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Quotes about Slander

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Our disputants put me in mind of the cuttlefish that, when he is unable to extricate himself, blackens the water about him till he becomes invisible.

- Addison, Joseph

In nine times out of ten, the slanderous tongue belongs to a disappointed person.

- Bancroft, George

Slander is a poison which kills charity, both in the slanderer and the one who listens.

- Bernard, St.

Backbite. To speak of a man as you find him when he can't find you.

- Bierce, Ambrose

I am about courting a girl I have had but little acquaintance with. How shall I come to a knowledge of her faults, and whether she has the virtues I imagine she has? Answer.

Commend her among her female acquaintances.

- Franklin, Benjamin

A generous confession disarms slander.

- Fuller, Thomas

Every one in a crowd has the power to throw dirt; none out of ten have the inclination.

- Hazlitt, William

A man calumniated is doubly injured -- first by him who utters the calumny, and then by him who believes it.

- Herodotus

If a man could say nothing against a character but what he can prove, history could not be written.

- Johnson, Samuel

You have got to be careful quoting Ronald Reagan, because when you quote him accurately it is called mudslinging.

- Mondale, Fritz

Let nobody speak mischief of anybody.

- Plato

Slander-mongers and those who listen to slander, if I had my way, would all be strung up, the talkers by the tongue, the listeners by the ears.

- Plautus, Titus Maccius

To vilify a great man is the readiest way in which a little man can himself attain greatness.

- Poe, Edgar Allan

Slander expires at a good woman's door.

- Proverb, Danish

Be thou as chaste as ice, as pure as snow, thou shalt not escape calumny.

- Shakespeare, William

Slanderers do not hurt me because they do not hit me.

- Socrates

I will make a bargain with the Republicans. If they will stop telling lies about Democrats, we will stop telling the truth about them.

- Stevenson, Adlai E.

It is harder to kill a whisper than even a shouted calumny.

- Stewart, Mary

The slanders poured down like Niagara. If you take into consideration the setting -- the war and the revolution -- and the character of the accused -- revolutionary leaders of millions who were conducting their party to the sovereign power -- you can say without exaggeration that July 1917 was the month of the most gigantic slander in world history.

- Trotsky, Leon

It takes an enemy and a friend, working together, to hurt you to the heart. The one to slander you, and the other to get the news to you.

- Twain, Mark

What is said of a man is nothing. The point is, who says it.

- Wilde, Oscar

If you know somebody is going to be awfully annoyed by something you write, that's obviously very satisfying, and if they howl with rage or cry, that's honey.

- Wilson, A. N.



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