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Sir Thomas Browne, MD (October 19, 1605 – October 19, 1682) was an English author of varied works that disclose his wide learning in diverse fields including medicine, religion, science and the esoteric.

Let age, not envy, draw wrinkles on thy cheeks.

- Browne, Sir Thomas

It is we that are blind, not fortune.

- Browne, Sir Thomas

It is the common wonder of all men, how among so many million faces, there should be none alike.

- Browne, Sir Thomas

To believe only possibilities is not faith, but mere philosophy.

- Browne, Sir Thomas

But the iniquity of oblivion blindly scattereth her poppy, and deals with the memory of men without distinction to merit of perpetuity.

- Browne, Sir Thomas

Forcible ways make not an end of evil, but leave hatred and malice behind them.

- Browne, Sir Thomas

All things are artificial, for nature is the art of God.

- Browne, Sir Thomas

Obstinacy in a bad cause is but constancy in a good.

- Browne, Sir Thomas

Men live by intervals of reason under the sovereignty of humor and passion.

- Browne, Sir Thomas

Rough diamonds may sometimes be mistaken for worthless pebbles.

- Browne, Sir Thomas

I could be content that we might procreate like trees, without conjunction, or that there were any way to perpetuate the world without this trivial and vulgar way of coition.

- Browne, Sir Thomas

As reason is a rebel to faith, so passion is a rebel to reason.

- Browne, Sir Thomas

Come, fair repentance, daughter of the skies! Soft harbinger of soon returning virtue; The weeping messenger of grace from heaven.

- Browne, Sir Thomas

We term sleep a death by which we may be literally said to die daily; in fine, so like death, I dare not trust it without my prayers.

- Browne, Sir Thomas

Charity But how shall we expect charity towards others, when we are uncharitable to ourselves? Charity begins at home, is the voice of the world; yet is every man his greatest enemy, and, as it were, his own executioner.

- Browne, Sir Thomas

Be charitable before wealth makes you covetous.

- Browne, Sir Thomas

A man may be in as just possession of truth as of a city, and yet be forced to surrender.

- Browne, Sir Thomas

Though it be in the power of the weakest arm to take away life, it is not in the strongest to deprive us of death.

- Browne, Sir Thomas

Man is a noble animal, splendid in ashes, and pompous in the grave.

- Browne, Sir Thomas

We all labor against our own cure, for death is the cure of all diseases.

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