

William Winwood Reade Quotes

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Simple, Fall, Art, Christian, God, Dream, Agents, Savages, Needs, Together*

Men prefer to believe that they are degenerated angels, rather than elevated apes.

~William Winwood Reade

A day will come when the European god of the nineteenth century will be classed with the gods of Olympus and the Nile.

~William Winwood Reade

As a single atom man is an enigma: as a whole he is a mathematical problem. As an individual he is a free agent, as a species the offspring of necessity.

~William Winwood Reade

What a state of society is this in which freethinker is a term of abuse, and in which doubt is regarded as sin?

~William Winwood Reade

Our enlightened posterity will look back upon us who eat oxen and sheep, just as we look upon cannibals.

~William Winwood Reade

One fact must be familiar to all those who have any experience of human nature - a sincerely religious man is often an exceedingly bad man.

~William Winwood Reade

It is a sure criterion of the civilisation of ancient Egypt that the soldiers did not carry arms except on duty, and that the private citizens did not carry them at all.

~William Winwood Reade

If we look into ourselves we discover propensities which declare that our intellects have arisen from a lower form; could our minds be made visible we should find them tailed.

~William Winwood Reade

Artistic genius is an expansion of monkey imitateness.

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It may safely be asserted that the art of war will soon be reduced to a simple question of expenditure and credit, and that the largest purse will be the strongest arm.

~William Winwood Reade

One book that has influenced the writer very strongly is Winwood Reade's *Martyrdom of Man*...It is still an extraordinarily inspiring presentation of human history as one consistent process.

~William Winwood Reade

Open the book of universal history at what period we may, it is always the India trade which is the cause of internal industry and foreign negotiation.

~William Winwood Reade

The philosophic spirit of inquiry may be traced to brute curiosity, and that to the habit of examining all things in search of food. Artistic genius is an expansion of monkey imitateness.

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Doubt is the offspring of knowledge: the savage never doubts at all.

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