

# Moliere Quotes

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It is not only for what we do that we are held responsible, but also for what we do not do.

~Moliere

A wise man is superior to any insults which can be put upon him, and the best reply to unseemly behavior is patience and moderation.

~Moliere

The greater the obstacle, the more glory in overcoming it.

~Moliere

All the ills of mankind, all the tragic misfortunes that fill the history books, all the political blunders, all the failures of the great leaders have arisen merely from a lack of skill at dancing.

~Moliere

The trees that are slow to grow bear the best fruit.

~Moliere

Love is a great master. It teaches us to be what we never were.

~Moliere

Writing is like prostitution. First you do it for love, and then for a few close friends, and then for money.

~Moliere

I assure you, an educated fool is more foolish than an uneducated one.

~Moliere

People spend most of their lives worrying about things that never happen.

~Moliere

I want people to be sincere; a man of honor shouldn't speak a single

word that doesn't come straight from his heart.

~Moliere

I hate all men, the ones because they are mean and vicious, and the others for being complaisant with the vicious ones.

~Moliere

Great is the fortune of he who possesses a good bottle, a good book, and a good friend.

~Moliere

To find yourself jilted is a blow to your pride. Do your best to forget it and if you don't succeed, at least pretend to.

~Moliere

Folk whose own behavior is most ridiculous are always to the fore in slandering others.

~Moliere

A husband is a plaster that cures all the ills of girlhood.

~Moliere

Without dance, a man can do nothing.

~Moliere

People are all alike in their promises. It is only in their deeds that they differ.

~Moliere

Every good act is charity. A man's true wealth hereafter is the good that he does in this world to his fellows.

~Moliere

People can be induced to swallow anything, provided it is sufficiently

seasoned with praise.

~Moliere

And with his arms crossed he looks pityingly down from his spiritual height on everything that anyone says.

~Moliere

Betrayed and wronged in everything, I'll flee this bitter world where vice is king, And seek some spot unpeopled and apart Where I'll be free to have an honest heart. - Molière, The Misanthrope

~Moliere

If everyone were clothed with integrity, if every heart were just, frank, kindly, the other virtues would be well-nigh useless.

~Moliere

We are easily duped by those we love.

~Moliere

The genuine Amphitryon is the Amphitryon with whom we dine.

~Moliere

If Claret is the king of natural wines, Burgundy is the queen.

~Moliere

There is nothing so necessary for men as dancing.

~Moliere

There is no fate more distressing for an artist than to have to show himself off before fools, to see his work exposed to the criticism of the vulgar and ignorant.

~Moliere

The world, dear Agnes, is a strange affair.

~Moliere

unbroken happiness is a bore: it should have ups and downs.

~Moliere

No reason makes it right To shun accepted ways from stubborn spite;  
And we may better join the foolish crowd Than cling to wisdom, lonely  
though unbowed.

~Moliere

How easily a fathers tenderness is recalled, and how quickly a son's  
offenses vanish at the slightest word of repentance!

~Moliere

Perfect reason avoids all extremes.

~Moliere

They [zealots] would have everybody be as blind as themselves: to  
them, to be clear-sighted is libertinism.

~Moliere

To inspire love is a woman's greatest ambition, believe me. It's the one  
thing woman care about and there's no woman so proud that she does  
not rejoice at heart in her conquests.

~Moliere

Beauty without intelligence is like a hook without bait.

~Moliere

A learned fool is more a fool than an ignorant fool.

~Moliere

Unreasonable haste is the direct road to error.

~Moliere

One is easily fooled by that which one loves.

~Moliere

It may cost me twenty thousand francs; but for twenty thousand francs, I will have the right to rail against the iniquity of humanity, and to devote to it my eternal hatred.

~Moliere

I live on good soup, not on fine words.

~Moliere

Man, I can assure you, is a nasty creature.

~Moliere

There is no reward so delightful, no pleasure so exquisite, as having one's work known and acclaimed by those whose applause confers honor.

~Moliere

I prefer an interesting vice to a virtue that bores.

~Moliere

Of all the noises known to man, opera is the most expensive.

~Moliere

Most people die from the remedy rather than from the illness.

~Moliere

Sharing with Jupiter is never a dishonor.

~Moliere

The art of flatterers is to take advantage of the foibles of the great, to foster their errors, and never to give advice which may annoy.

~Moliere

Reason is not what decides love.

~Moliere

Don't appear so scholarly, pray. Humanize your talk, and speak to be understood.

~Moliere

I feed on good soup, not beautiful language.

~Moliere

Then worms shall try That long preserved virginity, And your quaint honor turn to dust, And into ashes all my lust. The grave's a fine and private place But none, I think, do there embrace.

~Moliere

Things are only worth what you make them worth.

~Moliere

One ought to look a good deal at oneself before thinking of condemning others.

~Moliere

Of all follies there is none greater than wanting to make the world a better place.

~Moliere

No one is safe from slander. The best way is to pay no attention to it, but live in innocence and let the world talk.

~Moliere

There is no rampart that will hold out against malice.

~Moliere

Hypocrisy is a fashionable vice, and all fashionable vices pass for

virtue.

~Moliere

Without knowledge, life is no more than the shadow of death

~Moliere

I have the knack of easing scruples.

~Moliere

We should look long and carefully at ourselves before we pass judgement on others.

~Moliere

Gold is the key, whatever else we try; and that sweet metal aids the conqueror in every case, in love as well as war.

~Moliere

One should eat to live, not live to eat.

~Moliere

Doubts are more cruel than the worst of truths.

~Moliere

My fair one, let us swear an eternal friendship.

~Moliere

People don't mind being mean; but they never want to be ridiculous.

~Moliere

Gold makes the ugly beautiful.

~Moliere

The proof of true love is to be unsparing in criticism.

~Moliere



A lover tries to stand in well with the pet dog of the house.

~Moliere

Those whose conduct gives room for talk are always the first to attack their neighbors.

~Moliere

There is no secret of the heart which our actions do not disclose.

~Moliere

Each day my reason tells me so; But reason doesn't rule in love, you know.

~Moliere

At least it's better to be married than to be dead.

~Moliere

When you model yourself on people, you should try to resemble their good sides.

~Moliere

It is a folly second to none; to try to improve the world.

~Moliere

According to the saying of an ancient philosopher, one should eat to live, and not live to eat

~Moliere

People of quality know everything without ever having learned anything.

~Moliere

The only people who can be excused for letting a bad book loose on the world are the poor devils who have to write for a living.

~Moliere

Too great haste leads us to error.

~Moliere

The duty of comedy is to correct men by amusing them.

~Moliere

If you make yourself understood, you're always speaking well.

~Moliere

Words and deeds are far from being one. Much that is talked about is left undone.

~Moliere

It is a fine seasoning for joy to think of those we love.

~Moliere

Rest assured that there is nothing which wounds the heart of a noble man more deeply than the thought his honour is assailed.

~Moliere

The scandal of the world is what makes the offence; it is not sinful to sin in silence.

~Moliere

He must have killed a lot of men to have made so much money.

~Moliere

To live without loving is not really to live.

~Moliere

It is the public scandal that offends; to sin in secret is no sin at all.

~Moliere

Once you have the cap and gown all you need do is open your mouth. Whatever nonsense you talk becomes wisdom and all the rubbish good sense.

~Moliere

I have the fault of being a little more sincere than is proper.

~Moliere

The less we deserve good fortune, the more we hope for it.

~Moliere

There is no protection against slander.

~Moliere

Long is the road from conception to completion.

~Moliere

If you suppress grief too much, it can well redouble.

~Moliere

You only die once, but you will be dead for a very long time.

~Moliere

How easy love makes fools of us.

~Moliere

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~Moliere

Innocence is not accustomed to blush. [Fr., L'innocence a rougir n'est point accoutumee.]

~Moliere

All right-minded people adore it; and anyone who is able to live without it is unworthy to draw breathe

~Moliere

Men often marry in hasty recklessness and repent afterward all their lives.

~Moliere

The more we love our friends, the less we flatter them; it is by excusing nothing that pure love shows itself.

~Moliere

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