

Robert Payne Quotes

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Corrupt men are always liars. Lies are their instruments, their pleasure, their solace. In time they come to believe their lies, or rather to half-believe them.

~Robert Payne

Fragmentation occurs when a civilization is in decline.

~Robert Payne

Uncorrupted man, with God's blessing, advances across the fields of the universe as though he were walking down a country lane.

~Robert Payne

The United States is dangerously close to being a plutocracy. A third of the private wealth is owned by less than 5 percent of the population.

~Robert Payne

All is forgiven to kings and popes. History grants them immunity, even a full pardon, even when they admit their crimes and glory in them.

~Robert Payne

The small Hitlers are around us every day.

~Robert Payne

It is no more rational to have lawyers in positions of power than it would be to have garbage collectors in positions of power. And in human terms garbage collectors would be preferable.

~Robert Payne

Conquest, tyranny, treachery, and the clash of cultures bring about corrupt societies, and so does old age. Sometimes the five faces of corruption are visible at the same time.

~Robert Payne

The corrupt, when found out, become especially good moralists.

~Robert Payne

A totalitarian dictatorship cannot explain; it can only suppress.

~Robert Payne

Nietzsche's accomplishment is that he permits us to see corruption from the inside.

~Robert Payne

A culture is not only the language and the arts of a people. It is all their history, all their hopes for the future.

~Robert Payne

Naked power has its limitations, since power is a generator of corruption and corruption in its turn tends to dilute the effectiveness of power.

~Robert Payne

It is precisely when we help one another that we gain our victories over corruption, but the victory is assured only when we help one another with all our strength.

~Robert Payne

The corrupt man is nearly always rootless, deeply aware of his rootlessness.

~Robert Payne

At the heart of the mystery of corruption lies the desire of one man to impose his will on others to the largest possible extent.

~Robert Payne

The game of power is played remorselessly by men who have not the slightest knowledge of, or interest in, the way ordinary people live, and the ordinary people are too terrified to protest.

~Robert Payne

A nation's wealth is too serious a matter to be left to the wealthy. The riches of a nation belong to all, to be shared among all for the general welfare.

~Robert Payne

The books of men have their day and grow obsolete. God's word is like Himself, the same yesterday, to-day, and forever.

~Robert Payne

Long before the empire had reached its greatest extent, the Romans were bored by it.

~Robert Payne

For domination has nothing whatsoever to do with good government, and power as an end in itself destroys good government.

~Robert Payne

Throughout the history of Christianity, there had been a core of belief that man was not doomed to be everlastingly corrupt.

~Robert Payne

It is almost a general rule that nations do not decline gradually. Instead they fall abruptly from their greatest heights.

~Robert Payne

Sometimes societies die and putrefy long before they are pronounced dead, and sometimes men die of corruption long before they have taken to their deathbeds.

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