

Nicolas Malebranche

Quotes

*Perfection, Body, Mind, Hands, Soul, Believe, Attention, Order, Pain, Respect,
Men, Thinking, Mean, House, Light, Too Much, Two, Perfect, Sound, World*

I love good and pleasure, I hate evil and pain, I want to be happy and I am not mistaken in believing, that people, angels and even demons have those same inclinations.

~Nicolas Malebranche

As our bodies live upon the earth and find sustenance in the fruits which it produces, so our minds feed on the same truths as the intelligible and immutable substance of the divine Word contains.

~Nicolas Malebranche

Attentiveness is the natural prayer of the Soul.

~Nicolas Malebranche

Just as our eyes need light in order to see, our minds need ideas in order to create.

~Nicolas Malebranche

We are made to know and love God.

~Nicolas Malebranche

God transforms, so to speak, this air into words, into various sounds. He makes you understand these various sounds through the modifications by which you are affected.

~Nicolas Malebranche

You cannot of yourself move your arm or alter your position, situation, posture, do to other men good or evil, or effect the least change in the world.

~Nicolas Malebranche

I do not believe there is anything useful which men can know with exactitude that they cannot know by arithmetic and algebra.

~Nicolas Malebranche

Prejudices are not easily got rid of as an old coat which is no longer thought of.

~Nicolas Malebranche

One should assiduously pursue perfection without ever claiming to attain it.

~Nicolas Malebranche

We are rational creatures: Our virtue and perfection is to love reason, or rather to love order.

~Nicolas Malebranche

I am not my own light unto myself.

~Nicolas Malebranche

When I touch a human hand, I touch heaven.

~Nicolas Malebranche

Our soul is not united to our body in the ordinary sense of these terms. It is immediately and directly united to God alone.

~Nicolas Malebranche

We can always make ourselves liked provided we act likable, but we cannot always make ourselves esteemed, no matter what our merits are.

~Nicolas Malebranche

Imagination is the mad boarder.

~Nicolas Malebranche

All creatures are united to God alone in an immediate union. They depend essentially and directly upon Him. Being all alike equally impotent, they cannot be in reciprocal dependence upon one another.

~Nicolas Malebranche

You find yourself in the world, without any power, immovable as a rock, stupid, so to speak, as a log of wood.

~Nicolas Malebranche

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