

Thomas Malthus

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A writer may tell me that he thinks man will ultimately become an ostrich. I cannot properly contradict him.

~Thomas Malthus

I think it will be found that experience, the true source and foundation of all knowledge, invariably confirms its truth.

~Thomas Malthus

The world's population will multiply more rapidly than the available food supply.

~Thomas Malthus

The power of population is so superior to the power of the earth to produce subsistence for man, that premature death must in some shape or other visit the human race.

~Thomas Malthus

A great emigration necessarily implies unhappiness of some kind or other in the country that is deserted.

~Thomas Malthus

Evil exists in the world not to create despair but activity.

~Thomas Malthus

The perpetual struggle for room and food.

~Thomas Malthus

Malthus married in 1804 and beat three children with his wife

~Thomas Malthus

Had population and food increased in the same ratio, it is probable that man might never have emerged from the savage state.

~Thomas Malthus

The rich, by unfair combinations, contribute frequently to prolong a season of distress among the poor.

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The perpetual tendency of the race of man to increase beyond the means of subsistence is one of the general laws of animated nature, which we can have no reason to expect to change.

~Thomas Malthus

Each pursues his own theory, little solicitous to correct or improve it by an attention to what is advanced by his opponents.

~Thomas Malthus

To prevent the recurrence of misery is, alas! beyond the power of man.

~Thomas Malthus

To minds of a certain cast there is nothing so captivating as simplification and generalization.

~Thomas Malthus

A feather will weigh down a scale when there is nothing in the opposite one.

~Thomas Malthus

The most baleful mischiefs may be expected from the unmanly conduct of not daring to face truth because it is displeasing.

~Thomas Malthus

It is an acknowledged truth in philosophy that a just theory will always be confirmed by experiment.

~Thomas Malthus

It is a mere futile process to exchange one set of commodities for another, if the parties; after this new distribution of goods has taken place, are not better off than they were before.

~Thomas Malthus

The main peculiarity which distinguishes man from other animals is the means of his support - the power which he possesses of very greatly increasing these means.

~Thomas Malthus

The constant effort towards population, which is found even in the most vicious societies, increases the number of people before the means of subsistence are increased.

~Thomas Malthus

Subsistence increases only in an arithmetical ratio.

~Thomas Malthus

No limits whatever are placed to the productions of the earth; they may increase forever.

~Thomas Malthus

The friend of the present order of things condemns all political speculations in the gross.

~Thomas Malthus

The ordeal of virtue is to resist all temptation to evil.

~Thomas Malthus

Population, when unchecked, goes on doubling itself every 25 years or increases in a geometrical ratio.

~Thomas Malthus

The superior power of population cannot be checked without producing misery or vice.

~Thomas Malthus

Hard as it may appear in individual instances , dependent poverty ought to be held disgraceful.

~Thomas Malthus

In 1860, sixty-three per cent of the couples married in Great Britain had families of four or more children; in 1925 only twenty per cent had more than four.

~Thomas Malthus

Where are we to look for the consumption required but among the unproductive labourers of Adam Smith?.

~Thomas Malthus

It has been said, and perhaps with truth, that the conclusions of Political Economy partake more of the certainty of the stricter sciences than those of most of the other branches of human knowledge.

~Thomas Malthus

It has appeared that from the inevitable laws of our nature, some human beings must suffer from want. These are the unhappy persons who, in the great lottery of life, have drawn a blank.

~Thomas Malthus

If a country can only be rich by running a successful race for low wages, I should be disposed to say at once, perish such riches!

~Thomas Malthus

The histories of mankind are histories only of the higher classes.

~Thomas Malthus

It is not the most pleasant employment to spend eight hours a day in a counting house.

~Thomas Malthus

It accords with the most liberal spirit of philosophy to suppose that not a stone can fall, or a plant rise, without the immediate agency of divine power.

~Thomas Malthus

No move towards the extinction of the passion between the sexes has taken place in the five or six thousand years that the world has existed.

~Thomas Malthus

The moon is not kept in her orbit round the earth, nor the earth in her orbit round the sun, by a force that varies merely in the inverse ratio of the squares of the distances.

~Thomas Malthus

I feel no doubt whatever that the parish laws of England have contributed to raise the price of provisions and to lower the real price of labour.

~Thomas Malthus

In general it may be said that demand is quite as necessary to the increase of capital as the increase of capital is to demand.

~Thomas Malthus

Capitals accumulate faster than population

~Thomas Malthus

The most effectual encouragement to population is, the activity of industry, and the consequent multiplication of the national products.

~Thomas Malthus

The great and unlooked for discoveries that have taken place of late years have all concurred to lead many men into the opinion that we were touching on a period big with the most important changes.

~Thomas Malthus

The first business of philosophy is to account for things as they are; and till our theories will do this, they ought not to be the ground of any practical conclusion.

~Thomas Malthus

The doctrine of population has been conspicuously absent, not because I doubt in the least its truth and vast importance, but because it forms no part of the direct problem of economics.

~Thomas Malthus

It is also very important to observe, that menial servants are absolutely necessary to make the resources of the higher and middle classes of society efficient in the demand for material products.

~Thomas Malthus

The passion between the sexes has appeared in every age to be so nearly the same, that it may always be considered, in algebraic language as a given quantity.

~Thomas Malthus

Whether the law of marriage be instituted or not, the dictate of nature and virtue seems to be an early attachment to one woman.

~Thomas Malthus

I do not know that any writer has supposed that on this earth man will ultimately be able to live without food.

~Thomas Malthus

The germs of existence contained in this spot of earth, with ample food,

and ample room to expand in, would fill millions of worlds in the course of a few thousand years.

~Thomas Malthus

Man cannot live in the midst of plenty.

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