

# Pierre Bayle

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It is thus tolerance that is the source of peace, and intolerance that is the source of disorder and squabbling.

~Pierre Bayle

In matters of religion, it is very easy to deceive a man and very hard to undeceive him.

~Pierre Bayle

If an historian were to relate truthfully all the crimes, weaknesses, and disorders of mankind, his readers would take his work for satire rather than for history.

~Pierre Bayle

There was no other God, religion, or lawful magistracy, than conscience, which teaches all men the precepts of Justice, to do no injury, to live honestly, and give everyone his due.

~Pierre Bayle

The antiquity and general acceptance of an opinion is not assurance of its truth.

~Pierre Bayle

It is pure illusion to think that an opinion which passes down from century to century, from generation to generation, may not be entirely false.

~Pierre Bayle

No nations are more warlike than those which profess Christianity.

~Pierre Bayle

It is only common prejudice that induces us to believe that atheism is a fearful state.

~Pierre Bayle

Properly speaking, history is nothing but the crimes and misfortunes of the human race.

~Pierre Bayle

I am a good Protestant, and in the full sense of the term, for from the bottom of my soul, I protest against everything that is said, and everything that is done.

~Pierre Bayle

I know too much to be a sceptic and too little to be a dogmatist.

~Pierre Bayle

I mention this only to shew that the citations of the most judicious authors frequently deceive us, and consequently that prudence obliges us to examine quotations, by whomsoever alleged.

~Pierre Bayle

One must be stark mad, to believe that mankind can subsist without magistrates.

~Pierre Bayle

I lay down the Position, That whatever a Conscience well directed allows us to do for the Advancement of Truth, an erroneous Conscience will warrant for advancing a suppos'd Truth.

~Pierre Bayle

The furnace of affliction refines us from earthly drossiness, and softens us for the impression of God's own stamp.

~Pierre Bayle

I get up and retire when I wish. I go out if I wish and I do not go out if I do not desire to do so, except for the two days on which I give lectures.

~Pierre Bayle

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