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Quotes about Candor

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Gracious to all, to none subservient, Without offense he spoke the word he meant.

- Aldrich, Thomas B.

Always be ready to speak your mind, and a base man will avoid you.

- Blake, William

Candor is a proof of both a just frame of mind, and of a good tone of breeding. It is a quality that belongs equally to the honest man and to the gentleman.

- Cooper, James F.

Frank and explicit -- that is the right line to take when you wish to conceal your own mind and to confuse the minds of others.

- Disraeli, Benjamin

Candor is the brightest gem of criticism.

- Disraeli, Benjamin

There is no wisdom like frankness.

- Disraeli, Benjamin

To be candid, in Middlemarch phraseology, meant, to use an early opportunity of letting your friends know that you did not take a cheerful view of their capacity, their conduct, or their position; and a robust candor never waited to be asked for its opinion.

- Eliot, George

A No uttered from deepest conviction is better and greater than a Yes merely uttered to please, or what is worse, to avoid trouble.

- Gandhi, Mahatma

If all hearts were open and all desires known -- as they would be if people showed their souls -- how many gapings, sighings, clenched fists, knotted brows, broad grins, and red eyes should we see in the market-place!

- Hardy, Thomas

There is an unseemly exposure of the mind, as well as of the body.

- Hazlitt, William

We want all our friends to tell us our bad qualities; it is only the particular ass that does so whom we can't tolerate.

- James, William

You may tell a man thou art a fiend, but not your nose wants blowing; to him alone who

can bear a thing of that kind, you may tell all.

- Lavater, Johann Kaspar

Friends, if we be honest with ourselves, we shall be honest with each other.

- Macdonald, George

It is the weak and confused who worship the pseudosimplicities of brutal directness.

- McLuhan, Marshall

Let us not be ashamed to speak what we shame not to think.

- Montaigne, Michel Eyquem De

Not to expose your true feelings to an adult seems to be instinctive from the age of seven or eight onwards.

- Orwell, George

Examine what is said, not him who speaks.

- Proverb, Arabian



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