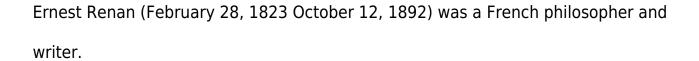
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Our opinions become fixed at the point where we stop thinking.

-Renan, Ernest

The simplest school boy is now familiar with truths for which Archimedes would have sacrificed his life.

-Renan, Ernest

As soon as sacrifice becomes a duty and necessity to mankind. I see no limit to the horizon which opens before him.

-Renan, Ernest

No idea can succeed except at the expense of sacrifice; no one ever escapes without enduring strain from the struggle of life.

-Renan, Ernest

He whom God has touched will always be a being apart: he is, whatever he may do, a stranger among men; he is marked by a sign.

-Renan, Ernest

Never has any one been less a priest than Jesus, never a greater enemy of forms, which stifle religion under the pretext of protecting it. By this we are all his disciples and his successors; by this he has laid the eternal foundation-stone of true religion; and if religion is essential to humanity, he has by this deserved the Divine rank the world has accorded him.

-Renan, Ernest

Let us pardon him his hope of a vain apocalypse, and of a second coming in great triumph upon the clouds of heaven. Perhaps these were the errors of others rather than his own; and if it be true that he himself shared the general illusion, what matters it, since his dream rendered him strong against death, and sustained him in a struggle to which he might otherwise have been unequal?

-Renan, Ernest

As a rule, all heroism is due to a lack of reflection, and thus it is necessary to maintain a mass of imbeciles. If they once understand themselves the ruling men will be lost.

-Renan, Ernest

The greatest men of a nation are those it puts to death.

-Renan, Ernest

