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# Quotes by Spinoza, Baruch (Benedict de)

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Desire is the essence of a man.

- Spinoza, Baruch (Benedict de)

Fame has also this great drawback, that if we pursue it, we must direct our lives so as to please the fancy of men.

- Spinoza, Baruch (Benedict de)

None are more taken in by flattery than the proud, who wish to be the first and are not.

- Spinoza, Baruch (Benedict de)

Only that thing is free which exists by the necessities of its own nature, and is determined in its actions by itself alone.

- Spinoza, Baruch (Benedict de)

To give aid to every poor man is far beyond the reach and power of every man. Care of the poor is incumbent on society as a whole.

- Spinoza, Baruch (Benedict de)

Fear cannot be without hope nor hope without fear.

- Spinoza, Baruch (Benedict de)

Those who are believed to be most abject and humble are usually most ambitious and envious.

- Spinoza, Baruch (Benedict de)

The greatest pride, or the greatest despondency, is the greatest ignorance of one's self.

- Spinoza, Baruch (Benedict de)

We feel and know that we are eternal.

- Spinoza, Baruch (Benedict de)

Music is good to the melancholy, bad to those who mourn, and neither good or bad to the deaf.

- Spinoza, Baruch (Benedict de)

Peace is not an absence of war, it is a virtue, a state of mind, a disposition for benevolence, confidence, justice.

- Spinoza, Baruch (Benedict de)

All excellent things are as difficult as they are rare.

- Spinoza, Baruch (Benedict de)

Pride is pleasure arising from a man's thinking too highly of himself.

- Spinoza, Baruch (Benedict de)

Men govern nothing with more difficulty than their tongues, and can moderate their desires more than their words.

- Spinoza, Baruch (Benedict de)

I would warn you that I do not attribute to nature either beauty or deformity, order or confusion. Only in relation to our imagination can things be called beautiful or ugly, well-ordered or confused.

- Spinoza, Baruch (Benedict de)

I have striven not to laugh at human actions, not to weep at them, nor to hate them, but to understand them.

- Spinoza, Baruch (Benedict de)

The highest activity a human being can attain is learning for understanding, because to understand is to be free.

- Spinoza, Baruch (Benedict de)

Will and intellect are one and the same.

- Spinoza, Baruch (Benedict de)







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