sterling

Colors answer feeling in man; shapes answer thought; and motion answers will.

~John Sterling

One dupe is as impossible as one twin.

~John Sterling

The worst education which teaches self-denial, is better than the best which teaches everything else, and not that.

~John Sterling

Enthusiasm is grave, inward, self-controlled; mere excitement, outward, fantastic, hysterical, and passing in a moment from tears to laughter.

~John Sterling

Emotion turning back on itself, and not leading on to thought or action, is the element of madness.

~John Sterling

Faith in a better than that which appears is no less required by art than by religion.

~John Sterling

A man without earnestness is a mournful and perplexing spectacle. But it is a consolation to believe, as we must of such a one, that he is the most effectual and compulsive of all schools.

~John Sterling

Man is a substance clad in shadows.

~John Sterling

Repentance clothes in grass and flowers the grave in which the past is laid.

~John Sterling

Of all the tyrants the world affords, our own affections are the fiercest lords.

~John Sterling

Modern education too often covers the fingers with rings, and at the same time cuts the sinews at the wrist.

~John Sterling

You just cant predict baseball

~John Sterling

Compliments are only lies in court clothes.

~John Sterling

Knowledge, or more expressively truth,--for knowledge is truth received into our intelligence,--truth is an ideal whole.

~John Sterling

Every man's follies are the caricature resemblances of his wisdom.

~John Sterling

Be busy in trading, receiving, and giving, for life is too good to be wasted in living.

~John Sterling

There is no lie that a man will not believe; and there is no man who does not believe many lies; and there is no man who believes only lies.

~John Sterling

Speech is as a pump, by which we raise and pour out the water from the great lake of Thought,--whither it flows back again.

~John Sterling

The ideal client is the very wealthy man in very great trouble.

~John Sterling

Commerce has made all winds her mistress.

~John Sterling

Poetry is in itself strength and joy, whether it be crowned by all mankind, or left alone in its own magic hermitage.

~John Sterling

Superstition moulds nature into an arbitrary semblance of the supernatural, and then bows down to the work of its own hands.

~John Sterling

I could honor Carmen Electra. I think she's beautiful.

~John Sterling

Toil, feel, think, hope; you will be sure to dream enough before you die, without arranging for it.

~John Sterling

An unproductive truth is none. But there are products which cannot be weighed even in patent scales, nor brought to market.

~John Sterling

Language. By this we build pyramids, fight battles, ordain and administer laws, shape and teach religion, and knit man to man, cultivate each other, and ourselves.

~John Sterling

Every fancy that we would substitute for a reality is, if we saw aright, and saw the whole, not only false, but every way less beautiful and excellent than that which we sacrifice to it.

~John Sterling

Like earth, awake, and warm, and bright
With joy the spirit moves and burns;
So up to thee! O Fount of Light!
Our light returns.

~John Sterling

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