

13 Quotes from John Dewey You Can Probably Agree With

1. "Familiarity breeds contempt, but it also breeds something like affection. We get used to the chains we wear, and we miss them when removed."

2. "The quality of mental process, not the production of correct answers, is the measure of educative growth."

3. "The source of whatever is dead, mechanical, and formal in schools is found precisely in the subordination of the life and experience of the child to the curriculum."

4. "An intelligent home differs from an unintelligent one chiefly in that the habits of life and intercourse which prevail are chosen, or at least colored, by the thought of their bearing upon the development of children."

5. "A problem well put is half-solved."



6. "The criterion of the value of school education is the extent in which it creates a desire for continued growth."

7. "In the mass of people, vegetative and animal functions dominate. Their energy of intelligence is so feeble and inconstant that it is constantly overpowered by bodily appetite and passion."

8. "Democracy has to be born anew every generation, and education is its midwife."

9. "To possess all the world of knowledge and lose one's own self is as awful a fate in education as in religion."

10. "While we can shut a man up in a penitentiary we cannot make him penitent."

11. "Every great advance in science has issued from a new audacity of imagination."

12. "He is lucky who does not find that in order to make progress, in order to go ahead intellectually, he does not have to unlearn much of what he learned in school."

13. "The most notable distinction between living and inanimate beings is that the former maintain themselves by renewal."