

“In matters of grave importance, style, not sincerity is the vital thing.” - Gwendolyn

“If I am occasionally a little over-dressed, I make up for it by being always immensely over-educated.” - Algernon

“I do not approve of anything that tampers with natural ignorance. Ignorance is like a delicate exotic fruit; touch it and the bloom is gone.” - Lady Bracknell

“I am sick to death of cleverness. Everybody is clever nowadays.” - Jack

“I have never met any really wicked person before. I feel rather frightened. I am so afraid he will look just like every one else.” - Cecily

“Long engagements give people the opportunity of finding out each other’s character before marriage, which is never advisable.” - Lady Bracknell

“I never change, except in my affections.” - Gwendolyn

“...by persistently remaining single, a man converts himself into a permanent public temptation. Men should be more careful; this very celibacy tends to weaker vessels as they say.” - Miss Prism

“Thirty-five is a very attractive age. London society is full of women of the very highest birth who have, of their own free choice, remained thirty-five for years.” - Lady Bracknell

“The very essence of romance is uncertainty.” - Algernon

“Never speak disrespectfully of Society, Algernon. Only people who can’t get into it do that.” - Lady Bracknell

“I’ve now realised for the first time in my life the vital Importance of Being Earnest.” - Jack