

Marsilio Ficino

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In these times I don't, in a manner of speaking, know what I want; perhaps I don't want what I know and want what I don't know.

~Marsilio Ficino

Why do we think love is a magician? Because the whole power of magic consists in love. The work of magic is the attraction of one thing by another because of a certain affinity of nature.

~Marsilio Ficino

Never worry about anything. Live in the present. Live now. Be happy.

~Marsilio Ficino

The soul exists partly in eternity and partly in time.

~Marsilio Ficino

Mortal men ask God for good things every day, but they never pray that they may make good use of them.

~Marsilio Ficino

. . . the poor man, whom the law does not allow to take . . . a pair of shoes for his freezing feet, is allowed to put his hand into the pocket of the rich, and say, You shall educate me. . . .

~Marsilio Ficino

Artists in each of the arts seek after and care for nothing but love.

~Marsilio Ficino

Many have paid lip service to philosophy, but these men served it with their whole heart. He tastes nothing who has not tasted for himself.

~Marsilio Ficino

Books that distribute things... with as daring a freedom as we use in dreams, put us on our feet again.

~Marsilio Ficino

The ideas of things intellectually known pass into the substance of the intellect much more than do foods into the substance of the body.

~Marsilio Ficino

You are running to seek your friend. Let your feet run, but your mind need not.

~Marsilio Ficino

Everyone believes that he abounds in wisdom, but is short of money.

~Marsilio Ficino

Wealth begins . . . in giving on all sides by tools and auxiliaries the greatest possible extension to our powers; as if it added feet and hands and eyes and blood. . . .

~Marsilio Ficino

The fate of the poor shepherd, who, blinded and lost in the snow-storm, perishes in a drift within a few feet of his cottage door, is an emblem of the state of man.

~Marsilio Ficino

Law it is . . . which hears without ears, sees without eyes, moves without feet and seizes without hands.

~Marsilio Ficino

. . . if [writing] lift you from your feet with the great voice of eloquence, then the effect is to be wide, slow, permanent, over the minds of men; .

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~Marsilio Ficino

What is odious but . . . people . . . who toast their feet on the register. . .

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~Marsilio Ficino

Who can wonder at the attractiveness... of the bar, for our ambitious young men, when the highest bribes of society are at the feet of the successful orator?

~Marsilio Ficino

No man can claim to usurp more than a few cubic feet of the audibilities of a public room. . . .

~Marsilio Ficino

Laurel crowns cleave to deserts And power to him who power exerts;
Hast not thy share? On winged feet, Lo! it rushes thee to meet; . . .

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