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Quotes about Experts

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America has always been a country of amateurs where the professional, that is to say, the man who claims authority as a member of an elite which knows the law in some field or other, is an object of distrust and resentment.

- Auden, W. H.

An expert is someone who knows some of the worst mistakes, which can be made, in a very narrow field.

- Bohr, Niels

An expert is one who knows more and more about less and less.

- Butler, Nicholas

The public do not know enough to be experts, but know enough to decide between them.

- Butler, Samuel

A professional; is someone who can do his best work when he doesn't feel like it.

- Cooke, Alistair

It is surely a matter of common observation that a man who knows no one thing intimately has no views worth hearing on things in general. The farmer philosophizes in terms of

crops, soils, markets, and implements, the mechanic generalizes his experiences of wood and iron, the seaman reaches similar conclusions by his own special road; and if the scholar keeps pace with these it must be by an equally virile productivity.

- Cooley, Charles Horton

How much a dunce that has been sent to roam, excels a dunce that has been kept at home.

- Cowper, William

What a delightful thing is the conversation of specialists! One understands absolutely nothing and it's charming.

- Degas, Edgar

A lot of fellows nowadays have a B. A., M. D., or Ph. D. Unfortunately, they don't have a J. O. B.

- Fats Domino

A specialist is a person who fears the other subjects.

- Fisher, Martin H.

What's an expert? I read somewhere, that the more a man knows, the more he knows, he doesn't know. So I suppose one definition of an expert would be someone who doesn't admit out loud that he knows enough about a subject to know he doesn't really know how much.

- Forbes, Malcolm S.

We do not need to be shoemakers to know if our shoes fit, and just as little have we any need to be professionals to acquire knowledge of matters of universal interest.

- Hegel, Georg

Always listen to experts. They'll tell you what can't be done and why. Then do it.

- Heinlein, Robert

Do not be bullied out of your common sense by the specialist; two to one, he is a pedant.

- Holmes, Oliver Wendell

An expert is someone who knows a lot about the past.

- Hopkins, Tom

One who limits himself to his chosen mode of ignorance.

- Hubbard, Elbert

Specialized meaninglessness has come to be regarded, in certain circles, as a kind of hall-mark of true science.

- Huxley, Aldous

It is, after all, the responsibility of the expert to operate the familiar and that of the leader

to transcend it.

- Kissinger, Henry

This world is run by people who know how to do things. They know how things work. They are equipped. Up there, there's a layer of people who run everything. But we --we're just peasants. We don't understand what's going on, and we can't do anything.

- Lessing, Doris

We have not overthrown the divine right of kings to fall down for the divine right of experts.

- Macmillan, Harold

There is nothing an economist should fear so much as applause.

- Marshall, Herbert

The more the world is specialized the more it will be run by generalists.

- Masse, Marcel

Given one well-trained physician of the highest type he will do better work for a thousand people than ten specialists.

- Mayo, William James

Brain surgeons earn 10 times that of a general practitioner... it pays to be an expert.

- Pease, Alan

Make three correct guesses consecutively and you will establish a reputation as an expert.

- Peter, Laurence J.

An expert is an ordinary fella away from home.

- Phillips, Bum

My definition of an expert in any field is a person who knows enough about what's really going on to be scared.

- Plauger, P. J.

Experts often possess more data than judgment.

- Powell, Colin

What is an expert? Someone who is twenty miles from home.

- Proverb, American

A specialist is someone who does everything else worse.

- Ricci, Ruggiero

There is nothing so stupid as an educated man, if you get him off the thing he was educated in.

- Rogers, Will

Even when the experts all agree, they may well be mistaken.

- Russell, Bertrand

Where there are two Phd's in a developing country, one is head of state and the other is in exile.

- Samuel, Lord

Good counselors lack no clients.

- Shakespeare, William

No man can be a pure specialist without being in the strict sense an idiot.

- Shaw, George Bernard

Consultants are people who borrow your watch and tell you what time it is, and then walk off with the watch.

- Townsend, Robert

Only by strict specialization can the scientific worker become fully conscious, for once and perhaps never again in his lifetime, that he has achieved something that will endure. A really definitive and good accomplishment is today always a specialized ac

- Weber, Max

An expert is a person who avoids the small errors while sweeping on to the grand fallacy.

- Weinberg, Steven

An ordinary man away from home giving advice.

- Wilde, Oscar



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