

PREFACE

I have taken all knowledge to be my province.

--Francis Bacon, to Lord Burleigh (1592)

Knowledge itself is power.

--Francis Bacon, *Meditatione Sacrae* (1597)

Affect not as some doe that bookish Ambition, to be stored with bookes and have well furnished Libraries, yet keepe their heads emptie of knowledge: to desire to have many bookes and never to use them, is like a childe that will have a candle burning by him, all the while he is sleeping.

--Henry Peacham, *The Compleat Gentleman* (1622)

Knowledge is of two kinds. We know a subject ourselves, or we know where we can find information upon it.

--Samuel Johnson (1775)

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