

**General Topics :: Pensees****Pensees - posted by lwpray (), on: 2004/7/18 5:14**

Do you wish people to believe good of you?
Don't speak.

Pascal

Re: Pensees - posted by lwpray (), on: 2004/7/18 5:30

Submission is the use of reason in which consists true Christianity.

Pascal

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/7/18 9:34

It is natural for the mind to believe and for the will to love; so that, for want of true objects, they must attach themselves to false.
-Pascal

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/7/18 10:28

If God does not exist, one will lose nothing by believing in him, while if he does exist, one will lose everything by not believing.
-Pascal

(the first part of his statment is not fully true but this does show a great truth in that if a man does not believe in God then he will lose everything).

Re: Pensees - posted by lwpray (), on: 2004/7/19 2:16

Nature has some perfections to show that she is the image of God, and some defects to show that she is only His image.
Pascal

Re: Pensees - posted by lwpray (), on: 2004/7/19 9:09

Why do we follow the majority? Is it because they have more reason? No, because they have more power.
Pascal

Re: Pensees - posted by lwpray (), on: 2004/7/20 5:53

The feeble-minded are people who know the truth, but only affirm it so far as consistent with their own interest. But, apart from that, they renounce it.

Pascal

Re: Pensees - posted by lwpray (), on: 2004/7/21 2:45

Eloquence, which persuades by sweetness, not by authority; as a tyrant, not as a king.

Pascal

Re: Pensees - posted by lwpray (), on: 2004/7/22 2:59

If natural things are beyond reason, what are we to say about supernatural things?

Pascal

Re: Pensees - posted by lwpray (), on: 2004/7/22 11:31

It is a perverted judgement that makes every one place himself above the rest of the world, and prefer his own good, and the continuance of his own good fortune and life, to that of the rest of the world!

Pascal

Re: Pensees - posted by lwpray (), on: 2004/7/23 0:43

Greatness, wretchedness.--The more light we have, the more greatness and the more baseness we discover in man. Ordinary men--those who are more educated: philosophers, they astonish ordinary men--Christians, they astonish philosophers.

Pascal

Re: Pensees - posted by lwpray (), on: 2004/7/23 12:27

We desire truth, and find within ourselves only uncertainty.

Pascal

Re: Pensees - posted by lwpray (), on: 2004/7/24 2:26

If man is not made for God, why is he only happy in God? If man is made for God, why is he so opposed to God?

Pascal

Re: Pensees - posted by lwpray (), on: 2004/7/25 3:34

For myself, I confess that, so soon as the Christian religion reveals the principle that human nature is corrupt and fallen from God, that opens my eyes to see everywhere the mark of this truth: for nature is such that she testifies everywhere, both within man and without him, to a lost God and a corrupt nature.

Re: Pensees - posted by lwpray (), on: 2004/7/28 2:13

What shall we conclude from all our darkness, but our unworthiness?

Pascal

Re: Pensees - posted by lwpray (), on: 2004/7/29 13:07

Certain authors, speaking of their works, say: "My book," "My commentary," "My history," etc. They resemble middle-class people who have a house of their own and always have "My house" on their tongue. They would do better to say: "Our book," "Our commentary," "Our history," etc., because there is in them usually more of other people's than their own.

Pascal

Re: Pensees - posted by lwpray (), on: 2004/8/24 2:36

The vileness of man in submitting himself to the brutes and in even worshipping them.

Pascal