

Juvenal Quotes

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Bears, Depraved, People, Pleasure, Guilty, Wisdom, Evil, Faces, Reason,
Revenge*

The dowry, not the wife, is the object of attraction.

~Juvenal

Rare is the union of beauty and purity.

~Juvenal

Give them bread and circuses and they will never revolt

~Juvenal

A lucky man is rarer than a white crow.

~Juvenal

The arrows are from her dowry.

~Juvenal

The brief span of our poor unhappy life to its final hour Is hastening on; and while we drink and call for gay wreaths, Perfumes, and young girls, old age creeps upon us, unperceived.

~Juvenal

The abject pleasure of an abject mind And hence so dear to poor weak woman kind. [Lat., Vindicta Nemo magis gaudet, quam femina.]

~Juvenal

Pray for a healthy mind in a healthy body.

~Juvenal

All wish to possess knowledge, but few, comparatively speaking, are willing to pay the price.

~Juvenal

Quis custodiet ipsos custodiet? (Who will watch the watchers?)

~Juvenal

It is not easy for men to rise whose qualities are thwarted by poverty.

~Juvenal

Luck often raises vulgarity to a high position, to create mirth for the beholders.

~Juvenal

Never does nature say one thing and wisdom another.

~Juvenal

When talent fails, indignation writes the verse.

~Juvenal

The people that once bestowed commands, consulships, legions, and all else, now concerns itself no more, and longs eagerly for just two things: bread and circuses!

~Juvenal

Two things only the people actually desire: bread and circuses.

~Juvenal

Many individuals have, like uncut diamonds, shining qualities beneath a rough exterior.

~Juvenal

But who guards the guardians?

~Juvenal

To lay down one's life for the truth.

~Juvenal

Refrain from doing ill; for one all powerful reason, lest our children should copy our misdeeds; we are all too prone to imitate whatever is base and depraved.

~Juvenal

Many commit the same crime with a very different result. One bears a cross for his crime; another a crown.

~Juvenal

Today there's more fellowship among snakes than among mankind. Wild beasts spare those with similar markings.

~Juvenal

The skilful class of flatterers praise the discourse of an ignorant friend and the face of a deformed one.

~Juvenal

Yes, know thyself: in great concerns or small, be this thy care, for this, my friend, is all.

~Juvenal

No god is absent where prudence dwells.

~Juvenal

But grant the wrath of Heaven be great, 'tis slow. [Lat., Ut sit magna tamen certe lenta ira deorum est.]

~Juvenal

Who watches the watchmen?

~Juvenal

This is his first punishment, that by the verdict of his own heart no guilty man is acquitted.

~Juvenal

No wicked man knows happiness, and least of all the seducer of others.

~Juvenal

The grape gains its purple tinge by looking at another grape. [Lat.,
Uvaeque conspecta livorem ducit ab uva.]

~Juvenal

Remote though your farm may be, It's something to be the lord of one
green lizard-and free.

~Juvenal

There's a lust in man, no charm can tame, of loudly publishing our
neighbor's shame.

~Juvenal

Nothing is so intolerable as a woman with a long purse.

~Juvenal

Rare indulgence produces greater pleasure.

~Juvenal

There is nothing worse than words of kindness that lie.

~Juvenal

She knows no difference 'twixt head and privities who devours
immense oysters at midnight.

~Juvenal

A third heir seldom enjoys what has been dishonestly acquired.

~Juvenal

Be gentle with the young.

~Juvenal

A sound mind in a sound body is a thing to be prayed for.

~Juvenal

Nobody ever became depraved all at once. [Lat., Nemo repente fuit turpissimus.]

~Juvenal

Like warmed-up cabbage served at each repast, The repetition kills the wretch at last.

~Juvenal

Revenge is sweeter than life itself. So think fools.

~Juvenal

No one every suddenly became depraved.

~Juvenal

Nature and wisdom always say the same.

~Juvenal

The thirst after fame is greater than that after virtue; for who embraces virtue if you take away its rewards?

~Juvenal

No one ever became extremely wicked suddenly.

~Juvenal

Of the woes Of unhappy poverty, none is more difficult to bear Than that it heaps men with ridicule.

~Juvenal

The love of money grows as the money itself grows.

~Juvenal

It is sheer madness to live in want in order to be wealthy when you die.

~Juvenal

Revenge, we find, the abject pleasure of an abject mind.

~Juvenal

The traveller with empty pockets will sing in the thief 's face.

~Juvenal

For He, who gave this vast machine to roll, Breathed Life in then, in us a Reasoning Soul; That kindred feelings might our state improve, And mutual wants conduct to mutual love.

~Juvenal

A rare bird on this earth, like nothing so much as a black swan.

~Juvenal

We are too quick to imitate depraved examples.

~Juvenal

Be, as many now are, luxurious to yourself, parsimonious to your friends. [Lat., Esto, ut nunc multi, dives tibi pauper amicis.]

~Juvenal

Seldom do people discern eloquence under a threadbare cloak

~Juvenal

The venal herd. [Lat., Venale pecus.]

~Juvenal

Peace visits not the guilty mind.

~Juvenal

Quis custodiet ipsos custodes? - Who will watch the watchers?

~Juvenal

The only gain from the friendship of the great is a fine dinner.

~Juvenal

When did reason ever direct our desires or our fears?

~Juvenal

Here we all live in a state of ambitious poverty.

~Juvenal

Satire is what closes Saturday night.

~Juvenal

Luxury is more deadly than any foe.

~Juvenal

There is never a lawsuit but a woman is at the bottom of it.

~Juvenal

Revenge is always the weak pleasure of a little and narrow mind.

~Juvenal

Our prayers should be for a sound mind in a healthy body. [Lat.,
Orandum est ut sit mens sana in corpore sano.]

~Juvenal

Some men make money not for the sake of living, but ache in the
blindness of greed and live just for their fortune's sake.

~Juvenal

Dat veniam corvis, vexat censura columbas. - Censure acquits the
raven, but pursues the dove.

~Juvenal

It is difficult not to write satire.

~Juvenal

Conscience, the executioner, shaking her secret scourge.

~Juvenal

When a man's life is at stake no delay is too long. [Lat., Nulla unquam de morte cunctatio longa est.]

~Juvenal

No other protection is wanting, provided you are under the guidance of prudence.

~Juvenal

No one rejoices more in revenge than woman.

~Juvenal

There is nothing which power cannot believe of itself, when it is praised as equal to the gods.

~Juvenal

Wisdom is the winner over good luck.

~Juvenal

Even savage animals can agree among themselves.

~Juvenal

Fond man! though all the heroes of your line
Bedeck your halls, and round your galleries shine
In proud display; yet take this truth from me--
Virtue alone is true nobility!

~Juvenal

To eat at another's table is your ambition's height. [Lat., Bona summa putes, aliena vivere quadra.]

~Juvenal

I only feel, but want the power to paint.

~Juvenal

I will have this done, so I order it done; let my will replace reasoned judgement.

~Juvenal

For whoever meditates a crime is guilty of the deed.

~Juvenal

Every crime will bring remorse to the man who committed it

~Juvenal

I will it, I order it, let my will stand for a reason.

~Juvenal

Man, wretched man, whene'er he stoops to sin, Feels, with the act, a strong remorse within.

~Juvenal

He who wishes to become rich wishes to become so immediately.

~Juvenal

Only death reveals what a nothing the body of man is.

~Juvenal

Fortune can, for her pleasure, fools advance, And toss them on the wheels of Chance.

~Juvenal

A hairy body, and arms stiff with bristles, give promise of a manly soul.

~Juvenal

We do not commonly find men of superior sense amongst those of the

highest fortune.

~Juvenal

What is more cruel than a tyrant's ear?

~Juvenal

In the present state of the world it is difficult not to write lampoons.

~Juvenal

We deem those happy who, from the experience of life, have learned to bear its ills, without being overcome by them.

~Juvenal

From the disease of one the whole flock perishes.

~Juvenal

From where can your authority and license as a parent come from, when you who are old, do worse things?

~Juvenal

Rarely do we meet in one combined, a beautiful body and a virtuous mind.

~Juvenal

A man who has nothing can whistle in a robber's face.

~Juvenal

Everything is Greek, when it is more shameful to be ignorant of Latin.

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Many commit the same crimes with a very different result. One bears a cross for his crime; another a crown.

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Rarely they rise by virtue's aid who lie plunged in the depth of helpless poverty.

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