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Quotes about Wit

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Wit is educated insolence.

- Aristotle

Melancholy men are of all others the most witty.

- Aristotle

Wit. The salt with which the American humorist spoils his intellectual cookery by leaving it out.

- Bierce, Ambrose

The banalities of a great man pass for wit.

- Chase, Alexander

Wit is so shining a quality that everybody admires it; most people aim at it, all people fear it, and few love it unless in themselves. A man must have a good share of wit himself to endure a great share of it in another.

- Chesterfield, Lord

A wise man will live as much within his wit as within his income.

- Chesterfield, Lord

Humor is consistent with pathos, whilst wit is not.

- Coleridge, Samuel Taylor

Wit ought to be a glorious treat like caviar; never spread it about like marmalade.

- Coward, Noel

A man renowned for repartee will seldom scruple to make free with friendship's finest feeling, will thrust a dagger at your breast, and say he wounded you in jest, by way of balm for healing.

- Cowper, William

People who can't be witty exert themselves to be devout and affectionate.

- Eliot, George

Wit makes its own welcome, and levels all distinctions. No dignity, no learning, no force of character, can make any stand against good wit.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

Wit is the salt of conversation, not the food.

- Hazlitt, William

He who has provoked the shaft of wit, cannot complain that he smarts from it.

- Johnson, Samuel

The witty woman is a tragic figure in American life. Wit destroys eroticism and eroticism destroys wit, so women must choose between taking lovers and taking no prisoners.

- King, Florence

In the midst of the fountain of wit there arises something bitter, which stings in the very flowers.

- Lucretius

Avoid witicisms at the expense of others.

- Mann, Horace

To be witty is not enough. One must possess sufficient wit to avoid having too much of it.

- Maurois, Andre

Wit is the epitaph of an emotion.

- Nietzsche, Friedrich

Wit is brushwood; judgment timber; the one gives the greatest flame, and the other yields the most durable heat; and both meeting make the best fire.

- Overlung

Wit has truth in it; wisecracking is simply calisthenics with words.

- Parker, Dorothy

There's a helluva distance between wisecracking and wit. Wit has truth in it; wisecracking is simply calisthenics with words.

- Parker, Dorothy

Brevity is the body and soul of wit.

- Paul, Jean

Witticisms please as long as we keep them within boundaries, but pushed to excess they cause offense.

- Phaedrus

True wit is nature to advantage dressed, what oft was thought, but never so well expressed.

- Pope, Alexander

He's winding up the watch of his wit. By and by it will strike.

- Shakespeare, William

Wit lies in recognizing the resemblance among things which differ and the difference between things which are alike.

- Stael, Germaine De

Sometimes we are inclined to class those who are once-and-a-half witted with the half-witted, because we appreciate only a third part of their wit.

- Thoreau, Henry David

Humor does not include sarcasm, invalid irony, sardonicism, innuendo, or any other form of cruelty. When these things are raised to a high point they can become wit, but unlike the French and the English, we have not been much good at wit since the days of Benjamin Franklin.

- Thurber, James

Wit is the sudden marriage of ideas which, before their union, were not perceived to have any relation.

- Twain, Mark

Wit and Humor -- if any difference, it is in duration -- lightning and electric light. Same material, apparently; but one is vivid, and can do damage -- the other fools along and enjoys elaboration.

- Twain, Mark

Wit is more often a shield than a lance.

- Unknown, Source

Wit is the only wall between us and the dark.

- Van Doren, Mark

You can make a sordid thing sound like a brilliant drawing-room comedy. Probably a fear we have of facing up to the real issues. Could you say we were guilty of Noel Cowardice?

- Vries, Peter De



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