

# John William Draper

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Children, Errors, Time, Religion, Race, Life, Sight, Thieves, Discovery, Hands,  
Progress*

Four years after the death of Justinian, A.D. 569, was born at Mecca, in Arabia the man who, of all men exercised the greatest influence upon the human race . . . Mohammed . . .

~John William Draper

Every movement in the skies or upon the earth proclaims to us that the universe is under government.

~John William Draper

Science has never sought to ally herself with civil power. She has never subjected anyone to mental torment, physical torment, least of all death, for the purpose of promoting her ideas.

~John William Draper

Over events, we may have some control, but over the law of life's progress none.

~John William Draper

The scientific study of Nature tends not only to correct and ennoble the intellectual conceptions of man; it serves also to ameliorate his physical condition.

~John William Draper

Time, to the nation as to the individual, is nothing absolute; its duration depends on the rate of thought and feeling.

~John William Draper

How is it that the Church produced no geometer in her autocratic reign of twelve hundred years?

~John William Draper

So great was the preference given to sacred over profane learning that Christianity had been in existence fifteen hundred years, and had not produced a single astronomer.

~John William Draper

Is it not true that for every person the course of life is along the line of least resistance, and that in this the movement of humanity is like the movement of material bodies?

~John William Draper

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