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Quotes about Excuses

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Your letter of excuses has arrived. I receive the letter but do not admit the excuses except in courtesy, as when a man treads on your toes and begs your pardon -- the pardon is granted, but the joint aches, especially if there is a corn upon it.

- Byron, Lord

He that is good for making excuses is seldom good for anything else.

- Franklin, Benjamin

Bad excuses are worse than none.

- Fuller, Thomas

To offer the complexities of life as an excuse for not addressing oneself to the simpler, more manageable (trivial) aspects of daily existence is a perversity often indulged in by artists, husbands, intellectuals -- and critics of the Women's Movement.

- Harrison, Barbara Grizzuti

Apology is only egotism wrong side out.

- Holmes, Oliver Wendell

We have forty million reasons for failure, but not a single excuse.

- Kipling, Rudyard

He who excuses himself, accuses himself.

- Meurier, Gabriel

No doubt Jack the Ripper excused himself on the grounds that it was human nature.

- Milne, A. A.

An excuse is worse than a lie, for an excuse is a lie, guarded.

- Pope, Alexander

The girl who can't dance says the band can't play.

- Proverb, Yiddish

If you don't want to do something, one excuse is as good as another.

- Proverb, Yiddish

And oftentimes excusing of a fault doth make the fault the worse by the excuse.

- Shakespeare, William

Two wrongs don't make a right, but they make a good excuse.

- Szasz, Thomas

Don't make excuses, make good.

- Unknown, Source

It is good rule in life to never to apologize. The right sort of people do not want apologies, and the wrong sort take a mean advantage of them.

- Wodehouse, Sir P(elham) G(renville)



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