

Walter Raleigh

Quotes

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Time, Death, Matter, Passion, Love, Pain, Fall, Mean, Writing*

Talking much is a sign of vanity, for the one who is lavish with words is cheap in deeds.

~Walter Raleigh

But from this earth, this grave, this dust, My God shall raise me up, I trust.

~Walter Raleigh

If all the world and love were young, And truth in every shepherd's tongue, These pretty pleasures might me move To live with thee, and be thy love.

~Walter Raleigh

But true love is a durable fire, In the mind ever burning, Never sick, never old, never dead, From itself never turning.

~Walter Raleigh

The most divine light only shineth on those minds which are purged from all worldly dross and human uncleanness.

~Walter Raleigh

But it is hard to know them from friends, they are so obsequious and full of protestations; for a wolf resembles a dog, so doth a flatterer a friend.

~Walter Raleigh

[It is a basic principle of a tyrant] to unarm his people of weapons, money and all means whereby they resist his power.

~Walter Raleigh

So the heart be right, it is no matter which way the head lieth.

~Walter Raleigh

It is not truth, but opinion that can travel the world without a passport.

~Walter Raleigh

It is the nature of men having escaped one extreme, which by force they were constrained long to endure, to run headlong into the other extreme, forgetting that virtue doth always consist in the mean.

~Walter Raleigh

A man must first govern himself ere he is fit to govern a family; and his family ere he be fit to bear the government of the commonwealth.

~Walter Raleigh

Whoever commands the sea, commands the trade; whosoever commands the trade of the world commands the riches of the world, and consequently the world itself.

~Walter Raleigh

All men are evil and will declare themselves to be so when occasion is offered.

~Walter Raleigh

Hatreds are the cinders of affection.

~Walter Raleigh

I wish I loved the Human Race; I wish I loved its silly face; I wish I liked the way it walks; I wish I liked the way it talks; And when I'm introduced to one I wish I thought What Jolly Fun!

~Walter Raleigh

This is a sharp medicine, but it is a physician for all diseases and miseries.

~Walter Raleigh

Give my scallop-shell of quiet, My staff of faith to walk upon, My scrip of joy, immortal diet, My bottle of salvation, My gown of glory, hope's true gage; And thus I'll take my pilgrimage.

~Walter Raleigh

It is observed in the course of worldly things, that men's fortunes are oftener made by their tongues than by their virtues; and more men's fortunes overthrown thereby than by vices.

~Walter Raleigh

Prevention is the daughter of intelligence.

~Walter Raleigh

If thou marry beauty, thou bindest thyself all thy life for that which, perchance, will neither last nor please thee one year.

~Walter Raleigh

The world is itself but a larger prison, out of which some are daily selected for execution.

~Walter Raleigh

No mortal thing can bear so high a price, But that with mortal thing it may be bought.

~Walter Raleigh

The useful type of successful teacher is one whose main interest is the children, not the subject.

~Walter Raleigh

Youth is the opportunity to do something and to be somebody.

~Walter Raleigh

Never spend anything before thou have it; for borrowing is the canker and death of every man's estate.

~Walter Raleigh

Whosoever in writing a modern history shall follow the truth too near the heels it may haply strike out his teeth.

~Walter Raleigh

Oh, doughty sons of Hungary! May all success Attend and bless Your warlike ironmongery!

~Walter Raleigh

I shall never be persuaded that God hath shut up all light of learning within the lantern of Aristotle's brain.

~Walter Raleigh

Even such is time, that takes in trust Our youth, our joys, our all we have, And pays us but with age and dust.

~Walter Raleigh

God is absolutely good; and so, assuredly, the cause of all that is good.

~Walter Raleigh

If she undervalues me, What care I how fair she be?

~Walter Raleigh

The first draught serveth for health, the second for pleasure, the third for shame, the fourth for madness.

~Walter Raleigh

Better it were not to live than to live a coward.

~Walter Raleigh

There is nothing exempt from the peril of mutation; the earth, heavens, and whole world is thereunto subject.

~Walter Raleigh

Fain would I climb, yet fear I to fall.

~Walter Raleigh

Passions are likened best to floods and streams: The shallow murmur,

but the deep are dumb.

~Walter Raleigh

'Tis a sharp medicine, but it will cure all that ails you.

~Walter Raleigh

War begets quiet, quiet idleness, idleness disorder, disorder ruin; likewise ruin order, order virtue, virtue glory, and good fortune.

~Walter Raleigh

Except thou desire to hasten thine end, take this for a general rule, that thou never add any artificial heat to thy body by wine or spice.

~Walter Raleigh

Whoso desireth to govern well and securely, it behoveth him to have a vigilant eye to the proceedings of great princes, and to consider seriously of their designs.

~Walter Raleigh

Better were it to be unborn than to be ill bred.

~Walter Raleigh

Use your youth so that you may have comfort to remember it when it has forsaken you, and not sigh and grieve at the account thereof.

~Walter Raleigh

In a word, we may gather out of History a policy no less wise than I eternal; by the comparison and application of other mens fore-passed miseries with our own like errors and ill-deservings.

~Walter Raleigh

No one can take less pains than to hold his tongue. Hear much, and speak little; for the tongue is the instrument of the greatest good and greatest evil that is done in the world.

~Walter Raleigh

To live thy better, let thy worst thoughts die.

~Walter Raleigh

Men endure the losses that befall them by mere casualty with more patience than the damages they sustain by injustice.

~Walter Raleigh

The flowers do fade, and wanton fields
To wayward winter reckoning
yields; A honey tongue, a heart of gall,
Is fancy's spring, but sorrow's
fall.

~Walter Raleigh

Let valour end my life!

~Walter Raleigh

No man is esteemed for colorful garments except by fools and women.

~Walter Raleigh

A wandering minstrel I
A thing of shreds and patches
Of ballads, songs
and snatches
And dreamy lullaby!

~Walter Raleigh

Expressive glances
Shall be our lances
And pops of Sillery
Our light
artillery.

~Walter Raleigh

Desire attained is not desire,
But as the cinders of the fire.

~Walter Raleigh

Our immortal souls, while righteous,
are by God himself beautified with
the title of his own image and similitude.

~Walter Raleigh

Silence in love betrays more woe - Than words though ne'er so witty; A beggar that is dumb, you know, may challenge double pity.

~Walter Raleigh

Love likes not the falling fruit, Nor the withered tree.

~Walter Raleigh

... but the longest day hath its evening.

~Walter Raleigh

Who so taketh in hand to frame any state or government ought to presuppose that all men are evil, and at occasions will show themselves so to be.

~Walter Raleigh

Because all men are apt to flatter themselves, to entertain the addition of other men's praises is most perilous.

~Walter Raleigh

Covetous ambition, thinking all too little which presently it hath, supposeth itself to stand in need of that which it hath not.

~Walter Raleigh

The House of Peers, throughout the war, Did nothing in particular, And did it very well: Yet Britain set the world ablaze In good King George's glorious days!

~Walter Raleigh

It is, it is a glorious thing To be a Pirate King.

~Walter Raleigh

Corrupt seeds bring forth corrupt plants.

~Walter Raleigh

Our shipping and sea service is our best and safest defence as being the only fortification and rampart of England.

~Walter Raleigh

Trust few men; above all, keep your follies to yourself.

~Walter Raleigh

It would be an unspeakable advantage, both to the public and private, if men would consider that great truth, that no man is wise or safe but he that is honest.

~Walter Raleigh

It were better for a man to be subject to any vice than to drunkenness; for all other vanities and sins are recovered, but a drunkard will never shake off the delight of beastliness.

~Walter Raleigh

Death, which hateth and destroyeth a man, is believed; God, which hath made him and loves him, is always deferred.

~Walter Raleigh

In a letter to a friend the thought is often unimportant, and the feeling, if it be only a desire to entertain him, every thing.

~Walter Raleigh

Hath triumphed over time, which besides it nothing but eternity hath triumphed over.

~Walter Raleigh

Our bodies are but the anvils of pain and disease and our minds the hives of unnumbered cares.

~Walter Raleigh

The bodies of men, munition, and money may justly be called the

sinews of war.

~Walter Raleigh

Divine is Love and scorneth worldly pelf, And can be bought with nothing but with self.

~Walter Raleigh

I can't write a book commensurate with Shakespeare, but I can write a book by me.

~Walter Raleigh

Less pains in the world a man cannot take than to bold his tongue.

~Walter Raleigh

And when I'm introduced to one I wish I thought What Jolly Fun!

~Walter Raleigh

The necessity of war, which among human actions is the most lawless, hath some kind of affinity with the necessity of law.

~Walter Raleigh

Romance is a love affair in other than domestic surroundings.

~Walter Raleigh

What is our life? A play of passion. Our mirth the music of division. Our mother's wombs the tiring houses be, Where we are drest for this short Comedy.

~Walter Raleigh

Our souls, piercing through the impurity of flesh, behold the highest heaven, and thence bring knowledge to contemplate the ever-during, glory and termless joy.

~Walter Raleigh

Fain would I, but I dare not; I dare, and yet I may not; I may, although I care not, for pleasure when I play not.

~Walter Raleigh

An anthology is like all the plums and orange peel picked out of a cake.

~Walter Raleigh

The difference between a rich man and a poor man is this--the former eats when he pleases, and the latter when he can get it.

~Walter Raleigh

The gain of lying is nothing else but not to be trusted of any, nor to be believed when we say the truth.

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