

Selections From Charles Cotton Translation Of The Commentaires Chosen By Evans

Michel de Montaigne was a French philosopher and essayist who lived in the 16th century. He is best known for his book *Essais*, a collection of essays on a wide range of topics, including philosophy, politics, and education. Montaigne's essays are known for their wit, wisdom, and skepticism.



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Charles Cotton was an English poet and translator who lived in the 17th century. He is best known for his translation of Montaigne's *Essais* into English. Cotton's translation is considered to be one of the best English translations of Montaigne's work.

This book presents a selection of commentaries by Montaigne, translated into English by Charles Cotton. The commentaries are on a variety of

topics, including friendship, marriage, death, and religion. Montaigne's commentaries are insightful and thought-provoking, and they offer a unique perspective on the human condition.

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Of Friendship

Montaigne begins his commentary on friendship by saying that it is "the most noble and most excellent of all virtues." He goes on to say that friendship is based on mutual respect and affection, and that it is essential for a happy and fulfilling life.

Montaigne then discusses the different types of friendship. He distinguishes between true friendship and false friendship, and he argues that true friendship is rare and precious. He also discusses the importance of finding a good friend, and he offers advice on how to maintain a healthy friendship.

Of Marriage

Montaigne's commentary on marriage is more ambivalent than his commentary on friendship. He begins by saying that marriage is a "sacred and honorable estate," but he goes on to say that it is also fraught with challenges.

Montaigne argues that the key to a successful marriage is mutual respect and communication. He also stresses the importance of being realistic about marriage and not expecting too much from it.

Of Death

Montaigne's commentary on death is perhaps his most famous. He begins by saying that death is "the most natural thing in the world," and that it is something that we should all face with equanimity.

Montaigne goes on to discuss the different ways that people die, and he argues that there is no one right way to die. He also discusses the importance of preparing for death, and he offers advice on how to do so.

Of Religion

Montaigne's commentary on religion is complex and nuanced. He begins by saying that he is a Christian, but he goes on to say that he does not believe in all of the doctrines of the Church.

Montaigne argues that the most important thing is to live a good life, and that religion should be a guide to help us do so. He also stresses the importance of tolerance and understanding, and he argues that we should all be able to live together in peace, regardless of our religious beliefs.

This book presents a selection of Montaigne's commentaries on a variety of topics. These commentaries are insightful and thought-provoking, and they offer a unique perspective on the human condition. Montaigne's wisdom and wit are evident throughout, and his essays are sure to inspire and challenge readers of all ages.



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