

**Jean-Jacques Rousseau 1712 - 1778**

1762 - Du Contrat social

"Man was born free,  
and everywhere he is in chains."



**VOLTAIRE QUOTES**

Optimism is the madness of insisting that all is well when we are miserable.

VOLTAIRE, *Candide*

Work banishes those three great evils, boredom, vice, and poverty.

VOLTAIRE, *Candide*

Common sense is not so common.

VOLTAIRE, *Dictionnaire Philosophique*

Superstition is to religion what astrology is to astronomy: the mad daughter of a wise mother.

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O superstition! Your inflexible rigours deprive humanity of the most sensitive hearts.

VOLTAIRE, *Fanaticism, or Mahomet the Prophet*

Our wretched species is so made that those who walk on the well-trodden path always throw stones at those who are showing a new road.

VOLTAIRE, quoted in William R. Shad's *The Whole Truth*

Men who are occupied in the restoration of health to other men, by the joint exertion of skill and humanity, are above all the great of the earth. They even partake of divinity, since to preserve and renew is almost as noble as to create.

VOLTAIRE, "Physicians," *Philosophical Dictionary*

**John Locke 1632 - 1704**

1690 - Essay concerning Human Understanding

"New opinions are always suspected, and usually opposed, without any other reason but because they are not already common."

"No man's knowledge here can go beyond his experience."

"It is one thing to show a man that he is in error, and another to put him in possession of truth."

"Reason is natural revelation."

"Crooked things may be as stiff and unflexible as straight: and men may be as positive in error as in truth."

"All men are liable to error; and most men are, in many points, by passion or interest, under temptation to it."

1690 - Second Treatise of Civil Government

"Whatsoever ... (man) removes out of the state that nature hath provided and left it in, he hath mixed his labor with, and joined to it something that is his own, and thereby makes it his property."

"The end of law is, not to abolish or restrain, but to preserve and enlarge freedom."

"This power to act according to discretion for the public good, without the prescription of the law, and sometimes even against it, is that which is called prerogative."

**Famous Quotes from *De l'Esprit des Lois* (1748) [The Spirit of the Laws] - Charles de Montesquieu**

- *Les republics finissent par le luxe; les monarchies, par la pauvreté.*
  - Translation: Republics end through luxury; monarchies through poverty.
  - VII, ch. IV
- *La corruption de chaque gouvernement commence presque toujours par celle des principes.*
  - Translation: The deterioration of a government begins almost always by the decay of its principles.
  - VIII, ch. I
- *La Société est l'union des hommes, et non pas les hommes.*
  - Translation: Society is the union of men and not the men themselves.
  - X, ch. 3
- Liberty is the right of doing whatever the laws permit.
  - XI, ch. 3