

# Theognis of Megara Quotes

*Men, Tongue, Mind, Horse, Country, Concern, Spring, Would Be, Mildness,  
Doors, Greatest Treasure, Octopus, Children, Sin, Rocks, Trust, Youth,  
Revenge, Giving, Dying*

Fairly examined, truly understood, No man is wholly bad, nor wholly good.

~Theognis of Megara

Boy, you're like a horse. Just now sated with seed, You've come back to my stable, Yearning for a good rider, fine meadow, An icy spring, shady groves.

~Theognis of Megara

He who mistrusts most should be trusted least.

~Theognis of Megara

Not to be born at all would be the best thing for man.

~Theognis of Megara

Restrain thy mind, and let mildness ever attend thy tongue.

~Theognis of Megara

The greatest treasure you can leave your children is a sense of modesty and the advice to follow virtuous persons.

~Theognis of Megara

Even to a wicked man a divinity gives wealth, Cynus, but to few men comes the gift of excellence.

~Theognis of Megara

Surfeit begets insolence, when prosperity comes to a bad man.

~Theognis of Megara

Bright youth passes swiftly as a thought.

~Theognis of Megara

Ploutos , no wonder mortals worship you: You are so tolerant of their sins !

~Theognis of Megara

One finds many companions for food and drink, but in a serious business a man's companions are very few.

~Theognis of Megara

Adopt the character of the twisting octopus, which takes on the appearance of the nearby rock . Now follow in this direction, now turn a different hue.

~Theognis of Megara

Too many tongues have gates which fly apart Too easily, and care for many things That don't concern them.

~Theognis of Megara

When we are dead; rugs are no richer than a quick-thorn bed.

~Theognis of Megara

Unless the gods deceive my mind , That man is forging fetters for himself.

~Theognis of Megara

To many men well-fitting doors are not set on their tongues.

~Theognis of Megara

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