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There are always difficulties arising that tempt you to believe your critics are right.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

We never become really and genuinely our entire and honest selves until we are dead -- and not then until we have been dead years and years. People ought to start dead and then they would be honest so much earlier.

- Twain, Mark

Get your facts first, and then you can distort them as much as you please.

- Twain, Mark

The older we grow the greater becomes our wonder at how much ignorance one can contain without bursting one's clothes.

- Twain, Mark

Good breeding consists in concealing how much we think of ourselves and how little we think of the other person.

- Twain, Mark

History is strewn thick with evidence that a truth is not hard to kill, but a lie, well told, is

immortal.

- Twain, Mark

There are times when one would like to hang the whole human race, and finish the farce.

- Twain, Mark

I would rather have my ignorance than another man's knowledge, because I have so much of it.

- Twain, Mark

The fact that man knows right from wrong proves his intellectual superiority to the other creatures; but the fact that he can do wrong proves his moral inferiority to any creatures that cannot.

- Twain, Mark

We have not the reverent feeling for the rainbow that a savage has, because we know how it is made. We have lost as much as we gained by prying into that matter.

- Twain, Mark

A man who carries a cat by the tail learns something he can learn in no other way.

- Twain, Mark

Never learn to do anything. If you don't learn, you will always find someone else to do it

for you.

- Twain, Mark

A lie can run around the world six times while the truth is still trying to put on its pants.

- Twain, Mark

Suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a member of Congress. But I repeat myself.

- Twain, Mark

Never put off until tomorrow what you can do the day after tomorrow.

- Twain, Mark

When people do not respect us we are sharply offended; yet deep down in his private heart no man much respects himself.

- Twain, Mark

Everyone is like a moon, and has a dark side which he never shows to anybody.

- Twain, Mark

We need not worry so much about what man descends from; it's what he descends to that shames the human race.

- Twain, Mark

Education is the path from cocky ignorance to miserable uncertainty.

- Twain, Mark

The best way to cheer yourself up is to try to cheer somebody else up.

- Twain, Mark

Never tell the truth to people who are not worthy of it.

- Twain, Mark

There are no grades of vanity, there are only grades of ability in concealing it.

- Twain, Mark

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