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**THE ESSAYS OF MICHEL DE  
MONTAIGNE**

**QUOTATIONS FROM THE FIVE VOLUMES**

**With Five Etchings**



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**MONTAIGNE.**

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*A child should not be brought up in his mother's lap*

*A gallant man does not give over his pursuit for being refused*

*A generous heart ought not to belie its own thoughts*

*A hundred more escape us than ever come to our knowledge*

*A lady could not boast of her chastity who was never tempted*

*A little cheese when a mind to make a feast*

*A little thing will turn and divert us*

*A man may always study, but he must not always go to school*

*A man may govern himself well who cannot govern others so*

*A man may play the fool in everything else, but not in poetry*

*A man must either imitate the vicious or hate them*

*A man must have courage to fear*

*A man never speaks of himself without loss*

*A man should abhor lawsuits as much as he may*

*A man should diffuse joy, but, as much as he can, smother grief*

*A man's accusations of himself are always believed*

*A parrot would say as much as that*

*A person's look is but a feeble warranty*

*A well-bred man is a compound man*

*A well-governed stomach is a great part of liberty*

*A word ill taken obliterates ten years' merit*

*Abhorrence of the patient are necessary circumstances*

*Abominate that incidental repentance which old age brings*

*Accept all things we are not able to refute*

*Accommodated my subject to my strength*

*Accursed be thou, as he that arms himself for fear of death*

*Accusing all others of ignorance and imposition*

*Acquiesce and submit to truth*

*Acquire by his writings an immortal life*

*Addict thyself to the study of letters*

*Addresses his voyage to no certain, port*

*Admiration is the foundation of all philosophy*

*Advantageous, too, a little to recede from one's right*

*Advise to choose weapons of the shortest sort*

*Affect words that are not of current use*

*Affection towards their husbands, (not) until they have lost them*

*Affirmation and obstinacy are express signs of want of wit*

*Affright people with the very mention of death*

*Against my trifles you could say no more than I myself have said*

*Age imprints more wrinkles in the mind than it does on the face*

*Agesilaus, what he thought most proper for boys to learn?*

*Agitated betwixt hope and fear*

*Agitation has usurped the place of reason*

*Alexander said, that the end of his labour was to labour*

*All actions equally become and equally honour a wise man*

*All apprentices when we come to it (death)*

*All defence shows a face of war*

*All I aim at is, to pass my time at my ease*

*All I say is by way of discourse, and nothing by way of advice*

*All judgments in gross are weak and imperfect*  
*All over-nice solicitude about riches smells of avarice*  
*All things have their seasons, even good ones*  
*All think he has yet twenty good years to come*  
*All those who have authority to be angry in my family*  
*Almanacs*  
*Always be parading their pedantic science*  
*Always complaining is the way never to be lamented*  
*Always the perfect religion*  
*Am as jealous of my repose as of my authority*  
*An advantage in judgment we yield to none*  
*"An emperor," said he, "must die standing"*  
*An ignorance that knowledge creates and begets*  
*Ancient Romans kept their youth always standing at school*  
*And hate him so as you were one day to love him*  
*And we suffer the ills of a long peace*  
*Anger and hatred are beyond the duty of justice*  
*Any argument if it be carried on with method*  
*Any old government better than change and alteration*  
*Any one may deprive us of life; no one can deprive us of death*  
*Anything appears greatest to him that never knew a greater*  
*Anything becomes foul when commended by the multitude*  
*Anything of value in him, let him make it appear in his conduct*  
*Appetite comes to me in eating*  
*Appetite is more sharp than one already half-glutted by the eyes*  
*Appetite runs after that it has not*  
*Appetite to read more, than glutted with that we have*  
*Applaud his judgment than commend his knowledge*  
*Apprenticeship and a resemblance of death*  
*Apprenticeships that are to be served beforehand*  
*Apt to promise something less than what I am able to do*  
*Archer that shoots over, misses as much as he that falls short*  
*Armed parties (the true school of treason, inhumanity, robbery*  
*Arrogant ignorance*  
*Art that could come to the knowledge of but few persons*  
*"Art thou not ashamed," said he to him, "to sing so well?"*  
*Arts of persuasion, to insinuate it into our minds*  
*As great a benefit to be without (children)*  
*As if anything were so common as ignorance*  
*As if impatience were of itself a better remedy than patience*  
*As we were formerly by crimes, so we are now overburdened by law*  
*Ashamed to lay out as much thought and study upon it*

*Assurance they give us of the certainty of their drugs*  
*At least, if they do no good, they will do no harm*  
*At the most, but patch you up, and prop you a little*  
*Attribute facility of belief to simplicity and ignorance*  
*Attribute to itself; all the happy successes that happen*  
*Authority of the number and antiquity of the witnesses*  
*Authority to be dissected by the vain fancies of men*  
*Authority which a graceful presence and a majestic mien beget*  
*Avoid all magnificences that will in a short time be forgotten*  
*Away with that eloquence that enchants us with itself*  
*Away with this violence! away with this compulsion!*  
*Bashfulness is an ornament to youth, but a reproach to old age*  
*Be not angry to no purpose*  
*Be on which side you will, you have as fair a game to play*  
*Bears well a changed fortune, acting both parts equally well*  
*Beast of company, as the ancient said, but not of the herd*  
*Beauty of stature is the only beauty of men*  
*Because the people know so well how to obey*  
*Become a fool by too much wisdom*  
*Being as impatient of commanding as of being commanded*  
*Being dead they were then by one day happier than he*  
*Being over-studious, we impair our health and spoil our humour*  
*Belief compared to the impression of a seal upon the soul*  
*Believing Heaven concerned at our ordinary actions*  
*Best part of a captain to know how to make use of occasions*  
*Best test of truth is the multitude of believers in a crowd*  
*Best virtue I have has in it some tincture of vice*  
*Better at speaking than writing—Motion and action animate word*  
*Better have none at all than to have them in so prodigious a number*  
*Better to be alone than in foolish and troublesome company*  
*Blemishes of the great naturally appear greater*  
*Books go side by side with me in my whole course*  
*Books have many charming qualities to such as know how to choose*  
*Books have not so much served me for instruction as exercise*  
*Books I read over again, still smile upon me with fresh novelty*  
*Books of things that were never either studied or understood*  
*Both himself and his posterity declared ignoble, taxable*  
*Both kings and philosophers go to stool*  
*Burnt and roasted for opinions taken upon trust from others*  
*Business to-morrow*  
*But ill proves the honour and beauty of an action by its utility*

*But it is not enough that our education does not spoil us*

*By resenting the lie we acquit ourselves of the fault*

*By suspecting them, have given them a title to do ill*

*"By the gods," said he, "if I was not angry, I would execute you"*

*By the misery of this life, aiming at bliss in another*

*Caesar: he would be thought an excellent engineer to boot*

*Caesar's choice of death: "the shortest"*

*Can neither keep nor enjoy anything with a good grace*

*Cannot stand the liberty of a friend's advice*

*Carnal appetites only supported by use and exercise*

*Cato said: So many servants, so many enemies*

*Ceremony forbids us to express by words things that are lawful*

*Certain other things that people hide only to show them*

*Change is to be feared*

*Change of fashions*

*Change only gives form to injustice and tyranny*

*Cherish themselves most where they are most wrong*

*Chess: this idle and childish game*

*Chiefly knew himself to be mortal by this act*

*Childish ignorance of many very ordinary things*

*Children are amused with toys and men with words*

*Cicero: on fame*

*Civil innocence is measured according to times and places*

*Cleave to the side that stood most in need of her*

*cloak on one shoulder, my cap on one side, a stocking disordered*

*College: a real house of correction of imprisoned youth*

*Coming out of the same hole*

*Commit themselves to the common fortune*

*Common consolation, discourages and softens me*

*Common friendships will admit of division*

*Conclude the depth of my sense by its obscurity*

*Concluding no beauty can be greater than what they see*

*Condemn all violence in the education of a tender soul*

*Condemn the opposite affirmation equally*

*Condemnations have I seen more criminal than the crimes*

*Condemning wine, because some people will be drunk*

*Confession enervates reproach and disarms slander*

*Confidence in another man's virtue*

*Conscience makes us betray, accuse, and fight against ourselves*

*Conscience, which we pretend to be derived from nature*

*Consent, and complacency in giving a man's self up to melancholy*

*Consoles himself upon the utility and eternity of his writings*

*Content: more easily found in want than in abundance*

*Counterfeit condolences of pretenders*

*Courageous in death, not because his soul is immortal—Socrates*

*Courtesy and good manners is a very necessary study*

*Crafty humility that springs from presumption*

*Crates did worse, who threw himself into the liberty of poverty*

*Cruelty is the very extreme of all vices*

*Culling out of several books the sentences that best please me*

*Curiosity and of that eager passion for news*

*Curiosity of knowing things has been given to man for a scourge*

*"Custom," replied Plato, "is no little thing"*

*Customs and laws make justice*

*Dangerous man you have deprived of all means to escape*

*Dangers do, in truth, little or nothing hasten our end*

*Dearness is a good sauce to meat*

*Death can, whenever we please, cut short inconveniences*

*Death conduces more to birth and augmentation than to loss*

*Death discharges us of all our obligations*

*Death has us every moment by the throat*

*Death is a part of you*

*Death is terrible to Cicero, coveted by Cato*

*Death of old age the most rare and very seldom seen*

*Deceit maintains and supplies most men's employment*

*Decree that says, "The court understands nothing of the matter"*

*Defence allures attempt, and defiance provokes an enemy*

*Defend most the defects with which we are most tainted*

*Defer my revenge to another and better time*



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*Deformity of the first cruelty makes me abhor all imitation*

*Delivered into our own custody the keys of life*

*Denying all solicitation, both of hand and mind*



*Depend as much upon fortune as anything else we do*

*Desire of riches is more sharpened by their use than by the need*

*Desire of travel*

*Desires, that still increase as they are fulfilled*

*Detest in others the defects which are more manifest in us*

*Did my discourses come only from my mouth or from my heart*

*Did not approve all sorts of means to obtain a victory*

*Die well—that is, patiently and tranquilly*

*Difference betwixt memory and understanding*

*Difficulty gives all things their estimation*

*Dignify our fopperies when we commit them to the press*

*Diogenes, esteeming us no better than flies or bladders*

*Discover what there is of good and clean in the bottom of the po*

*Disdainful, contemplative, serious and grave as the ass*

*Disease had arrived at its period or an effect of chance?*

*Disgorge what we eat in the same condition it was swallowed*

*Disguise, by their abridgments and at their own choice*

*Dissentient and tumultuary drugs*

*Diversity of medical arguments and opinions embraces all*

*Diverting the opinions and conjectures of the people*

*Do not much blame them for making their advantage of our folly*

*Do not to pray that all things may go as we would have them*

*Do not, nevertheless, always believe myself*

*Do thine own work, and know thyself*

*Doctors: more felicity and duration in their own lives?*

*Doctrine much more intricate and fantastic than the thing itself*

*Dost thou, then, old man, collect food for others' ears?*

*Doubt whether those (old writings) we have be not the worst*

*Doubtful ills plague us worst*

*Downright and sincere obedience*

*Drugs being in its own nature an enemy to our health*

*Drunkenness a true and certain trial of every one's nature*

*Dying appears to him a natural and indifferent accident*

*Each amongst you has made somebody cuckold*

*Eat your bread with the sauce of a more pleasing imagination*

*Education*

*Education ought to be carried on with a severe sweetness*

*Effect and performance are not at all in our power*

*Either tranquil life, or happy death*

*Eloquence prejudices the subject it would advance*

*Emperor Julian, surnamed the Apostate*

*Endeavouring to be brief, I become obscure*

*Engaged in the avenues of old age, being already past forty*  
*Enough to do to comfort myself, without having to console others*  
*Enslave our own contentment to the power of another?*  
*Enters lightly into a quarrel is apt to go as lightly out of it*  
*Entertain us with fables: astrologers and physicians*  
*Epicurus*  
*Establish this proposition by authority and huffing*  
*Evade this tormenting and unprofitable knowledge*  
*Even the very promises of physic are incredible in themselves*  
*Events are a very poor testimony of our worth and parts*  
*Every abridgment of a good book is a foolish abridgment*  
*Every day travels towards death; the last only arrives at it*  
*Every government has a god at the head of it*  
*Every man thinks himself sufficiently intelligent*  
*Every place of retirement requires a walk*  
*Everything has many faces and several aspects*  
*Examine, who is better learned, than who is more learned*  
*Excel above the common rate in frivolous things*  
*Excuse myself from knowing anything which enslaves me to others*  
*Executions rather whet than dull the edge of vices*  
*Expresses more contempt and condemnation than the other*  
*Extend their anger and hatred beyond the dispute in question*  
*Extremity of philosophy is hurtful*  
*Fabric goes forming and piling itself up from hand to hand*  
*Fame: an echo, a dream, nay, the shadow of a dream*  
*Fancy that others cannot believe otherwise than as he does*  
*Fantastic gibberish of the prophetic canting*  
*Far more easy and pleasant to follow than to lead*  
*Fathers conceal their affection from their children*  
*Fault not to discern how far a man's worth extends*  
*Fault will be theirs for having consulted me*  
*Fear and distrust invite and draw on offence*  
*Fear is more importunate and insupportable than death itself*  
*Fear of the fall more fevers me than the fall itself*  
*Fear to lose a thing, which being lost, cannot be lamented?*  
*Fear was not that I should do ill, but that I should do nothing*  
*Fear: begets a terrible astonishment and confusion*  
*Feared, lest disgrace should make such delinquents desperate*  
*Feminine polity has a mysterious procedure*  
*Few men have been admired by their own domestics*  
*Few men have made a wife of a mistress, who have not repented it*

*First informed who were to be the other guests*

*First thing to be considered in love matters: a fitting time*

*Flatterer in your old age or in your sickness*

*Follies do not make me laugh, it is our wisdom which does*

*Folly and absurdity are not to be cured by bare admonition*

*Folly of gaping after future things*

*Folly satisfied with itself than any reason can reasonably be*

*Folly than to be moved and angry at the follies of the world*

*Folly to hazard that upon the uncertainty of augmenting it*

*Folly to put out their own light and shine by a borrowed lustre*

*For fear of the laws and report of men*

*For who ever thought he wanted sense?*

*Fortune heaped up five or six such-like incidents*

*Fortune rules in all things*

*Fortune sometimes seems to delight in taking us at our word*

*Fortune will still be mistress of events*

*Fox, who found fault with what he could not obtain*

*Friend, it is not now time to play with your nails*

*Friend, the hook will not stick in such soft cheese*

*Friendships that the law and natural obligation impose upon us*

*Fruits of public commotion are seldom enjoyed*

*Gain to change an ill condition for one that is uncertain*

*Gave them new and more plausible names for their excuse*

*Gentleman would play the fool to make a show of defence*

*Gently to bear the inconstancy of a lover*

*Gewgaw to hang in a cabinet or at the end of the tongue*

*Give but the rind of my attention*

*Give me time to recover my strength and health*

*Give the ladies a cruel contempt of our natural furniture*

*Give these young wenches the things they long for*

*Give us history, more as they receive it than as they believe it*

*Giving is an ambitious and authoritative quality*

*Glory and curiosity are the scourges of the soul*

*Go out of ourselves, because we know not how there to reside*

*Good does not necessarily succeed evil; another evil may succeed*

*Good to be certain and finite, and evil, infinite and uncertain*

*Got up but an inch upon the shoulders of the last, but one*

*Gradations above and below pleasure*

*Gratify the gods and nature by massacre and murder*

*Great presumption to be so fond of one's own opinions*

*Greatest apprehensions, from things unseen, concealed*

*Greatest talkers, for the most part, do nothing to purpose*

*Greedy humour of new and unknown things*

*Grief provokes itself*

*Gross impostures of religions*

*Guess at our meaning under general and doubtful terms*

*Happen to do anything commendable, I attribute it to fortune*

*Hard to resolve a man's judgment against the common opinions*

*Haste trips up its own heels, fetters, and stops itself*

*Hate all sorts of obligation and restraint*

*Hate remedies that are more troublesome than the disease itself*

*Have ever had a great respect for her I loved*

*Have more wherewith to defray my journey, than I have way to go*

*Have no other title left me to these things but by the ears*

*Have you ever found any who have been dissatisfied with dying?*

*Having too good an opinion of our own worth*

*He cannot be good, seeing he is not evil even to the wicked*

*He did not think mankind worthy of a wise man's concern*

*He felt a pleasure and delight in so noble an action*

*He judged other men by himself*

*He may employ his passion, who can make no use of his reason*

*He may well go a foot, they say, who leads his horse in his hand*

*He must fool it a little who would not be deemed wholly a fool*

*He should discern in himself, as well as in others*

*He took himself along with him*

*He who fears he shall suffer, already suffers what he fears*

*He who is only a good man that men may know it*

*He who lays the cloth is ever at the charge of the feast*

*He who lives everywhere, lives nowhere*

*He who provides for all, provides for nothing*

*He who stops not the start will never be able to stop the course*

*He will choose to be alone*

*Headache should come before drunkenness*

*Health depends upon the vanity and falsity of their promises*

*Health is altered and corrupted by their frequent prescriptions*

*Health to be worth purchasing by all the most painful cauteries*

*Hearing a philosopher talk of military affairs*

*Heat and stir up their imagination, and then we find fault*

*Help: no other effect than that of lengthening my suffering*

*High time to die when there is more ill than good in living*

*Hoary head and rivilled face of ancient usage*

*Hobbes said that if he Had been at college as long as others—*

*Hold a stiff rein upon suspicion*

*Home anxieties and a mind enslaved by wearing complaints*

*Homer: The only words that have motion and action*

*Honour of valour consists in fighting, not in subduing*

*How infirm and decaying material this fabric of ours is*

*How many and many times he has been mistaken in his own judgment*

*How many more have died before they arrived at thy age*

*How many several ways has death to surprise us?*

*"How many things," said he, "I do not desire!"*

*How many worthy men have we known to survive their reputation*

*How much easier is it not to enter in than it is to get out*

*How much it costs him to do no worse*

*How much more insupportable and painful an immortal life*

*How uncertain duration these accidental conveniences are*

*Humble out of pride*

*Husbands hate their wives only because they themselves do wrong*

*I always find superfluity superfluous*

*I am a little tenderly distrustful of things that I wish*

*I am apt to dream that I dream*

*I am disgusted with the world I frequent*

*I am hard to be got out, but being once upon the road*

*I am no longer in condition for any great change*

*I am not to be cuffed into belief*

*I am plain and heavy, and stick to the solid and the probable*

*I am very glad to find the way beaten before me by others*

*I am very willing to quit the government of my house*

*I bequeath to Areteus the maintenance of my mother*

*I can more hardly believe a man's constancy than any virtue*

*I cannot well refuse to play with my dog*

*I content myself with enjoying the world without bustle*

*I dare not promise but that I may one day be so much a fool*

*I do not consider what it is now, but what it was then*

*I do not judge opinions by years*

*I do not much lament the dead, and should envy them rather*

*I do not say that 'tis well said, but well thought*

*I do not willingly alight when I am once on horseback*

*I enter into confidence with dying*

*I ever justly feared to raise my head too high*

*I every day hear fools say things that are not foolish*

*I find myself here fettered by the laws of ceremony*

*I find no quality so easy to counterfeit as devotion*

*I for my part always went the plain way to work*

*I grudge nothing but care and trouble*

*I had much rather die than live upon charity*  
*I had rather be old a brief time, than be old before old age*  
*I hail and caress truth in what quarter soever I find it*  
*I hate all sorts of tyranny, both in word and deed*  
*I hate poverty equally with pain*  
*I have a great aversion from a novelty*  
*"I have done nothing to-day"—"What? have you not lived?"*  
*I have lived longer by this one day than I should have done*  
*I have no mind to die, but I have no objection to be dead*  
*I have not a wit supple enough to evade a sudden question*  
*I have nothing of my own that satisfies my judgment*  
*I honour those most to whom I show the least honour*  
*I lay no great stress upon my opinions; or of others*  
*I look upon death carelessly when I look upon it universally*  
*I love stout expressions amongst gentle men*  
*I love temperate and moderate natures*  
*I need not seek a fool from afar; I can laugh at myself*  
*I owe it rather to my fortune than my reason*  
*I receive but little advice, I also give but little*  
*I scorn to mend myself by halves*  
*I see no people so soon sick as those who take physic*  
*I speak truth, not so much as I would, but as much as I dare*  
*I take hold of, as little glorious and exemplary as you will*  
*I understand my men even by their silence and smiles*  
*I was always superstitiously afraid of giving offence*  
*I was too frightened to be ill*  
*"I wish you good health"—"No health to thee" replied the other*  
*I would as willingly be lucky as wise*  
*I would be rich of myself, and not by borrowing*  
*I write my book for few men and for few years*  
*Idleness is to me a very painful labour*  
*Idleness, the mother of corruption*  
*If a passion once prepossess and seize me, it carries me away*  
*If I am talking my best, whoever interrupts me, stops me*  
*If I stand in need of anger and inflammation, I borrow it*  
*If it be a delicious medicine, take it*  
*If it be the writer's wit or borrowed from some other*  
*If nature do not help a little, it is very hard*  
*If they can only be kind to us out of pity*  
*If they chop upon one truth, that carries a mighty report*  
*If they hear no noise, they think men sleep*

*If to philosophise be, as 'tis defined, to doubt*

*Ignorance does not offend me, but the foppery of it*

*Impotencies that so unseasonably surprise the lover*

*Ill luck is good for something*

*Imagine the mighty will not abase themselves so much as to live*

*Imitating other men's natures, thou layest aside thy own*

*Immoderate either seeking or evading glory or reputation*

*Impose them upon me as infallible*

*Impostures: very strangeness lends them credit*

*Improperly we call this voluntary dissolution, despair*

*Impunity pass with us for justice*



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*In everything else a man may keep some decorum  
In ordinary friendships I am somewhat cold and shy  
In solitude, be company for thyself—Tibullus  
In sorrow there is some mixture of pleasure*



*In the meantime, their halves were begging at their doors*  
*In this last scene of death, there is no more counterfeiting*  
*In those days, the tailor took measure of it*  
*In war not to drive an enemy to despair*  
*Inclination to love one another at the first sight*  
*Inclination to variety and novelty common to us both*  
*Incline the history to their own fancy*  
*Inconsiderate excuses are a kind of self-accusation*  
*Inconveniences that moderation brings (in civil war)*  
*Indiscreet desire of a present cure, that so blind us*  
*Indocile liberty of this member*  
*Inquisitive after everything*  
*Insensible of the stroke when our youth dies in us*  
*Insert whole sections and pages out of ancient authors*  
*Intelligence is required to be able to know that a man knows not*  
*Intemperance is the pest of pleasure*  
*Intended to get a new husband than to lament the old*  
*Interdict all gifts betwixt man and wife*  
*Interdiction incites, and who are more eager, being forbidden*  
*It (my books) may know many things that are gone from me*  
*It happens, as with cages, the birds without despair to get in*  
*It is better to die than to live miserable*  
*It is no hard matter to get children*  
*It is not a book to read, 'tis a book to study and learn*  
*It is not for outward show that the soul is to play its part*  
*It's madness to nourish infirmity*  
*Jealousy: no remedy but flight or patience*  
*Judge by justice, and choose men by reason*  
*Judge by the eye of reason, and not from common report*  
*Judgment of duty principally lies in the will*  
*Judgment of great things is many times formed from lesser thing*  
*Justice als takes cognisance of those who glean after the reaper*  
*Killing is good to frustrate an offence to come, not to revenge*  
*Knock you down with the authority of their experience*  
*Knot is not so sure that a man may not half suspect it will slip*  
*Knowledge and truth may be in us without judgment*  
*Knowledge is not so absolutely necessary as judgment*  
*Knowledge of others, wherein the honour consists*  
*Known evil was ever more supportable than one that was, new*  
*Ladies are no sooner ours, than we are no more theirs*  
*Language: obscure and unintelligible in wills and contracts*

*Lascivious poet: Homer*

*Last death will kill but a half or a quarter of a man*

*Law: breeder of altercation and division*

*Laws (of Plato on travel), which forbids it after threescore*

*Laws cannot subsist without mixture of injustice*

*Laws do what they can, when they cannot do what they would*

*Laws keep up their credit, not for being just—but as laws*

*Lay the fault on the voices of those who speak to me*

*Laying themselves low to avoid the danger of falling*

*Learn my own debility and the treachery of my understanding*

*Learn the theory from those who best know the practice*

*Learn what it is right to wish*

*Learning improves fortunes enough, but not minds*

*Least end of a hair will serve to draw them into my discourse*

*Least touch or prick of a pencil in comparison of the whole*

*Leave society when we can no longer add anything to it*

*Leaving nothing unsaid, how home and bitter soever*

*Led by the ears by this charming harmony of words*

*Lend himself to others, and only give himself to himself*

*Lessen the just value of things that I possess*

*"Let a man take which course he will," said he; "he will repent"*

*Let him be as wise as he will, after all he is but a man*

*Let him be satisfied with correcting himself*

*Let him examine every man's talent*

*Let it alone a little*

*Let it be permitted to the timid to hope*

*Let not us seek illusions from without and unknown*

*Let us not be ashamed to speak what we are not ashamed to think*

*Let us not seek our disease out of ourselves; 'tis in us*

*Liberality at the expense of others*

*Liberty and laziness, the qualities most predominant in me*

*Liberty of poverty*

*Liberty to lean, but not to lay our whole weight upon others*

*Library: Tis there that I am in my kingdom*

*License of judgments is a great disturbance to great affairs*

*Life of Caesar has no greater example for us than our own*

*Life should be cut off in the sound and living part*

*Light griefs can speak: deep sorrows are dumb*

*Light prognostics they give of themselves in their tender years*

*Little affairs most disturb us*

*Little knacks and frivolous subtleties*

*Little learning is needed to form a sound mind"—Seneca*

*Little less trouble in governing a private family than a kingdom*  
*Live a quite contrary sort of life to what they prescribe others*  
*Live at the expense of life itself*  
*Live, not so long as they please, but as long as they ought*  
*Living is slavery if the liberty of dying be wanting*  
*Living well, which of all arts is the greatest*  
*Laying the fault upon the patient, by such frivolous reasons*  
*Lodge nothing in his fancy upon simple authority and upon trust*  
*Long a voyage I should at last run myself into some disadvantage*  
*Long sittings at table both trouble me and do me harm*  
*Long toleration begets habit; habit, consent and imitation*  
*Look on death not only without astonishment but without care*  
*Look upon themselves as a third person only, a stranger*  
*Look, you who think the gods have no care of human things*  
*Lose what I have a particular care to lock safe up*  
*Loses more by defending his vineyard than if he gave it up*  
*Love is the appetite of generation by the mediation of beauty*  
*Love shamefully and dishonestly cured by marriage*  
*Love them the less for our own faults*  
*Love we bear to our wives is very lawful*  
*Love, full, lively, and sharp; a pleasure inflamed by difficulty*  
*Loved them for our sport, like monkeys, and not as men*  
*Lower himself to the meanness of defending his innocence*  
*Made all medicinal conclusions largely give way to my pleasure*  
*Making their advantage of our folly, for most men do the same*  
*Malice must be employed to correct this arrogant ignorance*  
*Malice sucks up the greatest part of its own venom*  
*Malicious kind of justice*  
*Man (must) know that he is his own*  
*Man after who held out his pulse to a physician was a fool*  
*Man can never be wise but by his own wisdom*  
*Man may say too much even upon the best subjects*  
*Man may with less trouble adapt himself to entire abstinence*  
*Man must approach his wife with prudence and temperance*  
*Man must have a care not to do his master so great service*  
*Man must learn that he is nothing but a fool*  
*Man runs a very great hazard in their hands (of physicians)*  
*Mark of singular good nature to preserve old age*  
*Marriage*  
*Marriage rejects the company and conditions of love*  
*Melancholy: Are there not some constitutions that feed upon it?*

*Memories are full enough, but the judgment totally void*

*Men approve of things for their being rare and new*

*Men are not always to rely upon the personal confessions*

*Men as often commend as undervalue me beyond reason*

*Men make them (the rules) without their (women's) help*

*Men must embark, and not deliberate, upon high enterprises*

*Men should furnish themselves with such things as would float*

*Mercenaries who would receive any (pay)*

*Merciful to the man, but not to his wickedness—Aristotle*

*Methinks I am no more than half of myself*

*Methinks I promise it, if I but say it*

*Miracle: everything our reason cannot comprehend*

*Miracles and strange events have concealed themselves from me*

*Miracles appear to be so, according to our ignorance of nature*

*Miserable kind of remedy, to owe one's health to one's disease!*

*Miserable, who has not at home where to be by himself*

*Misfortunes that only hurt us by being known*

*Mix railing, indiscretion, and fury in his disputations*

*Moderation is a virtue that gives more work than suffering*

*Modesty is a foolish virtue in an indigent person (Homer)*

*More ado to interpret interpretations*

*More books upon books than upon any other subject*

*More brave men been lost in occasions of little moment*

*More solicitous that men speak of us, than how they speak*

*More supportable to be always alone than never to be so*

*More valued a victory obtained by counsel than by force*

*Morosity and melancholic humour of a sour ill-natured pedant*

*Most cruel people, and upon frivolous occasions, apt to cry*

*Most men are rich in borrowed sufficiency*

*Most men do not so much believe as they acquiesce and permit*

*Most of my actions are guided by example, not by choice*

*Mothers are too tender*

*Motive to some vicious occasion or some prospect of profit*

*Much better to offend him once than myself every day*

*Much difference betwixt us and ourselves*

*Must for the most part entertain ourselves with ourselves*

*Must of necessity walk in the steps of another*

*My affection alters, my judgment does not*

*My books: from me hold that which I have not retained*

*My dog unseasonably importunes me to play*

*My fancy does not go by itself, as when my legs move it*

*My humour is no friend to tumult*

*My humour is unfit either to speak or write for beginners*  
*My innocence is a simple one; little vigour and no art*  
*My mind is easily composed at distance*  
*My reason is not obliged to bow and bend; my knees are*  
*My thoughts sleep if I sit still*  
*My words does but injure the love I have conceived within*  
*Natural death the most rare and very seldom seen*  
*Nature of judgment to have it more deliberate and more slow*  
*Nature of wit is to have its operation prompt and sudden*  
*Nature, who left us in such a state of imperfection*  
*Nearest to the opinions of those with whom they have to do*  
*Negligent garb, which is yet observable amongst the young men*  
*Neither be a burden to myself nor to any other*  
*Neither continency nor virtue where there are no opposing desire*  
*Neither men nor their lives are measured by the ell*  
*Neither the courage to die nor the heart to live*  
*Never any man knew so much, and spake so little*  
*Never did two men make the same judgment of the same thing*  
*Never observed any great stability in my soul to resist passions*  
*Never oppose them either by word or sign, how false or absurd*  
*Never represent things to you simply as they are*  
*Never spoke of my money, but falsely, as others do*  
*New World: sold it opinions and our arts at a very dear rate*  
*None that less keep their promise (than physicians)*  
*No alcohol the night on which a man intends to get children*  
*No beast in the world so much to be feared by man as man*  
*No danger with them, though they may do us no good*  
*No doing more difficult than that not doing, nor more active*  
*No effect of virtue, to have stronger arms and legs*  
*No evil is honourable; but death is honourable*  
*No excellent soul is exempt from a mixture of madness*  
*No great choice betwixt not knowing to speak anything but ill—*  
*No man continues ill long but by his own fault*  
*No man is free from speaking foolish things*  
*No man more certain than another of to-morrow—Seneca*  
*No necessity upon a man to live in necessity*  
*No one can be called happy till he is dead and buried*  
*No other foundation or support than public abuse*  
*No passion so contagious as that of fear*  
*No physic that has not something hurtful in it*  
*No use to this age, I throw myself back upon that other*

*No way found to tranquillity that is good in common*

*Noble and rich, where examples of virtue are rarely lodged*

*Nobody prognosticated that I should be wicked, but only useless*

*Noise of arms deafened the voice of laws*

*None of the sex, let her be as ugly as the devil thinks lovable*

*Nor get children but before I sleep, nor get them standing*

*Nor have other tie upon one another, but by our word*

*Nosegay of foreign flowers, having furnished nothing of my own*



Voicy du grand Montaigne une entiere figure  
Le Peintre a peinct le corps, et luy son bel esprit:  
Le premier par son art égale la Nature  
Mais l'autre la surpasse en tout ce qu'il escrit.  
Thomas de Leu. fecit.

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*Not being able to govern events, I govern myself*

*Not believe from one, I should not believe from a hundred*

*Not certain to live till I came home*

*Not conceiving things otherwise than by this outward bark*

*Not conclude too much upon your mistress's inviolable chastity*

*Not for any profit, but for the honour of honesty itself*

*Not having been able to pronounce one syllable, which is No!*

*Not in a condition to lend must forbid himself to borrow*

*Not melancholic, but meditative*

*Not to instruct but to be instructed*

*Not want, but rather abundance, that creates avarice*

*Nothing can be a grievance that is but once*

*Nothing falls where all falls*

*Nothing is more confident than a bad poet*

*Nothing is so firmly believed, as what we least know*

*Nothing is so supple and erratic as our understanding*

*Nothing noble can be performed without danger*

*Nothing presses so hard upon a state as innovation*

*Nothing so grossly, nor so ordinarily faulty, as the laws*

*Nothing tempts my tears but tears*

*Nothing that so poisons as flattery*

*Number of fools so much exceeds the wise*

*O Athenians, what this man says, I will do*

*O my friends, there is no friend: Aristotle*

*O wretched men, whose pleasures are a crime*

*O, the furious advantage of opportunity!*

*Obedience is never pure nor calm in him who reasons and disputes*

*Obliged to his age for having weaned him from pleasure*

*Observed the laws of marriage, than I either promised or expect*

*Obstinacy and contention are common qualities*

*Obstinacy is the sister of constancy*

*Obstinacy and heat in argument are the surest proofs of folly*

*Obstinate in growing worse*

*Occasion to La Boetie to write his "Voluntary Servitude"*

*Occasions of the least lustre are ever the most dangerous*

*Occupy our thoughts about the general, and about universal cause*

*Of the fleeting years each steals something from me*

*Office of magnanimity openly and professedly to love and hate*

*Oftentimes agitated with divers passions*

*Old age: applaud the past and condemn the present*

*Old men who retain the memory of things past*

*Omit, as incredible, such things as they do not understand*



*On all occasions to contradict and oppose*  
*One door into life, but a hundred thousand ways out*  
*One may be humble out of pride*  
*One may more boldly dare what nobody thinks you dare*  
*One may regret better times, but cannot fly from the present*  
*One must first know what is his own and what is not*  
*Only desire to become more wise, not more learned or eloquent*  
*Only secure harbour from the storms and tempests of life*  
*Only set the humours they would purge more violently in work*  
*Open speaking draws out discoveries, like wine and love*  
*Opinions they have of things and not by the things themselves*  
*Opinions we have are taken on authority and trust*  
*Opposition and contradiction entertain and nourish them*  
*Option now of continuing in life or of completing the voyage*  
*Order a purge for your brain, it will there be much better*  
*Order it so that your virtue may conquer your misfortune*  
*Ordinances it (Medicine) foists upon us*  
*Ordinary friendships, you are to walk with bridle in your hand*  
*Ordinary method of cure is carried on at the expense of life*  
*Others adore all of their own side*  
*Ought not only to have his hands, but his eyes, too, chaste*  
*Ought not to expect much either from his vigilance or power*  
*Ought to withdraw and retire his soul from the crowd*  
*Our extremest pleasure has some sort of groaning*  
*Our fancy does what it will, both with itself and us*  
*Our judgments are yet sick*  
*Our justice presents to us but one hand*  
*Our knowledge, which is a wretched foundation*  
*Our qualities have no title but in comparison*  
*Our will is more obstinate by being opposed*  
*Over-circumspect and wary prudence is a mortal enemy*  
*Overvalue things, because they are foreign, absent*  
*Owe ourselves chiefly and mostly to ourselves*  
*Passion has a more absolute command over us than reason*  
*Passion has already confounded his judgment*  
*Passion of dandling and caressing infants scarcely born*  
*Pay very strict usury who did not in due time pay the principal*  
*People are willing to be gulled in what they desire*  
*People conceiving they have right and title to be judges*  
*Perfect friendship I speak of is indivisible*  
*Perfect men as they are, they are yet simply men*

*Perfection: but I will not buy it so dear as it costs*

*Perpetual scolding of his wife (of Socrates)*

*Petulant madness contends with itself*

*Philopoemen: paying the penalty of my ugliness*

*Philosophy*

*Philosophy has discourses proper for childhood*

*Philosophy is nothing but to prepare one's self to die*

*Philosophy is that which instructs us to live*

*Philosophy looked upon as a vain and fantastic name*

*Physicians cure by misery and pain*

*Physic*

*Physician worse physicked*

*Physician: pass through all the diseases he pretends to cure*

*Physician's "help", which is very often an obstacle*

*Physicians are not content to deal only with the sick*

*Physicians fear men should at any time escape their authority*

*Physicians were the only men who might lie at pleasure*

*Physicians: earth covers their failures*

*Pinch the secret strings of our imperfections*

*Pitiful ways and expedients to the jugglers of the law*

*Pity is reputed a vice amongst the Stoics*

*Plato angry at excess of sleeping than at excess of drinking*

*Plato forbids children wine till eighteen years of age*

*Plato said of the Egyptians, that they were all physicians*

*Plato says, that the gods made man for their sport*

*Plato will have nobody marry before thirty*

*Plato: lawyers and physicians are bad institutions of a country*

*Plays of children are not performed in play*

*Pleasing all: a mark that can never be aimed at or hit*

*Pleasure of telling (a pleasure little inferior to that of doing*

*Poets*

*Possession begets a contempt of what it holds and rules*

*Practical Jokes: 'Tis unhandsome to fight in play*

*Preachers very often work more upon their auditory than reasons*

*Preface to bribe the benevolence of the courteous reader*

*Prefer in bed, beauty before goodness*

*Preferring the universal and common tie to all national ties*

*Premeditation of death is the premeditation of liberty*

*Prepare ourselves against the preparations of death*

*Present Him such words as the memory suggests to the tongue*

*Present himself with a halter about his neck to the people*

*Presumptive knowledge by silence*

*Pretending to find out the cause of every accident*

*Priest shall on the wedding-day open the way to the bride*

*Proceed so long as there shall be ink and paper in the world*

*Profession of knowledge and their immeasurable self-conceit*

*Profit made only at the expense of another*

*Prolong his life also prolonged and augmented his pain*

*Prolong your misery an hour or two*

*Prudent and just man may be intemperate and inconsistent*

*Prudent man, when I imagine him in this posture*

*Psalms of King David: promiscuous, indiscreet*

*Public weal requires that men should betray, and lie*

*Puerile simplicities of our children*

*Pure cowardice that makes our belief so pliable*

*Put us into a way of extending and diversifying difficulties*

*Pyrrho's hog*

*Quiet repose and a profound sleep without dreams*

*Rage compelled to excuse itself by a pretence of good-will*

*Rage it puts them to oppose silence and coldness to their fury*

*Rash and incessant scolding runs into custom*

*Rather be a less while old than be old before I am really so*

*Rather complain of ill-fortune than be ashamed of victory*

*Rather prating of another man's province than his own*

*Reading those books, converse with the great and heroic souls*

*Reasons often anticipate the effect*

*Recommendation of strangeness, rarity, and dear purchase*

*Refusing to justify, excuse, or explain myself*

*Regret so honourable a post, where necessity must make them bold*

*Remotest witness knows more about it than those who were nearest*

*Represented her a little too passionate for a married Venus*

*Reputation: most useless, frivolous, and false coin that passes*

*Repute for value in them, not what they bring to us*

*Reserve a backshop, wholly our own and entirely free*

*Resolved to bring nothing to it but expectation and patience*

*Rest satisfied, without desire of prolongation of life or name*

*Restoring what has been lent us, wit usury and accession*

*Revenge more wounds our children than it heals us*

*Revenge, which afterwards produces a series of new cruelties*

*Reverse of truth has a hundred thousand forms*

*Rhetoric: an art to flatter and deceive*

*Rhetoric: to govern a disorderly and tumultuous rabble*

*Richer than we think we are; but we are taught to borrow*

*Ridiculous desire of riches when we have lost the use of them*

*Right of command appertains to the beautiful-Aristotle*

*Rome was more valiant before she grew so learned*

*Rowers who so advance backward*

*Rude and quarrelsome flatly to deny a stated fact*

*Same folly as to be sorry we were not alive a hundred years ago*

*Satisfaction of mind to have only one path to walk in*

*Satisfied and pleased with and in themselves*

*Say of some compositions that they stink of oil and of the lamp*

*Scratching is one of nature's sweetest gratifications*

*Season a denial with asperity, suspense, or favour*

*See how flexible our reason is*

*Seek the quadrature of the circle, even when on their wives*

*Seeming anger, for the better governing of my house*

*Send us to the better air of some other country*

*Sense: no one who is not contented with his share*

*Setting too great a value upon ourselves*

*Setting too little a value upon others*

*Settled my thoughts to live upon less than I have*

*Sex: To put fools and wise men, beasts and us, on a level*

*Shake the truth of our Church by the vices of her ministers*

*Shame for me to serve, being so near the reach of liberty*

*Sharps and sweets of marriage, are kept secret by the wise*

*She who only refuses, because 'tis forbidden, consents*

*Shelter my own weakness under these great reputations*

*Short of the foremost, but before the last*

*Should first have mended their breeches*

*Silence, therefore, and modesty are very advantageous qualities*

*Silent mien procured the credit of prudence and capacity*

*Sins that make the least noise are the worst*

*Sitting betwixt two stools*

*Slaves, or exiles, oftentimes live as merrily as other folk*

*Sleep suffocates and suppresses the faculties of the soul*

*Smile upon us whilst we are alive*

*So austere and very wise countenance and carriage—of physicians*

*So many trillions of men, buried before us*

*So much are men enslaved to their miserable being*

*So that I could have said no worse behind their backs*

*So weak and languishing, as not to have even wishing left to him*

*Socrates kept a confounded scolding wife*

*Socrates: According to what a man can*

*Soft, easy, and wholesome pillow is ignorance and incuriosity*

*Solon said that eating was physic against the malady hunger*

*Solon, that none can be said to be happy until he is dead*

*some people rude, by being overcivil in their courtesy*

*Some wives covetous indeed, but very few that are good managers*

*Sometimes the body first submits to age, sometimes the mind*

*Souls that are regular and strong of themselves are rare*

*Sparing and an husband of his knowledge*

*Speak less of one's self than what one really is is folly*

*Spectators can claim no interest in the honour and pleasure*



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*Stilpo: thank God, nothing was lost of his*  
*Strangely suspect all this merchandise: medical care*  
*Strong memory is commonly coupled with infirm judgment*  
*Studied, when young, for ostentation, now for diversion*  
*Studies, to teach me to do, and not to write*  
*Study makes me sensible how much I have to learn*  
*Study of books is a languishing and feeble motion*  
*Study to declare what is justice, but never took care to do it*  
*Stumble upon a truth amongst an infinite number of lies*  
*Stupidity and facility natural to the common people*  
*Style wherewith men establish religions and laws*  
*Subdividing these subtillies we teach men to increase their doubt*  
*Such a recipe as they will not take themselves*  
*Suffer my judgment to be made captive by prepossession*  
*Suffer those inconveniences which are not possibly to be avoided*  
*Sufficiently covered by their virtue without any other robe*  
*Suicide: a morsel that is to be swallowed without chewing*  
*Superstitiously to seek out in the stars the ancient causes*  
*Swell and puff up their souls, and their natural way of speaking*  
*Swim in troubled waters without fishing in them*  
*Take a pleasure in being uninterested in other men's affairs*  
*Take all things at the worst, and to resolve to bear that worst*  
*Take my last leave of every place I depart from*  
*Take two sorts of grist out of the same sack*  
*Taking things upon trust from vulgar opinion*  
*Taught to be afraid of professing our ignorance*  
*Taught to consider sleep as a resemblance of death*  
*Tearing a body limb from limb by racks and torments*  
*Testimony of the truth from minds prepossessed by custom?*  
*That he could neither read nor swim*  
*That looks a nice well-made shoe to you*  
*That we may live, we cease to live*  
*That which cowardice itself has chosen for its refuge*  
*The action is commendable, not the man*  
*The age we live in produces but very indifferent things*  
*The authors, with whom I converse*  
*The Babylonians carried their sick into the public square*  
*The best authors too much humble and discourage me*  
*The Bible: the wicked and ignorant grow worse by it*  
*The cause of truth ought to be the common cause*  
*The conduct of our lives is the true mirror of our doctrine*

*The consequence of common examples*

*The day of your birth is one day's advance towards the grave*

*The dearest deaths are the best*

*The event often justifies a very foolish conduct*

*The faintness that surprises in the exercises of Venus*

*The gods sell us all the goods they give us*

*The good opinion of the vulgar is injurious*

*The honour we receive from those that fear us is not honour*

*The ignorant return from the combat full of joy and triumph*

*The impulse of nature, which is a rough counsellor*

*The last informed is better persuaded than the first*

*The mean is best*

*The mind grows costive and thick in growing old*

*The most manifest sign of wisdom is a continual cheerfulness*

*The most voluntary death is the finest*

*The particular error first makes the public error*

*The pedestal is no part of the statue*

*The privilege of the mind to rescue itself from old age*

*The reward of a thing well done is to have done it*

*The satiety of living, inclines a man to desire to die*

*The sick man has not to complain who has his cure in his sleeve*

*The storm is only begot by a concurrence of angers*

*The thing in the world I am most afraid of is fear*

*The very name Liberality sounds of Liberty*

*The vice opposite to curiosity is negligence*

*The virtue of the soul does not consist in flying high*

*Their disguises and figures only serve to cosen fools*

*Their labour is not to delivery, but about conception*

*Their pictures are not here who were cast away*

*Their souls seek repose in agitation*

*There are defeats more triumphant than victories*

*There are some upon whom their rich clothes weep*

*There can be no pleasure to me without communication*

*There is more trouble in keeping money than in getting it*

*There is no allurement like modesty, if it be not rude*

*There is no long, nor short, to things that are no more*

*There is no merchant that always gains*

*There is no reason that has not its contrary*

*There is no recompense becomes virtue*

*There is none of us who would not be worse than kings*

*There is nothing I hate so much as driving a bargain*

*There is nothing like alluring the appetite and affections*



*There is nothing single and rare in respect of nature*

*These sleepy, sluggish sort of men are often the most dangerous*

*They (good women) are not by the dozen, as every one knows*

*They begin to teach us to live when we have almost done living*

*They better conquer us by flying*

*They buy a cat in a sack*

*They can neither lend nor give anything to one another*

*They do not see my heart, they see but my countenance*

*They err as much who too much forbear Venus*

*They gently name them, so they patiently endure them (diseases)*

*They have heard, they have seen, they have done so and so*

*They have not one more invention left wherewith to amuse us*

*They have not the courage to suffer themselves to be corrected*

*They have yet touched nothing of that which is mine*

*They juggle and trifle in all their discourses at our expense*

*They must be very hard to please, if they are not contented*

*They must become insensible and invisible to satisfy us*

*They neither instruct us to think well nor to do well*

*They never loved them till dead*

*They who would fight custom with grammar are triflers*

*Thing at which we all aim, even in virtue is pleasure*

*Things grow familiar to men's minds by being often seen*

*Things I say are better than those I write*

*Things often appear greater to us at distance than near at hand*

*Things seem greater by imagination than they are in effect*

*Things that engage us elsewhere and separate us from ourselves*

*Think myself no longer worth my own care*

*Think of physic as much good or ill as any one would have me*

*Thinking nothing done, if anything remained to be done*

*Thinks nothing profitable that is not painful*

*This decay of nature which renders him useless, burdensome*

*This plodding occupation of bookes is as painfull as any other*

*Those immodest and debauched tricks and postures*

*Those oppressed with sorrow sometimes surprised by a smile*

*Those which we fear the least are, peradventure, most to be fear*

*Those who can please and hug themselves in what they do*

*Those within (marriage) despair of getting out*

*Thou diest because thou art living*

*Thou wilt not feel it long if thou feelest it too much*

*Though I be engaged to one forme, I do not tie the world unto it*

*Though nobody should read me, have I wasted time*

*Threats of the day of judgment*

*Thucydides: which was the better wrestler*

*Thy own cowardice is the cause, if thou livest in pain*

*'Tis all swine's flesh, varied by sauces*

*'Tis an exact life that maintains itself in due order in private*

*'Tis better to lean towards doubt than assurance—Augustine*

*'Tis evil counsel that will admit no change*

*'Tis far beyond not fearing death to taste and relish it*

*'Tis for youth to subject itself to common opinions*

*'Tis impossible to deal fairly with a fool*

*'Tis in some sort a kind of dying to avoid the pain of living well*

*'Tis more laudable to obey the bad than the good*

*'Tis no matter; it may be of use to some others*

*'Tis not the cause, but their interest, that inflames them*

*'Tis not the number of men, but the number of good men*

*'Tis said of Epimenides, that he always prophesied backward*

*'Tis so I melt and steal away from myself*

*'Tis the sharpness of our mind that gives the edge to our pains*

*'Tis then no longer correction, but revenge*

*'Tis there she talks plain French*

*Titillation of ill-natured pleasure in seeing others suffer*

*Title of barbarism to everything that is not familiar*

*Titles being so dearly bought*

*Titles of my chapters do not always comprehend the whole matter*

*To be a slave, incessantly to be led by the nose by one's self*

*To be, not to seem*

*To condemn them as impossible, is by a temerarious presumption*

*To contemn what we do not comprehend*

*To die of old age is a death rare, extraordinary, and singular*

*To do well where there was danger was the proper office*

*To forbear doing is often as generous as to do*

*To forbid us anything is to make us have a mind to't*

*To fret and vex at folly, as I do, is folly itself*

*To give a currency to his little pittance of learning*

*To go a mile out of their way to hook in a fine word*

*To keep me from dying is not in your power*

*To kill men, a clear and strong light is required*

*To know by rote, is no knowledge*

*To make little things appear great was his profession*

*To make their private advantage at the public expense*

*To smell, though well, is to stink*

*To study philosophy is nothing but to prepare one's self to die*

*To what friend dare you intrust your griefs*  
*To whom no one is ill who can be good?*  
*Tongue will grow too stiff to bend*  
*Too contemptible to be punished*  
*Torture: rather a trial of patience than of truth*  
*Totally brutified by an immoderate thirst after knowledge*  
*Transferring of money from the right owners to strangers*  
*Travel with not only a necessary, but a handsome equipage*  
*True liberty is to be able to do what a man will with himself*  
*Truly he, with a great effort will shortly say a mighty trifle*  
*Truth itself has not the privilege to be spoken at all times*  
*Truth, that for being older it is none the wiser*  
*Turks have alms and hospitals for beasts*  
*Turn up my eyes to heaven to return thanks, than to crave*  
*Tutor to the ignorance and folly of the first we meet*  
*Twas a happy marriage betwixt a blind wife and a deaf husband*  
*Twenty people prating about him when he is at stool*  
*Two opinions alike, no more than two hairs*  
*Two principal guiding reins are reward and punishment*  
*Tyrannic sourness not to endure a form contrary to one's own*  
*Tyrannical authority physicians usurp over poor creatures*  
*Unbecoming rudeness to carp at everything*  
*Under fortune's favour, to prepare myself for her disgrace*  
*Universal judgments that I see so common, signify nothing*  
*Unjust judges of their actions, as they are of ours*  
*Unjust to exact from me what I do not owe*  
*Upon the precipice, 'tis no matter who gave you the push*  
*Use veils from us the true aspect of things*  
*Utility of living consists not in the length of days*  
*Valour has its bounds as well as other virtues*  
*Valour whetted and enraged by mischance*  
*Valour will cause a trembling in the limbs as well as fear*  
*Valuing the interest of discipline*  
*Vast distinction betwixt devotion and conscience*  
*Venture it upon his neighbour, if he will let him*  
*venture the making ourselves better without any danger*  
*Very idea we invent for their chastity is ridiculous*  
*Vice of confining their belief to their own capacity*  
*Vices will cling together, if a man have not a care*  
*Victorious envied the conquered*  
*Virtue and ambition, unfortunately, seldom lodge together*

*Virtue is a pleasant and gay quality*

*Virtue is much strengthened by combats*

*Virtue refuses facility for a companion*

*Viscid melting kisses of youthful ardour in my wanton age*

*Voice and determination of the rabble, the mother of ignorance*

*Vulgar reports and opinions that drive us on*

*We are masters of nothing but the will*

*We are not to judge of counsels by events*

*We ask most when we bring least*

*We believe we do not believe*

*We can never be despised according to our full desert*

*We cannot be bound beyond what we are able to perform*

*We confess our ignorance in many things*

*We consider our death as a very great thing*

*We do not correct the man we hang; we correct others by him*

*We do not easily accept the medicine we understand*

*We do not go, we are driven*

*We do not so much forsake vices as we change them*

*We have lived enough for others*

*We have more curiosity than capacity*

*We have naturally a fear of pain, but not of death*

*We have not the thousandth part of ancient writings*

*We have taught the ladies to blush*

*We much more aptly imagine an artisan upon his close-stool*

*We must learn to suffer what we cannot evade*

*We neither see far forward nor far backward*

*We only labour to stuff the memory*

*We ought to grant free passage to diseases*

*We say a good marriage because no one says to the contrary*

*We set too much value upon ourselves*

*We still carry our fetters along with us*

*We take other men's knowledge and opinions upon trust*

*Weakness and instability of a private and particular fancy*

*Weigh, as wise: men should, the burden of obligation*

*Well, and what if it had been death itself?*

*Were more ambitious of a great reputation than of a good one*

*What a man says should be what he thinks*

*What are become of all our brave philosophical precepts?*

*What can they not do, what do they fear to do (for beauty)*

*What can they suffer who do not fear to die?*

*What did I say? that I have? no, Chremes, I had*

*What he did by nature and accident, he cannot do by design*

*What is more accidental than reputation?*

*What may be done to-morrow, may be done to-day*

*What more? they lie with their lovers learnedly*

*What need have they of anything but to live beloved and honoured*

*What sort of wine he liked the best: "That of another"*

*What step ends the near and what step begins the remote*

*What they ought to do when they come to be men*

*What we have not seen, we are forced to receive from other hands*

*What, shall so much knowledge be lost*

*Whatever was not ordinary diet, was instead of a drug*

*When I travel I have nothing to care for but myself*

*When jealousy seizes these poor souls*

*When their eyes give the lie to their tongue*

*When time begins to wear things out of memory*

*When we have got it, we want something else*

*"When will this man be wise," said he, "if he is yet learning?"*

*When you see me moved first, let me alone, right or wrong*

*Where the lion's skin is too short*

*Where their profit is, let them there have their pleasure too*

*Wherever the mind is perplexed, it is in an entire disorder*

*Whilst thou wast silent, thou seemedst to be some great thing*

*Whimpering is offensive to the living and vain to the dead*

*Who by their fondness of some fine sounding word*

*Who can flee from himself*

*Who discern no riches but in pomp and show*

*Who does not boast of some rare recipe*

*Who escapes being talked of at the same rate*

*Who ever saw one physician approve of another's prescription*

*Who has once been a very fool, will never after be very wise*

*Who would weigh him without the honour and grandeur of his end*

*Whoever expects punishment already suffers it*

*Whoever will be cured of ignorance must confess it*

*Whoever will call to mind the excess of his past anger*

*Whosoever despises his own life, is always master*

*Why do we not imitate the Roman architecture?*

*Wide of the mark in judging of their own works*

*Willingly give them leave to laugh after we are dead*

*Willingly slip the collar of command upon any pretence whatever*

*Wisdom has its excesses, and has no less need of moderation*

*Wisdom is folly that does not accommodate itself to the common*

*Wise man lives as long as he ought, not so long as he can*

*Wise man never loses anything if he have himself*

*Wise man to keep a curbing hand upon the impetus of friendship*

*Wise may learn more of fools, than fools can of the wise*

*Wise whose invested money is visible in beautiful villas*

*Wiser who only know what is needful for them to know*

*With being too well I am about to die*

*Woman who goes to bed to a man, must put off her modesty*

*Women who paint, pounce, and plaster up their ruins*

*Wont to give others their life, and not to receive it*

*World where loyalty of one's own children is unknown*

*Worse endure an ill-contrived robe than an ill-contrived mind*

*Would have every one in his party blind or a blockhead*

*Would in this affair have a man a little play the servant*

*Wrangling arrogance, wholly believing and trusting in itself*

*Wretched and dangerous thing to depend upon others*

*Write what he knows, and as much as he knows, but no more*

*Wrong the just side when they go about to assist it with fraud*

*Yet at least for ambition's sake, let us reject ambition*

*Yet do we find any end of the need of interpreting?*

*You and companion are theatre enough to one another*

*You have lost a good captain, to make of him a bad general*

*You may indeed make me die an ill death*

*You must first see us die*

*You must let yourself down to those with whom you converse*

*Young and old die upon the same terms*

*Young are to make their preparations, the old to enjoy them*

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