Max Stirner Quotes

Men, People, Self, Religious, Doe, Liberty, Law, Thinking, Taken, Children, Fall, Running, School, Humble, Stupid, Ideas, Property, May, Etc, Sacred The State calls its own violence, law; but that of the individual, crime. ~Max Stirner

Freedom cannot be granted. It must be taken.

~Max Stirner

Whoever will be free must make himself free. Freedom is no fairy gift to fall into a man's lap. What is freedom? To have the will to be responsible for one's self.

~Max Stirner

Whoso is full of sacred (religious, moral, humane) love loves only the spook, the "true man," and persecutes with dull mercilessness the individual, the real man.

~Max Stirner

We don't call it sin today, we call it self-expression.

~Max Stirner

Religion itself is without genius. There is no religious genius and no one would be permitted to distinguish between the talented and the untalented in religion.

~Max Stirner

My power is my property. My power gives me property. My power am I myself, and through it am I my property.

~Max Stirner

If it is right for me, it is right. It is possible that it is wrong for others: let them take care of themselves!

~Max Stirner

A race of altruists is necessarily a race of slaves. A race of free men is necessarily a race of egoists.

~Max Stirner

Whoever is a complete person does not need to be an authority. ~Max Stirner

He who is infatuated with Man leaves persons out of account so far as that infatuation extends, and floats in an ideal, sacred interest. Man, you see, is not a person, but an ideal, a spook.

~Max Stirner

People is the name of the body, State of the spirit, of that ruling person that has hitherto suppressed me.

~Max Stirner

The young are of age when they twitter like the old; they are driven through school to learn the old song, and, when they have this by heart, they are declared of age.

~Max Stirner

Man has not really vanquished Shamanism and its spooks till he possesses the strength to lay aside not only the belief in ghosts or in spirits, but also the belief in the spirit.

~Max Stirner

Everything sacred is a tie, a fetter.

~Max Stirner

Nothing is more to me than myself.

~Max Stirner

The people is dead! Good-day, Self!

~Max Stirner

One is not worthy to have what one, through weakness, lets be taken

from him; one is not worthy of it because one is not capable of it. ~Max Stirner

The object of the state is always the same: to limit the individual, to tame him, to subordinate him, to subjugate him.

~Max Stirner

Might is a fine thing, and useful for many purposes; for "one goes further with a handful of might than with a bagful of right."

~Max Stirner

Property exists by grace of the law. It is not a fact, but a legal fiction. ~Max Stirner

Every State is a despotism, be the despot one or many.

~Max Stirner

Whoever knows how to take, to defend, the thing, to him belongs property.

~Max Stirner

What I have in my power, that is my own. So long as I assert myself as holder, I am the proprietor of the thing.

~Max Stirner

The people's good fortune is my misfortune!

~Max Stirner

The State practices "violence," the individual must not do so. The state's behavior is violence, and it calls its violence "law"; that of the individual, "crime".

~Max Stirner

Thus the radii of all education run together into one center which is

called personality.

~Max Stirner

Crimes spring from fixed ideas.

~Max Stirner

God sinks into dust before man.

~Max Stirner

If the child has not an object that it can occupy itself with, it feels ennui; for it does not yet know how to occupy itself with itself.

~Max Stirner

It is not recognized in the full amplitude of the word that all freedom is essentially self-liberation - that I can have only so much freedom as I procure for myself by my owness.

~Max Stirner

The men of the future will yet fight their way to many a liberty that we do not even miss.

~Max Stirner

The freedom of man is, in political liberalism, freedom from persons, from personal dominion, from the master; the securing of each individual person against other persons, personal freedom.

~Max Stirner

He who must expend his life to prolong life cannot enjoy it, and he who is still seeking for his life does not have it and can as little enjoy it. ~Max Stirner

We do not aspire to communal life but to a life apart.

~Max Stirner

What matters the party to me? I shall find enough anyhow who unite with me without swearing allegiance to my flag.

~Max Stirner

Only the free and personal man is a good citizen (realist), and even with the lack of particular (scholarly, artistic, etc)culture, a tasteful judge (humanist).

~Max Stirner

Let us look and see, then, how they manage their concerns - they for whose cause we are to labour, devote ourselves, and grow enthusiastic.

~Max Stirner

Liberty of the people is not my liberty!

~Max Stirner

Now why, if freedom is striven after for love of the I after all - why not choose the I himself as beginning, middle, and end?

~Max Stirner

Man with the great M is only an ideal, the species only something thought of.

~Max Stirner

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