

Vittorio Alfieri

Quotes

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Disgrace does not consist in the punishment, but in the crime.

~Vittorio Alfieri

Deep vengeance is the daughter of deep silence.

~Vittorio Alfieri

Often the test of courage is not to die but to live.

~Vittorio Alfieri

To err is human; but contrition felt for the crime distinguishes the virtuous from the wicked.

~Vittorio Alfieri

Necessity inspires the fatal thought.

~Vittorio Alfieri

Liars are always most disposed to swear.

~Vittorio Alfieri

First thoughts are not always the best.

~Vittorio Alfieri

A usurper always distrusts the whole world.

~Vittorio Alfieri

Ofttimes the test of courage becomes rather to live than to die.

~Vittorio Alfieri

If ardent passions push not men on to lofty enterprise, calm wisdom never will accomplish it.

~Vittorio Alfieri

Heaven takes care that no man secures happiness by crime.

~Vittorio Alfieri

The guilty is he who meditates a crime; the punishment is his who lays the plot.

~Vittorio Alfieri

I had seen the great, but I had not seen the small.

~Vittorio Alfieri

There is a silence, the child of love, which expresses everything, and proclaims more loudly than the tongue is able to do; there are movements that are involuntary proofs of what the soul feels.

~Vittorio Alfieri

Where there are laws, he who has not broken them need not tremble.

~Vittorio Alfieri

For 'tis impossible Hate to return with love.

~Vittorio Alfieri

A conquering king will banish from his breast hatred towards one whom he no longer fears.

~Vittorio Alfieri

Thou knowest not the endless artifices of a court. Invented crimes are often there alleged; but real ones, and those especially, which may offend his pride, are oftentimes not to a king divulged.

~Vittorio Alfieri

Joy, when it is excessive, overcomes as much as grief.

~Vittorio Alfieri

That blood which thou hast spill'd, should join you closely in an eternal bond.

~Vittorio Alfieri

Joy surfeited turns to sorrow.

~Vittorio Alfieri

The time for hope is gone, and come for fear.

~Vittorio Alfieri

Sometimes blood, for the sake of sparing it, is spilled.

~Vittorio Alfieri

The talent of making friends is not equal to the talent of doing without them.

~Vittorio Alfieri

For one to grasp, whatever be his object, sov'reign power ... is an act of perilous presumption.

~Vittorio Alfieri

Original thoughts can be understood only in virtue of the unoriginal elements which they contain.

~Vittorio Alfieri

Alas, 'tis force alone that can compel to virtuous actions a degenerate people.

~Vittorio Alfieri

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