

IAGO QUOTES

DECEIT & JEALOUSY

IAGO QUOTES ABOUT HIMSELF

*Were I the Moor, I would not be Iago:
In following him, I follow but myself.*

I follow him to serve my turn upon him

I am not what I am

As I am an honest man

*I
hate the Moor:
And it is thought abroad that twixt my sheets
He has done my office*

*I do suspect the lusty Moor
Hath leaped into my seat, the thought whereof
Doth—like a poisonous mineral—gnaw my inwards:*

*And nothing can or shall content my soul
Till I am evened with him, wife for wife*

*Demand me nothing: what you know, you know:
From this time forth I never will speak word.*

WHAT OTHERS SAY ABOUT IAGO

This fellow's of exceeding honesty

Honest Iago

I know thou'rt full of love and honesty

I think thou art just and think thou art not

I am bound to thee for ever

Good Iago

*I know, Iago,
Thy honesty and love doth mince this matter*

O, thou art wise: tis certain.

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QUOTES ON JEALOUSY

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*Or failing so, yet that I put the Moor
At least into a jealousy so strong
That judgment cannot cure*

*it is my nature's plague
To spy into abuses, and oft my jealousy
Shapes faults that are not*

*beware, my lord, of jealousy;
It is the green-eyed monster which doth mock
The meat it feeds on*

*the souls of all my tribe defend
From jealousy!*

*Think'st thou I'd make a life of jealousy,
To follow still the changes of the moon
With fresh suspicions?*

Away at once with love or jealousy!

*Look to your wife; observe her well with Cassio;
Wear your eye thus, not jealous nor secure*

*Trifles light as air
Are to the jealous confirmations strong
As proofs of holy writ*

*but my noble Moor
Is true of mind and made of no such baseness
As jealous creatures are*

Is he not jealous?

Is not this man jealous?

*But jealous souls will not be answer'd so;
They are not ever jealous for the cause,
But jealous for they are jealous: it is a monster
Begot upon itself, born on itself.*

*You are jealous now
That this is from some mistress, some remembrance*

*Of one not easily jealous, but being wrought
Perplex'd in the extreme*

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OTHELLO BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE - ACT 3, SCENE 3 EXCERPT

IAGO

I do beseech you--
Though I perchance am vicious in my guess, As, I confess, it is my nature's plague
To spy into abuses, and oft my jealousy Shapes faults that are not--,
It were not for your quiet nor your good, To let you know my thoughts.

OTHELLO

What dost thou mean?

IAGO

Good name in man and woman, dear my lord,
Is the immediate jewel of their souls:
Who steals my purse steals trash; 'tis something, nothing; 'Twas mine, 'tis his, and has
been slave to thousands: But he that filches from me my good name
Robs me of that which not enriches him
And makes me poor indeed.

OTHELLO

I'll know thy thoughts.

IAGO

You cannot, if my heart were in your hand; Nor shall not, whilst 'tis in my custody.

OTHELLO

Ha!

IAGO

O, beware, my lord, of jealousy;
It is the green-eyed monster which doth mock The meat it feeds on; that cuckold lives in
bliss Who, certain of his fate, loves not his wronger; But, O, what damned minutes tells he
o'er
Who dotes, yet doubts, suspects, yet fondly loves!

OTHELLO

O misery!

IAGO

Good God, the souls of all my tribe defend From jealousy!

OTHELLO

Why, why is this?
Think'st thou I'd make a life of jealousy,
To follow still the changes of the moon
With fresh suspicions? No; once to be in doubt
Is once to be resolved: exchange me for a goat,
When I shall turn the business of my soul
To such exsufflicate and blown surmises,
Matching thy inference. 'Tis not to make me jealous
To say my wife is fair, feeds well, loves company,
Is free of speech, sings, plays and dances well;
Where virtue is, these are more virtuous:
Nor from mine own weak merits will I draw
The smallest fear or doubt of her revolt;
For she had eyes, and chose me. No, Iago;
I will see before I doubt; when I doubt, prove;
And on proof, there is no more but this,--
Away at once with love or jealousy!

IAGO

I am glad of this; for now I shall have reason
To show the love and duty that I bear you
With franker spirit: therefore, as I am bound,
Receive it from me. I speak not yet of proof.
Look to your wife; observe her well with Cassio;
Wear your eye thus, not jealous nor secure:
I would not have your free and noble nature,
Out of self-bounty, be abused; look to't:
I know our country disposition well;
In Venice they do let God see the pranks
They dare not show their husbands; their best conscience
Is not to leave't undone, but
keep't unknown.

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