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Quotes about Dress

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There is not so variable a thing in nature as a lady's head-dress.

- Addison, Joseph

The best-dressed woman is one whose clothes wouldn't look too strange in the country.

- Amies, Sir Hardy

You look rather rash my dear your colors don't quite match your face.

- Ashford, Daisy

From the cradle to the coffin underwear comes first.

- Brecht, Bertolt

If people turn to look at you on the street, you are not well dressed.

- Brummel, Beau

Women's sexy underwear is a minor but significant growth industry of late-twentieth-century Britain in the twilight of capitalism.

- Carter, Angela

Nothing goes out of fashion sooner than a long dress with a very low neck.

- Chanel, Coco

Any affectation whatsoever in dress implies, in my mind, a flaw in the understanding.

- Chesterfield, Lord

The difference between a man of sense and a fop is that the fop values himself upon his dress; and the man of sense laughs at it, at the same time he knows he must not neglect it.

- Chesterfield, Lord

There is no such thing as a moral dress. It's people who are moral or immoral.

- Churchill, Jennie Jerome

Judge not a man by his clothes, but by his wife's clothes.

- Dewar, Thomas Robert

Great men are seldom over-scrupulous in the arrangement of their attire.

- Dickens, Charles

I dress for women and I undress for men.

- Dickenson, Angie

If men can run the world, why can't they stop wearing neckties? How intelligent is it to start the day by tying a little noose around your neck?

- Ellerbee, Linda

I have heard with admiring submission the experience of the lady who declared that the sense of being perfectly well dressed gives a feeling of inward tranquility which religion is powerless to bestow.

- Emerson, Ralph Waldo

Know first who you are; and then adorn yourself accordingly.

- Euripides

Good clothes open all doors.

- Fuller, Thomas

A modest woman, dressed out in all her finery, is the most tremendous object of the whole creation.

- Goldsmith, Oliver

A fine woman shows her charms to most advantage when she seems most to conceal them. The finest bosom in nature is not so fine as what imagination forms.

- Gregory, Dr.

They look quite promising in the shop; and not entirely without hope when I get them back into my wardrobe. But then, when I put them on they tend to deteriorate with a very strange rapidity and one feels so sorry for them.

- Grenfell, Joyce

The origins of clothing are not practical. They are mystical and erotic. The primitive man in the wolf-pelt was not keeping dry; he was saying: Look what I killed. Aren't I the best?

- Hamnett, Katharine

Clothes make the poor invisible. America has the best-dressed poverty the world has ever known.

- Harrington, Michael

Those who make their dress a principal part of themselves will, in general, become of no more value than their dress.

- Hazlitt, William

Sir, a man who cannot get to heaven in a green coat, will not find his way thither the sooner in a gray one.

- Johnson, Samuel

All women's dresses are merely variations on the eternal struggle between the admitted desire to dress and the unadmitted desire to undress.

- Lin Yu-tang

Where women are concerned, the rule is never to go out with anyone better dressed than you.

- Malkovich, John

It is principally for the sake of the leg that a change in the dress of man is so much to be desired. The leg is the best part of the figure and the best leg is the man's. Man should no longer disguise the long lines, the strong forms, in those lengths of piping or tubing that are of all garments the most stupid.

- Meynell, Alice

So dress and conduct yourself so that people who have been in your company will not recall what you had on.

- Newton, John

Brevity is the soul of lingerie.

- Parker, Dorothy

Where's the man could ease a heart, like a satin gown?

- Parker, Dorothy

An accent mark, perhaps, instead of a whole western accent -- a point of punctuation rather than a uniform twang. That is how it should be worn: as a quiet point of character

reference, an apt phrase of sartorial allusion -- macho, sotto voce.

- Patton, Phil

How to dress? When the money is going from you wear anything you like. When the money is coming to you, dress your best.

- Proverb

No man is esteemed for colorful garments except by fools and women.

- Raleigh, Sir Walter

Every time a woman leaves off something she looks better, but every time a man leaves off something he looks worse.

- Rogers, Will

I have often said that I wish I had invented blue jeans: the most spectacular, the most practical, the most relaxed and nonchalant. They have expression, modesty, sex appeal, simplicity -- all I hope for in my clothes.

- Saint-Laurent, Yves

The apparel oft proclaims the man.

- Shakespeare, William

Costly thy habit as thy purse can buy, but not expressed in fancy; rich not gaudy; for the

apparel oft proclaims the man.

- Shakespeare, William

The beauty of the internal nature cannot be so far concealed by its accidental vesture, but that the spirit of its form shall communicate itself to the very disguise and indicate the shape it hides from the manner in which it is worn. A majestic form and graceful motions will express themselves through the most barbarous and tasteless costume.

- Shelley, Percy Bysshe

For women... bras, panties, bathing suits, and other stereotypical gear are visual reminders of a commercial, idealized feminine image that our real and diverse female bodies can't possibly fit. Without these visual references, each individual woman's body demands to be accepted on its own terms. We stop being comparatives. We begin to be unique.

- Steinem, Gloria

She wears her clothes as if they were thrown on with a pitch fork.

- Swift, Jonathan

They are best dressed, whose dress no one observes.

- Trollope, Anthony

I hold that gentleman to be the best-dressed whose dress no one observes.

- Trollope, Anthony

Be careless in your dress if you must, but keep a tidy soul.

- Twain, Mark

We act the way we dress. Neglected and untidy clothes reflect a neglected and untidy mind.

- Unknown, Source

When a woman dresses up for an occasion, the man should become the black velvet pillow for the jewel.

- Weitz, John

You can say what you like about long dresses, but they cover a multitude of shins.

- West, Mae

One should either be a work of art, or wear a work of art.

- Wilde, Oscar

He was a tubby little chap who looked as if he had been poured into his clothes and had forgotten to say when!

- Wodehouse, Sir P(elham) G(renville)

There is much to support the view that it is clothes that wear us, and not we, them; we

may make them take the mould of arm or breast, but they mould our hearts, our brains,
our tongues to their liking.

- Woolf, Virginia



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