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# Quotes about Secrets

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Every thing secret degenerates, even the administration of justice; nothing is safe that does not show how it can bear discussion and publicity.

- Acton, Lord

Our true history is scarcely ever deciphered by others. The chief part of the drama is a monologue, or rather an intimate debate between God, our conscience, and ourselves. Tears, grieves, depressions, disappointments, irritations, good and evil thoughts, decisions, uncertainties, deliberations --all these belong to our secret, and are almost all incommunicable and intransmissible, even when we try to speak of them, and even when we write them down.

- Amiel, Henri Frederic

You know there are no secrets in America. It's quite different in England, where people think of a secret as a shared relation between two people.

- Auden, W. H.

To know that one has a secret is to know half the secret itself.

- Beecher, Henry Ward

Secrets travel fast in Paris.

- Bonaparte, Napoleon

What one hides is worth neither more nor less than what one finds. And what one hides from oneself is worth neither more nor less than what one allows others to find.

- Breton, Andre

Secrecy is the badge of fraud.

- Chadwick, Sir John

Secrecy is best taught by starting with ourselves.

- Chamfort, Sebastien-Roch Nicolas De

I know that's a secret, for it's whispered everywhere.

- Congreve, William

A man's most open actions have a secret side to them.

- Conrad, Joseph

Men with secrets tend to be drawn to each other, not because they want to share what they know but because they need the company of the like-minded, the fellow afflicted.

- DeLillo, Don

A wonderful fact to reflect upon, that every human creature is constituted to be that

profound secret and mystery to every other.

- Dickens, Charles

His mind of man, a secret makes I meet him with a start he carries a circumference in which I have no part.

- Dickinson, Emily

Three can keep a secret if two are dead.

- Franklin, Benjamin

He that has eyes to see and ears to hear may convince himself that no mortal can keep a secret. If his lips are silent, he chatters with his fingertips; betrayal oozes out of him at every pore.

- Freud, Sigmund

We dance round in a ring and suppose, but the secret sits in the middle and knows.

- Frost, Robert

Your secret is your prisoner; once you reveal it, you become its slave.

- Gabirol, Ibn

Where secrecy reigns, carelessness and ignorance delight to hide while skill loves the light.

- Gelman, Daniel C.

Whoever wishes to keep a secret must hide the fact that he possesses one.

- Goethe, Johann Wolfgang Von

Women's propensity to share confidences is universal. We confirm our reality by sharing.

- Harrison, Barbara Grizzuti

The secret thoughts of a man run over all things, holy, profane, clean, obscene, grave, and light, without shame or blame.

- Hobbes, Thomas

Youth fades; love droops, the leaves of friendship fall; A mother's secret hope outlives them all.

- Holmes, Oliver Wendell

Never tell a secret to a bride or a groom; wait until they have been married longer.

- Howe, Edgar Watson

Secrets are things we give to others to keep for us.

- Hubbard, Elbert

No one ever keeps a secret so well as a child.

- Hugo, Victor

Where secrecy or mystery begins, vice or roguery is not far off.

- Johnson, Samuel

To keep your secret is wisdom; but to expect others to keep it is folly.

- Johnson, Samuel

The vanity of being known to be trusted with a secret is generally one of the chief motives to disclose it.

- Johnson, Samuel

A man can keep a secret better than his own. A woman her own better than others.

- La Bruyere, Jean De

Nothing weighs on us so heavily as a secret.

- La Fontaine, Jean De

How can we expect another to keep our secret if we have been unable to keep it ourselves.

- La Rochefoucauld, Francois De

Trust him not with your secrets, who, when left alone in your room, turns over your

papers.

- Lavater, Johann Kaspar

When a friend, then, indulges in the joy of unburdening a secret on to another friend's bosom, he makes the latter, in his turn, feel the urge to taste the same joy himself. He implores him, it is true, not to tell a soul; but if such a condition were taken absolutely literally, it would at once cut off the flow of these joys at their very source. The general practice is for the secret to be confided only to an equally trustworthy friend, the same conditions being imposed on him. And so from trustworthy friend to trustworthy friend the secret goes moving on round that immense chain, until finally it reaches the ears of just the very person or persons whom the first talker had expressly intended it never should reach.

- Manzoni, Alessandro

But he that hides a dark soul and foul thoughts benighted walks under the mid-day sun;  
Himself is his own dungeon.

- Milton, John

What is told into the ear of a man is often heard a hundred miles away.

- Proverb, Chinese

Tell your friend a lie. If he keeps it secret, then tell him the truth.

- Proverb, Portuguese

A secret between two is God's secret, between three is all men s.

- Proverb, Spanish

Secrecy is the first essential in affairs of the State.

- Richelieu, Cardinal De

The first step towards vice is to shroud innocent actions in mystery, and whoever likes to conceal something sooner or later has reason to conceal it.

- Rousseau, Jean Jacques

It is wise to disclose what cannot be concealed.

- Schiller, Johann Friedrich Von

There are no secrets better kept than the secrets everybody guesses.

- Shaw, George Bernard

If you wish to preserve your secret, wrap it up in frankness.

- Smith, Alexander

I am convinced digestion is the great secret of life.

- Smith, Rev, Sydney

O divine art of subtlety and secrecy! Through you we learn to be invisible, through you

inaudible and hence we can hold the enemy's fate in our hands.

- Sun Tzu

Secrecy is the chastity of friendship.

- Taylor, Jeremy

Shy and unready men are great betrayers of secrets; for there are few wants more urgent for the moment than the want of something to say.

- Taylor, Sir Henry

Everyone is like a moon, and has a dark side which he never shows to anybody.

- Twain, Mark

I usually get my stuff from people who promised somebody else that they would keep it a secret.

- Winchell, Walter





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