

Thomas Carlyle

Quotes

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Teach a parrot the terms 'supply and demand' and you've got an economist.

~Thomas Carlyle

He who has health, has hope; and he who has hope, has everything.

~Thomas Carlyle

Long stormy spring-time, wet contentious April, winter chilling the lap of very May; but at length the season of summer does come.

~Thomas Carlyle

No man lives without jostling and being jostled; in all ways he has to elbow himself through the world, giving and receiving offence.

~Thomas Carlyle

Endurance is patience concentrated.

~Thomas Carlyle

I've got a great ambition to die of exhaustion rather than boredom.

~Thomas Carlyle

Nature alone is antique, and the oldest art a mushroom.

~Thomas Carlyle

A strong mind always hopes, and has always cause to hope.

~Thomas Carlyle

A loving heart is the beginning of all knowledge.

~Thomas Carlyle

Of all acts of man repentance is the most divine. The greatest of all faults is to be conscious of none.

~Thomas Carlyle

War is a quarrel between two thieves too cowardly to fight their own battle.

~Thomas Carlyle

No pressure, no diamonds.

~Thomas Carlyle

Egotism is the source and summary of all faults and miseries.

~Thomas Carlyle

A man lives by believing something: not by debating and arguing about many things.

~Thomas Carlyle

Man is a tool-using animal. Without tools he is nothing, with tools he is all.

~Thomas Carlyle

Quackery gives birth to nothing; gives death to all things.

~Thomas Carlyle

Do not be embarrassed by your mistakes. Nothing can teach us better than our understanding of them. This is one of the best ways of self-education.

~Thomas Carlyle

Silence is as deep as eternity, speech as shallow as time.

~Thomas Carlyle

Show me the man you honor, and I will know what kind of man you are.

~Thomas Carlyle

If you look deep enough you will see music; the heart of nature being

everywhere music.

~Thomas Carlyle

Everywhere in life, the true question is not what we gain, but what we do.

~Thomas Carlyle

The real use of gunpowder is to make all men tall.

~Thomas Carlyle

Experience is the best of school masters, only the school fees are heavy.

~Thomas Carlyle

Necessity dispenseth with decorum.

~Thomas Carlyle

Speech is silver, silence is golden.

~Thomas Carlyle

Isolation is the sum total of wretchedness to a man.

~Thomas Carlyle

The eye sees what it brings the power to see.

~Thomas Carlyle

Every noble work is at first impossible.

~Thomas Carlyle

He who has no vision of eternity has no hold on time.

~Thomas Carlyle

The mystical bond of brotherhood makes all men brothers.

~Thomas Carlyle

Weak eyes are fondest of glittering objects.

~Thomas Carlyle

Permanence, perseverance and persistence in spite of all obstacles, discouragements, and impossibilities: It is this, that in all things distinguishes the strong soul from the weak.

~Thomas Carlyle

Laughter is the cipher key wherewith we decipher the whole man

~Thomas Carlyle

Who is it that loves me and will love me forever with an affection which no chance, no misery, no crime of mine can do away? It is you, my mother.

~Thomas Carlyle

It is a strange trade that of advocacy. Your intellect, your highest heavenly gift is hung up in the shop window like a loaded pistol for sale.

~Thomas Carlyle

Music is well said to be the speech of angels.

~Thomas Carlyle

A vein of poetry exists in the hearts of all men.

~Thomas Carlyle

If Jesus Christ were to come today, people would not even crucify him. They would ask him to dinner, and hear what he had to say, and make fun of it.

~Thomas Carlyle

The block of granite which was an obstacle in the pathway of the weak, became a stepping-stone in the pathway of the strong.

~Thomas Carlyle

I do not believe in the collective wisdom of individual ignorance.

~Thomas Carlyle

No great man lives in vain. The history of the world is but the biography of great men.

~Thomas Carlyle

Laughter is one of the very privileges of reason, being confined to the human species.

~Thomas Carlyle

Silence, the great Empire of Silence: higher than all stars; deeper than the Kingdom of Death! It alone is great; all else is small.

~Thomas Carlyle

True friends, like ivy and the wall Both stand together, and together fall.

~Thomas Carlyle

Every day that is born into the world comes like a burst of music and rings the whole day through, and you make of it a dance, a dirge, or a life march, as you will.

~Thomas Carlyle

The three great elements of modern civilization, Gun powder, Printing, and the Protestant religion.

~Thomas Carlyle

What we become depends on what we read after all of the professors have finished with us. The greatest university of all is a collection of books.

~Thomas Carlyle

Nothing is more terrible than activity without insight.

~Thomas Carlyle

A man willing to work, and unable to find work, is perhaps the saddest sight that fortune's inequality exhibits under this sun.

~Thomas Carlyle

Every new opinion, at its starting, is precisely in a minority of one.

~Thomas Carlyle

A person who is gifted sees the essential point and leaves the rest as surplus.

~Thomas Carlyle

Our grand business undoubtedly is, not to see what lies dimly at a distance, but to do what lies clearly at hand.

~Thomas Carlyle

Under all speech that is good for anything there lies a silence that is better, Silence is deep as Eternity; speech is shallow as Time.

~Thomas Carlyle

There are good and bad times, but our mood changes more often than our fortune.

~Thomas Carlyle

Popular opinion is the greatest lie in the world.

~Thomas Carlyle

Literature is the thought of thinking souls.

~Thomas Carlyle

Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do that with all thy might and leave the issues calmly to God.

~Thomas Carlyle

Without kindness there can be no true joy.

~Thomas Carlyle

Talk that does not end in any kind of action is better suppressed altogether.

~Thomas Carlyle

The true university of these days is a collection of books.

~Thomas Carlyle

The first duty of man is to conquer fear; he must get rid of it, he cannot act till then.

~Thomas Carlyle

A laugh, to be joyous, must flow from a joyous heart, for without kindness, there can be no true joy.

~Thomas Carlyle

Parliament will train you to talk; and above all things to hear, with patience, unlimited quantities of foolish talk.

~Thomas Carlyle

Man is emphatically a proselytizing creature.

~Thomas Carlyle

If you do not wish a man to do a thing, you had better get him to talk about it; for the more men talk, the more likely they are to do nothing else.

~Thomas Carlyle

Hero-worship exists, has existed, and will forever exist, universally, among mankind.

~Thomas Carlyle

Laissez-faire, supply and demand-one begins to be weary of all that. Leave all to egotism, to ravenous greed of money, of pleasure, of applause-it is the gospel of despair.

~Thomas Carlyle

One monster there is in the world, the idle man.

~Thomas Carlyle

He that can work is born to be king of something.

~Thomas Carlyle

Make yourself an honest man, and then you may be sure there is one less rascal in the world.

~Thomas Carlyle

Do the duty which lies nearest to you, the second duty will then become clearer.

~Thomas Carlyle

Not what you possess but what you do with what you have, determines your true worth.

~Thomas Carlyle

It is through symbols that man consciously or unconsciously lives, works and has his being.

~Thomas Carlyle

That a Parliament, especially a Parliament with Newspaper Reporters firmly established in it, is an entity which by its very nature cannot do work, but can do talk only.

~Thomas Carlyle

Adversity is the diamond dust Heaven polishes its jewels with.

~Thomas Carlyle

Instead of saying that man is the creature of circumstance, it would be nearer the mark to say that man is the architect of circumstance.

~Thomas Carlyle

No iron chain, or outward force of any kind, can ever compel the soul of a person to believe or to disbelieve.

~Thomas Carlyle

Speech is great, but silence is greater.

~Thomas Carlyle

As there is no danger of our becoming, any of us, Mahometans (i.e. Muslim), I mean to say all the good of him I justly can.

~Thomas Carlyle

Speak not at all, in any wise, till you have somewhat to speak; care not for the reward of your speaking, but simply and with undivided mind for the truth of your speaking.

~Thomas Carlyle

Silence is the element in which great things fashion themselves together.

~Thomas Carlyle

Nothing stops the man who desires to achieve. Every obstacle is simply a course to develop his achievement muscle. It's a strengthening of his powers of accomplishment.

~Thomas Carlyle

Silence is more eloquent than words.

~Thomas Carlyle

Nothing builds self-esteem and self-confidence like accomplishment.

~Thomas Carlyle

All human souls, never so bedarkened, love light; light once kindled spreads till all is luminous.

~Thomas Carlyle

Imperfection clings to a person, and if they wait till they are brushed off entirely, they would spin for ever on their axis, advancing nowhere.

~Thomas Carlyle

The beginning of all wisdom is to look fixedly on clothes, or even with armed eyesight, till they become transparent.

~Thomas Carlyle

Great is wisdom; infinite is the value of wisdom. It cannot be exaggerated; it is the highest achievement of man.

~Thomas Carlyle

Wise man was he who counselled that speculation should have free course, and look fearlessly towards all the thirty-two points of the compass, whithersoever and howsoever it listed.

~Thomas Carlyle

When the oak is felled the whole forest echoes with it fall, but a hundred acorns are sown in silence by an unnoticed breeze.

~Thomas Carlyle

If a man was great while living, he becomes tenfold greater when dead.

~Thomas Carlyle

A man without a goal is like a ship without a rudder.

~Thomas Carlyle

To be true is manly, chivalrous, Christian; to be false is mean, cowardly, devilish.

~Thomas Carlyle

Conviction is worthless unless it is converted into conduct.

~Thomas Carlyle

The spiritual is the parent of the practical.

~Thomas Carlyle

If there be no enemy there's no fight. If no fight, no victory and if no victory there is no crown.

~Thomas Carlyle

The soul gives unity to what it looks at with love.

~Thomas Carlyle

It is the first of all problems for a man to find out what kind of work he is to do in this universe.

~Thomas Carlyle

The lies (Western slander) which well-meaning zeal has heaped round this man (Muhammad) are disgraceful to ourselves only.

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