

Thomas Reid

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There is no greater impediment to the advancement of knowledge than the ambiguity of words.

~Thomas Reid

The rules of navigation never navigated a ship. The rules of architecture never built a house.

~Thomas Reid

In every chain of reasoning, the evidence of the last conclusion can be no greater than that of the weakest link of the chain, whatever may be the strength of the rest.

~Thomas Reid

I wanted to be a part of the downtown renaissance.

~Thomas Reid

The finest productions of human art are immensely short of the meanest work of Nature. The nicest artist cannot make a feather or the leaf of a tree.

~Thomas Reid

Every conjecture we can form with regard to the works of God has as little probability as the conjectures of a child with regard to the works of an adult.

~Thomas Reid

And, if we have any evidence that the wisdom which formed the plan is in the man, we have the very same evidence, that the power which executed it is in him also.

~Thomas Reid

must acknowledge, that to act properly is much more valuable than to think justly or reason acutely.

~Thomas Reid

It is a question of fact, whether the influence of motives be fixed by laws of nature, so that they shall always have the same effect in the same circumstances.

~Thomas Reid

Every indication of wisdom, taken from the effect, is equally an indication of power to execute what wisdom planned.

~Thomas Reid

For, until the wisdom of men bear some proportion to the wisdom of God, their attempts to find out the structure of his works, by the force of their wit and genius, will be vain.

~Thomas Reid

For the perception of the beautiful we have the term "taste"--a metaphor taken from that which is passive in the body and transferred to that which is active in the mind.

~Thomas Reid

I sit in my loft with the haves and look out at the have-nots - the bottom of the bottom - and I have to rationalize it, ... Am I pushing out the homeless?

~Thomas Reid

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