

Sir Fulke Greville

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Good-humor is allied to generosity, ill-humor to meanness.

~Sir Fulke Greville

Good-humor will sometimes conquer ill-humor, but ill-humor will conquer it oftener; and for this plain reason, good-humor must operate on generosity, ill-humor on meanness.

~Sir Fulke Greville

Despair gives the shocking ease to the mind that a mortification gives to the body.

~Sir Fulke Greville

Discernment is a power of the understanding in which few excel. Is not that owing to its connection with impartiality and truth? for are not prejudice and partiality blind?

~Sir Fulke Greville

To divest one's self of some prejudices would be like taking off the skin to feel the better.

~Sir Fulke Greville

Avarice starves its possessor to fatten those who come after, and who are eagerly awaiting the demise of the accumulator.

~Sir Fulke Greville

Envy is but the smoke of low estate, Ascending still against the fortunate.

~Sir Fulke Greville

Our companions please us less from the charms we find in their conversation than from those they find in ours.

~Sir Fulke Greville

What an argument in favor of social connections is the observation that

by communicating our grief we have less, and by communicating our pleasure we have more.

~Sir Fulke Greville

A lively and agreeable man has not only the merit of liveliness and agreeableness himself, but that also of awakening them in others.

~Sir Fulke Greville

It is not enough that you can form nay, and follow, the most excellent rules for conducting yourself in the world. You must also know when to deviate from them, and where lies the exception.

~Sir Fulke Greville

Whatever natural right men may have to freedom and independency, it is manifest that some men have a natural ascendancy over others.

~Sir Fulke Greville

Human knowledge is the parent of doubt.

~Sir Fulke Greville

I hardly know so true a mark of a little mind as the servile imitation of others.

~Sir Fulke Greville

Many with trust, with doubt few, are undone.

~Sir Fulke Greville

Vanity is the poison of agreeableness; yet as poison, when artfully and properly applied, has a salutary effect in medicine, so has vanity in the commerce and society of the world.

~Sir Fulke Greville

Men and statues that are admired in an elevated situation have a very different effect upon us when we approach them; the first appear less

than we imagined them, the last bigger.

~Sir Fulke Greville

We should do by our cunning as we do by our courage--always have it ready to defend ourselves, never to offend others.

~Sir Fulke Greville

He whom God chooseth, out of doubt doth well: What they that choose their God do, who can tell?

~Sir Fulke Greville

Unbecoming forwardness oftener proceeds from ignorance than impudence.

~Sir Fulke Greville

Removing prejudices is, alas! too often removing the boundary of a delightful near prospect in order to let in a shockingly extensive one.

~Sir Fulke Greville

Those men who are commended by everybody must be very extraordinary men; or, which is more probable, very inconsiderable men.

~Sir Fulke Greville

As charity covers a multitude of sins before God, so does politeness before men.

~Sir Fulke Greville

Man is the only creature endowed with the power of laughter.

~Sir Fulke Greville

I have often thought that the nature of women was interior to that of men in general, but superior in particular.

~Sir Fulke Greville

A proud man never shows his pride so much as when he is civil.

~Sir Fulke Greville

We laugh heartily to see a whole flock of sheep jump because one did so. Might not one imagine that superior beings do the same, and for exactly the same reason?

~Sir Fulke Greville

True joy is only hope put out of fear.

~Sir Fulke Greville

Out of mind as soon as out of sight.

~Sir Fulke Greville

The mind of man is this world's true dimension; and knowledge is the measure of the mind.

~Sir Fulke Greville

The world is an excellent judge in general, but a very bad one in particular.

~Sir Fulke Greville

There is an unfortunate disposition in a man to attend much more to the faults of his companions which offend him, than to their perfections which please him.

~Sir Fulke Greville

Respect is better procured by exacting than soliciting it.

~Sir Fulke Greville

True delicacy, as true generosity, is more wounded by an offence from itself--if I may be allowed the expression--than to itself.

~Sir Fulke Greville

Some characters are like some bodies in chemistry; very good, perhaps, in themselves, yet fly off and refuse the least conjunction with each other.

~Sir Fulke Greville

The brains of a pedant however full, are vacant.

~Sir Fulke Greville

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