

Voltaire Quotes

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If you want to know who controls you, look at who you are not allowed to criticize.

~Voltaire

It is dangerous to be right in matters where established men are wrong.

~Voltaire

The mirror is a worthless invention. The only way to truly see yourself is in the reflection of someone else's eyes.

~Voltaire

Give me the patience for the small things of life, courage for the great trials of life. Help me to do my best each day and then go to sleep knowing God is awake.

~Voltaire

Many are destined to reason wrongly; others, not to reason at all; and others, to persecute those who do reason.

~Voltaire

Each player must accept the cards life deals him or her: but once they are in hand, he or she alone must decide how to play the cards in order to win the game.

~Voltaire

The most important decision you make is to be in a good mood.

~Voltaire

Judge a man by his questions rather than his answers.

~Voltaire

The more often a stupidity is repeated, the more it gets the appearance of wisdom.

~Voltaire

In general, the art of government consists of taking as much money as possible from one class of citizens to give to another.

~Voltaire

Anyone who has the power to make you believe absurdities has the power to make you commit injustices.

~Voltaire

The only way to comprehend what mathematicians mean by Infinity is to contemplate the extent of human stupidity.

~Voltaire

The more I read, the more I acquire, the more certain I am that I know nothing.

~Voltaire

It is difficult to free fools from the chains they revere.

~Voltaire

Dont think money does everything or you are going to end up doing everything for money.

~Voltaire

The art of government is to make two-thirds of a nation pay all it possibly can pay for the benefit of the other third.

~Voltaire

Everything you say should be true, but not everything true should be said.

~Voltaire

Prejudices are what fools use for reason.

~Voltaire

Democracy is just a filler for textbooks! Do you actually believe that public opinion influences the government?

~Voltaire

The comfort of the rich depends upon an abundant supply of the poor.

~Voltaire

The darkness is at its deepest. Just before the sunrise.

~Voltaire

The longer we dwell on our misfortunes, the greater is their power to harm us

~Voltaire

Think for yourselves and let others enjoy the privilege to do so, too.

~Voltaire

If there's life on other planets, then the earth is the Universe's insane asylum.

~Voltaire

God created sex. Priests created marriage.

~Voltaire

The more a man knows, the less he talks.

~Voltaire

Common sense is not so common.

~Voltaire

What is history? The lie that everyone agrees on.

~Voltaire

It is forbidden to kill; therefore all murderers are punished unless they kill in large numbers and to the sound of trumpets.

~Voltaire

â€ŽLife is a shipwreck, but we must not forget to sing in the lifeboats.

~Voltaire

Dare to think for yourself.

~Voltaire

We are all guilty of the good we did not do

~Voltaire

The art of medicine consists in amusing the patient while nature cures the disease.

~Voltaire

Despite the enormous quantity of books, how few people read! And if one reads profitably, one would realize how much stupid stuff the vulgar herd is content to swallow every day.

~Voltaire

May God defend me from my friends: I can defend myself from my enemies.

~Voltaire

Work spares us from three evils: boredom, vice, and need.

~Voltaire

What can you say to a man who tells you he prefers obeying God rather than men, and that as a result he's certain he'll go to heaven if he cuts your throat?

~Voltaire

We are all full of weakness and errors; let us mutually pardon each other our follies - it is the first law of nature.

~Voltaire

If God did not exist, it would be necessary to invent Him.

~Voltaire

The right to free speech is more important than the content of the speech.

~Voltaire

Beware of the words "internal security," for they are the eternal cry of the oppressor.

~Voltaire

Wherever my travels may lead, paradise is where I am.

~Voltaire

Every man can educate himself. It's shameful to put one's mind into the hands of those whom you wouldn't entrust with your money. Dare to think for yourself.

~Voltaire

It is not inequality which is the real misfortune, it is dependence.

~Voltaire

No opinion is worth burning your neighbor for.

~Voltaire

Meditation is the dissolution of thoughts in Eternal awareness or Pure consciousness without objectification, knowing without thinking, merging finitude in infinity.

~Voltaire

There are two things for which animals are to be envied: they know nothing of future evils, or of what people say about them.

~Voltaire

A minister of state is excusable for the harm he does when the helm of government has forced his hand in a storm; but in the calm he is guilty of all the good he does not do.

~Voltaire

What is tolerance? It is the consequence of humanity. We are all formed of frailty and error; let us pardon reciprocally each other's folly - that is the first law of nature.

~Voltaire

I hate women because they always know where things are.

~Voltaire

It is one of the superstitions of the human mind to have imagined that virginity could be a virtue.

~Voltaire

One day everything will be well, that is our hope. Everything's fine today, that is our illusion.

~Voltaire

If mankind were born tomorrow it would divide into groups; each would scramble to invent their one and only god, and set about butchering each-other.

~Voltaire

Faith consists in believing what reason cannot.

~Voltaire

The happiest of all lives is a busy solitude.

~Voltaire

Doctors put drugs of which they know little into bodies of which they know less for diseases of which they know nothing at all.

~Voltaire

Love is a canvas furnished by Nature and embroidered by imagination.

~Voltaire

It is said that the present is pregnant with the future.

~Voltaire

He must be very ignorant for he answers every question he is asked.

~Voltaire

God gave us the gift of life; it is up to us to give ourselves the gift of living well.

~Voltaire

Stand upright, speak thy thoughts, declare The truth thou hast, that all may share; Be bold, proclaim it everywhere: They only live who dare.

~Voltaire

What most persons consider as virtue, after the age of 40 is simply a loss of energy.

~Voltaire

I cannot imagine how the clockwork of the universe can exist without a clockmaker.

~Voltaire

Our wretched species is so made that those who walk on the well-trodden path always throw stones at those who are showing a new road.

~Voltaire

To succeed in the world it is not enough to be stupid, you must also be well-mannered.

~Voltaire

The man who says to me, "Believe as I do, or God will damn you," will presently say, "Believe as I do, or I shall assassinate you."

~Voltaire

No problem can withstand the assault of sustained thinking.

~Voltaire

The opportunity for doing mischief is found a hundred times a day, and of doing good once in a year.

~Voltaire

If you have two religions in your land, the two will cut each other's throats; but if you have thirty religions, they will dwell in peace

~Voltaire

I would rather obey a fine lion, much stronger than myself, than two hundred rats of my own species.

~Voltaire

Being unable to make people more reasonable, I preferred to be happy away from them

~Voltaire

Appreciation is a wonderful thing: It makes what is excellent in others belong to us as well.

~Voltaire

Man is free at the instant he wants to be.

~Voltaire

Life is thickly sown with thorns. I know no other remedy than to pass rapidly over them. The longer we dwell on our misfortunes the greater is their power to harm us.

~Voltaire

All the reasonings of men are not worth one sentiment of women.

~Voltaire

If one does not reflect, one thinks oneself master of everything; but when one does reflect, one realizes that one is master of nothing.

~Voltaire

What is madness? To have erroneous perceptions and to reason correctly from them.

~Voltaire

To announce truths is an infallible receipt for being persecuted.

~Voltaire

It is not enough to conquer; one must learn to seduce.

~Voltaire

My life is a struggle.

~Voltaire

Christianity is the most ridiculous, the most absurd and bloody religion that has ever infected the world.

~Voltaire

Men will always be mad, and those who think they can cure them are the maddest of all.

~Voltaire

He who thinks himself wise, O heavens! is a great fool.

~Voltaire

Doubt is uncomfortable, certainty is ridiculous.

~Voltaire

Every man is a creature of the age in which he lives and few are able to raise themselves above the ideas of the time.

~Voltaire

The human brain is a complex organ with the wonderful power of enabling man to find reasons for continuing to believe whatever it is that he wants to believe.

~Voltaire

In every province, the chief occupations, in order of importance, are lovemaking, malicious gossip, and talking nonsense.

~Voltaire

War is the greatest of all crimes; and yet there is no aggressor who does not color his crime with the pretext of justice.

~Voltaire

Time is man's most precious asset. All men neglect it; all regret the loss of it; nothing can be done without it.

~Voltaire

Prejudices are what rule the vulgar crowd.

~Voltaire

The true triumph of reason is that it enables us to get along with those who do not possess it.

~Voltaire

This agglomeration which was called and which still calls itself the Holy Roman Empire was neither holy, nor Roman, nor an empire.

~Voltaire

The superfluous, a very necessary thing.

~Voltaire

Ice-cream is exquisite - what a pity it isn't illegal.

~Voltaire

Tears are the silent language of grief.

~Voltaire

Faith consists in believing when it is beyond the power of reason to believe.

~Voltaire

Nothing would be more tiresome than eating and drinking if God had not made them a pleasure as well as a necessity.

~Voltaire

Cherish those who seek the truth but beware of those who find it.

~Voltaire

One should always aim at being interesting, rather than exact.

~Voltaire

To achieve a goal, a dream, a wish, you must plan it out for success!

~Voltaire

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