

William Howard Taft

Quotes

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The true Mason takes full responsibility for the condition of his character and ever strives for its perfection.

~William Howard Taft

The true Mason always carries his working tools everywhere.

~William Howard Taft

Enthusiasm for a cause sometimes warps judgment.

~William Howard Taft

Too many people don't care what happens so long as it doesn't happen to them.

~William Howard Taft

Don't write so that you can be understood, write so that you can't be misunderstood.

~William Howard Taft

We must dare to be great; and we must realize that greatness is the fruit of toil and sacrifice and high courage.

~William Howard Taft

The precepts of the Gospel were universally the obligations of Masonry.

~William Howard Taft

Presidents come and go, but the Supreme Court goes on forever.

~William Howard Taft

We can't have a decent government unless those in power exercise self restraint.

~William Howard Taft

The world is not going to be saved by legislation.

~William Howard Taft

The true Mason never hesitates to use the working tools to correct personal flaws.

~William Howard Taft

No tendency is quite so strong in human nature as the desire to lay down rules of conduct for other people.

~William Howard Taft

The City that knows how.

~William Howard Taft

Repeat mantra: Donuts are not vitamins, donuts are not.

~William Howard Taft

If they will play fair I will play fair, but if they won't then I reserve all my rights to do anything I find myself able to do.

~William Howard Taft

The cheerful loser is a sort of winner.

~William Howard Taft

Substantial progress toward better things can rarely be taken without developing new evils requiring new remedies.

~William Howard Taft

We are all imperfect. We can not expect perfect government.

~William Howard Taft

I do not believe in the divinity of Christ, and there are many other of the postulates of the orthodox creed to which I cannot subscribe.

~William Howard Taft

The true Mason ever strives to cultivate Masonry in his/her life to the fullest degree possible.

~William Howard Taft

The man with the average mentality, but with control, with a definite goal, and a clear conception of how it can be gained, and above all, with the power of application and labor, wins in the end.

~William Howard Taft

Anyone who has taken the oath I have just taken must feel a heavy weight of responsibility. If not, he has no conception of the powers and duties of the office.

~William Howard Taft

As the Republican platforms says, the welfare of the farmer is vital to that of the whole country.

~William Howard Taft

The underlying principle of Masonry is the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. In this war we are engaging in upholding these principles and our enemies are attacking them.

~William Howard Taft

My impression about the Panama Canal is that the great revolution it is going to introduce in the trade of the world is in the trade between the east and the west coast of the United States.

~William Howard Taft

The Masonic system represents a stupendous and beautiful fabric, founded on universal purity, to rule and direct our passions, to have faith and love in God, and charity toward man.

~William Howard Taft

Anti-Semitism is a noxious weed that should be cut out. It has no place

in America.

~William Howard Taft

I love judges, and I love courts. They are my ideals, that typify on earth what we shall meet hereafter in heaven under a just God.

~William Howard Taft

A government is for the benefit of all the people.

~William Howard Taft

We passed the Children's Bureau bill calculated to prevent children from being employed too early in factories.

~William Howard Taft

I think I might as well give up being a candidate. There are so many people in the country who don't like me.

~William Howard Taft

We live in a stage of politics, where legislators seem to regard the passage of laws as much more important than the results of their enforcement.

~William Howard Taft

That all may be so, but when I begin to exercise that power I am not conscious of the power, but only of the limitations imposed on me.

~William Howard Taft

I don't know whither we are drifting, but I do know where every real thinking patriot will stand in the end, and that's by the Constitution.

~William Howard Taft

There is no "but" in it. The way to be an administration Senator is to vote with the Administration.

~William Howard Taft

I have come to the conclusion that the major part of the president is to increase the gate receipts of expositions and fairs and bring tourists to town.

~William Howard Taft

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The true Mason's level of discernment increases with every use of the working tools, because the true Mason is ever working on him/her self.

~William Howard Taft

I am afraid I am a constant disappointment to my party. The fact of the matter is, the longer I am President the less of a party man I seem to become.

~William Howard Taft

Golf in the interest of good health and good manners. It promotes self-restraint and affords a chance to play the man and act the gentleman.

~William Howard Taft

Don't worry over what the newspapers say. I don't. Why should anyone else? I told the truth to the newspaper correspondents - but when you tell the truth to them they are at sea.

~William Howard Taft

The true Mason is ever vigilant for subtle traces of character and personality flaws which daily experience brings out.

~William Howard Taft

A system in which we may have an enforced rest from legislation for two years is not bad.

~William Howard Taft

The true Mason is the Tiler of the Temple of the Heart.

~William Howard Taft

I think his greatest fault is his failure to accord credit to anyone for what he may have done. This is a great weakness in any man.

~William Howard Taft

I am in favor of helping the prosperity of all countries because, when we are all prosperous, the trade with each becomes more valuable to the other.

~William Howard Taft

Socialism proposes no adequate substitute for the motive of enlightened selfishness that today is at the basis of all human labor and effort, enterprise and new activity.

~William Howard Taft

I do not know much about politics, but I am trying to do the best I can with this administration until the time shall come for me to turn it over to somebody else.

~William Howard Taft

The policy of dollar diplomacy is one that appeals alike to idealistic humanitarian sentiments, to dictates of sound policy, and strategy, and to legitimate commercial aims.

~William Howard Taft

I am president now, and tired of being kicked around.

~William Howard Taft

Next to the right of liberty, the right of property is the most important individual right guaranteed by the Constitution . .

~William Howard Taft

Action for which I become responsible, or for which my administration becomes responsible, shall be within the law.

~William Howard Taft

If this humor be the safety of our race, then it is due largely to the infusion into the American people of the Irish brain.

~William Howard Taft

I know how irritating it is to have somebody else lay down rules for your moral uplift, but you've got to stand a great deal in order to make progress.

~William Howard Taft

The game of baseball is a clean, straight game, and it summons to its presence everybody who enjoys clean, straight athletics. It furnishes amusement to the thousands and thousands.

~William Howard Taft

We, as Unitarians, may feel that the world is coming our way.

~William Howard Taft

The diplomacy of the present administration has sought to respond to the modern idea of commercial intercourse. This policy has been characterized as substituting dollars for bullets.

~William Howard Taft

Well, I have one consolation. No candidate was ever elected ex-president by such a large majority!

~William Howard Taft

Politics make me sick

~William Howard Taft

We are all dependent upon the investment of capital.

~William Howard Taft

We have a government of limited power under the Constitution, and we have got to work out our problems on the basis of law.

~William Howard Taft

The true Mason does not hold or teach the attitude that, I am a Master Mason now and thus I no longer need to be concerned with using the working tools because they were given in the earlier degrees.

~William Howard Taft

Politics, when I am in it, makes me sick.

~William Howard Taft

What I am anxious to do is to secure my legislation.... What I want to do is to get through that, and if I can point to a record of usefulness of that kind, I am entirely willing to quit office.

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~William Howard Taft

There are a great many people who are in favor of conservation no matter what it means.

~William Howard Taft

No, the only things which do not bother me are the elements. I can overcome them without a fight. All one has to do to get the best of the elements is to stand pat and one will win.

~William Howard Taft

We shall have to begin all over again. [Taft hoped that] the Senators might change their minds, or that the people might change the Senate; instead of which they changed me.

~William Howard Taft

I'll be damned if I am not getting tired of this. It seems to be the profession of a President simply to hear other people talk.

~William Howard Taft

The truth is that in my present life I don't remember that I ever was president.

~William Howard Taft

I am glad to be going. This is the loneliest place in the world?

~William Howard Taft

We have passed the time of ... the laissez-faire [sic] school which believes that the government ought to do nothing but run a police force.

~William Howard Taft

A man never knows exactly how the child of his brain will strike other people.

~William Howard Taft

I don't know the man I admire more than [Charles Evans] Hughes. If ever I have the chance I shall offer him the Chief Justiceship.

~William Howard Taft

One cannot always be sure of the truth of what one hears if he happens to be President of the United States.

~William Howard Taft

The trouble with me is that I like to talk too much.

~William Howard Taft

When the history of this period is written, [William Jennings] Bryan will

stand out as one of the most remarkable men of his generation and one of the biggest political men of our country.

~William Howard Taft

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