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Quotes about Certainty

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If we begin with certainties, we shall end in doubts; but if we begin with doubts, and are patient in them, we shall end in certainties.

- Bacon, Francis

If a man will begin with certainties, he shall end in doubts, but if he will be content to begin with doubts, he shall end in certainties.

- Bacon, Francis

To be positive: to be mistaken at the top of one's voice.

- Bierce, Ambrose

I have lived in this world just long enough to look carefully the second time into things that I am the most certain of the first time.

- Billings, Josh

There is nothing so uncertain as a sure thing.

- Bowman, Scotty

We delight in one knowable thing, which comprehends all that is knowable; in one apprehensible, which draws together all that can be apprehended; in a single being that

includes all, above all in the one which is itself the all.

- Bruno, Giordano

There is no such uncertainty as a sure thing.

- Burns, Robert

We are not certain, we are never certain. If we were we could reach some conclusions, and we could, at last, make others take us seriously.

- Camus, Albert

One must verify or expel his doubts, and convert them into the certainty of Yes or NO.

- Carlyle, Thomas

Inquiry is fatal to certainty.

- Durant, William J.

In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes.

- Franklin, Benjamin

Certainty? In this world nothing is certain but death and taxes.

- Franklin, Benjamin

There is nothing certain except the unforeseen.

- Fraude

When we are not sure, we are alive.

- Greene, Graham

I am certain of nothing but the holiness of the heart's affections, and the truth of imagination.

- Keats, John

The one unchangeable certainty is that nothing is unchangeable or certain.

- Kennedy, John F.

A woman's guess is much more accurate than a man's certainty.

- Kipling, Rudyard

The more I see the less I know for sure.

- Lennon, John

It is the dull man who is always sure, and the sure man who is always dull.

- Mencken, H. L.

Ah, what a dusty answer gets the soul when hot for certainties in this our life!

- Meredith, George

There is nothing certain in a man's life but that he must lose it.

- Meredith, Owen

Convictions are more dangerous enemies of truth than lies.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Only one thing is certain -- that is, nothing is certain. If this statement is true, it is also false.

- Paradox, Ancient

In these matters the only certainty is that there is nothing certain.

- Pliny The Elder

The only certainty is that nothing is certain.

- Pliny The Elder

Certainties are arrived at only on foot.

- Porchia, Antonio

There is nothing certain, but the uncertain.

- Proverb

To be uncertain is to be uncomfortable, but to be certain is to be ridiculous.

- Proverb, Chinese

What men want is not knowledge, but certainty.

- Russell, Bertrand

The present is the only reality and the only certainty.

- Schopenhauer, Arthur

Positiveness is an absurd foible. If you are in the right, it lessens your triumph; if in the wrong, it adds shame to your defeat.

- Sterne, Laurence

Education is the path from cocky ignorance to miserable uncertainty.

- Twain, Mark

There are only two things you HAVE TO do in life. You HAVE TO die. You HAVE TO live until you die. You make up all the rest.

- Unknown, Source

If you have a choice between certainty and hope, choose certainty every time.

- Unknown, Source

Doubt is not a pleasant mental state, but certainty is a ridiculous one.

- Voltaire

I tore myself away from the safe comfort of certainties through my love for truth; and truth rewarded me.

- Warner, Sylvia Ashton

He who is certain he knows the ending of things when he is only beginning them is either extremely wise or extremely foolish; no matter which is true, he is certainly an unhappy man, for he has put a knife in the heart of wonder.

- Williams, Tad

If you do know that here is one hand, we'll grant you all the rest.

- Wittgenstein, Ludwig

The best lack all conviction, while the worst are full of passionate intensity.

- Yeats, William Butler



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