

# King James I Quotes

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The state of monarchy is the supremest thing upon earth: for kings are not only God's Lieutenants upon earth, and sit upon God's throne, but even by God himself they are called Gods.

~King James I

I will govern according to the common weal, but not according to the common will.

~King James I

I can make a lord, but only God can make a gentleman.

~King James I

When a man makes up his mind to thrash another, he must also make up his mind to be a little thrashed himself.

~King James I

To make women learned and foxes tame has the same effect - to make them more cunning.

~King James I

Smoking is hateful to the nose, harmful to the brain, and dangerous to the lungs.

~King James I

If I were not a king, I would be a university man; and if it were so that I must be a prisoner, if I might have my wish, I would desire to have no other prison than that library [the Bodleian].

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On tobacco: A branch of the sin of drunkenness, which is the root of all sins.

~King James I

Herein is not only a great vanity, but a great contempt of God's good gifts, that the sweetness of man's breath, being a good gift of God, should be willfully corrupted by this stinking smoke.

~King James I

It is atheism and blasphemy to dispute what God can do: good Christians content themselves with His will revealed in His Word.

~King James I

It is one of God's blessings that we cannot foreknow the hour of our death; for a time fixed, even beyond the possibility of living, would trouble us more than doth this uncertainty.

~King James I

That which we call wit consists much in quickness and tricks, and is so full of lightness that it seldom goes with judgment and solidity; but when they do meet, it is commonly in an honest man.

~King James I

The wisest fool in Christendom.

~King James I

Dr Donne's verses are like the peace of God; they pass all understanding.

~King James I

God gives not kings the stile of Gods in vaine, For on his throne his sceptre do they sway; And as their subjects ought them to obey, So kings should feare and serve their God againe.

~King James I

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