

Marilyn vos Savant Quotes

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To acquire knowledge, one must study; but to acquire wisdom, one must observe.

~Marilyn vos Savant

Success is achieved by developing our strengths, not by eliminating our weaknesses.

~Marilyn vos Savant

Know how and how much to tip people who expect gratuities, even in the case of poor service.

~Marilyn vos Savant

Being defeated is often a temporary condition. Giving up is what makes it permanent.

~Marilyn vos Savant

Working in an office with an array of electronic devices is like trying to get something done at home with half a dozen small children around. The calls for attention are constant.

~Marilyn vos Savant

Be able to hiccup silently, or at least without alerting neighbors to your situation. The first hiccup is an exception.

~Marilyn vos Savant

Be able to analyze statistics, which can be used to support or undercut almost any argument.

~Marilyn vos Savant

Know the official post office abbreviations for all 50 states without having to consult a list.

~Marilyn vos Savant

Skill is successfully walking a tightrope between the twin towers of New

York's World Trade Center. Intelligence is not trying.

~Marilyn vos Savant

There's plenty of intelligence in the world, but the courage to do things differently is in short supply.

~Marilyn vos Savant

Attention-deficit disorders seem to abound in modern society, and we don't know the cause.

~Marilyn vos Savant

Although spoken English doesn't obey the rules of written language, a person who doesn't know the rules thoroughly is at a great disadvantage.

~Marilyn vos Savant

Many people feel they must multi-task because everybody else is multitasking, but this is partly because they are all interrupting each other so much.

~Marilyn vos Savant

Be able to defend your arguments in a rational way. Otherwise, all you have is an opinion.

~Marilyn vos Savant

The length of your education is less important than its breadth, and the length of your life is less important than its depth.

~Marilyn vos Savant

If your head tells you one thing, and your heart tells you another, before you do anything, you should first decide whether you have a better head or a better heart.

~Marilyn vos Savant

Be able to suffer wearing a necktie or slightly high heels for an entire evening without complaint or early removal.

~Marilyn vos Savant

Be in the habit of getting up bright and early on the weekends. Why waste such precious time in bed?

~Marilyn vos Savant

Know why certain foods, such as truffles, are expensive. It's not because they taste best.

~Marilyn vos Savant

Be able to correctly pronounce the words you would like to speak and have excellent spoken grammar.

~Marilyn vos Savant

What women want is what men want. They want respect.

~Marilyn vos Savant

A good idea will keep you awake during the morning, but a great idea will keep you awake during the night.

~Marilyn vos Savant

Know what to do if you feel faint or dizzy, especially if you might fall and hit your head.

~Marilyn vos Savant

The lower our self-esteem, the more we're attracted to our opposite, and the higher our self-esteem, the more we are attracted to another like ourselves.

~Marilyn vos Savant

You can't be wise without being intelligent, but you certainly can be intelligent without being wise.

~Marilyn vos Savant

Know where to find the sunrise and sunset times and note how the sky looks at those times, at least once.

~Marilyn vos Savant

Feeling is what you get for thinking the way you do.

~Marilyn vos Savant

Multi-tasking arises out of distraction itself.

~Marilyn vos Savant

Be able to cite three good qualities of every relative or acquaintance that you dislike.

~Marilyn vos Savant

Revenge feels right only to those directly involved. Justice feels right even to outsiders.

~Marilyn vos Savant

The squeaky wheel may get the most oil, but it's also the first to be replaced.

~Marilyn vos Savant

Be able to sneeze without sounding ridiculous. That means neither stifling yourself or spraying your immediate vicinity.

~Marilyn vos Savant

Be able to blow out a dinner candle without sending wax flying across the table.

~Marilyn vos Savant

What is the essence of America? The essence of America is finding and maintaining that perfect, delicate balance between freedom "to"

and freedom "from."

~Marilyn vos Savant

Know how to travel from your town to a nearby town without a car, either by bus or by rail.

~Marilyn vos Savant

Email, instant messaging, and cell phones give us fabulous communication ability, but because we live and work in our own little worlds, that communication is totally disorganized.

~Marilyn vos Savant

Teens think listening to music helps them concentrate. It doesn't. It relieves them of the boredom that concentration on homework induces.

~Marilyn vos Savant

The difference between talking on your cell phone while driving and speaking with a passenger is huge. The person on the other end of the cell phone is chattering away, oblivious.

~Marilyn vos Savant

Avoid using cigarettes, alcohol, and drugs as alternatives to being an interesting person.

~Marilyn vos Savant

Have enough sense to know, ahead of time, when your skills will not extend to wallpapering.

~Marilyn vos Savant

I believe a 'talented' person is one who has learned how to effectively cultivate and polish any of the many desirable capabilities with which most of us are born but few of us nurture.

~Marilyn vos Savant

Just because you're unemployed doesn't mean you're not doing anything useful. You are, for example, at least keeping your mother-in-law's wit sharp.

~Marilyn vos Savant

Success may be the ability to be happy with whatever we're stuck with.

~Marilyn vos Savant

Know which officials are voted into office and which are appointed, and by whom.

~Marilyn vos Savant

If you never heard opportunity knock, maybe you're never at home.

~Marilyn vos Savant

An act of justice closes the book on a misdeed; an act of vengeance writes one of its own

~Marilyn vos Savant

One of the few articles of clothing that a man won't try to remove from a woman is an apron.

~Marilyn vos Savant

Know how to drive safely when it's raining or when it's snowing. The two conditions are different.

~Marilyn vos Savant

You're who you think you are, even if you never admit it to yourself or to anyone else. You may be in the worst position to judge, but you're in the best position to know.

~Marilyn vos Savant

I believe that love--not imitation--is the sincerest form of flattery. Your imitator thinks that you can be duplicated; your lover knows you can't.

~Marilyn vos Savant

Ultimately, our future is like a mirror. Whenever we face it, it always reflects what we left behind.

~Marilyn vos Savant

Have you ever noticed that when you must struggle to hear something, you close your eyes?

~Marilyn vos Savant

When you're in a good mood, bring up the past. When you're in a bad mood, stick to the present. And when you're not feeling emotional at all, it's time to talk about the future.

~Marilyn vos Savant

A fool is someone whose pencil wears out before its eraser does.

~Marilyn vos Savant

Be able to decline a date so gracefully that the person isn't embarrassed that he or she asked.

~Marilyn vos Savant

[When asked if the voice is an instrument:] Yes, of course. Some are violins, some are fountain pens and some are stethoscopes. And others are just washboards.

~Marilyn vos Savant

At first, I only laughed at myself. Then I noticed that life itself is amusing. I've been in a generally good mood ever since.

~Marilyn vos Savant

Be able to recognize many of the major constellations and know the stories behind them

~Marilyn vos Savant

I'd rather be rejected than used because they both amount to the same thing in the end, but being used takes a lot longer.

~Marilyn vos Savant

Evolution has long been the target of illogical arguments that use presumption.

~Marilyn vos Savant

Try square dancing-at least long enough to no longer feel silly and begin to have fun.

~Marilyn vos Savant

A friend is someone who stays by your side all through the troubles he's caused you.

~Marilyn vos Savant

Know how weather, especially humidity, can affect the movement of doors and windows.

~Marilyn vos Savant

Be able to recognize the dangerous snakes, spiders, insects, and plants that live in your area of the country.

~Marilyn vos Savant

Be able to draw an illustration as least well enough to get your point across to another person.

~Marilyn vos Savant

Know the difference between principles based on right or wrong vs. principles based on personal gain, and consider the basis of your own principles.

~Marilyn vos Savant

Be able to describe anything visual, such as a street scene, in words

that convey your meaning.

~Marilyn vos Savant

...there are days when I feel I can do anything and days when I feel I can do nothing. But fortunately for those around me, neither sort occurs very often.

~Marilyn vos Savant

Experts say you can't concentrate on more than one task at a time.

~Marilyn vos Savant

Be sure to expose yourself to criticism: A fine polish requires an abrasive.

~Marilyn vos Savant

Relatively few of us will find the time-or take it-to live an ever enlarging life.

~Marilyn vos Savant

Know the function of a fuse box and the appearance of a tripped circuit breaker.

~Marilyn vos Savant

Know how to garnish food so that it is more appealing to the eye and even more flavorful than before.

~Marilyn vos Savant

While you're writing, you can't concentrate nearly as well on what the speaker is saying.

~Marilyn vos Savant

When our spelling is perfect, it's invisible. But when it's flawed, it prompts strong negative associations.

~Marilyn vos Savant

Know how to effectively voice a complaint or make a claim at a retail store.

~Marilyn vos Savant

I think change is possible, but only for individuals who were never truly gay in the first place and who have a strong personal motivation to recover their heterosexuality.

~Marilyn vos Savant

Be able to keep a secret or promise when you know in your heart that it is the right thing to do.

~Marilyn vos Savant

If achieving your potential requires favorable judgment by others, you are much less likely to succeed.

~Marilyn vos Savant

Be able to read blueprints, diagrams, floorplans, and other diagrams used in the construction process.

~Marilyn vos Savant

The chess player who develops the ability to play two dozen boards at a time will benefit from learning to compress his or her analysis into less time.

~Marilyn vos Savant

Be able to meet any deadline, even if your work is done less well than it would be if you had all the time you would have preferred.

~Marilyn vos Savant

Be able to live alone, even if you don't want to and think you will never find it necessary.

~Marilyn vos Savant

Be able to notice all the confusion between fact and opinion that appears in the news

~Marilyn vos Savant

People who work crossword puzzles know that if they stop making progress, they should put the puzzle down for a while.

~Marilyn vos Savant

Be able to go shopping for a bathing suit and not become depressed afterward.

~Marilyn vos Savant

Know how to treat frostbite until you can get indoors.

~Marilyn vos Savant

I've never found an interesting person with a foul mouth.

~Marilyn vos Savant

Understand why casinos and racetracks stay in business - the gambler always loses over the long term.

~Marilyn vos Savant

The 40s are when you start trading your psychological problems for physical ones.

~Marilyn vos Savant

Know about the appeals process, especially in the case of the most serious crimes.

~Marilyn vos Savant

Be able to tell whether garments that look good on the hanger actually look good on you

~Marilyn vos Savant

Know what happens when an individual declares bankruptcy and how it affects his or her life.

~Marilyn vos Savant

Spending waiting moments doing crossword puzzles or reading a book you brought yourself.

~Marilyn vos Savant

Learn at least two classic ballroom dances, at least one of them Latin.

~Marilyn vos Savant

Know the names of past and current artists who are most famous for playing their instruments.

~Marilyn vos Savant

The freedom to be an individual is the essence of America.

~Marilyn vos Savant

Know how your representatives stand on major national or state issues.

~Marilyn vos Savant

Be able to confide your innermost secrets to your mother and your innermost fears to your father.

~Marilyn vos Savant

A good leader needs to stand behind his or her followers as often as he or she needs to stand in front of them.

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