

# William Lamb, 2nd Viscount Melbourne Quotes

*Principles, Men, Character, May, Fool, Support, Matter, Religion, Use, Wise,  
Order, Strong, Mind, Taken, Sky, Contracts, Government, Doubt, Privacy,  
Confidence*

Be not over solicitous about education. It may be able to do much, but it does not do as much as expected from it. It may mould and direct the character, but it rarely alters it.

~William Lamb, 2nd Viscount Melbourne

Neither man nor woman can be worth anything until they have discovered that they are fools. The sooner the discovery is made the better, as there is more time and power for taking advantage of it.

~William Lamb, 2nd Viscount Melbourne

Nobody ever did anything very foolish except from some strong principle.

~William Lamb, 2nd Viscount Melbourne

That is no use at all. What I want is men who will support me when I am in the wrong.

~William Lamb, 2nd Viscount Melbourne

It doesn't matter what we say , so long as we all say the same thing.

~William Lamb, 2nd Viscount Melbourne

It is not much matter which we say, but mind, we must all say the same.

~William Lamb, 2nd Viscount Melbourne

What all the wise men promised has not happened and what all the damned fools said would happen has come to pass.

~William Lamb, 2nd Viscount Melbourne

While I cannot be regarded as a pillar, I must be regarded as a buttress of the church, because I support it from outside.

~William Lamb, 2nd Viscount Melbourne

I wish I was as cocksure of anything as Tom Macaulay is of everything.

~William Lamb, 2nd Viscount Melbourne

Things are coming to a pretty pass when religion is allowed to invade private life.

~William Lamb, 2nd Viscount Melbourne

The whole duty of government is to prevent crime and to preserve contracts.

~William Lamb, 2nd Viscount Melbourne

What I like about the Order of the Garter is that there is no damned merit about it.

~William Lamb, 2nd Viscount Melbourne

A doctrinaire is a fool but an honest man.

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