

Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

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Where we love is home - home that our feet may leave, but not our hearts.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

Rough work, iconoclasm, but the only way to get at truth.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

Youth fades, love droops, the leaves of friendship fall; A mother's secret hope outlives them all.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

To reach a port we must sail, sometimes with the wind, and sometimes against it. But we must not drift or lie at anchor.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

Love is the master key that opens the gates of happiness.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

A man may fulfill the object of his existence by asking a question he cannot answer, and attempting a task he cannot achieve.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

It is the province of knowledge to speak, and it is the privilege of wisdom to listen.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

Language is the blood of the soul into which thoughts run and out of which they grow.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

Man has his will, but woman has her way.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

Many people die with their music still in them. Why is this so? Too often

it is because they are always getting ready to live. Before they know it, time runs out.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

Beware how you take away hope from any human being.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

To be seventy years young is sometimes far more cheerful and hopeful than to be forty years old.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

Most people are willing to take the Sermon on the Mount as a flag to sail under, but few will use it as a rudder by which to steer.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

Some people are so heavenly minded that they are no earthly good.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

Learn the sweet magic of a cheerful face.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

Don't you stay at home of evenings? Don't you love a cushioned seat in a corner, by the fireside, with your slippers on your feet?

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

Have the courage to act instead of react.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

Truth, when not sought after, rarely comes to light.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

The sound of a kiss is not so loud as that of a cannon, but its echo lasts a great deal longer.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

The morning cup of coffee has an exhilaration about it which the cheering influence of the afternoon or evening cup of tea cannot be expected to reproduce.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

Why can't somebody give us a list of things that everybody thinks and nobody says, and another list of things that everybody says and nobody thinks?

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

Without wearing any mask we are conscious of, we have a special face for each friend.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

It's faith in something and enthusiasm for something that makes a life worth living.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

Whatever comes from the brain carries the hue of the place it came from, and whatever comes from the heart carries the heat and color of its birthplace.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

There is no friend like an old friend who has shared our morning days, no greeting like his welcome, no homage like his praise.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

The Amen of nature is always a flower.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

A moment's insight is sometimes worth a life's experience.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

Speak clearly, if you speak at all; carve every word before you let it fall.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

And if I should live to be The last leaf upon the tree In the spring, Let them smile, as I do now, At the old forsaken bough Where I cling.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

The books we read should be chosen with great care, that they may be, as an Egyptian king wrote over his library, 'The medicines of the soul.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

But friendship is the breathing rose, with sweets in every fold.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

The world's great men have not commonly been great scholars, nor its great scholars great men.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

Death tugs at my ear and says, 'Live. I am coming.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

No families take so little medicine as those of doctors, except those of apothecaries.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

Wisdom is the abstract of the past, but beauty is the promise of the future.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

Memories, imagination, old sentiments, and associations are more readily reached through the sense of smell than through any other channel.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

Truth is tough. It will not break, like a bubble, at a touch; nay, you may

kick it about all day like a football, and it will be round and full at evening.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

Controversy equalizes fools and wise men in the same way - and the fools know it.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

A child's education should begin at least one hundred years before he is born.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

The mind of a bigot to the pupil of the eye; the more light you pour on it, the more it contracts.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

Stupidity often saves a man from going mad.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

Don't be 'consistent,' but be simply true.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

I think that, as life is action and passion, it is required of a man that he should share the passion and action of his time at peril of being judged not to have lived.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

Insanity is often the logic of an accurate mind overtasked.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

The very aim and end of our institutions is just this: that we may think what we like and say what we think.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

Memory is a net: one that finds it full of fish when he takes it from the brook, but a dozen miles of water have run through it without sticking.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

Science is the topography of ignorance.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

The man who is always worrying about whether or not his soul would be damned generally has a soul that isn't worth a damn.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

Put not your trust in money, but put your money in trust.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

Civilization is the process of reducing the infinite to the finite.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

A person is always startled when he hears himself seriously called an old man for the first time.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

A goose flies by a chart which the Royal Geographical Society could not mend.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

Chicago sounds rough to the maker of verse. One comfort we have - Cincinnati sounds worse.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

Stillness of person and steadiness of features are signal marks of good breeding.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

I like children; I like 'em, and I respect 'em. Pretty much all the honest

truth-telling there is in the world is done by them.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

Apology is only egotism wrong side out.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

To obtain a man's opinion of you, make him mad.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

For the simplicity on this side of complexity, I wouldn't give you a fig. But for the simplicity on the other side of complexity, for that I would give you anything I have.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

The best servant does his work unseen.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

Fresh air is good if you do not take too much of it; most of the achievements and pleasures of life are in bad air.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

Man is born a predestined idealist, for he is born to act. To act is to affirm the worth of an end, and to persist in affirming the worth of an end is to make an ideal.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

Love is the master-key that opens the gates of happiness, of hatred, of jealousy, and, most easily of all, the gate of fear.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

Cupid "the little greatest enemy."

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

Nothing is so common-place as to wish to be remarkable.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

A woman never forgets her sex. She would rather talk with a man than an angel, any day.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

I hate facts. I always say the chief end of man is to form general propositions - adding that no general proposition is worth a damn.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

Our brains are seventy-year clocks. The Angel of Life winds them up once for all, then closes the case, and gives the key into the hand of the Angel of the Resurrection.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

What refuge is there for the victim who is oppressed with the feeling that there are a thousand new books he ought to read, while life is only long enough for him to attempt to read a hundred?

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

I firmly believe that if the whole material medica, as now used, could be sunk to the bottom of the sea, it would be better for mankind-and all the worse for the fishes.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

The real religion of the world comes from women much more than from men - from mothers most of all, who carry the key of our souls in their bosoms.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

Do not be bullied out of your common sense by the specialist; two to one, he is a pedant.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

I would never use a long word, even, where a short one would answer the purpose.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

Love prefers twilight to daylight.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

People who honestly mean to be true really contradict themselves much more rarely than those who try to be 'consistent'.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

Every library should try to be complete on something, if it were only the history of pinheads.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

Every event that a man would master must be mounted on the run, and no man ever caught the reins of a thought except as it galloped past him.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

What a blessed thing it is, that Nature, when she invented, manufactured, and patented her authors, contrived to make critics out of the chips that were left!

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

Fame usually comes to those who are thinking about something else - very rarely to those who say to themselves, 'Go to, now, let us be a celebrated individual!'.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

Youth longs and manhood strives, but age remembers.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

Sweet is the scene where genial friendship plays the pleasing game of

interchanging praise.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

You may have genius. The contrary is, of course, probable.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

A few can touch the magic string, and noisy fame is proud to win them:
Alas for those that never sing, but die with all their music in them!

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

Simple people... are very quick to see the live facts which are going on about them.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

[Science is] piecemeal revelation.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

It is a good plan to have a book with you in all places and at all times. If you are presently without, hurry without delay to the nearest shop and buy one of mine.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

I hate paying taxes. But I love the civilization they give me

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

Even a dog knows the difference between being kicked and being stumbled over.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

Yes, child of suffering, thou may'st well be sure He who ordained the Sabbath loves the poor!

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

Life as we call it, is nothing but the edge of the boundless ocean of

existence when it comes upon soundings.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

For nothing burns with such amazing speed, As the dry sticks of a religious creed.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

The sea drowns out humanity and time. It has no sympathy with either, for it belongs to eternity; and of that it sings its monotonous song forever and ever.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

The truth is that the whole system of beliefs which comes in with the story of the fall of man ... is gently falling out of enlightened human intelligence.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

Trouble makes us one with every human being in the world - and unless we touch others, we're out of touch with life.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

Leverage is everything-don't begin to pry until you've got the long arm on your side.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

See how he throws his baited lines about,/And plays his men as anglers play their trout.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

Me wretched! Let me curre to quercine shades! Effund your albid hausts, lactiferous maids! O, might I vole to some umbrageous clump,-- Depart,--be off,--excede,--evade,--erump!

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

Seventeen hundred and fifty-five. Georgius Secundus was then alive,--
Snuffy old drone from the German hive.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

America is the only place where man is full-grown!

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

What we most want to ask of our Maker is an unfolding of the divine
purpose in putting human beings into conditions in which such numbers
of them would be sure to go wrong.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

We call those poets who are first to mark, Through earth's dull mist the
coming of the dawn, Who see in twilight's gloom the first pale spark,
While others only note that day is gone.

~Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

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