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Giambattista Vico or Giovanni Battista Vico (June 23, 1668January 23, 1744) was a Neapolitan philosopher, historian, and jurist.

Men first feel necessity, then look for utility, next attend to comfort, still later amuse themselves with pleasure, thence grow dissolute in luxury, and finally go mad and waste their substance.

- Vico, Giambattista

The nature of peoples is first crude, then severe, then benign, then delicate, finally dissolute.

- Vico, Giambattista

The universal principle of etymology in all languages: words are carried over from bodies and from the properties of bodies to express the things of the mind and spirit. The order of ideas must follow the order of things.

- Vico, Giambattista

Metaphysics abstracts the mind from the senses, and the poetic faculty must submerge the whole mind in the senses. Metaphysics soars up to universals, and the poetic faculty must plunge deep into particulars.

- Vico, Giambattista

It is true that men themselves made this world of nations... but this world without doubt has issued from a mind often diverse, at times quite contrary, and always superior to the particular ends that men had proposed to themselves.

- Vico, Giambattista

Common sense is judgment without reflection, shared by an entire class, an entire nation, or the entire human race.

- Vico, Giambattista

Uniform ideas originating among entire peoples unknown to each other must have a common ground of truth.

- Vico, Giambattista



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