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Quotes about Ignorance

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To be ignorant of one's ignorance is the malady of the ignorant.

- Alcott, Amos Bronson

There's a sucker born every minute.

- Barnum, P.T.

Unintelligent people always look for a scapegoat.

- Bevin, Ernest

The sage awakes to light in the night of all creatures. That which the world calls day is the night of ignorance to the wise.

- Bhagavad Gita

If you think education is expensive, try ignorance.

- Bok, Derek

Ignorance is not innocence, but sin.

- Browning, Robert

I do not believe in the collective wisdom of individual ignorance.

- Carlyle, Thomas

I am not ashamed to confess I am ignorant of what I do not know.

- Cicero, Marcus T.

The reason there's so much ignorance is that those who have it are so eager to share it.

- Clark, Frank A.

Ignorance is the night of the mind, but a night without moon or star.

- Confucius

Ignorance is never out of style. It was in fashion yesterday, it is the rage today and it will set the pace tomorrow.

- Dane, Frank

I am an agnostic; I do not pretend to know what many ignorant men are sure of.

- Darrow, Clarence

I do not pretend to know where many ignorant men are sure -- that is all that agnosticism means.

- Darrow, Clarence

To be conscience that you are ignorant is a great step to knowledge.

- Disraeli, Benjamin

The highest form of ignorance is when you reject something you don't know anything about.

- Dyer, Wayne

Ignorance of one's misfortunes is clear gain.

- Euripides

A person is never happy except at the price of some ignorance.

- France, Anatole

A learned blockhead is a greater blockhead than an ignorant one.

- Franklin, Benjamin

He was so learned that he could name a horse in nine languages; so ignorant that he bought a cow to ride on.

- Franklin, Benjamin

Being ignorant is not so much a shame as being unwilling to learn.

- Franklin, Benjamin

It is harder to conceal ignorance than to acquire knowledge.

- Glasgow, Arnold H.

Nothing is more terrible than to see ignorance in action.

- Goethe, Johann Wolfgang Von

Where ignorance is bliss, 'Tis folly to be wise.

- Gray, Thomas

There are many who talk on from ignorance rather than from knowledge, and who find the former an inexhaustible fund of conversation.

- Hazlitt, William

Naivete in grownups is often charming; but when coupled with vanity it is indistinguishable from stupidity.

- Hoffer, Eric

Most ignorance is evincible ignorance. We don't know because we don't want to know.

- Huxley, Aldous

A child-like man is not a man whose development has been arrested; on the contrary, he is a man who has given himself a chance of continuing to develop long after most adults have muffled themselves in the cocoon of middle-aged habit and convention.

- Huxley, Aldous

The opposite of love is not hate, the opposite of love is ignorance.

- Hwang, Brian

Ignorance is preferable to error; and he is less remote from the truth who believes nothing, than he who believes what is wrong.

- Jefferson, Thomas

The fact is that we all seem capable of living, because at some time or other we have taken refuge in a lie, in blindness, in enthusiasm, in optimism, in some conviction, in pessimism or something of the sort. He has never taken refuge in anything. He is absolutely incapable of lying. He has nothing to take refuge in, no shelter. It's as if he were naked and everyone else had clothes on.

- Jesenska, Milena

Nothing in the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity.

- King Jr. Martin Luther

Ignorance is a voluntary misfortune.

- Ling, Nicholas

Ignorance breeds monsters to fill up the vacancies of the soul that are unoccupied by the verities of knowledge.

- Mann, Horace

Ignorance is like the itch -- the less you have of it the better off you are.

- Mendelson, Harry

The greater the ignorance the greater the dogmatism.

- Osler, Sir William

Ignorance is no excuse, it's the real thing.

- Peter, Irene

Better to ask a question than to remain ignorant.

- Proverb

What you don't know can't hurt you .

- Proverb

You must not enthrone ignorance just because there is much of it.

- Proverb, American

A man profits more by the sight of an idiot than by the orations of the learned.

- Proverb, Arabian

Ignorance doesn't kill you, but it makes you sweat a lot.

- Proverb, Haitian

Everybody is ignorant -- only on different subjects.

- Rogers, Will

Men are born ignorant, not stupid; they are made stupid by education.

- Russell, Bertrand

There is no darkness, but ignorance.

- Shakespeare, William

Have the courage to be ignorant of a great number of things, in order to avoid the calamity of being ignorant of everything.

- Smith, Sydney

There is a principle which is a bar against all information, which is proof against all arguments and which cannot fail to keep a man in everlasting ignorance-that principle is contempt prior to investigation.

- Spencer, Herbert

The greatest pride, or the greatest despondency, is the greatest ignorance of one's self.

- Spinoza, Baruch (Benedict de)

Better to be ignorant of a matter than half know it.

- Syrus, Publilius

Ignorance is bold and knowledge reserved.

- Thucydides

Ignorance and inconsideration are the two great causes of the ruin of mankind.

- Tillotson, John

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

- Twain, Mark

When I was fourteen, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have him around.

When I got to be twenty-one, I was astonished at how much he had learned in seven years.

- Twain, Mark

The mark of your ignorance is the depth of your belief in injustice and tragedy. What the caterpillar calls the end of the world, the master calls a butterfly.

- Unknown, Source

In the battle for survival the ignorant man has a considerable advantage.

- Unknown, Source

Never forget public ignorance is the government's best friend.

- Unknown, Source

Ignorance is not bliss -- ignorance is ignorance.

- Unknown, Source

If ignorance is bliss, why aren't more people jumping up and down for joy.

- Unknown, Source

Ignorance is like a delicate fruit; touch it, and the bloom is gone.

- Wilde, Oscar

O, but man, proud man! Drest in a little brief authority;
Most ignorant of what he's most
assur'd, His glassy essence, -like an angry ape,
Plays such fantastic tricks before high
heaven, As make the angels weep;

- Shakespeare, William



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