

Robin G. Collingwood Quotes

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Like other revolutionaries I can thank God for the reactionaries. They clarify the issue.

~Robin G. Collingwood

The history of thought, and therefore all history, is the re-enactment of past thought in the historian's own mind.

~Robin G. Collingwood

A man ceases to be a beginner in any given science and becomes a master in that science when he has learned that... he is going to be a beginner all his life.

~Robin G. Collingwood

Perfect Freedom is reserved for the man who lives by his own work, and in that work does what he wants to do.

~Robin G. Collingwood

Art is community's medicine for that worst disease of the mind, the corruption of consciousness

~Robin G. Collingwood

Nothing capable of being memorized is history.

~Robin G. Collingwood

What a man is ashamed of is always at bottom himself; and he is ashamed of himself at bottom always for being afraid.

~Robin G. Collingwood

Classical art stands for form; romantic art for content.

~Robin G. Collingwood

The children of each generation are taught to want what they are taught they must not have.

~Robin G. Collingwood

The chief business of seventeenth-century philosophy was to reckon with seventeenth-century science... the chief business of twentieth-century philosophy is to reckon with twentieth-century history.

~Robin G. Collingwood

The value of history. ...is that it teaches us what man has done and thus what man is.

~Robin G. Collingwood

All history is the history of thought.

~Robin G. Collingwood

Every new generation must rewrite history in its own way.

~Robin G. Collingwood

The artist must prophesy not in the sense that he foretells things to come, but in the sense that he tells his audience, at the risk of their displeasure, the secrets of their own hearts

~Robin G. Collingwood

Art has no cosmology, it gives us no view of the universe; every distinct work of art gives us a little cosmology of its own, and no ingenuity will combine all these into a single whole.

~Robin G. Collingwood

The dance is the mother of all languages.

~Robin G. Collingwood

Parenthood is not an object of appetite or even desire. It is an object of will. There is no appetite for parenthood; there is only a purpose or intention of parenthood.

~Robin G. Collingwood

The sociability of artists is a paradoxical and precarious thing, and ceases the instant they begin their actual artistic work.

~Robin G. Collingwood

The romantic artist expects people to ask, 'What has he got to say?'
The classical artist expects them to ask, 'How does he say it?'

~Robin G. Collingwood

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