

Joseph Glanvill

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There is nothing in words and styles out suitableness that makes them acceptable and effective.

~Joseph Glanvill

Some pretences daunt and discourage us, while others raise us to a brisk assurance.

~Joseph Glanvill

It may not be impossible, but that our Faculties may be so construed, as always to deceive us in the things we judge most certain and assured.

~Joseph Glanvill

That though we are certain of many things, yet that Certainty is no absolute Infallibility, there still remains the possibility of our being mistaken in all matters of humane Belief and Inquiry.

~Joseph Glanvill

And for mathematical science, he that doubts their certainty hath need of a dose of hellebore.

~Joseph Glanvill

It is the great beauty of true religion that it shall be universal, and a departure in any instance from universality is a corruption of religion itself.

~Joseph Glanvill

Man doth not yield him to the angels, nor unto death utterly, save only through the weakness of his feeble will.

~Joseph Glanvill

The precipitancy of disputation, and the stir and noise of passions that usually attend it, must needs be prejudicial to verity.

~Joseph Glanvill

The woman in us still prosecutes a deceit like that begun in the garden.

~Joseph Glanvill

What's impossible to all humanity may be possible to the metaphysics and physiology of angels.

~Joseph Glanvill

They that never peeped beyond the common belief in which their easy understandings were at first indoctrinated are strongly assured of the truth of their receptions.

~Joseph Glanvill

The sages of old live again in us, and in opinions there is a metempsychosis.

~Joseph Glanvill

Time, as a river, hath brought down to us what is more light and superficial, while things more solid and substantial have been immersed.

~Joseph Glanvill

The understanding also hath its idiosyncrasies as well as other faculties.

~Joseph Glanvill

How the purer spirit is united to his clod, is a knot too hard for fallen humanity to untie.

~Joseph Glanvill

The belief of our Reason is an Exercise of Faith, and Faith is an Act of Reason.

~Joseph Glanvill

Justice is but the distributing to everything according to the

requirements of its nature.

~Joseph Glanvill

To converse at the distance of the Indies by means of sympathetic contrivances may be as natural to future times as to us is a literary correspondence.

~Joseph Glanvill

We have a mistaken notion of antiquity, calling that so which in truth is the world's nonage.

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